

# Dundee Dispatch

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## A Message from the Principal

December Greetings!

The holiday season is upon us, and on behalf of the entire staff at Dundee, we hope this year's season fills you up with the things that mean the most to you and energizes you for a happy and healthy new year. We can easily get caught up in the hectic pace of day-to-day activities and we forget to stop and reflect on the important things in life. We are so fortunate to have wonderful families, great friends, and good health to celebrate this season.

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## **A Message from the Principal continued**

Along with the holidays, December also seems to bring with it the 'cold and flu' season. If your child needs to stay home because they are ill, please call the school to let us know. The school voicemail is available before and after school so you can leave a message early in the morning or late at night. One final reminder: your child should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Dundee will hold its Kindergarten Roundup for the 24-25 school year, on January 18th at 5:00 p.m. in the library. If you have a child, or know of someone in the Dundee area who has a child, who will turn 5 by July 31, 2024, please contact the school office so we can get them on our list. 531-299-1340.

**KINDERGARTEN  
ROUNDUP**

January 18th, 2024  
5PM



## Presidents' Article

Hello Dundee Families!

As the year draws to a close, our December PTO newsletter is here to wrap up 2023 with updates, highlights, and exciting happenings within our school community.

We are continuing the tradition of holding a December PTO Happy Hour Social in place of a December Meeting and we hope to see you at Site-1 Brewing on December 6th from 6-8 p.m.! At this PTO-sponsored event we will have appetizers, beverages, and fun mingling to celebrate the year, our staff, and volunteers! And there's a twist!

You can come as you are or choose to get into the festive groove and spread cheer with our Holiday Festive Dressed Contest! For those that want to embrace the holiday spirit and dazzle in their favorite festive attire, we welcome you to show off your most festive style for a CHANCE TO WIN A PIZZA PARTY for the classroom of your choice! Be sure to check out the flyer in the Dispatch for more information!

As this is the season of giving and spreading cheer, we encourage you to look at the PTO website Teachers' Wish Lists. Our dedicated teachers and staff are the heart and soul of our amazing school and have lists with tools and resources that enhance the learning experience for our students. Anything you can contribute will support their passion for education and enrich your child's learning experience to help make spirits and minds bright in each of their classrooms. Scan the QR code on the flyer in the Dispatch to access their wish lists and favorite things. Thank you to Abbey Johnson for your hard work on putting the Teachers' Wish Lists together!

We will also be bringing back the Dundee Holiday Shop on Fridays during December at the school store. We have new merch rolling in that will be sure to delight Wildcats of all ages – even our future Wildcats with toddler sizes now in!

Speaking of our younger Wildcats-to-be... Dundee will hold Kindergarten Roundup for the 2024-2025 school year on January 18th at 5:00 p.m. in the school library. If you have a child or know someone in the Dundee area who has a child, who will turn 5 by July 31, 2024, please contact the school office. Our amazing Co-Vice Presidents, Sara Kupzyk and Jill Heggen, will be at the Roundup to talk about the great things the PTO does to support our community.

Every other year, the PTO helps support a rotation of a Dundee Talent Show and Dundee Science Fair – and this is our year to bring back the Dundee Science Fair after a few years' hiatus. We are looking for someone who is enthusiastic about science, education, and fostering young minds to Chair or Co-Chair the event. This is a fantastic opportunity to make a lasting impact on the future of our students and our community!



Let's make this year's science fair an unforgettable experience for our students and inspire our scientists of tomorrow! If you are ready to take on this exciting role and contribute to the success of our science fair, please send an email to DundeePTO@gmail.com.

And we can't forget about the Dundee Yearbook. Please email dundeeyearbook@gmail.com with pics from events, classroom parties, field trips, and more - we'd love for you to submit them to our yearbook!

The Dundee Direct funds are being put to good use, with the purchase of new replacement walkie talkies for teachers and staff and new bike racks underway, and we've all seen the new shade structure go up just before the cold set in. We look forward to sharing more updates with you on how funds are being used in the months to come.

Stay warm and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, December 6th at the social to celebrate our amazing community!

TJ Weiss and Kelly Kelly

### 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





# Join us for the PTO Social !

DECEMBER 6, 2023

A SOCIAL HOUR, WITH A TWIST !

DECEMBER  
6

**PTO SOCIAL  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6  
6:00 - 8:00 PM**



**Join us for the Dundee PTO Adult Social at  
Site-1 Brewing December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm!**

This is a PTO-sponsored event and the PTO will provide appetizers, beverages, and fun mingling to celebrate the year, our staff, and volunteers!

**WHERE:** 2566 Farnam St Omaha NE 68131

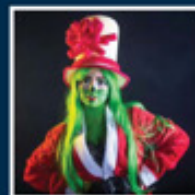
**WHAT TO BRING:** Your holiday spirit!

**WHAT TO WEAR:** Anything festive or comfortable ... see below for the *twist!*

**WHAT NOT TO BRING:** Your kids, this is an adults only event

## ***The Twist ...***

Get into the festive groove and spread cheer with our **HOLIDAY FESTIVE DRESSED CONTEST!** For those that want to embrace the holiday spirit and dazzle in their favorite festive attire, we welcome you to show off your most festive style for a **CHANCE TO WIN A PIZZA PARTY** for the classroom of your choice!







'Tis the Season to show our teachers we care...  
whether that's a homemade card, or a gift you'd  
like to share!

If you're looking for ideas, please scan the below  
QR code with your smart phone camera to find  
this year's teacher wish lists!



<https://dundeeperto.membershiptoolkit.com/story/303371>

# Thank you

for your  
generous support  
of Dundee Direct!

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# Counselor's Corner



Hello families!

I always get so excited for this season as I am able to watch and hear about the families of Dundee celebrate such a wide range of Holidays. With that being said, I wish you all the most warm and joyful Winter Holiday season from my family to yours!

This month, primary students will be working on knowing what is a big deal vs. a little deal, and learning how to be problem solvers on their own.

Intermediate students are discussing body language, non-verbal communication,













and 6th grade students will be coming home with some important dates for Middle School preparation. Please ask your 6th grader for Open house dates towards the end of next week. Thank you for supporting the School Counseling program at Dundee.

Jenny Storm  
Dundee School Counselor



# December

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31 Winter recess 					1	2
3	4	5	6 PTO Social Site-1 Brewing 6-8pm	7	8	9
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# DUNDEE HOLIDAY SHOP

DATES BELOW - STARTING 3:30PM IN THE SCHOOL STORE



## HOLIDAY SHOP

### DATES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21



**THE HOLIDAY SHOP WILL OPEN  
AT 3:30 IN THE SCHOOL ENTRY  
FOR PARENTS TO SHOP ...**

Celebrate our Wildcat pride with Dundee Gear!  
Shop new and favorite designs in adult and kids  
sizes and get your holiday shopping done before  
the winter break!

**Toddler,  
Youth,  
and Adult sizes !**

**+ Bonus New Merchandise!**



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