

# DUNN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSNOTE, 2011-12

February 6-10



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti lunch	Beef Taco lunch	Pizza lunch	Chicken Tender lunch	Sandwich lunch
Girls' tennis @ Dunn 3:45	Boys' b-ball vs Vista @ L.O., A only 5:30	Boys' b-ball vs L.O. @ L.O.; B 5:30, A 6:30  Girls' tennis @ Dunn 3:45  Surfing returns 5:15	Boys' b-ball vs. S.Y. @ S.Y., A only 6:30  Hike Club 2:45-5:30  Investment Club presentation 6:15- 7:45pm	Talent Show 7:00pm

## Athletics

- The girls' tennis team did well against a very deep roster from Solvang on Monday. We did not win, but all players are getting playing time and learning; they will be ready for the tournament. Our players of all levels are working together and learning from each other as well as from the excellent coaches. Wednesday's match also went well.
- The boys' basketball team lost to Los Olivos on Tuesday, but played some of their best basketball of the season against Santa Ynez on Thursday. The B team nearly won their first game of the season, 18-19. The A team earned their highest score of the year. Three 3-pointers from Nick and two 3-pointers from Nolan helped with that! They have three games coming up this week in the second round.

## Talent Show!!!

The DMS Annual Talent Show is this Friday night, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. It is certainly worth coming out to see.

- It will be in the red barn on upper campus.
- We have a lot of interesting acts, so we expect the show to run 7:00 to as late as 9:15 pm.
- If your child is in an act that requires set-up or a quick run through or tech check, please plan to arrive at 6:30pm.
- The audience will be sitting on benches, so you may want to bring a small seat pillow for comfort.
- We will have treats during the intermission – proceeds will go toward the 8<sup>th</sup> grade San Francisco Trip.
- Order your talent show DVD. Orders were due by Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, but you may still put in an order at the DMS office (cost \$25).

## Pennies for Patients

Dunn School is doing a fund raiser for a kids' leukemia and lymphoma research and support program, called "Pennies for Patients." In addition to having a DMS family competition to see which family can earn the most for the program, student government is doing a bake sale. All proceeds will go directly to Pennies for Patients. The bake sale will be Tuesday and Thursday this week, so students should bring a couple dollars in support of children around the world who have been, or will be, diagnosed with leukemia or lymphoma.

## Investment Club Presentation

Last year, as part of Dunn's Leadership Program, the Investment Club was founded to teach students about managing money. The club also advises the Earwig Foundation on how to invest its funds, which go toward supporting student scholarship. The Investment Club hosted three distinguished speakers who shared tips on becoming a successful investor, identifying investment opportunities and evaluating company financials. This year's speaker schedule opens with a presentation from Jourdi de Werd, a current Dunn parent with 25 years of investment banking, corporate finance and management consulting experience.

While the presentation will be geared toward Investment Club members from Dunn School and Midland, parents and middle school students and families are invited to attend as well. Mr. de Werd will be speaking in the **Dunn Library on Thursday, February 9th from 6:15-7:45pm.**

## Upcoming Dances

There will NOT be a DMS dance in February, because too many students have prior commitments. However, the spring dance will be upon us before we know it. It will be Friday, April 20, in the Dunn Library. This year's spring dance theme is "Midnight in Paris," and we have fantastic plans for turning this into the best spring dance ever.

## Wanted - Science Fair Supplies

**Gas powered leaf blowers:** Davis Kelly, a current 8<sup>th</sup> grader at DMS, is looking to borrow a couple gas powered leaf blowers for his science fair project this year. His goal is to make a powerful, steerable hovercraft. Your leaf blower will be returned by the end of March. Please contact Davis at [davis\\_kelly@student.dunnschool.org](mailto:davis_kelly@student.dunnschool.org)

**Liquid nitrogen dewar:** Keaton Ochoa and Chase Sater, current 8<sup>th</sup> graders, are hoping to use liquid nitrogen in their science fair experiment. If you have access to a dewar and/or liquid nitrogen, please contact Chase or Keaton at [chase\\_sater@student.dunnschool.org](mailto:chase_sater@student.dunnschool.org) or [Keaton\\_ochoa@dunnschool.org](mailto:Keaton_ochoa@dunnschool.org). You will have to come to Science Fair night, on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, to see what they are going to use it for.

## 7-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies

Mac is planning to continue teaching, through her pregnancy, until we leave on outdoor trips in April. She will then be on maternity leave for the remainder of the year. It is impossible to replace Mac, but we have found a qualified and energetic woman, who is filled with the carpe diem spirit, to finish out the year for her. Jenna Newburn, who has a single subject teaching credential in history and has been substitute teaching in Santa Barbara, heard about DMS from past DMS math teacher, Noah Morales. She applied for a full-time position. Although there is no such position available, she was delighted with the opportunity to teach and work with our students in a long-term substitute capacity. Over the next few weeks, Mac will begin introducing Jenna to the material and teaching methodologies we use at DMS. Once here, Jenna will likely teach such electives as Surfing and Disc Golf, in addition to teaching 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies and preparing for the Renaissance Faire.

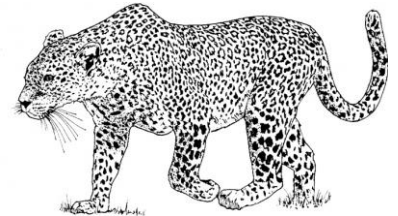
## Search Update - DMS Director

The search committee charged with finding a new Director of Dunn Middle School has narrowed their applicant pool to just over 50 contenders. They are beginning the second phase of their screening process and will then start conducting interviews of semifinalists. The committee is working hard as they continue to meet weekly during this process.

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## Answer to last week's Riddle of the Week- Talent Show Line-Up

Danny and Allyson sang "Welcome to the Jungle".  
Gavin and Deanna sang "Jamming".  
Stan and Sarah sang "Man! I Feel Like a Woman!"  
Zander and Galinda sang "Dirty Pop".



## This week's Riddle of the Week

The following are colloquialisms/idioms written in their literal form. Try to find all four.

Example: A Panthera Pardus is incapable of altering its texture. (A leopard can't change its spots)

1. Revert to the first quadrilateral of equal sides and angles.
2. One suffering from Macular Degeneration guiding one with less than 1/10 of normal vision.
3. Restrain your multiple Equus caballus.
4. The writing utensil containing small amounts of ink is more puissant than the iron hand-held weapon.

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



**Above:** Tristan helps outline a proposal for a rope swing in Leadership class.  
**Below:** iPads are used more often than not in Chinese class.



**Below:** Dodgeball and nation ball are favorites with many DMS students. In this game, coordination, agility, technique, and bravery all come into play.



**Above:** Theater class has been working in the barn all week.  
**Below:** Students find themselves juggling many different things in Human Tricks and Stunts.



**Above:** You are in good hands if Mary is belaying you. **Below:** Lenna and Sarah are a strong learning team.



**Below:** Every day poses new challenges in enrichment classes – the goal: stack as many students as possible on a rope swing. **Left:** Kalena is playing great tennis this season.



**Left:** Olivia holds nothing back, as she rushes forward to return a short ball at the net during tennis practice.