

Dundee Dispatch

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A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

The Omaha Public Schools and Information Management Systems (IMS) is committed to improving student learning by providing each student access to updated technology. At the elementary level, that updated technology comes in the form of student iPads.

I'm thrilled to let you know that IMS is refreshing all elementary iPads this quarter.

Our kindergarten students received their updated iPads at the beginning of the year, and **it is now time for ALL 1st – 6th grade students** to get their updated iPad.



Please find important information about the iPad refresh on the next page.

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A Message from the Principal continued...

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ



1. All iPads will remain at school on Friday, October 6th.
2. We will begin swapping out old iPads for new ones on Monday, October 9th.

Each class will be called to a designated area at Dundee. We will collect the old iPad and hand the student a new iPad with a case. Students will keep their current charging cords.

3. If you have already returned the Voluntary Device Protection Plan for the 23-24 school year with \$20 attached, you do NOT need to complete another form. The coverage you purchased this year follows the student.
4. If you have NOT returned the Voluntary Device Protection Plan with \$20 and would like the coverage, a new form on gold paper was sent home on Wednesday, September 27th.
5. The \$20 protection plan for the 23-24 school year might be a good option compared to the replacement price of \$527 if the iPad is lost, stolen, or damaged.
6. Friday, October 6th will be the deadline if you choose to participate in the Device Protection Program for the 23-24 school year.
7. We hope to have ALL new iPads in student hands by the end of the day on October 10th.

A Message from the Principal continued...

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions about our iPad refresh.

It's a wonderful learning tool, and I'm excited to get the updated version in your child's hands!

Sincerely,
Kaye Kennedy
Principal



**Parent/Teacher
Conferences:
Thursday, October 19 +
Tuesday, October 24
4:15pm – 8pm.**

Check your inbox for an email from Ms Tingelhoff, and sign-up for conferences via Sign-Up Genius.

We will celebrate Halloween on October 31 with a parade and classroom parties. Please keep the following in mind:

- Students don't have much time to get ready. Please leave make-up at home.
- Costumes should be easy to walk in – the parade route is several blocks.
- Leave ALL costume weapons at home.



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**REMINDER: NO SCHOOL
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 +
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27,
DUE TO CONFERENCES**





Dundee Wildcats displayed school spirit at a pep rally on September 14. The theme for this school year is "Learning is not a spectator sport. Get in the game!" The PTO welcomes you to contribute your time, talents and ideas. Visit www.dundeepto.org to get started.

Presidents' Article

To Our Dundee Community:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Dundee Direct fundraising event! Our two new leads, Leslie Biehl and Lauren Simpson, were at the helm of this year's efforts and put together a strategic month-long campaign to generate support for our students and school.

Dundee Direct donations enable the PTO to provide valuable resources and enriching experiences that enhance our learners' education. The donations directly support programs like funding teacher grants, purchasing educational materials, and upgrading technology for security and enrichment programs.

The generosity of our community, neighbors, and area businesses reminds us of the incredible strength that comes from working together to make a positive difference in the lives of our students. We are truly grateful for your kindness and generosity!

In the coming months, we will keep you updated on the impact of your donation and the wonderful experiences it makes possible for our students. We hope you continue to follow our journey and share the pride of all we achieved together hitting our \$25,000 goal! We're thankful for donations of any amount – every bit helps us support our school. You can donate anytime at www.dundeepto.org or by sending a check to the school made out to Dundee PTO.



Popsicles are cool -- so is volunteering with the PTO.

2023-2024 PTO Board

Presidents: Kelly Kelly and TJ Weiss, DundeePTO@gmail.com

Vice Presidents: Jill Heggen and Sara Kupzyk

Treasurers: Peter Lilja and Nino Krilova-Lilja, DundeeTreasurer@gmail.com

Principal: Kaye Kennedy

Past Presidents: So Yun and Mike Grace

WELCOME TO OCTOBER'S PTO MEETING!

**Oct. 4, 6:30 pm in the library.
Childcare provided!**

September Shout Outs

Back to School Night: Jill Heggen and Sara Kupzyk

Grounds Beautification: Althea McMickell

Communications Chair: Melanie Lotspeich

Dundee Dispatch: Megan Feeney

Dundee Direct Committee: Leslie Biehl, Lauren Simpson, and Sara Kupzyk

NEW Dundee Hoodies and Crew Necks: Mrs. Rutledge

** Release Date: 10.13 at the Fall Festival!

Your support matters! The PTO recently issued our first round of teacher grants, and we are working towards upgrading our staff walkie-talkie system, which helps keep our school and learners safe. For our active PTO volunteers – thank you to those who have logged hours of support! If you know something that would help, please share your ideas and talent to make it a reality.

October is full of great opportunities to connect at school and volunteer your time and talent! Be sure to check out the calendar of events and event flyers in the following pages. As a reminder, the best way to stay current on all school news – and to sign up to volunteer – is by creating a login to our PTO website at www.dundeepto.org.

Stay tuned for upcoming guest speakers at PTO meetings in the following months, and mark your calendars for our mid-year PTO Social at Site 1 Brewery on Wednesday, December 6th.

Stay connected and well!

TJ Weiss and Kelly Kelly

Dundee Direct Update

WE REACHED OUR GOAL TOGETHER!

The theme of the 2023-2024 Dundee Direct was “Get in the Game” and, as always, **the Dundee Elementary community really rose to the occasion to help us reach our goal of \$25,000.**

From the parents and extended family (We love you grandparents!) to the neighborhood walk donors, and the local business community, THANK YOU! Your donations will provide enrichment to our students and make our beautiful school stronger.

To the students of Dundee, it was so exciting to see you “Get in the Game” with your neighborhood walk and pep rally spirit. Also, to all the students who looked behind couch cushions and opened their piggy banks for the change challenge, THANK YOU!

Dundee Direct can not be successful without the entire Dundee Elementary community being able to “Get in the Game,” so a sincere THANK YOU for a successful campaign season.

CHANGE CHALLENGE STATS

\$1,300 IN CHANGE

**232 POUNDS OF PENNIES,
NICKELS, DIMES AND QUARTERS**



DID YOU KNOW?

If **40 families donate \$75**, we can support teacher grants to buy great materials to support learning.

If **10 families donate \$50**, we can replace and repair playground equipment.

If **eight families donate \$50**, we can sponsor a monthly “Teacher Thank You Fund.”

If **21 families donate \$175**, we can replace walkie-talkies to ensure safety and quick communication among staff and teachers.

FUNDRAISING RECAP

Pep Rally and Neighborhood Walk:

Students attended the Dundee Direct assembly to learn more about the fundraiser. The 2nd through 6th graders went on a neighborhood walk to place letters in neighbors' doors inviting them to support Dundee. This event was complete with popsicles for everyone!

CONGRATS

MR. DARLING'S

4TH GRADE CLASS.



CHANGE CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS!

Change Challenge:

We had an amazing response to the change challenge. The weekly winners were:

- Week 1: Mrs. Darling's 1st grade class
- Week 2: Mrs. Grimes' 5th grade class
- Week 3: Mr. Darling's 4th grade class
- Week 4: Mr. Darling's 4th grade class

LET'S KEEP GOING!

SCAN ME



WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

1. Donate today.
2. Ask friends/family members to donate.
3. Ask your workplace to donate and match your donation -- there are many business perks for donating.

Business Donations:

Business supporters can have their logo and a link to their website at dundeeto.org and in the monthly Dundee Dispatch.

Contact **Leslie Biel** (lbiehl@up.com) for more information .

Thank you

for your
generous support
of Dundee Direct!



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**Tom Manley
Floors**

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR DUNDEE ELEMENTRARY PTO

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH | 4-8PM
333 N SADDLE CREEK RD, OMAHA, NE, 68131

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **B29J43M**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

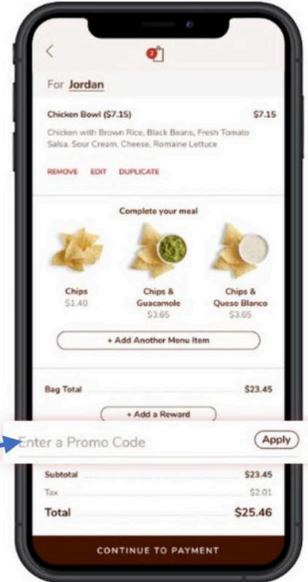
ONLINE FUNDRAISERS



Congratulations on your upcoming Chipotle fundraiser! Below are details on how to participate in your fundraiser online through the **Chipotle App** or **Chipotle.com**.

Please note all online orders for your fundraiser must be within your scheduled hours and only at the restaurant hosting your event.

- 1 Access the **Chipotle app** or order on our **website**.
- 2 Choose **"Pickup"** and select the location of the restaurant which is hosting your fundraiser.
Delivery orders or orders placed through other apps will not be counted towards your fundraiser.
- 3 Build your order with all your faves.
- 4 Once you're ready to place your order, input your unique online fundraiser code in the **"Enter a Promo Code"** section. Don't forget to click **"Apply"**.
- 5 Provide payment information and submit your order for pickup (not delivery). **Reminder, pickup must be within the hours of your scheduled fundraiser.**



If you or your supporters forget to input and apply the code at checkout, please email us your order information at fundraisers@chipotle.com.

HELPFUL TIP

Once you apply your fundraiser code, your cart will show "Fundraiser" and an amount of **-\$0.01**. Don't panic — this is totally normal and how we track the code in our system.

Let's TACO 'bout supporting our school

Counselor's Corner

Hello families,

Happy Fall! One of my favorite parts of being in Dundee every day is watching the trees slowly transform. Speaking of this, I have seen so many of our students transforming, maturing and learning all of their new practices and procedures. Way to go, Wildcats and families.

In our weekly classroom counseling lessons, we are wrapping up lessons on understanding our feelings and the zones of regulation. In October, we will begin discussing personal safety in alignment with Red Ribbon week (more details to come).

I would also like to congratulate our 2023-2024 Student Council representatives. These students worked hard on presentations that showcased their leadership skills and were chosen by their classmates.

**Congratulations to the
2023-2024
Student Council
representatives:**

6th Grade:

Grace Dey
Henry Koch
Max Pflug
Daniel Mirmiran
Casen Reiss
Macklin Hanna
Lily Mirmiran

5th Grade:

Gracie Weiss
Bennett Kupzyk
Harper Heggen
Olive Trease
Hayes Carlson
Holly Howard

4th Grade:

July Luan
Jamelia Jackson
Eliza Kleyman
Boston Kinman
Riley Murdock
Ellis Meyer

Again, thank you for supporting the School Counseling program at Dundee. I look forward to continuing to work with your students.

Jenny Storm, School Counselor
Jennifer.Cooper@ops.org



OCTOBER

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7							
			Walking Wednesday PTO Meeting 6:30pm		First Quarter Ends								
8	Dundee Chipotle Night	9	10	Walking Wednesday 	11	12	13	14	Dundee Fall Festival 				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Walking Wednesday	Book Fair Parent/Teacher Conferences	Donuts with Grownups Book Fair 		Book Fair	Book Fair Parent/Teacher Conferences	Book Fair	Walking Wednesday	No School	No School	
29	30	31											
		Halloween 											

Teacher Wish Lists Coming Soon!

Teacher wish lists will be complete by October's end. Watch for the link to the latest lists in a Wednesday folder and in next month's newsletter.



3rd Annual

DUNDEE *fall festival*

SAVE THE DATE!

*Friday,
October 13th
4:30-7:30pm*

FREE ENTRY

Pancake Man (\$5/per plate)

DJ - Music & Dancing

Classroom Pumpkin Contest Voting

Kids Activities

Teacher Dunk Tank

Photo Booth

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
SIGNUP ON PTO WEBSITE!

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Fall
**BOOK
FAIR**

Oct.
19th-
24th

DUNDEE LIBRARY

THURSDAY 10/19 4:00-8:00

FRIDAY 10/20 8:00-9:00 & 4:00-5:00

MONDAY 10/23 4:00-5:00

TUESDAY 10/24 4:00-8:00

