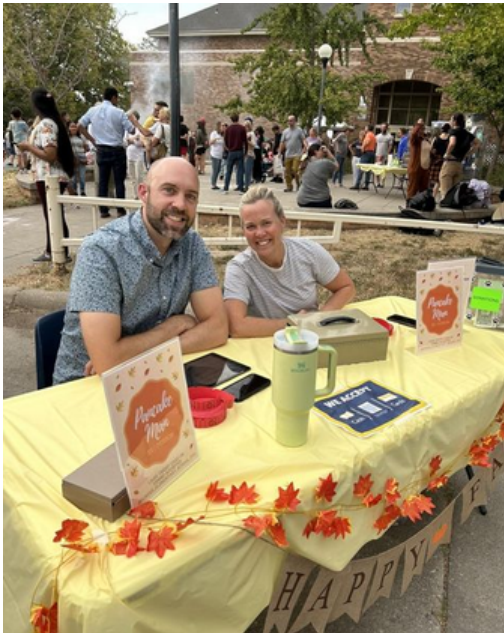


DUNDEE DISPATCH



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF DUNDEE ELEMENTARY
PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION



We had wonderful weather for a fun Fall Festival.

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Teacher grants were awarded. Mr. Nauj uses his interactive classroom screen every day!

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 5 - No School

Nov 6 - PTO Meeting 6:30pm

Nov 12 - Dine Out Night Chipotle

Nov 15 - Intermediate (grades 4, 5, 6) Vocal Music Showcase 9:30am or 2:30pm

Nov 25-29 - No School (Thanksgiving Break)

Dec 6 - End of Year PTO Social (Adults only) 6:30pm

See all upcoming events at
www.DundeePTO.org

GRATEFUL A NOTE FROM THE PTO PRESIDENTS



**SARA KUPZYK
JILL HEGGEN**

Join us in the library on Wednesday, November 6 at 6:30 pm for our next PTO meeting. Topics will include:

- Updates on past and upcoming PTO events.
- School updates from Ms. Kennedy.
- Gratefulness activities.

You can bring in items for the student council food drive! Free childcare is available in the cafeteria. If you have ideas for future speakers or information you would like to learn more about, please let us know.

We hope you can join us for our End of Year Social on Dec. 6 from 6:30-8:30pm. This will be an adults-only event at Arcade 33 (33rd and Leavenworth). Come play free arcade games like PacMan, Galaga, pinball. Enjoy some food and make connections with teachers and other parents and caregivers.



Updates

Dundee Direct Funds

We are very thankful for all the donations from families, businesses, and neighbors that support Dundee. Here are some of the ways the funds raised are already hard at work for teachers, students, and families:

- Teacher grants (check out the list of grants on p. 8)
- Fall Festival
- Scholarships for enrichment clubs
- Meals for teachers during conferences (Organized by Ashley Aubry!)
- Classroom Halloween parties

Fall Festival

What a great evening we had for the Fall Festival. It was fun to see so many families join for pancakes, photos, face painting, arts and crafts, cornhole, and dancing! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make it happen!

Book Fair

A special thank you to Megan Hepburn for leading the Book Fair and all the volunteers who signed up to help!

Are you interested in leading Teacher Appreciation Week?

We are looking for someone to lead organizing volunteers and activities during Teacher Appreciation Week, April 14-18.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

November Greetings!

As we turn the calendar page from October to November, and move from Halloween celebrations to Thanksgiving, I always think about how grateful I am to work for Omaha Public Schools and the wonderful people that make up the Dundee School community. As a school community, we have so many things to be thankful for. November is also National Gratitude Month. Having a grateful mind gives us a positive perspective and contributes to our overall happiness. I hope you join me with an “attitude of gratitude” this month. There is so much to be grateful for if we just learn to look for it.



Attendance Matters

We continue to monitor attendance and tardiness as part of our districtwide initiative, Attendance Matters. During the 1st quarter of school, our 5th graders had the top attendance percentage! It is so important for students to be on time and in school every day.

1st Quarter Students of Distinction

During the 1st Quarter of school, Dundee staff and students focused on the ‘Character Counts’ trait of RESPECT. Students showed their respect for other people by accepting their differences; believing that their ideas, thoughts, and feelings matter; treating them with kindness; and being courteous by using their manners.

Learning is a Journey that Never Ends

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to Students of Distinction

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent their class as a student of distinction in respect: Oliver Henningsen, Hasset Getachew, Caroline Krause, Olive Trease, Elijah Nwabugwu, Josie Torrez Kaweck, Ellis Meyer, Vivien Stephen, Stephanie Adams, Jack Tamisiea, Veronica Adams, Boston Kinman, Finn Grace, Aven English, Micole Granados, Isla Snedigar, McKinley Karpf, Harrison Lueth, Ellie McKibbin, Brielle Guinn, Mia Romero Medina, Zoe Montalvo, Joanie Johnson, Lenore Koehn, Stevie Cole, Divine Oga, Eugene Hillyer, Lily Dey, Rogan Lucas, Molly Bainbridge, Finn Thomas, Celeste Harvey, Malcolm Nickol, Lia Romero Medina, Niles Johnson, Khadijah Mancy, Cormic Cohoon, Jagvi Reddy Mukthapuram, Arabella Spielman, Leia Luellen, Aliyah Ahmed, and Minato Togo.

During the 2nd Quarter, we will be working on the character trait of RESPONSIBILITY.

Developing life skills such as respect and responsibility will help you feel good about yourself, build strong and caring relationships with others, and make your home, school, and community better! We look forward to partnering with you as we help our students learn how they can be responsible and then practice the skill.

Concert: "Songs of Water & Fire"

In closing, I hope you join us for the intermediate (grades 4, 5 and 6) vocal music showcase, "Songs of Water & Fire", on November 15. There will be two shows, one at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Look forward to seeing you soon!

With Care,
Ms. Kaye Kennedy



COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Hello Families,

There is so much to be thankful for this year! I am so very thankful to you, for trusting me with the social and emotional care of your scholars! I am hopeful that your students have been coming home and sharing the wonderful coping/calming/storm-stopping strategies that we have been working on in class, as well as bringing home knowledge on how to keep their minds and bodies safe, as we have just wrapped up Red Ribbon Week!

In November, I will be working through lessons with primary grades on Big Deal vs. Little Deal and how to solve problems on our own. With the Intermediate Grades, we will be focusing on conflict resolution, empathy, and problem-solving strategies.

We also have an exciting opportunity to help our community during the Holiday season. Our Student Council and Kindness Clubs are teaming up to help Heartland Hope Mission with a food drive starting November 4 and running until November 21. Please look for the bins located around the school and consider donating items to this wonderful organization.

On the following page are flyers regarding our food drive, as well as information on Holiday Assistance. Please feel free to email me (jennifer.storm@ops.org) to be placed on a list to receive any more information that I receive regarding Holiday Assistance.

Thank you for all you do to support the Comprehensive School Counseling program at Dundee. I am thankful for all of you!

Jenny Storm
Jennifer.storm@ops.org





COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Dundee Elementary Nov 1 - Dec 3

Heartland Hope MISSION

DONATE

- canned corn
- mac & cheese
- canned fruit
- pasta
- pasta sauce
- cereal

FOOD DRIVE

HEARTLANDHOPEMISSION.ORG



Eligibility requirements include but are not limited to:

- Photo ID
- Must meet Health & Human Services poverty guidelines
- Any official document verifying birthdates for everyone in the household
- Address verification (dated within the last 30 days)
- Children served by this program can be no older than 15 years of age

Christmas assistance is available to the community as follows:

- Gifts and a food voucher are available to families with kids ages 15 and younger
- Gifts and a food voucher are available to seniors (60+ years of age)
- Food vouchers are available for families with children 16 years of age and older
- Food vouchers are available for adults without children

STARTING NOVEMBER 1: IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 402-898-6031.



If you have any gently used Halloween costumes you would like to donate to the school, please bring them to Ms. Storm or Ms. Huff's office.

YOU MUST SIGN UP AT THE LOCATION THAT MATCHES YOUR ZIP CODE.
PLEASE FIND YOUR ZIP CODE BELOW FOR YOUR SPECIFIC DATES AND LOCATION

SIGN UP LOCATION

Omaha Citadel - 3738 Cuming St.

Monday, October 28 (9-12 & 1-4)

Tuesday, October 29 (9-1 & 2-6)

Wednesday, October 30 (9 - 12)

ZIP CODE

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SIGN UP LOCATION

Omaha Kroc - 2825 Y St.

Thursday, October 31 (9-12 & 1-4)

Friday, November 1 (9-12 & 1-4)

Saturday, November 2 (9 - 12)

ZIP CODE

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Open Door Mission
Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness and Poverty
Safe Shelter | Feeding the Hungry | Homeless Prevention | Life Changing Programs

Holiday Assistance Programs



Turkey 'N' Fixin's

November 1-27
Tuesdays—Saturdays

*Timberlake Outreach Center (2107 E Locust St, Omaha, NE 68110) and Council Bluffs Outreach Center (1612 Avenue D, Council Bluffs, IA 51501) *on days they are open**

Community members can receive a turkey OR a ham along with other traditional Thanksgiving-specific foods as part of their once a month shopping time.

Please note: we can only give one turkey OR one ham PER address. You will need to have a current piece of mail.

Project Santa

There are 2 parts to this program: how to sign up for the program, and how to shop for toys.

Sign Up: December 1-21
Tuesdays—Saturdays

*Timberlake Outreach Center (2107 E Locust St, Omaha, NE 68110) and Council Bluffs Outreach Center (1612 Avenue D, Council Bluffs, IA 51501) *on days they are open**

Community members can sign up their **children aged 0-12 years old** to receive new toys for Christmas. This should be done during your one a month shopping time. Please note that each child can only be signed up ONCE for this program:

Please bring: Your ID, a current piece of mail, Social Security cards for each child (ages 0-12) that you want to sign up to receive gifts, and a document verifying the children's ages (ex: birth certificate or Medicaid card)

Shop for Toys: December 17-21
10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

You will receive a confirmation sheet during sign up with an appointment day and time to come and shop. Bring that sheet to shop for toys. Children **CANNOT** be present during toy shopping.

The wait time at our Outreach Centers may be longer due to our Holiday Assistance Programs, especially in the mornings. Please try visiting in the afternoon.

DUNDEE DIRECT TEACHER GRANTS

Dundee Direct funds are hard at work. Funding was provided for 16 grants for teachers and staff.

Caroline Darling: Structured Literacy, headphones, Science and Social Studies supplements

Megan Solomon: Whole/small group math activities, books that will complement structured literacy

Sarah B. Haynes: Maker space center where kids can explore art materials

Kari Haith: Social skills, language, articulation, and fluency skills

Abi Klein: Turn and learn gears for moving things science standard

Becky Conley: Resources for novel unit study/Cheers for Peers prizes

Michelle Novak: Gluten-free PlayDoh/ STEM activities

Shari Smith: Classroom Screen, Kahoot and Quizlet subscriptions

Meg Rutledge: Classroom Screen/Moveable whiteboard, large letters, large digital clock

Cindy Huff: Multicultural Puppets for social emotional lessons



Bob Naujokaitis: Math enrichment: Gimkit/Blooket/Breakout EDU, Classroom Screen

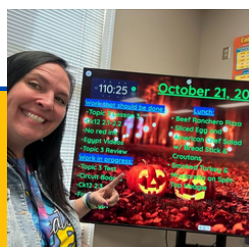
Kristin Rager: Quizziz for fact fluency, Midwest Region activity stations

Raquel Caldwell: Mini flashlights for science investigations

Michelle Meyer: Classroom Screen Pro to engage students/incentive for author's chair, etc.

Tonya Sandoval: Classroom Screen, writing activities, SS Projects, Time for Kids

Sara Tingelhoff: Sensory paths in hallways for emotional support







THANK YOU, DUNDEE DIRECT BUSINESS SPONSORS



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NOVEMBER

2024

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10	11	12 Chipotle Dine-Out Night	13	14	15  Vocal Music Showcase Grades 4-6 9:30am or 2:30pm	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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