

# DUNN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSNOTE, 2011-12

December 19-23



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti lunch	Beef Taco lunch			
No Hwk Heaven. No PE/sports practice	No Hwk Heaven. No PE/sports practice Math Olympics. Final gift exchange. Block 2 enrichment presentations for parents, 3:00-3:35	<b>Holiday Break NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>Holiday Break NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>Holiday Break NO SCHOOL</b>

## Athletics

- Friday's Winter Warm-Up Try-athlon was FANTASTIC! Students stepped up to the challenge of swimming 200m (150m for 6<sup>th</sup> graders), biking 2.5 miles, and running 1 mile, all without any rest. Such opportunities to test one's physical and mental limits do not happen every day. Our DMS students demonstrated true carpe diem spirit in their willingness to embrace this opportunity and expand their horizons. In addition to pushing themselves during the race, they demonstrated great sportsmanship by using whatever energy they had left cheer on, and even run alongside, their classmates who had not yet finished.
- Thank you, Nicole and Merrill Riley, for organizing this great event. A huge thank you to the many parent volunteers and section directors who made this event possible. Go Dunn!
- Try-athlon results:
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls: 1<sup>st</sup> – Erinn Callahan
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys: 1<sup>st</sup> – Miles Gaylord
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls: 1<sup>st</sup> – Olivia H., 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mahni, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sabrina
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys: 1<sup>st</sup> – Charlie, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Luke, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Owen & Nolan (tied)
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls: 1<sup>st</sup> – Kaela G. & Lily (tied), 2<sup>nd</sup> – Aria & Mary (tied), 3<sup>rd</sup> – Christina & Olivia P. (tied)
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys: 1<sup>st</sup> – Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Luca, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Callum
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls: 1<sup>st</sup> – Kalena, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Allie, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Deya
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys: 1<sup>st</sup> – Ben, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Taggart, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kylan
- Upcoming sports include girls' tennis and boys' basketball. Official practices will start immediately after break, on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. However, basketball players should stay tuned for optional practices during vacation. Your coaches will contact you via email to inform you about times and location.

## This Week at DMS

- There will not be PE or sports practices this week.
- There will not be Homework Heaven after school this week.
- Monday Family Caroling Contest:** Each DMS family group has re-mixed a holiday carol in Dunn Middle School style. They will sing their carol with the rest of their DMS friends after lunch on Monday. Please remind your child to bring any desired **props and/or costumes to school on Monday** morning.
- Tuesday Math Olympics:** On Tuesday morning, the whole school will compete in the second annual DMS Math Olympics. They will compete as DMS family groups in four categories: (1) Individual traditional math test, (2) Math Relay, (3) Divide and Conquer mathematical brain teasers, stumpers, word problems, logic puzzles, etc., and (4) the Engineering Challenge.
- Tuesday Gift Exchange:** Students will open presents from their secret holiday giver after lunch on Tuesday. Please remind your child to give their secret buddy a small trinket/treat/nice note, etc. on Monday. In addition, they should bring a small, **wrapped gift** and a special, **homemade card** for their secret buddy on Tuesday. It is important that everybody participates in the giving part of the gift exchange so that nobody feels left out. Remember, the

total amount of money spent on gifts should not exceed \$10 (sometimes the best gift is the one that costs no money at all).

- **Tuesday Block 2 Enrichment Presentations.** On Tuesday, 3:00-3:35, **Parents are encouraged to enjoy the presentations** of student work done during enrichment block 2. We will be seeing and hearing your children sing and play music, give presentations, and display their works of visual art.
- **Tuesday Earwig Enterprises Gift Sale:** Earwig Enterprises, a new student small business created out of Linda's Innovations program, will be selling dozens of hand-made items on Tuesday after school. These are spectacular gift items that you will want to purchase. We accept cash or checks. Here is a small sample of the gift items:
  - Expertly made canned goods including jams, sauces, cookie mixes, flavored vinegar, and salad dressings.
  - Wood heart-shaped ornaments or package decorations.
  - Fire starters for campfires, barbecues, and fireplaces made from recycled materials
  - Birdhouses
- **Wednesday Vacation:** The first day of vacation is Wednesday, December 21. We will not be back in session until Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Answer to last week's Riddle - Who's the Killer?

Strauss is the one who killed Handel.

You need to take turns assuming someone is the killer; that means everyone's second sentence is a lie. If Joplin was the killer, Grieg's lie mixed with Strauss' counteracts the other. If Grieg was the killer, Gershwin would need to be a killer too. If Gershwin was the killer, Grieg and Strauss counter each other again, but with Strauss, everything would fit.

### This week's Riddle - Cakes 4 Trolls

You are on your way to visit your Grandma, who lives at the end of the valley. It's her birthday, and you want to give her the cakes you've made.

Between your house and her house, you have to cross 7 bridges, and as it goes in the land of make believe, there is a troll under every bridge! Each troll, quite rightly, insists that you pay a troll toll. Before you can cross their bridge, you have to give them half of the cakes you are carrying, but as they are kind trolls, they each give you back a single cake.

How many cakes do you have to leave home with to make sure that you arrive at Grandma's with exactly 2 cakes?

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

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_





**Above:** Boys' volleyball Teams, 2011.



**Above:** Shop class tests out their homemade wooden spoons!



**Above and Below:** Hike Club – at the beach.



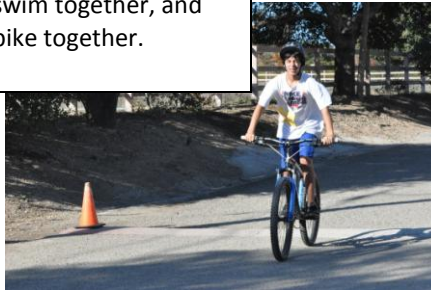
**Right:** Hike Club explores the trestle bridge.



**Above:** Sarah R. practices her song in Piano Keyboarding class.



In Friday's try-athlon, friends run together, swim together, and bike together.



**Below:** Nolan, Charlie, and Robert cheer their comrades and entertain the masses at the race finish.



**Above:** Ben, overall top finisher, still wears a smile as he completes his final lap.

**Below:** Charlie graciously accepts his 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon.



**Above:** Club Interact buys clothes and toys for a local family in need. They raised enough money to buy \$70 of goods for each of seven people in the family!