



## A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

I'm ready for springs arrival and winters departure! Spring seems to be the human version of **optimism** as the dark days and long nights of winter are replaced with the sights and sounds of springs new growth!

Growth also comes in the form of Parent/Teacher conferences this month. We look forward to seeing you at our **3rd Quarter conferences on March 23 and March 27.**

Conferences are a great time to discuss your child's growth. Our goal is ALWAYS to visit with 100% of our families! Conference times will be the same as the October conferences. Watch for a reminder coming home from your child's teacher.



**Got Talent??** Mrs. Fisher, our vocal music teacher, will begin planning and organizing the Dundee Talent Show when we return from spring break. She could use a few good volunteers to assist with this endeavor. If you are interested, please email her at [kristin.fisher@ops.org](mailto:kristin.fisher@ops.org).

**CPR** - Did you know that over 70% of cardiac events happen in the home? Sadly, only 35-45% of people who suffer a cardiac event outside of the hospital receive life-saving CPR. The life you save with CPR is likely to be a family member or friend. Learn Hands-Only CPR in a free 1-hour session on Saturday, April 1. The class is held at St. Pius X Parish Center, 6900 Blondo Street. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AAC62CA0F5CF8-free>

### Congratulations to 2nd Quarter Students of Distinction

During the 2nd Quarter, Dundee staff and students focused on the character trait of being responsible. Students showed they were being responsible by making good decisions about what they say and do AND being accountable for their actions. Congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent their class as the Student of Distinction in the area of Responsibility.


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|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| ▪ Miriam Brown     | ▪ Lily Mirmiran   | ▪ Jamilia Jackson | ▪ Everly Hanna      | ▪ Mara Jones      |
| ▪ Sienna Burghardt | ▪ Daniel Mirmiran | ▪ July Luan       | ▪ Ruby Montoya      | ▪ Sullivan Bakhit |
| ▪ Anna Dickerson   | ▪ Parker Cohen    | ▪ River Lucas     | ▪ Oliver Bakhit     | ▪ Ryce Brown      |
| ▪ Lyla Wulf        | ▪ Rainer Cook     | ▪ Emerson Powley  | ▪ Car'Von Daniels   | ▪ Rennie Trease   |
| ▪ Alia Abdessalam  | ▪ Fiona Cox       | ▪ Clare Fay       | ▪ Annie Cramer      | ▪ Eli Ingraham    |
| ▪ Maura Fay        | ▪ Callum Walker   | ▪ Ellis Meyer     | ▪ Julie Thielen     | ▪ Valjean Glasser |
| ▪ Madeline Wilson  | ▪ Kiery Bradley   | ▪ Robert Nelson   | ▪ Sohpy Silverstein |                   |
| ▪ Maddox Cohen     | ▪ Clayton Garcia  | ▪ Theo Cook       | ▪ Elliot Kupzyk     |                   |
| ▪ Lauren Shedivy   | ▪ Maiya Nilges    | ▪ Gus Wilson      | ▪ Lenore Koehn      |                   |

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Thanks for all of your support as together we make Dundee a **GREAT** place kids.

With much care,

Ms. Kaye Kennedy  
School Principal  
Dundee Elementary

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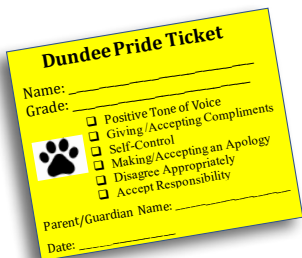


This year, Dundee is continuing to implement a district initiative called MTSS-B. This is a multi-tier system of support for behavior. MTSS-B encourages adults to use positive interactions to help promote appropriate behaviors. Students are taught how to manage their behavior by clear and student-friendly expectations. Students learn and review expectations for every part of our school such as the classroom, hallway, stairway, restroom, cafeteria, and playground. Each area of the building has a poster displayed with the expectations for that area so students and staff can easily refer to it and expectations are explicitly taught, practiced, and reviewed throughout the year. **We refer to four main expectations that students know well:**

**Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, and Be Kind.**

To reinforce positive behavior, teachers pass out Dundee Pride Tickets. These tickets let the individual student know that he or she was following the expectations as taught and also gives other students the opportunity to know what behaviors are expected and how to receive positive reinforcement.

Students get to earn rewards individually and as a class for their pride tickets. Students also have the opportunity to enter bi-weekly raffles for special activities with Dundee teachers. Be sure to ask your child what they can earn in their classroom with their pride tickets and if they have been drawn for an activity already this year!



**Below is a way for you to get involved with our Pride Ticket system at home.** We have been working on specific focus skills every two to three weeks here at school. The teachers introduce the skill on Monday and then the students practice for the next two weeks. Staff members give pride tickets to students they see using the skill.

We would love to have your involvement at home as well. If you see your child using one of the skills below, write them out a pride ticket using one of the tickets on the next page. You can also write the reason your child earned the ticket on the back. Your child can bring these tickets back to school to turn into their teacher. Please take time to ask your child what he/she has earned pride tickets for at school so far! If you need a paper copy of the pride tickets, let us know and we will send one home with your student.

Below are the focus skills that we have been working on so far. Be sure to ask your child what they have learned about each skill and how they use it at school and how they can use it at home. Thank you for supporting your children and reinforcing school expectations at home!

**Giving and Accepting a Compliment**

**Giving and Accepting an Apology**

**Showing Kindness to Others**

**Positive Tone of Voice**

**Disagreeing Respectfully with Someone Else**

**Using Self-Control**

**Accepting Responsibility, Consequences, & Criticism Appropriately**



# FOCUS SKILLS PRIDE TICKETS FOR THE HOME

## Dundee Home Pride Ticket

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_



- Positive Tone of Voice
- Giving /Accepting Compliments
- Self-Control
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**WILDCATS**

**PRESIDENTS ARTICLE**

Welcome back!

In like a lamb? With March comes spring and warmer, sunnier days ahead (hopefully!). It also is a busy month for Dundee families and teachers, with conferences, book fair, and donuts with grownups all coming after spring break.

PTO needs your help. We would like to get a jump start to have a strong team in place for the 23-24 school year. First off, we need to have somebody serve as Vice-president. This can actually be one or two people to serve this role; in the past we've had couples, friends or even family members take up this commitment. It is a three year obligation; after a year as vice president, you would transition to be President and then in the final year, serve as Past President(s). This structure gives continuity to PTO and also spreads out the duties of running PTO.

Also, we need various committee chairs for next year; this is a more focused commitment in a certain area, that really helps make PTO sponsored activities the great events they are.

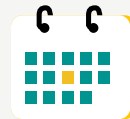
If you want to learn more about these opportunities to get involved, feel free to email us at [dundeeppto@gmail.com](mailto:dundeeppto@gmail.com).

So Yun and Mike Grace



**A MESSAGE FROM YOUR 2022 - 2023 DUNDEE ELEMENTARY PTO PRESIDENTS**  
So Yun and Mike Grace

**PTO UPDATES**



**PTO MEETING**  
March 8th at 6:30 p.m.



**SCHOOL LIBRARY**

- Special Guest Speaker to present on Social Emotional Learning and our kids mental health
- Upcoming spring PTO and school plans
- Open 2023-2024 PTO Executive Team positions
- Call for 2023-2024 Committee Chairs



Free childcare is provided in the lunchroom.

**2023 YEARBOOK ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 31st!**



**IT'S TIME TO ORDER YEARBOOKS!**  
or visit:

<https://shop.yearbookmarket.com/dundeeelementaryomaha>

## Counselor's Corner

*Hello Dundee Families,*

*I have had the most fun month teaching and growing with your students.*

*In the primary grades, we have been focusing on concepts such as Big vs. Little problems as well as how to solve them on their own without having to involve an adult. Some of your kids may have come home singing songs about the 🎵 "Kelso Wheel of Choices" 🎵.*



*You can access these Kelso Wheel songs on youtube by searching "Kelso Wheel Songs"(be prepared to sing along).*

*In the intermediate grades we have been working on strategies to defeat bullying as well as discussing protecting yourself from being the victim and how to be an upstander while still being **Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Kind.***

*In March, we will dive deeper into friendships, kindness and continue focusing on problem solving. I hope you are as excited as I am to welcome in the beautiful weather that Spring has to offer. I encourage you to create mindful moments with your kiddos outside while taking in the air and wonderment of all things fresh and new!*

Jenny Storm (Cooper)  
PROUD School Counselor  
Dundee Elementary School

If you would like to visit or have me visit with any of your children, the best way to reach me is through email.

My email address is [Jennifer.Cooper@ops.org](mailto:Jennifer.Cooper@ops.org) (531) 299-5017



***" Spring's greatest joy beyond a doubt  
Is when it brings the children out "***

***-- Poet Edgar Guest,  
wrote in his book of poems, A Heap O' Livin***



# LOOKING AHEAD

## MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Don & Millie's Night 4430 Farnam Street 4-8 pm PTO MEETING 6:30 pm   Library	9	10	11
12	13 No School	14 No School	15 No School	16 No School	17 No School	18
19	20 FOURTH QUARTER BEGINS	21	22	23 Spring Conferences Book Fair	24	25
26	27 Book Fair	28 Donuts With Grown-Ups Dundee Library Before School CHECK OUT THE BOOK FAIR & ENJOY A DONUT	29	30 No School	31 No School DEADLINE FOR YEARBOOK ORDERS Order Online Here	



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**You can still give!** Donations are always welcome. There are also many other ways to support Dundee- check the PTO website for future opportunities! [www.dundeeppto.org](http://www.dundeeppto.org)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## EDUCATION HEROS NOMINATIONS OPEN MARCH 1

*Cox, in partnership with with NFM, is launching Education Heroes for their third year.*

*Twenty-five (25) selected winners will be featured online and will receive a prize package consisting of a \$500 gift card to NFM and an Education Heroes t-shirt.*

*Nominations will be accepted Wednesday, March 1 through Friday, March 31, 2023.*

### **DUNDEE FAMILIES:**

*Nominate your Education Hero here: <https://www.coxeducationheroes.com/>*

Parents, students, other teaching staff...anyone can nominate! And it's not just nominating teachers... All support staff can be nominated as well - Resource staff, nutrition, counselors, security, and custodial!

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