

# DUNN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSNOTE, 2011-12

December 5-9



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti lunch	Beef Taco lunch	Pizza lunch	Chicken Tender lunch	Sandwich lunch
PE – shorts, sweats, athletic shoes (Winter Warm-up reverse try-a-thon is in 2 weeks!)	Boys' V-ball vs. SYVCA @ L.O.; B 4:00, A 5:00. All-Parent Meeting 7:00-8:00 pm in the Dunn library	Boys' V-ball tournament	Boys' V-ball tournament	Boys' V-ball tournament Family Holiday Party 6:30-8:00

## Athletics

- Boys' volleyball is undefeated in the second round! On Tuesday, we beat Charter School; on Thursday, we beat the previously undefeated Los Olivos team. Jonathon, Taggart, Owen, Cory, and Drew played especially well on Thursday. This coming Tuesday we play SYVCA, and Wednesday-Friday are tournament days. A tournament schedule will be emailed Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning.
- Chris Mullin will host a volleyball workshop this Sunday, 3:00-5:00, in the Dunn gym. Thanks, Chris!
- Students in PE should bring shorts/sweatpants, t-shirt, sweatshirt, and athletic shoes.
- We will be hosting the "Winter Warm-Up", a valley wide reverse try-a-thon, in the afternoon of Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. All DMS students should expect to participate, and we have invited students in grades 5-8 from around the valley to join us. We will need parent help to pull this off. If you are interested in helping out with such things as: directing racers, directing traffic, or counting laps, please contact the DMS office, 688-2404.

## All-Parent Meeting

On Tuesday evening, 7:00-8:00, Tom Holmes will discuss "Girls and the Cyber Bubble" at our parent meeting. I strongly encourage you to attend if you can. You are likely to find it informative and eye-opening. The meeting will be held in the Dunn Library. Following Tom's presentation, we will briefly discuss the summer Mexico trip. Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders should stay if possible for highlights regarding the Artist in Residence Program, \$10 Challenge Project, Life Skills Class, Joshua Tree OE Trip, San Francisco Trip, and graduation.

## Family Holiday Party

Please join the entire Dunn community for some holiday cheer on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Bring the whole family for an evening of caroling, cookie decorating, and ornament making, 6:30-8:00, in the Dunn School Barn.

## Student Gift Exchange

Our annual DMS Gift Exchange will begin this Wednesday, when each student draws the name of another student in their grade level for which they will do nice, thoughtful things. The focus should be on personalized gestures and homemade items rather than items purchased at the store; no student should spend more than \$10 total on the gift exchange. The first of the gift giving starts on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, and students typically do something small for their recipient each day. The gift exchange culminates with a wrapped gift opened in front of all the other students on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

## End of the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester and Enrichment Block 2

The end of the first semester is Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. This is also the end of the second enrichment block. Students will complete preference sheets for enrichment block 3 the week of December 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Riddle of the Week- Ro-Sham-Bo

A teacher was having trouble getting her students to learn their facts, but she noticed that her students often played the game "Rock, Paper, Scissors". She made a game with similar rules in order to encourage the students to learn their facts.

The class would be divided into three teams: Rock, Paper and Scissors. The teacher would ask the students a question and the class would raise their hands if they knew the answer. If the first person to answer the question correctly is in the Rock team, he or she would choose one player from the Scissors team to be eliminated. Similarly, if a player from the Scissors team was first to answer the question, then he or she would eliminate a member from the Paper team. Lastly, if a player from the Paper team was first to answer correctly, he or she would eliminate a member from the Rock team.

The teacher would then continue asking questions until only one team still has members. That team would be declared the winner and all its members would win a small chocolate.

However, as soon as she explained the rules to the class, one particularly smart student immediately found a large flaw that made the game unplayable. Can you do the same?

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:**





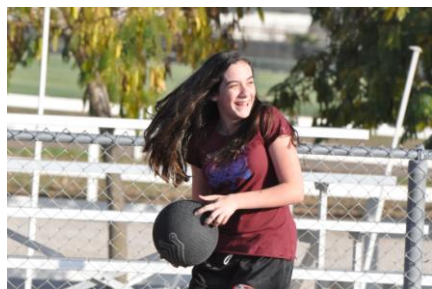
**A team beats Los Olivos**



**B team beats Solvang**



**PE – dodge ball**



**A little bit of studying**

