

# DUNN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSNOTE, 2011-12

January 9-13



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti lunch	Beef Taco lunch	Pizza lunch	Chicken Tender lunch	Sandwich lunch
Start of 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester. Block 3 enrichment classes begin. Girls' tennis and boys basketball practices begin. PE – shorts, sweats, athletic shoes.	Boys' b-ball game @ Jonata; B 5:30, A 6:30	Girls' tennis match @ Dunn 3:45 (maybe).	Boys' b-ball game @ Vista; A only 4:00.  Hike Club 2:45-5:30.	

## Athletics

- Monday will be the first day of girls' tennis practice. Cathy Vengel, our head coach, has taken on some extra work earlier than expected and will not be able to coach full-time. We are **in desperate need** of two more people to help coach girls' tennis! Our first tennis match will likely be this coming Wednesday, but this match may be postponed. We will keep you posted. Girls on the tennis team should bring a racquet to school on Monday. (We have a few extra racquets for students to borrow if they do not have one, and we supply the tennis balls.)
- Monday will be the first day of boys' basketball practice. Peter Kulp has been working with the team over the break in preparation for their first game on Tuesday, against Jonata. Peter will be working with fellow coaches Ken Andersen, Merrill Riley, and David and Kathleen Marshall. Thank you, coaches!!! Any other parents interested in helping run the clock or keep the score book at a game or two should talk with Eric D. We are always in need of help with basketball.

## Linda Smith - Executive Director of Solvang Chamber of Commerce

Linda Smith, the person most responsible for forging the DMS we all know and love, is the new Executive Director at the Solvang Chamber of Commerce. Lucky for us, she is going to continue teaching Wednesday enrichment classes, putting on our famous DMS dances, and hopefully doing a few other things, as well.

## Donna in the Classroom

After a nice, long recovery over break, Donna is back with us full-time! This is very exciting news. Donna could hardly keep herself out of the classroom before break, and she and the students are ready to jump into fire-related learning and fun. Nobody makes it happen quite like Donna.

## Open House on Saturday

Our second Open House for next year's prospective new students will be this Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-5:00. This is an opportunity for parents and students to see DMS first-hand through the eyes of current students, in addition to hearing about DMS teaching philosophy from the DMS director. Current students interested in taking advantage of this leadership opportunity should talk with Eric Gaylord early this week. **Please encourage friends with middle school age children to attend this event.**

## Wanted! - Pancake Cooking Papa's

One week from this coming Friday, on January 20<sup>th</sup>, we are looking for some fast flipping griddle masters to cook up pancakes for our hungry students. We call this special day "Pancakes n' Pajama Day" (kids wear P.J.'s to school). On this day, students also play in the school-wide chess tournament, and we host parents, siblings, and friends at our East Meets West Festival in the afternoon.

- If you are a dad capable of safely wielding a spatula, please contact the DMS office and add your name to the list.
- If you know how to play chess, you should dust off the chess board and play a few games with your child before the tournament. We will have only minimal time to work with most students during school hours this year.
- If you are able to free up your busy schedule in the early afternoon, please mark your calendar and plan to attend the afternoon festivities. We will make it worth your while with an amazing food and cultural experience.

**Answer to last week's Riddle of the Week- Cakes 4 Trolls**

You need to leave your house with exactly 2 cakes. At each bridge, you have half away (1), and the troll gives you a single cake back (2). By the time you reach grandma's house, you still have two cakes.

**This week's Riddle of the Week - A Matter of Perspective**

Everybody views the world from a slightly different perspective. This is occasionally demonstrated when two people who witness a single event recall the event in very different ways. People even view images differently. The following image contains two pictures. Identify and briefly describe the two pictures shown.



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

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



**Above:** We LOVE our coaches! Volleyball coaches Chris Mullin, Nicole Goyette, and Debra (wife of coach Merrill Riley) read cards created by their teams.

**Below, left column:** Holiday caroling competition. Each DMS family created and performed a novel holiday carol.



**Center Column:** Math Olympics "Divide and Conquer," "Relay Race," and "Engineering Challenge" events.



**Right Column:** Block 2 enrichment class presentations and Earwig Enterprises sales event.

