

TIGER TALES

February 1, 2019



Reminder

Winter Break is coming up

February 18 - 22



Welcome to Kindergarten!

Kindergarten pre-registration has begun for the 2019-2020 school year. Please go to the DCS website (dcs.rsu5.org) to pre-register your child for kindergarten. Children must be 5 years old on or before October 15.



MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

6 TO 8:30PM

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FOOD

PIZZA SLICES

RAFFLE

WEAR YOUR PATRIOTS GEAR TO
SUPPORT THE NEW ENGLAND
PATRIOTS IN THE
53RD SUPER BOWL.



Pre-Kindergarten Registration

We are currently registering students for the 2019-20 school year. Please go to our homepage to pre-register your child for Pre-K.

The Durham Community School Pre-K program is designed to prepare students with the basic skills needed to be successful in Kindergarten. To be eligible for this program, children must be four years old on or before October 15th and reside in Durham.

The Pre-K program is a partial week, full day program that follows the RSU #5 school calendar. The program operates in two sessions, a Monday, Wednesday, and a Tuesday, Thursday session. After screening incoming students, those who would benefit most from additional learning opportunities will be invited to attend a Friday session as well. The program will only accommodate 32 total students in the two sessions. If there are more than 32 children registered, priority will be given to those with an academic or developmental need, and the remaining places will be determined by lottery.

If fewer than 32 students are registered by March 8 all students are accepted and from that point on students are accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

Pre-K Registration



Middle School Basketball Schedule



February 4

Girls A @ Waynflete 3:30pm

Boys A @ Waynflete 4:45pm

Sports Awards Night

February 7

6:30pm



THE MATH CORNER

Welcome to the math corner.

Each week we will have different math games for students to play to help expand their math skills.

License Plate Addition or Multiplication Game

While traveling in a car, each person find a license plate and write down the numbers they see. Make sure each person finds a different plate. Have each person either add the numbers or multiply the numbers to get the sum or product. The person with the largest answers gets a point. The first person with 10 points wins.



Flower Gram

8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER

Would you like to send someone special a Valentine's Day surprise? Purchase a carnation for \$3.00 and it will be delivered to your special someone on Valentine's Day with your personal note.

***Due date for the forms and payment
(checks can be written out to Durham
Community School or DCS) is***

Friday, February 8th





2019 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC | GEOBEE

Q: In which Central American country did National Geographic Explorer Ricardo Moreno study jaguars and human-jaguar conflict in places like Darién National Park?

This was just one of many questions asked on January 24th at the Durham Community School National Geographic Geography Bee.

The top students and competitors from our class level Geography Bees, in grades 4 through 8 included:

Aliza Pass	Lydia Smith
Jameson Farley	Collin Lamb
Lilah Hall	Eva Simmons
Lucy Huggett	Katie Roy
Liam Conway	Lucas Nam



After an intense competition our school champion in 1st place is Lucas Nam; 2nd place is Lydia Smith; and 3rd place is Lilah Hall.


Lucas will now take a written test to qualify for the State Level Geography Bee happening later this school year at the University of Maine at Farmington.



Congratulations to all of our participants and winners!

Photos Courtesy of
Stephanie Roy and
Kimberly Garneau

A: Panama



Please email Mrs. Hall
if your child would
like to audition for the
Talent Show.

**Please note that
auditions on
February 4 & 5
end at 5:00pm**

DCS K-8 Talent Show Auditions

Durham Community School will have a staff and student talent show on Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 right here at DCS. We are looking for any musical, dance, comedy or other talent you'd like to showcase!

We want to include as many people as possible, but there will be auditions to ensure that talents are performance-ready.

Please keep your performance to 4 minutes or less. You must provide your own musical accompaniment. There will be a CD player available as well as a piano.

We will announce the roster by the end of audition week. We will have two rehearsals before the show night. Students need to be picked up after their audition (by 5:00 at the latest).

We will order the auditions from Kindergarten-Grade 4 on Monday and Grade 5-Grade 8 on Tuesday, so please plan pick-ups accordingly.

Auditions will be on:

Monday, February 4 at 3:30-5:00 for K-4

Tuesday, February 5 at 3:30-5:00 for 5-8

Rehearsals will be on:

Monday, March 4th

Thursday, March 6th

Location: Durham Community School cafeteria

Please email Mrs. Hall at hallh@rsu5.org to sign up for an audition and ask any questions. See you in February!

*The show will be a fundraiser for our school musical instrument program
with the support of the PTA*





SEASONAL ILLNESS
PARENT NEWSLETTER – Message from the School Nurse

Over the past few weeks, we have seen flu-like illness, along with cases of other respiratory illness, pneumonia, strep, gastrointestinal illness, etc.

The attached information poster, *Is it a COLD or the FLU?*, from DHHS-Me CDC, may be helpful to answer your questions and reduce the risk of spreading the flu. It is not too late to get a Flu vaccine. If you suspect your child has symptoms of the flu, contact your physician for possible early treatment.

The School Nurse is responsible for tracking and reporting certain communicable diseases and absentee rates to the Maine CDC. The following actions will help us manage student and staff illness throughout the school year:

Whenever your child is out sick...

CALL the school and REPORT the specific symptoms:

- Respiratory (cough, sore throat)
- Gastrointestinal (stomach ache, vomiting, diarrhea)
- Skin Rashes (blotchy, itchy, blisters, hives, etc)
- Other (headache, fever, red runny or crusty eyes, etc)

... **OR** report the actual PHYSICIAN's DIAGNOSIS, such as Strep, Conjunctivitis, Impetigo, Mono, Pertussis, Pneumonia, Influenza, etc; do not report that your child has the 'FLU' unless a physician has made this diagnosis

KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME until:

- fever-free for 24 hours (Temp <100 without fever reducing medication)
- acute symptoms have subsided for 24 hours (disruptive / persistent cough, vomiting, diarrhea, etc)
- able to participate in a school workday

PREVENTION ROUTINE: Daily prevention habits can reduce the spread of germs that cause many different illnesses:

- COVER A COUGH & SNEEZE with a tissue or by coughing into your sleeve / elbow instead of your into hands
- Throw away tissues promptly
- HANDWASHING...HANDWASHING...HANDWASHING! Use soap & water for 15-20 seconds and dry with a paper towel to throw away.
- Do not share personal items
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth which will spread germs

THANK YOU for your cooperation. If you have further questions PLEASE contact the School Nurse, Kim Gormely, RN, BSN, 353-9333.

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Is it a Cold or the Flu?

Symptoms	Cold	Flu
Fever	Rare in adults and older children, but can be as high as 102° F in infants and small children	Usually 102° F, but can go up to 104° F and usually lasts 3 to 4 days
Headache	Rare	Sudden onset and can be severe
Muscle Aches	Mild	Usual, and often severe
Tiredness and Weakness	Mild	Often extreme, and can last two or more weeks
Extreme Exhaustion	Never	Sudden onset and can be severe
Runny Nose	Often	Sometimes
Sneezing	Often	Sometimes
Sore Throat	Often	Sometimes
Cough	Mild hacking cough	Usual, and can become severe



Department of Health and Human Services
 Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
www.mainepublichealth.gov

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS:



Attention 8th Grade Parents:

The Yearbook staff is collecting parent messages to be included in this year's book. This is optional and if you decide to include a message for your 8th grade student, the cost is \$5.00. The deadline is March 30th and you can send your message and payment (checks can be made out to Durham Community School or DCS) into the office. Thank You

Reminder:

Middle School Yearbooks are on sale.
Order forms are in the main office or
you can purchase online at
ybpay.lifetouch.com
Yearbook ID Code: 12339819