

# DUNN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSNOTE, 2011-12

September 26-30



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE: shorts and athletic shoes this week	Girls v'ball @ <a href="#">Dunn</a> ; 4:00 B, 5:00 A; New Parent Meeting 7:00-8:00 pm	Surfing returns at 5:15	Girls v'ball @ <a href="#">Dunn</a> ; 4:00 B, 5:00 A	No Homework Heaven  Barn Dance 7:00-9:30
Lunch: spaghetti	Lunch: beef tacos	Lunch: pizza	Lunch: chicken tenders	Lunch: sandwiches

## Athletics

Our girls' volleyball teams met with mixed success this week. They were all successful in terms of playing hard, having fun, and improving. The A team pulled off a win against Santa Ynez on Thursday; A and B teams lost against Solvang on Tuesday. So far we have not seen a team that is out of our league. While both teams have individuals with good skills in all areas, they are working to improve communication on the court. Keep working hard, girls!

Please share your appreciation for our coaches and give them your support. All coaches have different styles and slightly different coaching philosophies. It is natural for people to have differences of opinion about how to do things, but remember that they are dedicated volunteers who put their hearts into this job every day. Without them our girls would not be getting this terrific experience. Jim Chomeau, Merrill Riley, David Marshall, and Nicole Goyette give up many hours of their time every week for our kids, and they are doing a terrific job! When you see them, please thank them.

Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:00 is Todd Roger's volleyball clinic. It will be held at the Dunn gyms. Please bring \$10 cash for each student participating along with all volleyball attire and a water bottle. At 3:00, if there are some students who want even more volleyball practice, Chris Mullin will stay after until as late as 5:00 to continue working with them. Thank you, Chris!

The weather is expected to be hot through at least the first half of this coming week, so we will continue swimming in PE. Please send your child to school with a [swimsuit](#), [towel](#) and [goggles](#) (optional) each day.

## Student Government

We are super proud of all the students who ran for office regardless whether or not they won the election. Our Student Government elections were held on Wednesday and the results were announced to the students on Thursday. We have a capable and energetic group this year. They will be led in their endeavors by the inspiring Dawn Deguin.

- President: Taggart Mills
- Legislative Vice President: Gina Galvin
- Administrative Vice President: Abigail Mullin
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Senators: Sophia Ibarra and Mia Andersen
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Senators: Grace Kelley and Lily Riley
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Senators: Jasper Beckmen and Nolan Morrison

## Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Thank you for getting your children to school on time this year. It helps to start the day in a relaxed, efficient way. For safety, please remember to drop and pick up your child on the DMS side of the paved road instead of the baseball field side. We do not want students to be crossing over the road during these busy times of the day. In addition to DMS families driving the road, there are high school students and parents driving through on their way to the upper school. We request that everyone drive slowly through all parts of campus, but even slowly moving vehicles pose a risk to those crossing the street.

## New Parent Meeting

Tuesday evening, 7:00-8:00, a meeting will be held at DMS for parents of new students. We will discuss the challenges your child will likely face over the next couple months in a new school and new grade level. We will also discuss the upcoming dance, the Hero Festival, end of enrichment block presentations, conferences and internships, athletic program philosophy, and social media use.

## Back-to-School Night

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Back-to-School Night! If you were unable to attend, you missed out on some delicious wine donated by the Murrays, the Hartmanns, and the Lewellens (thank you!) and information about our curriculum and classes. I have attached some of this information to this email.

## Barn Dance

Friday is the first dance of the year! It will be held in the upper school red barn, 7:00-9:30 pm. The cost is \$5 per person, dress is casual, and each student may bring a friend. Friends must have a signed permission slip with a contact phone number. Drop off and pick up are in the big parking lot near the swimming pool. Attending students must stay for the entire duration, and at the end of the dance we will walk them back to the parking lot for pick up. The dynamic Linda Smith will be hosting the dance in typical DMS style; she will be assisted by the Big Kahuna, Jack Hartmann. The permission slip for guests is attached. DMS students do not need a permission slip.

## Building an Engineer Day

The Society of Women Engineers is hosting their Building an Engineer Day in November. I have heard good reviews of this program. Thank you, Elizabeth Kavaloski, for sharing the link with us. <http://users.csc.calpoly.edu/~swe/k-12/bae/index.php?p=registration>

## Water Bottle

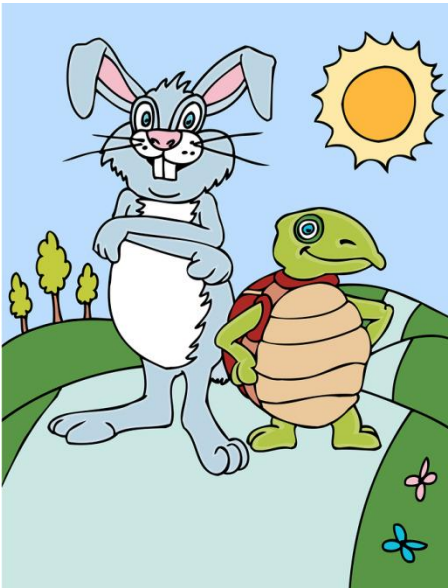
Please send your child to school with a **water bottle** every day. With the hot weather, your child should bring this water bottle with them to their classes. It is much more disruptive to a class when a student must get up and leave the room for a drink of water than it is for them to simply open their water bottle and take a drink.

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Tear off here to return your answer with the Monday Folder on Tuesday

## Riddle of the Week

### Tortoise and Hare Riddle



Each week your printed newsnote will contain a riddle of some kind. If you return your signed Monday Folder on Tuesday with the riddle correctly answered your name will be entered in a raffle drawing to win a prize! Here is your first riddle.

**Haretown and Tortoiseville are 77 miles apart. A hare travels at 8 miles per hour from Haretown to Tortoiseville, while a tortoise travels at 3 miles per hour from Tortoiseville to Haretown.**

**If both set out at the same time, how many miles will the hare have to travel before meeting the tortoise en route?**

Answer:

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

**Below:** All good science begins with observation. Here, Nolan observes and makes notes about the candle flame.



**Above:** Knox tackles the crux.  
**Below:** EricD instructs Callum and Luca in the art of belay.

**Below:** Gina and Natalie work on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade expedition flag.



**Below:** Cory works on his coil pot in Ceramics.



**Above:** Christina works on her math equations poster in Nicole's class.



**Above:** Callie demonstrates pottery techniques with Allie. **Right:** Ben has one of the "oh no!" moments in surfing. **Below:** Luke & Sabrina work on the 6<sup>th</sup> grade expedition flag.



**Above:** As Davis S. shows, there is more than one way to ride a surf board. **Below:** Sophia rides one to shore with a proud Ryan (teacher) cheering in the background.



**Above:** Nick, future professional surfer, catches his own wave at Campus Point during Surfing class.  
**Left:** Lauren and Lily finish up the 7<sup>th</sup> grade expedition flag.