

Dundee Dispatch



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A Message from the Principal

Dear Dundee Families,

We are gearing up for a strong finish to the year. April and May bring many wonderful activities as well as end of year testing for all our students. These tests include the MAP Growth Test and the NSCAS (Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System) Test.

Our K-6 students will begin the MAP test this week and our 3-6 grade students will also take the NSCAS during the next two months. Here are a few things that can be done to ease your child's stress about testing:

- *Encourage an earlier bedtime the night before
- *Eat a good breakfast the morning of the test
- *Encourage them to do their BEST!

We are excited to see the growth our students will make this year!

Congratulations to our 3rd Quarter Students of Distinction!

During the 3rd Quarter, Dundee Staff and students focused on the character trait of being SAFE. Students showed they were being safe by using materials and equipment appropriately, following the directions given by staff, and when they see something that is not safe, to report it to an adult immediately.

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A Message from the Principal continued...

Congratulations to the following
students selected to represent
their class as the
Student of Distinction
in the area of
Safety

Thalia Butler	Jack Dean
Veronica Nester	Quinn Thomas Schulz
Clara Wheeler	Victoria Barralaga
Oskar Nickinovich	Hallie Johnson
Caleb Menchaca	Finn Dugan
Tanzilla Shinwari	Julia Thielen
Maxwell Davelis	Harrison Briggs
Sophia Figueroa	Ethan Weiss
Alison Aliano	Gus Lotspeich
Clayton Garcia	Olivia Powley
Olive Trease	Cleiry Lerma Villanueva
Abdihameed Omar	Sofia Marroquin Gomez
Stephanie Adams	Mason Robinson
Theo Dickson	Martin Anderson
Joseph Gill	Finn Pretz
Leo Templeton	Laura Walling
Ellis Meyer	Oliviana Baca
Freyja Smith	Elsie Nix
Brenda Asher	Ulysses Craig
London Bonkiewicz	Flossie Maloy
Matilda Consolino	
Xander Layne	

We are focusing on the character trait of **KINDNESS** for the 4th Quarter. Thanks for helping and encouraging your child to be a good listener to friends, being honest, and helping others in need. Though there are many traits of a kind person, these are the specific things we will be working on at school.



We care deeply about our students and families. Your feedback makes us better and stronger. Please take a moment to complete the Culture/Climate Portion of the Parent Voice Survey.

Your responses are completely anonymous, and we use them to focus on improvement. Your time is appreciated. The link is:

www.TinyURL.com/OPSParentVoice

With much care,
Kaye Kennedy



PARENT VOICE DISTRICT SURVEY IS NOW OPEN ...

We encourage all parents to respond!



SCAN THE QR CODE

OR USE THE ONLINE LINK: www.TinyURL.com/OPSParentVoice

As an ongoing effort to give you more ways to provide feedback on your child(ren)'s school, OPS has launched the the **Parent Voice Survey**. You now have the ability to provide input on the following six areas:

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| 1. Climate/Culture | 2. Support Staff/Services |
| 3. Communication | 4. Safety & Discipline |
| 5. Instruction | 6. Principal & Administration |

Please take a few minutes to respond to this District Survey!

PTO UPDATES

WILDCATS

PRESIDENTS ARTICLE

As we enter the last quarter of the school year, we are reminded of all the great things our community has come together to deliver in this fun-filled year for our students. Whether you have shown up to support at classroom parties, donated your time and talent to enrichment clubs, purchased our new merchandise, organized the amazing feasts during conferences, have been behind the scenes help to make this awesome Dispatch happen each month and social posts happen throughout the year, or show your appreciation by going out of your way to help at our book fair and other events...you all are so amazing! A big shout out to everyone that helped Chair or Co-Chair the PTO-sponsored events this year. We know how much love, time, and dedication it takes and appreciate all that you put into our community. In order to plan, organize and execute the slate of fun activities, it takes a number of dedicated people. Please peruse our list of needs for chairs and committee support for the next year and reach out to us to volunteer.

And we are not done yet! We have a few final events to round out this year that you will want to mark your calendars for! As far as PTO activities go, April and May continue to be busy months with a lot going on. Be sure to catch next month's Dispatch for more details on upcoming events in May. **In lieu of holding a PTO meeting in May, we will continue the tradition of holding PTO social to conclude the school year. Stay tuned for more details about when and where we will hold the event.**

YEARBOOK ORDERS

Are due by Thursday, April 4th. Place your orders online at:

<https://shop.yearbookmarket.com/dundeeelementaryomaha> scan this QR code.



APRIL PTO MEETING

Our April PTO meeting was our last in-person meeting of the school year. We had two special guest speakers, Kristin Johnson, who spoke about the our Dundee Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program, along with our Physical Education Teacher, Deb Counter, who spoke about the Heart Health Challenge and Field Day. We are so fortunate to have these two on Team Dundee! We will be posting the GATE power point presentation on our PTO website to share with families and care givers - DundeePTO.org. We had updates on school information from Principal Kennedy, got the scoop on upcoming events from our PTO Chairs. Teaser Alert: your kids are going to LOVE the temporary tatoos at the Spring Festival this year!

JAIPUR DINING NIGHT OUT

Thursday, April 4th from 4-8 p.m. will be our first-ever dine-in or order-out night at the Jaipur Underwood location, where 20% of the proceeds will go to benefit Dundee. Be sure to mention Dundee PTO when you order!

SCIENCE FAIR

Our amazing Science Fair Co-Chairs, Lisa Rucks and Jenny Hopwood, have an amazing 32 projects submitted for this year's Science Fair! Wow! **The Science Fair will be held on April 25 and will run from 6-7:30 p.m. at the school.** They have an amazing night planned for the participants and spectators that includes concessions, new prize categories, and awards. We encourage all families to come out and join the school in support this fun event. We are so excited for it to be back in our rotation of events and appreciate all the time that the team has put into this! We still need a few volunteers to support this fun night - so please sign up on the PTO website at DundeePTO.org.

DUNDEE SPRING FESTIVAL

Our Spring Festival Co-Chairs, Trisha Howard and Tina Fong, have been planning the **Dundee Spring Festival, which will be held Friday, May 3rd at the school on the blacktop from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.** They have done such a wonderful job re-imaging this event to incorporate feedback on making this memorable night for our families. We still need a few volunteers to support this fun night - so please sign up on the PTO website at DundeePTO.org.

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Staff appreciation week will take place May 6-10 and our Co-Chairs, Lauren Simpson and Megan Hepburn, are busy planning for this fun week of showing our Dundee staff how much we appreciate all they do for our kids. Stay tuned for more information about the support they will need to make this a special week at our school.

Thanks to all that joined our final meeting of the year and we look forward to seeing you all at our PTO social in May - stay tuned, more details to come!

TJ Weiss and Kelly Kelly



Robotics Recap: US Create Jr World Championships

3 Dundee teams

Days of competition
at Iowa West Fieldhouse

From as far away
as Hong Kong!

**Dundee
Team**
ACHIEVEMENTS

28
teams

- Checkerbots won the Overall Alliance Champion Match (consisting of four teams)
- Data Busters and Bebop Robots (Mr Roboto) received Third Place



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generous support
of Dundee Direct!

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**Tom Manley
Floors**



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April

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	1	2	Walking Wednesday PTO Meeting 6:30pm	3 Jaipur fundraiser	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Walking Wednesday	11	12 No School For All Students	13	
14 No School For All Students	15	16	17 Walking Wednesday	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24 Walking Wednesday	25 Science Fair	26	27	
28	29	30					

Come to this month's PTO meeting to hear from Dundee Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) teacher, Kristen Johnson, who will provide an overview of the program. We will also hear from Principal Kaye Kennedy with school updates and from Spring Chairs on upcoming events.

Counselor's Corner

Happy Spring to all my wonderful Dundee families.

It's wild to think that we are down to seven weeks left of school. Excitement is in the air as we continue learning and growing together. Our scholars are preparing for our district and State assessments in April and May. It is imperative that scholars are present and on time each morning. Being to school on time every day means that each child can learn and grow with their peers and gives each educator the ability to introduce and review the skills and content needed to finish our year strong. There truly is no substitute for being an active participant in classroom activities, discussions and interactions with teachers and peers. Thank you for your support in helping your child achieve the most from each school day!

In our April counseling lessons throughout the school, we will be focusing on career and college exploration. I am most excited for our 6th graders, who have taken a Meyers-Briggs personality test which will lead us into some research about pathways that could lead to their dream career that best fits their personality type. (I am an ENFP-A which is a "Campaigner" personality type). This is always my favorite way to round out our school year and I look forward to discussing the future with our bright young minds.

Jenny Storm
School Counselor

*April showers bring May
flowers, but they also bring
renewal and growth.*

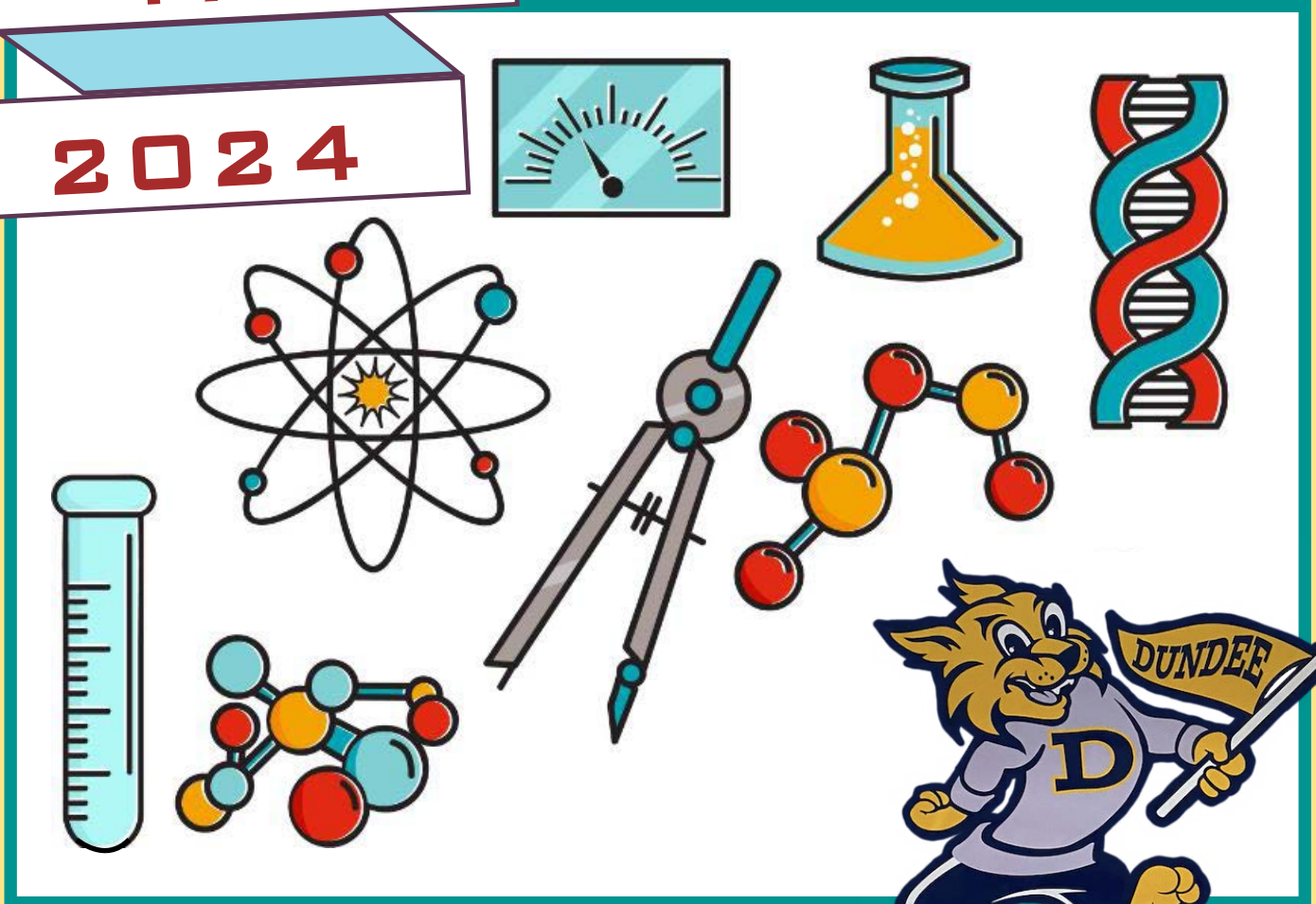
Mandy Harrison

SCIENCE

FAIR

2024

DURING THE FAIR KIDS WILL STAND IN FRONT OF THEIR PROJECT BOARDS TO EXPLAIN THEIR PROJECT. PROJECT TOPICS INCLUDE PHYSICAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING, ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE, AND FOOD AND HEALTH SCIENCE.



THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH

SIGN UP TO HELP VOLUNTEER AT: [DUNDEE PTO.ORG](https://dundeepto.org)

PARTICIPANT SET-UP: STARTS AT 5:00 P.M.

SCIENCE FAIR: THE SCIENCE FAIR WILL RUN FROM 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

TOTAL ENTRIES: 32 PROJECTS ... WOW!!!

CONCESSIONS: OPEN FROM 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. - PIZZA, DRINKS AND MORE!



Dundee Elementary

HELP US SUPPORT OUR PTO



THURSDAY
**APRIL
4TH**

**Dine in or place an
online order at
Jaipur in Dundee!**

- ✓ Thursday, April 4th 4-9PM
- ✓ Make sure to mention Dundee PTO
- ✓ 5018 Underwood Avenue

**20% of proceeds will be
donated to Dundee PTO**



Join us for Dundee Elementary's

SPRING FESTIVAL

Friday, May 3, 2024

4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

on the blacktop

Volunteers
Needed!

Sign Up
at
dundeeppto.org

FREE

DJ & Live Music | Inflatable Obstacle Courses
Yard Games | Face Paint | Temporary Tattoos
Cotton Candy | Popcorn | Water

AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

Food From: Table Grace, Pim's Thai, Santiago's Mexican, and
The Corndog Company

Dunk Tank benefitting Dundee PTO: \$1 for 3 balls
Dundee Gear from the Merch Store

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