

DUNDEE DISPATCH

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A Message from the Principal

Happy Spring!

Field trips, picnics, talent show, recognition programs, sporting events, field day, spring carnival... the list of fun activities in May goes on and on and on! It's hard to believe we only have 20 days left of school. I hope you can join us for many of the events planned this month.

Staff Appreciation Week

At Dundee, we celebrate **ALL** of our staff during the first part of May. Each year we are blessed to have parents, students, and our wonderful PTO to help us celebrate **Staff Appreciation Week**. The special notes and daily surprises are enjoyed by **ALL** as we are reminded how lucky it is to be a part of Dundee and the thoughtful, caring atmosphere that has been created here. **THANK YOU ALL** for partnering with us to create that environment.



6th Grade

May also brings a close to our 6th grade students' elementary education. We wish them the very best as they move on to middle school and will look forward to hearing the **GREAT** things they will do through-out their education!

Looking Ahead

Information about the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year will be mailed to all Dundee student households in early August. If your address has or will change, please let us know. We want to make sure everyone gets the information.

2023-2024 Back to School Night

Our back-to-school celebration will be on Monday, August 14th, and the first day of school will be August 16th.

On behalf of the entire Dundee Staff, **THANK YOU** for sharing your children with us! We appreciate all the time, effort, and support that you give to Dundee.

With much care,

Ms. Kaye Kennedy
School Principal
Dundee Elementary



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Thomas Hunter Memorial Scholarship Winners Announced

The Dundee PTO is proud to announce the three winners of this year's Thomas Hunter Memorial Scholarship. The \$500 scholarships are awarded annually to three Dundee Elementary alumni in memory of former Dundee student, Thomas Hunter. The winners are selected based on their achievements in academics, involvement in school and community, and leadership qualities.

This year, the scholarships are awarded to Nayera Abdessalam, Owen Moeller, and Morgan Melvin. Each recipient's application showed their excellence in academics, leadership through school and extracurricular activities, and wonderful memories of their times at Dundee Elementary.



**NAYERA
ABDESSALAM**



**OWEN
MOELLER**



**MORGAN
MELVIN**

The scholarship committee wants to congratulate and thank all the applicants. The decision was incredibly difficult since so many Dundee students are doing such wonderful work in high school. We know they'll continue to wow the world in their post-high school lives as well. **Best of luck to all our former Wildcats!**

Student Dress

As the weather warms up, it's a perfect time to remind all that Dundee is a climate controlled building and rooms are cool. Students are allowed to wear shorts providing they are not short-shorts ('Finger-tip' rule is applied here), biker/athletic shorts, or torn cut-off jeans. Students are also asked to wear appropriate shoes. Flipflops and certain types of sandals are a safety concern on stairways and at recess. Your cooperation is appreciated to ensure that student dress is safe and suitable for all school activities.

Parent Surveys

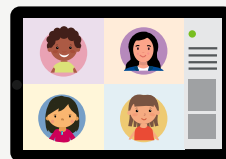


At Dundee, we conduct a school climate survey annually. Families can access this survey all year long and you may have already received an email about completing the survey online. If not, you can access the online survey at: www.TinyURL.com/OPSParentVoice

Please consider taking a moment to complete the survey. I truly value the feedback and use the information to make Dundee an even better place for ALL.

Student iPads

Every student, unless they are leaving the district, will be allowed to take their iPad home over the summer. We realize there are many educational opportunities that students can take advantage of over the break. Students attending Next Level Learning (summer school) will need their iPad every day for class.



Please remember, the iPad, charger and case issued to your child is theirs for the duration of their educational career in the Omaha Public Schools. It should be cared for as such. Unless they are leaving the district, 6th graders will NOT be turning them in at the end of this school year. They will be responsible for taking it with them to 7th grade. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions: 531-299-1340.

PTO UPDATES

WILDCATS

PRESIDENTS ARTICLE

We are entering the home stretch on what has been an exciting, activity filled school year for our PTO and school. There are still plenty of events to bring 2022-2023 to a close, so read on!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MAY
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MAY 5: The Spring Carnival is Back!

Last year brought us this new tradition which was a big hit! Fingers crossed for good weather.

- Dundee PTO will provide free carnival games, an inflatable obstacle course, popcorn and cotton candy.
- Local kid bands will play during the event as well!
- Food trucks will have drinks and meals for purchase.
- Bring reusable water bottles as well to help make this event more green!

Look for opportunities to help out by signing up to volunteer at www.dundeepto.org.

MAY
8-12

MAY 8-12: Staff Appreciation Week!

What better way to show the entire school staff how thankful we are for all the work they do to enrich our children's lives? Our students will be able to honor their favorite staff people with a flower. There will be treats and meals available.

MAY
12

MAY 12: PTO Social (Adults Only)

Our annual May meeting has always been a chance to relax and gather in a laid back way.

- This year we will be hosting it at Rathskeller Bier House located at 4524 Farnam St.
- Come out to their patio between 6-9 PM and meet fellow Dundee parents and school staff as we celebrate the year together.
- Snacks will be provided.

This also gives us a chance to recognize departing staff members, praise amazing PTO volunteers and have fun!



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR 2022 - 2023 DUNDEE ELEMENTARY PTO PRESIDENTS

So Yun and Mike Grace

MAY
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MAY 24: 6th Grade Celebration Picnic and Recognition

Parents of 6th graders are welcome to attend the picnic at Elmwood Park Pavilion for a day that includes games like kickball, lunch and other activities. Also, the 6th graders get recognized in a special ceremony at Dundee on 26. Our PTO helps make these events special for these Wildcats before they leave our halls for their middle school adventures.

MAY
25

MAY 25: Field Day

Supported by PTO, Field Day is a fun-filled half day of games and activities at Dundee, led by Ms. Counter. The PTO helps out with providing supplies and volunteers are welcome. Email: deborah.counter@ops.org if you interested in helping.

Continued...

PTO COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

- The PTO is a dynamic organization and is always looking for more help! We are still looking for committee chairpersons for:



BOOK FAIR + DONUTS WITH GROWNUPS

Contact: Meghan Hepburn

Work with Scholastic to set-up of the book fair twice a year in October and March, coinciding with parent teacher conferences. Line up volunteers to work the Book Fair. Organize donuts with grown-ups or other events to encourage people to shop the Book Fair.



STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Contact: Erika Hanna

Held the first week in May, this committee plans an entire week of events to celebrate Dundee's teachers and staff.



DUNDEE DIRECT

Contact: Sara Kupzyk

Dundee's direct-giving fundraiser is held each September. The committee appeals to parents, neighbors, businesses, and students to donate. The Dundee Direct goal is usually around \$25K. Plan an all-school celebration to wrap up the fundraiser once the goal is reached.

Seeking: Business Lead

Seeking: School Lead



FIELD DAY

Contact: Cindy Frazier Abdessalam

Field Day is a fun, outdoor, active event held in May at Memorial Park or at Dundee on alternating years. The committee works with the PE teacher to plan and execute events, ensuring there are volunteers, snacks, and bathroom facilities on site.



PLEASE INQUIRE ABOUT THESE POSITIONS BY EMAILING US AT DUNDEEPTO@GMAIL.COM.

SPECIAL THANKS TO...

- **Kaye Kennedy and Staff**

For the wonderful job with enrichment club and spirit wear.

- **Erika Hanna**

Staff appreciation committee for their wonderful and creative ways to show Dundee staff love.

- **Katy and Nate Dickerson, Shannon Bowers, Cathy Ebers, Melissa Nipper and Audrey Shedivy**

Thank you to these Departing PTO parents for all their work over the years.

- **Mitch Esters, Alissa Christensen, Kim Zimmerer, Isabela Howell, Patrice Lippert, Megan Hepburn and Anindita Ghosh**

Departing Dundee staff: thank you and we will miss you!

Stay tuned for interesting updates to our school grounds that PTO funds and parent volunteers will bring.

Finally, it has been an absolute privilege to serve the Dundee community as PTO presidents this school year. We will be handing over the reins to our very talented vice-presidents, Kelly Kelly and TJ Wiess, who will continue the important work of guiding the PTO for the next school year to help make Dundee the awesome school it is!

So Yun and Mike Grace



Counselor's Corner

Hello Dundee families,

As we round out our school year, I want to thank you for allowing me to work with your incredible children. We will finish out our counseling classes discussing personal responsibilities, careers and college. Please know that I will be sporadically checking my emails throughout the summer, so if you have any needs that I may be able to help you with, please do not hesitate to reach out.

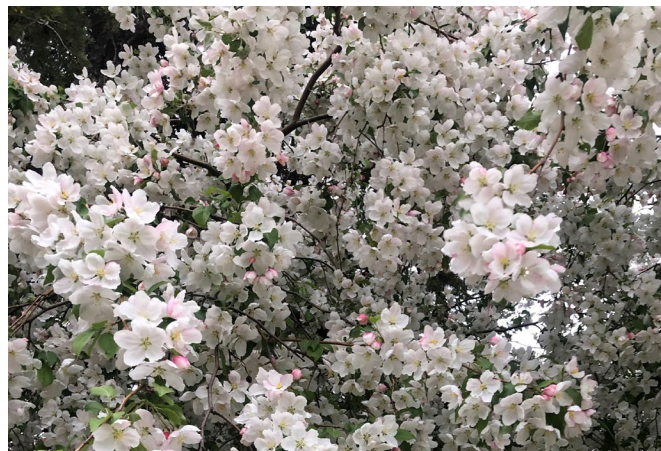
Have a wonderful Summer full of rest, rejuvenation and memory-making. I look forward to seeing sun-kissed faces in the Fall.



Jenny Storm
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 (531) 299-5017



LOOKING AHEAD

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Enrichment Clubs	2	3	4	5 DUNDEE ALL SCHOOL SPRING CARNIVAL <i>Dundee School Blacktop</i>	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 PTO SOCIAL <i>6-9 PM Rathskeller Bier House at 4524 Farnam St ** Adults Only **</i>	13 SPRING CLEAN UP DAY <i>9-11 AM</i>
	Staff Appreciation Week					
14	15	16 DUNDEE TALENT SHOW <i>Dundee Elementary Gymnasium 6:00 PM</i>	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION DAY <i>Dundee Elementary 11:45 AM- 12: 45 PM</i>	24 6TH GRADE PICNIC <i>Elmwood Park Pavillon</i>	25 FIELD DAY <i>Dundee Elementary Grades K-2: 9:30-11:30 AM Grades 3-6: 1:00-3:00 PM</i>	26 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 6TH GRADE RECOGNITION SEND OFF <i>Dundee - Front of School</i>	27
28	29	30	31			



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DUNDEE SPRING CARNIVAL

FRIDAY, MAY 5TH, 2023

4:30-7:30 PM

DUNDEE ELEMENTARY BLACKTOP

FREE CARNIVAL FUN

assorted games
inflatable obstacle course
face painting and tattoos
popcorn and cotton candy

FOOD TRUCKS

food available for purchase
Zaytuna (Mediterranean)
Five Star Doner Kebab
Mobile Grace (Burgers, Fries)

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK!



**DUNDEE NEEDS
VOLUNTEERS TO HELP
PREPARE FOR STAFF
APPRECIATION WEEK
MAY 8 - 12**

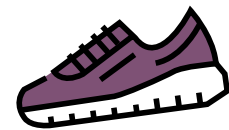
► Email: erikahanna09@gmail.com
with questions or if you interested in helping

WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

- Decorating
- Pick-up and delivery of meals
- Food donations
- Setup/tear down after each meal



DUNDEE FIELD DAY THURSDAY, MAY 25



Field Day will be May 25th at Dundee Elementary.

Primary students (K-2) in the morning (9:30-11:30 a.m.)

Intermediate students (3-6) in the afternoon (1:00-3:00 p.m.)

► Email: deborah.counter@ops.org if you interested in helping