



TIGER TALES

October 5, 2022

Reminder:

Early Release day on
Thursday, October 6
dismissal for parent pick up will begin at 11:45am
No School on Friday, October 7 or
Monday, October 10

Planned Absences

If you know your family will be away, please fill out the planned absence form on the next page and return it to the main office. A planned absence for a personal or educational purpose that is pre-approved will count as an excused absence. Without pre-approval these absences are considered unexcused.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

If you are interested in becoming a substitute teacher at Durham Community School please email or call Molly in the main office. Molly can be reached by phone at 353-9333 or by email at burgessm@rsu5.org

Fall Book Fair

October 17 to 22

The Book Fair will be open:

Monday & Tuesday from 9am-7pm

Wednesday to Friday from 12pm - 7pm

Saturday from 2pm - 4pm.

Please volunteer to run the register during the book fair by signing up below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4CABAA2AA5F85-fall1>

All questions can be directed to the Durham PTA or added in the comments of the sign up. Thank you for your help and support!

Got Sneakers

Lucas Nam, a senior at FHS, is collecting sneakers for a charity called Got Sneakers. Got Sneakers takes your unwanted sneakers and sends them to people in third-world countries. This keeps shoes out of our local dumps. Badly worn sneakers will be ground up to make athletic flooring. Got Sneakers will pay the Midcoast Humane Society \$1 for each pair of sneakers, so your donation helps animals too. Clean your closets today!

Please note: We can only accept sneakers. No boots, sandals, heels, slippers, or any other kind of shoe."

REMINDER TO CHECK LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found has accumulated over the first month of school. Please make sure to write your child's name on their clothes, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc. so that we can return any items that end up in lost and found.

Picture Day

Picture Day will be
Friday, October 14



Durham Community School
654 Hallowell Road
Durham, ME 04222



RSU 5 – DURHAM FREEPORT POWNAL

Will Pidden, Principal
Kelli Rogers, Asst. Principal
Tel: 207-353-9333 Fax 207-353-2731

Planned Absence Request

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Date(s) of planned absence requested: _____

Reason for Absence:

It is important for students to be in school every day. Regular attendance is closely linked to academic success. Ensuring your child's regular attendance helps to communicate a strong message that education is important. Planned absences for family vacations are strongly discouraged. If you know your family will be away, please fill out this form and return it at least 7 days before the absence. A planned absence for a personal or educational purpose that is pre-approved will count as an excused absence. Without pre-approval, these absences are considered unexcused and may lead to truancy. Truancy is defined as 7 or more unexcused absences. (See: Compulsory Attendance, Policy JEA)

Although teachers may be able to provide some make up assignments, it is very hard to replicate the quality of assignments and instruction that result from daily classroom interactions. Teachers are not expected to provide materials before an absence. Daily writing and reading while away are typically a good way to capture memories and capitalize on these experiences.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____

Administrator Signature: _____ Date: _____

☐ Excused

☐ Unexcused

PTA NEWS

TREAT STREET

Treat Street is back for grades Pre-K to 4th Grade!

Saturday October 22, 2022 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at DCS.

Trick or treat for the first hour, a cup cake walk
and costume parade for the second hour.

Snacks will be provided in the cafeteria.

If you are interested in decorating a door, please sign up
through this link: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040844ABA628A20-treat)

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Thank you, The PTA



You are invited to our
November PTA

Meeting

Monday, November 14
6:30-7:30
in the DCS Library

We hope to see you there! We
welcome new members and it's
a great opportunity to connect
with other DCS families.

Save the Date!

Treat Street - Saturday, October
22nd, 2-4pm
Holiday Craft Fair - Sunday, December
4th, 9am-2pm

Questions? Please email us
at durhammepta@gmail.com.



IT'S BACK!

Durham Community School
CRAFT FAIR



SUNDAY, 12/4

9AM – 2PM

DURHAM COMMUNITY SCHOOL

IF YOU ARE AN RSU 5 MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HOBBYIST,
WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SIGN UP!

- ❖ OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE YOUR HOBBY TO THE NEXT LEVEL
- ❖ LEARN TIPS ON HOW TO SELL AND HOW TO CREATE A FREE VISUAL DISPLAY
- ❖ RSU 5 STUDENT/TEACHER COST: \$25 (COMMUNITY ARTISAN: \$40)

INTERESTED HOBBYISTS AND ARTISANS PLEASE EMAIL durhammepta@gmail.com

Support Durham Community School PTA

RSU5's GOT TALENT!



DO YOU HAVE A TALENT YOU'D LIKE TO SHOW
OFF ON STAGE?

PLAY IN A BAND? SING? DANCE? JUGGLE?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR **YOUR** TALENTS!

THE RSU5 PERFORMING ARTS BOOSTERS WILL
BE HOSTING A **TALENT SHOW** FOR ALL
INTERESTED STUDENTS (GRADES 6-12) ON
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 2022.

Want to join the show?

Send us an email with your name, grade, and
a 30 second Self-Tape of your talent to
rsu5pab@gmail.com.



6th Grade Bryant Pond

6th Grade Conservation Camp

The DCS sixth graders attended the University of Maine's Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center on September 21, 22, and 23. The students learned about wildlife, conservation, gardening and other outdoors skills.

The days were spent hiking, canoeing, climbing the ropes course, and many other activities. We had a great time, and we all came back more knowledgeable about our natural world.

