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Dundee Community Schools

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Booster Club to Form—Join Us!

Dundee Community Schools would like to invite anyone interested to a meeting to form a school-wide booster club. The booster club would have two primary tasks: targeted fundraising and promoting the Dundee Community School District. The organizational meeting will be held on January 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Superintendent’s Office located at the Middle School. Funds we raise will help save programs. Please join us.

Points of Pride:

High School: *Each H.S. teacher has a web page on the district internet site. We hope that parents and community members visit these pages.

*Please refer to the H.S. tab on the web page for information and upcoming events.

*In the community spirit, 20 Interact Students accomplished the following: In 3 days they filled 218 bags of food , baked and frosted 720 cookies, made and gave away 15 ginger bread houses, wrapped and gave 250 gifts to kids in the community, served 350 meals, handed out over 200 donated coats , cleaned up after every project which included mountains of dishes, cleaning tables, floors, etc. They realized that it is more enjoyable to give than to receive.

Middle School: *The 8th grade students visited the Holocaust Museum in Farmington Hills as part of their literature studies of the Holocaust. They were able to listen to a Holocaust survivor from Auschwitz.

*Our 6th grade students will be attending Storer Camp from February 16-19

*The M.S. participates in various activities throughout the year including the National Geography Bee, County Spelling Bee and the County Quiz Bowl.

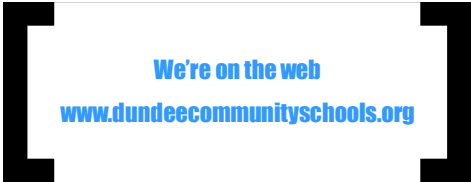
Elementary School: * The elementary school is focusing their professional development for the teachers in the areas of Mathematics.

*The Elementary School is a model site for Lexia Learning Systems – A grant was received for educational technology to be used to assist struggling readers.

*The Elementary School has started a “Motor Mom’s and Dad’s” program for Young 5’s through 2nd grade. This program works with students to develop basic motor skills.

Riverside Academy

Dundee Alternative Education has been renamed “Riverside Academy”. The Director of the Academy, Mr. Walentowski, had the students vote on the new name, a mascot: Panthers, and school colors: Green and Black. The students and staff are very proud of the happenings at Riverside which include the formation of a student government, volunteer community service projects, the addition of GED Prep classes and a credit recovery program, test prep to improve test scores, and an initiative to assist students with post secondary programs.



Special points of interest:

- Finance Information is now available at the school website www.dundeecommunityschools.org. Click on Departments>Business Office>Finance Information.
- Winter Weather Alerts—Sign up with Honeywell on the Links and Information page of the school website for rapid notification.

**Town Hall Meeting Date Set
 February 1, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
 Middle School Cafeteria**

The Board of Education and school administrators are anticipating an economic tsunami. We anticipate the need to cut at least a million dollars from a 14 million dollar budget, after cutting 3/4 of a million for this year. As a tsunami causes havoc coming, it also wrecks more as it recedes. If we simply make cuts, we will devastate our school system. This meeting is being called to generate support for a program we are calling “Together, we can...”. As cowboy comedian Will Rodgers said in 1932, “We all need to pull together or else...or else what?” To date, many suggestions have been brought up. Please note: NO plans have been made to cut anything at this time. Please come with questions and/or suggestions. We value and appreciate your opinions.

Dundee Bus Drivers

The Dundee Community Schools bus drivers have formed a group, "Helping Hands", to help with the cost of fieldtrips. The group has sold baked goods and sponsored a craft show in December raising over \$3,400 so far. Helping Hands helps kids!



Middle School Principal Retiring

Mr. Jeff La Roux, Middle School Principal, will be retiring effective January 22, 2010. Mr. La Roux has been with the Dundee District for two years. During his time here, Mr. La Roux formed Middle School Advisory groups and helped define the Middle School Concept. We wish Mr. La Roux a Happy Retirement!

Vikings Winter Sports Schedules

JVs at 5:30 p.m., Varsity at 7:00 p.m.

Boys Varsity/JV Basketball

1/22	Home vs. Onsted
1/28	@ Erie-Mason
2/2	@ Hudson
2/5	Home vs. Ida
2/11	@ Blissfield
2/16	@ Onsted
2/19	Home vs. Erie-Mason
2/26	Home vs. Hudson
3/2	@ Milan
3/5	@ Flat Rock
3/8	Districts begin

Girls Varsity/JV Basketball

1/21	@ Erie-Mason
1/22	@ Milan
1/26	@ Hudson
1/29	Home vs. Ida
2/1	Home vs. Summerfield
2/4	@ Onsted
2/9	Home vs. Erie-Mason
2/12	Home vs. Hudson
2/16	@ Whitmore Lake
2/18	@ Blissfield
2/25	Home vs. Britton
3/1	Districts begin

Boys Varsity Swimming

1/28	Home vs. Milan	6:30 p.m.
1/30	@ Mason Invitational	9:00 a.m.
2/2	@ Adrian	6:00 p.m.
2/6	@ Woodhaven Invitational	12:00 p.m.
2/9	@ Tecumseh	6:30 p.m.
2/13	@ MISC A	TBA
2/18	Home Bronson Challenge	5:00 p.m.
2/22	@ Lincoln Park	7:00 p.m.
3/5	Home SMISL Diving	6:00 p.m.
3/6	Home SMISL Swim	10:00 a.m.
3/9	@ State Diving Qual.	TBA
3/12	@ State Prelims	TBA

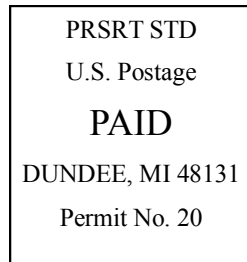
Boys Varsity Wrestling

1/20	@ Blissfield Quad	5:30 p.m.
1/27	@ Hudson	5:30 p.m.
1/30	Witt Challenge	9:30 a.m.
2/3	@ Saline Quad	5:30 p.m.
2/6	LCAA Meet	9:00 a.m.
2/10	@ Team Districts	TBA
2/13	Individual Districts	9:00 a.m.
2/17	Team Regionals	5:00 p.m.
2/20	@ Individual Regionals	TBA
2/26	@ State Quarterfinals	TBA
2/27	@ State Finals	TBA
3/4	Individual Finals begin	TBA

Important Dates

- February 12:** PTC Comp Day,
No school students/staff
- February 15:** Teacher In-Service,
No school for students
- March 5:** Records Day,
No school for students
- March 25,26:** Kindergarten Round Up
- April 1-9:** Spring Break

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