

DUNDEE DISPATCH



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF DUNDEE ELEMENTARY
PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION



TJ shaved his beard for meeting our
Dundee Direct goal!

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Intermediate students presented their music
showcase "Songs of Water and Fire."

IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec 6** - End of Year PTO Social (Adults only)
6:30-8:30 pm
- Dec 6, 13, 19** - Holiday Shops 3:30-4:30 pm
- Dec 19** - Kindergarten Gingerbread House
Decorating with Family 2:30 pm
- Dec 20** - Winter break begins
- Jan 6** - First day back to school
- Jan 8** - PTO Meeting at 6:30 pm

See all upcoming events at
www.DundeePTO.org



NOTES FROM THE PTO PRESIDENTS



**SARA KUPZYK
JILL HEGGEN**

End of Year Social

Join us for the End of Year Adults-Only Social. Come play free arcade games like PacMan, Galaga, and pinball. Enjoy food and make connections with teachers and other parents and caregivers,

- Date: Fri, Dec. 6
- Time: 6:30-8:30 pm
- Location: Arcade 33 (33rd and Leavenworth)

Holiday Shops, Card Making for Seniors, Bake Sale

Stop in to shop for Dundee merchandise. While you are there, get creative and make a card for us to spread joy to seniors in the community!

- Location: Inside the front entrance of the school
- Time: 3:30-4:30 pm
- Dates: Friday, Dec 6, Friday, Dec 13, Thursday, Dec 19



Bonus Dec 19! Purchase an extra treat from the bake sale.

If you or your student love baking and would like to contribute items for the sale, please sign up using the link below and bring the items to the school on Wed Dec 18 after school or Thurs Dec 19 in the morning. Contact Megan Hepburn with any questions at MeganLHepburn@gmail.com. You can sign up to contribute here:

[Bake Sale SignUpGenius](#)

Thank you Kelly Kelly, Jaymie Aliano and Megan Hepburn for leading the shops!

Teacher and Staff Wish Lists

Dundee Elementary has the best teachers and staff! If you're looking for something special for your child's teacher this winter, check out the website below to see what items they like to use in their rooms as well as lists of their favorites things! Shout out to Abbey Johnson for coordinating!

[Wish Lists Website](#)

January Meeting to Feature Middle School Parent Panel

The next PTO meeting on Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 pm will feature current parents of middle school students at Lewis and Clark, McMillan and King Science. They will share their insights about the transition from elementary to middle school, what they wish they knew before and what's worked for their students.

Teacher Appreciation Week Chair Needed

We are looking for someone to lead organizing volunteers and activities during Teacher Appreciation Week, April 14-18. Send us an email if you are interested: DundeePTO@gmail.com

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

The holiday season is here. On behalf of our entire staff, we hope you find gratitude and joy in the simple moments you share with family and friends. We are blessed to be part of a wonderful school community and look forward to celebrating a happy and healthy new year with you and your children, who bring us endless smiles each day.



Kindergarten Roundup

If you have a child, or know of someone in the Dundee area who has a child who will turn 5 by July 31, 2025, please contact our office so we can add them to our list. Online enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year opens on Dec. 18.

Families can go to our district website www.ops.org, click on the Students & Families drop-down menu at the top, and go to "Enroll My Child" to access the enrollment link. If you need assistance, staff will be available at Dundee from 2:00-5:00 pm on Jan. 23. *Visitation and information day for new kindergartners and parents will be held on March 28 from 1:00-2:15 pm.*

School Selection Process for Dundee 6th Graders

The school selection process begins in January for our 6th graders. Parents or guardians of Dundee 6th graders will receive an email with a link to complete their school selection for the following school year and may apply to attend non-neighborhood schools. See page 4 for info on Middle School Open Houses.

Please don't hesitate to call us at 531-299-1340 if you have any questions. We are happy to help.

With much care,
Kaye Kennedy
Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Beveridge Middle: Thursday, Jan. 23, 5:30-7:00 pm

Bluestem Middle: Tuesday, Jan. 14, 5:30-7:00 pm

Bryan Middle: Thursday, Jan. 23, 6:00-7:30 pm

Buffett Middle: Thursday, Jan. 16, 6:00-7:30 pm

Davis Middle: Thursday, Jan. 16, 6:00-7:30 pm

Hale Middle: Tuesday, Jan. 7, 6:00-7:30 pm

King Science & Technology Middle: Tuesday, Jan. 14, 5:30-7:00 pm

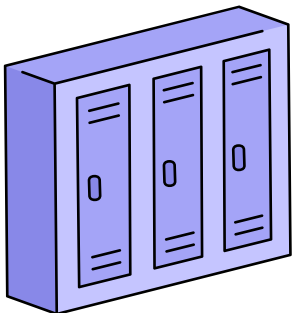
Lewis & Clark Middle: Tuesday, Jan. 21, 6:00-7:30 pm

Marrs Middle: Thursday, Jan. 9, 6:00-7:30 pm

McMillan Middle: Thursday, Jan. 9, 6:00-7:30 pm

Monroe Middle: Tuesday, Jan. 21, 5:30-7:00 pm

Norris Middle: Tuesday, Jan. 7, 6:00-7:30 pm





COUNSELOR'S CORNER

I hope everyone is staying warm and cozy while preparing for some extra family time over winter break. I want to thank everyone who donated to our food drive for the Heartland Hope Mission. I can't wait to hear about the impact Dundee was able to make for families around the Omaha area. Your generosity is appreciated both by the Student Council and the Kindness Club.

December's primary (k-3) counseling focus is on solving our own small problems by using the "Kelso's Wheel." This wheel is made up of 9 different options we can use to solve our own small problems. We will be practicing using these choices, so please encourage your students to use the wheel at home when small problems arise.



December's intermediate (4-5) counseling focus is on empathy and perspective. I hope to help our scholars develop the ability to see things from different angles and understand people may have different thoughts, feelings, and experiences.






December 6th grade lessons are dissecting our personality types using the Meyers Briggs 16 personality quiz. This test will help us understand our own communication styles, how we could be perceived by others, and we will use our personality types to help us in our college and career readiness focus second semester.

Thank you for supporting the Dundee School Counseling program. I'm proud to be a part of your community and your children's social and emotional growth. Have a wonderful holiday season!

Jenny Storm, School Counselor



DECEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6 Holiday Shop + End of Year Social	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Holiday Shop 	14
15	16	17	18 	19 Kindergarten Gingerbread Houses Holiday Shop and Bake Sale	20 Winter Break Begins- No School	21 
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DUNDEE PTO
PRESENTS

END OF YEAR SOCIAL



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6
6:30 - 8:30 PM

ARCADE 33
3301 LEAVENWORTH ST

FREE FOOD, DRINK TICKETS & FUN!
ADULTS ONLY



SUPPORT THE
DUNDEE PTO!

DUNDEE ELEMENTARY HOLIDAY MERCH SHOP!

WHEN: FRIDAY DEC. 6 & 13 AND THURS. DEC. 19
3:30 – 4:30 P.M.

WHERE: INSIDE THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF SCHOOL



**SPREAD
KINDNESS**
MAKE A CARD
FOR A SENIOR



**THURSDAY
DEC 19**
BAKE
SALE



Omaha Public Schools Swimming Lessons - Winter 2025

Registration Date: Saturday, December 14th, 2024

Time: 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Fees: \$25.00 for all 10 lessons. Registration limit of five students per person. Cash, check or credit cards accepted.

Locations: Sign up at the school where you wish to participate. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis.

Lesson Dates: January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8, 2025.

Swim Locations and Course Schedule

Bryan Middle		
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Level 6	
9:05 - 9:55 a.m.	Level 4 & 5	
10:00 - 10:40 a.m.	Level 1 & 2	
10:45 - 11:15 a.m.	Preschool Aquatics Age 4-5	
11:20 - 12:00 p.m.	Level 1 & 2	
12:05 - 12:35 p.m.	Preschool Aquatics Age 4-5	
12:40 - 1:20 p.m.	Level 1 & 2	
1:25 - 2:05 p.m.	Level 1 & 2	
2:10 - 2:50 p.m.	Level 3	
Norris Middle		
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Level 5 & 6	
9:05 - 9:45 a.m.	Level 4 & 5	
9:50 - 10:30 a.m.	Level 3	
10:40 - 11:20 a.m.	Level 1 & 2	
11:25 - 11:55 a.m.	Preschool Aquatics Age 4-5	
12:00 - 12:40 p.m.	Level 1 & 2	
12:50 - 1:30 p.m.	Level 3	
1:35 - 2:15 p.m.	Level 1 & 2	
2:20 - 2:50 p.m.	Preschool Aquatics Age 4-5	
3:00 - 3:40 p.m.	Level 1 & 2	
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.	Family Swim	
McMillan Middle		
9:00 - 9:50 a.m.	Level 5 & 6	
9:55 - 10:45 a.m.	Level 4	
10:50 - 11:30 a.m.	Level 3	
11:35 - 12:15 p.m.	Level 1 & 2	
12:20 - 1:00 p.m.	Level 1 & 2	
1:05 - 1:55 p.m.	Level 1 & 2	
2:00 - 2:45 p.m.	Level 3	
3:00 - 3:25 p.m.	Preschool Aquatics Age 4-5	
3:30 - 3:55 p.m.	Preschool Aquatics Age 4-5	
4:00 - 4:40 p.m.	Level 1 & 2	
4:45 - 5:10 p.m.	Parent & Child Swim Class	
5:15 - 5:35 p.m.	Family Swim	

School Locations and Phone Numbers

Bryan Middle	8210 S. 42nd St.	531-299-2300
McMillan Middle	3802 Redick Ave.	531-299-2440
Norris Middle	2235 S. 46th St.	531-299-2500

*A \$5.00 processing fee will be charged for refunds (with proof of registration). Registration limit of 5 per session.
Registration may start prior to 8:00 a.m. if lines have formed. A class may be canceled if registration is low.
Swim Instructors will make every attempt to make up classes due to pool maintenance.

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Escuelas Públicas de Omaha Clases de Natación - Invierno 2025

Fecha de inscripción: sábado, 14 de diciembre de 2024

Hora: 8:00 AM a 10:00 AM

Costo: \$25.00 por las 10 lecciones. Límite de inscripción de cinco alumnos por persona. **Solo se acepta efectivo o cheque.

Lugar: Regístrese en la escuela donde desea participar. El registro se realiza por orden de llegada.

Fechas de las lecciones: 4, 11, 18, 25 de enero, 1, 8, 15, 22 de febrero, 1 y 8 de marzo de 2025.

Lugar y horario de las clases de natación

Escuela Secundaria Bryan		
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Nivel 6	
9:05 - 9:55 a.m.	Nivel 4 y 5	
10:00 - 10:40 a.m.	Nivel 1 y 2	
10:45 - 11:15 a.m.	Preescolar	
11:20 - 12:00 p.m.	Académico/edades 4-5	
12:05 - 12:35 p.m.	Preescolar	
12:40 - 1:20 p.m.	Académico/edades 4-5	
1:25 - 2:05 p.m.	Nivel 1 y 2	
2:10 - 2:50 p.m.	Nivel 3	
Escuela Secundaria McMillan		
9:00 - 9:50 a.m.	Nivel 5 y 6	
9:55 - 10:45 a.m.	Nivel 4	
10:50 - 11:30 a.m.	Nivel 3	
11:35 - 12:15 p.m.	Nivel 1 y 2	
12:20 - 1:00 p.m.	Nivel 1 y 2	
1:05 - 1:55 p.m.	Nivel 1 y 2	
2:00 - 2:45 p.m.	Nivel 3	
3:00 - 3:25 p.m.	Preescolar	
3:30 - 3:55 p.m.	Académico/edades 4-5	
4:00 - 4:40 p.m.	Preescolar	
4:45 - 5:10 p.m.	Académico/edades 4-5	
5:15 - 5:35 p.m.	Nivel 1 y 2	
	Natación para padres e hijos	
	Natación familiar	
Escuela Secundaria Norris		
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Nivel 5 y 6	
9:05 - 9:45 a.m.	Nivel 4 y 5	
9:50 - 10:30 a.m.	Nivel 3	
10:40 - 11:20 a.m.	Nivel 1 y 2	
11:25 - 11:55 a.m.	Preescolar	
12:00 - 12:40 p.m.	Académico/edades 4-5	
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2:20 - 2:50 p.m.	Preescolar	
3:00 - 3:40 p.m.	Académico/edades 4-5	
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.	Nivel 1 y 2	
	Natación familiar	

Dirección de las escuelas y números de teléfono

Escuela Secundaria Bryan	8210 S. 42nd St.	531-299-2300
Escuela Secundaria McMillan	3802 Redick Ave.	531-299-2440
Escuela Secundaria Norris	2235 S. 46th St.	531-299-2500

*Se cobrará una cuota de procesamiento de \$5.00 por reembolsos (con comprobante de registro). Límite de inscripción de 5 estudiantes por persona. Las registraciones pueden comenzar antes de las 8 a.m. si se ha formado una fila de espera. Se puede cancelar una clase si hay pocos estudiantes. Los instructores de natación harán todo lo posible para recuperar las clases perdidas debido al mantenimiento de la piscina.

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swimming lessons



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