

DARTMOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

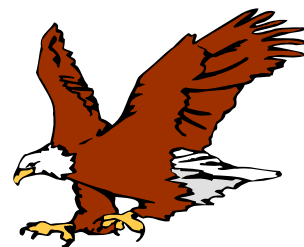
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REMINDER

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE NEWSLETTER IS POSTED ON THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH. FOR UP-TO-DATE NEWS PLEASE LOG IN TO YOUR STUDENT IN POWERSCHOOL. CLICK ON THE "DAILY BULLETIN" ICON AND READ THE INFORMATION GIVEN TO YOUR STUDENTS EACH MORNING!!!

DARTMOUTH NEWSLETTER

Are you interested in what's happening at your student's school?

Go to www.unionsd.org. This is the District site where you can see the District calendar. You can then click on "schools" and then choose "Dartmouth".

If you do not have access to e-mail your student can pick up a copy of the newsletter after school in the office.

HOMEWORK CENTER

THE HOMEWORK CENTER OPENED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH.

The Homework Center is open Monday through Thursday, from 3:00 to 4:15 p.m. This is a drop-in Homework Center with Dartmouth teachers on site to provide help with homework questions.

The Computer Lab is open from 8:15 – 9:10 a.m. on Wednesdays. Students may arrive at anytime during the morning Homework Center. **They do not have in and out privileges; they must remain in the lab.** Students who use the Computer Lab are expected to use the computers for schoolwork. Surfing the Web or game playing is not allowed.

Please make use of the Homework Centers. They are a wonderful resource for students.

MUSIC NEWS

Come join the Dartmouth Jazz Band! Exciting, pulse-pounding music and a "jazzy" teacher are just the beginning! Come to the band room Wednesday mornings at 8:10 a.m. and join the fun!

P.E. CLOTHING

P.E. clothing may be purchased throughout the year. **Please send your student with a check made out to Dartmouth Middle School.** They may turn the check in for their clothing in the school office. They will receive a receipt that they will take to their P.E. teacher to receive the clothing.

Reversible t-shirt	\$10.00
Sweat pants	\$15.00
Sweat shirt	\$18.00
P.E. shorts	\$10.00
Gym Bag	\$12.00
Locks	\$ 6.00

SPORTS SEASON

Cross Country	Aug. 25 – Oct. 22
Boy's Volleyball	Aug. 25 – Oct. 22
Girl's Soccer	Aug. 25– Oct. 22
Girl's Basketball	Oct. 19 – Dec. 18
Wrestling	Oct. 12 to Dec. 17
Boy's Basketball	Dec. 14 – Feb. 11
Girl's Volleyball	Feb. 22 – Apr. 8
Boy's Soccer	Feb. 22 – Apr. 8
Track & Field	April 5

For specific information please go to www.unionsd.org Click on "schools" then "Dartmouth" then on the menu on the left "sports" Click on the name of the sport and all the information concerning that sport will pop up.

LUNCH

Lunches for the 2009-2010 school-year will be \$3.25.

Breakfast will be \$1.75.

FORTY FABULOUS FLAMINGOS

Would you like to surprise a friend? Imagine the look on their face when our Flock of Forty Fabulous Flamingos magically appears on their front lawn overnight. Great for birthdays, anniversaries, or just to brighten someone's day!

For a small donation (\$40.00 or \$1.00 per bird), we will arrange the flamingos and place your personal message at your friend's home for a day. Your donation will help support the bands many activities throughout the year.

Call the band room for further information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

11/6	Home & School Mtg. 6:30 School Site Council 3:05
11/9	District Board Meeting 6:00
11/11	Veteran's Day – no school
11/9	District Board Mtg. 6:00 p.m.
11/23	Turkey Trot
11/25-27	Thanksgiving – no school
11/30-12/11	Canned Food Drive
12/5	Los Gatos Parade – band
12/6	San Jose Parade – band
12/14	District Board Mtg. 6:00 p.m.
12/17	Winter Concert – 7:00 PM
12/21-1/1	Winter Break – no school
1/11	District Board Mtg. 6:00 p.m.
1/18	Martin Luther King, Jr. – no school
2/2	Egypt Night
2/4	Home & School Mtg. 6:30 Site Council 3:05
2/8	District Board Meeting 6:00
2/12	Valentine's Dance 6-8:00 7 th & 8 th grades \$5.00
2/15-19	President's Week – no school
3/4	Pops Concert – 7:00 PM
3/4	Home & School Mtg. 6:30 Site Council 3:05
3/8	District Board Mtg. 6:00 p.m.
3/12	Spirit Night
3/19	Sixth grade social 3-4:30
3/26	Comedy Night
4/1-3	The Dartmouth Play
4/5	District Board Mtg. 6:00 p.m.
4/5-8	Cheer Try Outs
4/8	Open House
4/12-16	Spring Break – no school

4/30	Fashion Show
5/10	District Board Mtg. 6:00 p.m.
5/12-15	Disneyland – band
5/28	Spring Concert - 7 p.m.
5/31	Memorial Day – no school
6/11	Graduation Ceremony 6:00 p.m.
6/11	Last Day of School
6/14	District Board Meeting 6:00

Superintendent's Monthly Message
November 2009

by Dr. Jacqueline Horejs

In my role as Superintendent, I'm fortunate to spend time visiting schools and talking to teachers, staff, parents, and students. Invariably, people share with me the wonderful experiences they and their children and grandchildren have in the Union School District. It is the same in every school I visit; I can feel the sense of pride folks have in their neighborhood school! We have a great deal to be proud of in this district: a proven track record of high academic achievement; caring and supportive staff; solid leadership; and an actively engaged parent community.

We are committed to building on our foundation of excellence, but the state has been an unreliable partner in education funding. We need a stable source of funding to ensure that we continue to be a high performing district and a source of pride for our community. Because of this, the Board of Trustees is considering a parcel tax measure for local funding to support our schools. This week, a poll of registered voters in the district will be taken to determine the feasibility of passing a parcel tax measure. Nearby districts, including Moreland and Cupertino, successfully secured stable funding for education by passing their parcel taxes in May of this year. I am hopeful that we will have positive results from our community poll so we can count on everyone to support our local schools.

The poll results will be made available on our web site as soon as possible. As always, your support of the Union Elementary School District is greatly appreciated and certainly one of the things we all have to be thankful for!

Wishing you and your family and friends a happy Thanksgiving!