

Dundee Dispatch

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A Message from the Principal

February Greetings,

I had the chance to teach an art lesson to a kindergarten class last week. I love all of our kids, but as a former 5th/6th grade teacher, I didn't think the 50 minute class was ever going to end. 😊

I started the lesson by reading the Peter Reynolds book, Love You by Heart. I asked our littlest Dundee Wildcats what THEY loved and oh my, did they share! This was my favorite part of the lesson! Seeing the JOY on their faces as they shared what they loved and how those things made them feel brought a smile to my face.

For a moment I thought I'd missed my calling as a kindergarten teacher... then the art 'production' phase of the lesson plan came into play and there were crayons everywhere, heart shaped stencils for tracing, choosing different colors, overlapping hearts, small spaces to color in, and 100 questions about everything BUT the lesson. 😊

That lesson was a quick reminder of the old saying, "walk a mile in someone else's shoes before judging". We never know what people are going through and it doesn't take much to be kind, say thank you, hold open a door, give someone a compliment, point out the good and treat others the way you want to be treated. If WE did that more often, JOY would be on a lot more faces than this little group of kindergartners that I had the pleasure of teaching!

With care,

Ms. Kaye Kennedy



SCHOOL COMMUNICATION



It is the expectation of the Omaha Public Schools, that students in elementary grades shall leave their personal communication devices (cell phones and smart watches) powered off and in their backpack during school hours.



All school communication should be directed through the main office - 531-299-1340.

If an emergency occurs and you need to leave a message for your child, please call the school before 3:15 p.m.

We really appreciate your help in this matter.



2ND QUARTER STUDENTS OF DISTINCTION

During the 2nd Quarter, Dundee Staff and students focused on the character trait of Responsibility. Congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent their class as a student of distinction in the area of **Responsibility**:

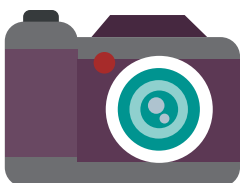
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Mawada Suliman
Eliza Kleymann
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Brooks Watson
Abraham Baca
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Archer Heggen
Journey Williams
Yasir Shinwari
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Evelyn Dixon
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Melanie Ixcot
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Yabsera Biazen
Isaac Johansen
Ivy Cohoon
Henry Klett
Estelle Fuerstenau
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FINAL CALL FOR YEARBOOK PHOTOS



**WILDCATS,
WE NEED PHOTOS FOR
THE YEARBOOK!**

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correct album before
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PTO UPDATES

WILDCATS

Presidents Article

Over the next several months, the PTO will be working to plan and energize our remaining efforts for the 23/24 school year and will be looking ahead to the 24/25 year. Please join us at our upcoming meetings in February, March, and April to hear from school staff, other parents, and PTO volunteers!

If you happen to miss a meeting, visit the Dundee PTO website at DundeePTO.org and the PTO social media sites to stay up to date.

Did you know that our [PTO website](#) features an online directory of Dundee families, a monthly calendar of events, and is home to the sign-up lists for volunteer opportunities? Create a login and make sure your student and family profile is up to date in the directory!

Speaking of happenings, this February is filled with all things Valentine's, Robotics, and Science! Here are a few upcoming events and announcements to mark your calendars for:

- **Robotics Tournaments**

2.17: Come cheer on your favorite Robotics competitor on February 17th at 8:30 a.m. at Dundee! Our school will be hosting a warm-up competition for all teams.

Volunteer sign-ups are now open on the PTO website for this event!

2.24: All teams will compete at North High School at 8:30 a.m.

- **Valentine's Day Candygrams**

2.5 - 2.9: Candygram sales.

Order forms included with more information.

- **Valentine's Day Classroom Parties**

2.14: Valentine's Day is right around the corner, and that means class parties. PTO is proud to sponsor Valentine's Day activities. Look for ways to support your children's class celebrations. These are also chances to take photos that you can submit for the yearbook! dundeeyearbook@gmail.com

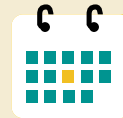
- **PTO Executive Positions**

If numbers and budgets are your passion, our treasurer is looking for someone to take over next year in a position on our Exec Team. We are also looking to fill the VP position. Email us at DundeePTO@gmail.com if you are interested!

Enrichment clubs are going strong, Robotics tournaments are in full-swing, and we are planning for the first Dundee Science Fair in more than 4 years. Shout out to all the volunteers who make these activities possible for our students! We appreciate your time, talent, and dedication!

TJ Weiss and Kelly Kelly

Join Us at the Next PTO Meeting



PTO MEETING
FEBRUARY 7TH AT 6:30 PM
SCHOOL LIBRARY

- Hear from Ms. Kennedy about what's going on in school
- Open 2024-2025 PTO Executive Team positions
- Upcoming spring PTO plans - we have so many great events and will have a lot of opportunities for you to get involved! 😊
- Ways you can help us show appreciation for our amazing teachers and staff!

Valentine's Day Candygrams



Valentine's Day is extra sweet with Candygrams being sold by Student Council for 25¢ each



Each Candygram comes with a Valentine message and a Blow Pop. Send them to friends, a teacher, or your whole class!

Candygrams will be available to purchase every morning, **February 5, 6, 7, and 8** in your child's classroom. Please send cash/change with your child if they would like to purchase. **They will be provided a candygram in the classroom.**

PURCHASE ALL CANDYGRAM ORDERS IN YOUR STUDENT'S HOMEROOM CLASSROOM BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8. STUDENT COUNCIL WILL DELIVER THEM ON VALENTINE'S DAY!



CHECK OUT THE ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION FOR MORE INFO



Counselor's Corner

Hello families!

To celebrate the month of Love, Student Council is partnering with the Dundee Kindness Club and will be holding a drive for the Nebraska Humane Society. Our drive will take place January 29 through the end of February. Below is a list of items that we will be collecting in marked boxes that will be placed outside of each main door starting on Monday, January 29. Images below include pictures of some of the items needed, enrichment activities for the animals, and Ms. Storm's and Mrs. Conley's dogs that were both rescued from the Nebraska Humane Society!

NHS Needs

- Empty toilet paper and paper towel tubes
- Paper lunch bags
- Egg cartons
- Kibble
- Spray Cheese
(for enrichment or as a distraction for shots)
- Canned Chicken
- Vienna Sausages
- Hard, durable chew toys
Currently, dogs can only have hard toys in their kennels. They have plenty of soft toys that can be used only under direct supervision, there are just too many dogs right now to keep track of soft toys while in kennels. There have been numerous soft toy pieces ingested requiring surgery.
- Hard, durable balls for chewing and fetch.
Tennis ball donations just do not last. They do use them outside for fetch, but they are usually a one-time, outside thing.
- Rope toys
- Treats! Soft treats, pill pockets, Pup-peroni, Beggin' Strips, small training treats, small biscuits
It's hard to know how many treats a dog gets in a day, they like smaller ones... fewer calories.
- Stinky treats for cats.
- Slow feeder bowls
- Green Beans
- Canned green beans
- Peanut Butter
- Canned pumpkin
- Graham Crackers
- Teddy Grams
- Goldfish Crackers
- Towels and blankets
No feather/fiberfill blankets or comforters



Valentine's Day Candygrams

Once again, we will be selling candy grams (a pink heart shaped piece of paper with room for a caring message along with a Charms Blow Pop) for just twenty five cents (25 ¢). Sales will be done right after the morning bell during the on Monday, Feb. 5, Tuesday Feb. 6, Wednesday, Feb. 7, and Thursday, Feb. 8.

All candygrams must be turned in by the end of the day on Thursday, February 8. Candy grams will be distributed on Wednesday, February 14th during the Valentine's Day parties. Thank you for supporting this annual event!

Your student can purchase candygrams in their homeroom, or you can print, cut out, and turn in the candygrams below to your student's homeroom teacher.

Happy Valentine's Day!

To: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

From: _____



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To: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

From: _____



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LOOKING AHEAD

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
				1	2 No School	3	
	<div>CHECK OUT THE ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION FOR INFO!</div>			ENRICHMENT CLUBS			
4	5 Candygram Sales Available for purchase	6 Candygram Sales Available for purchase	7 Candygram Sales Available for purchase PTO MEETING 6:30 pm Library	8 Candygram Sales Available for purchase	9 Candygram Sales Available for purchase Candygram messages due to Homeroom Teachers	10	
	STUDENT COUNCIL + DUNDEE KINDNESS CLUB HUMANE SOCIETY DONATION DRIVE						
	NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK						
	ENRICHMENT CLUBS						
11	12 HARDY COFFEE ORDER DELIVERY DAY After school	13	14     CLASSROOM VALENTINE'S PARTIES 2:30 p.m.	15	16	17 ROBOTICS * WARM UP * COMPETITION Dundee 8:30 a.m. 	
	<div>CHECK OUT THE ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION FOR INFO!</div>	STUDENT COUNCIL + DUNDEE KINDNESS CLUB HUMANE SOCIETY DONATION DRIVE					
	ENRICHMENT CLUBS						
18	19 No School	20	21	22	23	24 ROBOTICS TOURNAMENT North High School 8:30 a.m. 	
		<div>CHECK OUT THE COUNSELOR'S SECTION FOR INFO!</div>					
	STUDENT COUNCIL + DUNDEE KINDNESS CLUB HUMANE SOCIETY DONATION DRIVE						
25	26 PANERA NIGHT OUT 344 N Saddle Creek Rd. 4-8 p.m. 	<div>CHECK OUT THE ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION FOR INFO!</div>	28	29 STUDENT COUNCIL + KINDNESS CLUB LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS			
	STUDENT COUNCIL + DUNDEE KINDNESS CLUB HUMANE SOCIETY DONATION DRIVE						



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SCHOOL
COUNSELOR
ASSOCIATION



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COUNSELING WEEK**

SCHOOL COUNSELING: STANDARDS-BASED, STUDENT-FOCUSED

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Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

OAK VIEW MALL, ABLE ACE
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SOAR & EXPLORE

*Join us for exhibits, presentations and
hands-on activities!*

REAL AVIATION HARDWARE

Sail planes, parachutes, make and shoot paper rockets,
and Youth Plane Build RV-12

EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS

Iowa Western Community College, UNO, KU, MCC,
Burke High School and U.S. Military Academies and Recruiters

CONTESTS & COMPETITIONS

Paper airplane folding and flight competition and
youth art competition (noon - 2 p.m.)

AEROSPACE PARTNERS

Branched Oak Observatory, NASA-UNO/NASA-UNL,
KU Aerospace Engineering, Omaha Astronomical Society,
Quantum Electro Dynamics, The Heartland Organization of
Rocketry (THOR), Computer Rocket Design-UNL Extension

SNACKS & DRINKS

from Oak View Mall Food Court





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