

DUNDEE DISPATCH

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A Message from the Principal

October Greetings!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Open House on September 12! I hope you enjoyed visiting your child's classroom to see what they have been learning so far, talking with other families and friends, and visiting our specialists' classrooms. Maybe you had a chance to look over our new spirit wear or make a donation to Dundee Direct. Either way, we hope you enjoyed the evening.



Parent Teacher Conferences this quarter will be held on Thursday, October 20, and Tuesday, October 25, from 4:15 – 8:00 p.m. If you did not get a chance to sign up for a conference time at Open House, please contact your child's teacher to schedule a time.

REMINDERS

There will be NO SCHOOL on Thursday, October 27, and Friday, October 28, due to conferences.

There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, October 31, as this is a professional development day for staff.

There will be NO SCHOOL on Tuesday, November 1, as this is a teacher workday.

We will be celebrating Halloween on October 26, with a parade and classroom parties to follow. As you plan for costumes, please keep the following things in mind:

- *Students don't have a lot of time to get ready for the parade – please leave make-up at home for the evening trick or treating.*
- *Costumes should be easy to walk in – the parade route is several blocks long.*
- *Leave **ALL** costume weapons at home.*

If you would like to volunteer to help with your child's classroom party, please contact their teacher. We appreciate your support with these few items to help make our Halloween a fun and safe event for all.

Hope you can visit us often!!

Ms. Kaye Kennedy
School Principal
Dundee Elementary



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PTO UPDATES

WILDCATS

PRESIDENTS ARTICLE

October is here and that means fall is in full swing! We are happy to see that Dundee Direct has been a success so far but we are not at our goal yet. We love this as a fundraiser for PTO because everything you contribute goes directly to help pay for school events, grants for teachers and new technology for classrooms. Even the grounds look better; PTO funds were used last spring to purchase new plants to enhance the beauty of our campus. Special thanks as well to the volunteers including former Dundee students who helped clean up the north side of the school.

Speaking of events, October is chock full. National Walk to School Day kicks off the month. There will be opportunities to help out with the Beautification committee, both before Fall Festival, but also before Parent Teacher conferences happening this month. But wait, there's more! Donuts with grownups is a fun way to spend time with your child before school starts and while there, check out Book Fair! Book Fair will be open during conferences so there are ample opportunities to get your kids excited about reading.

Did you know PTO also supports Enrichment Clubs? We want to thank all the volunteers who make this after school experience possible for our kiddos. If you'd have ideas for a fun enrichment club and would like to run one in the future, let us know!

Finally, to learn more about all these wonderful events and to get more involved at school, please check out our website www.dundeepto.org and come to PTO meetings when you can!

All the best,

*So Yun and Mike Grace,
PTO Presidents*



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR 2022 - 2023 DUNDEE ELEMENTARY PTO PRESIDENTS

So Yun and Mike Grace

PTO Announcements



PTO MEETINGS ARE NOW ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

OCTOBER
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**PTO MEETING
AT 6:30 PM IN
THE LIBRARY**

Learn about new fall events, hear from Ms. Kennedy about what's going on in school, show some appreciation for teachers and staff.



Free childcare is provided in the lunchroom.

2022 DUNDEE DIRECT

Updates From:

Sara Kupzyk, Dundee Direct Committee Chair

We are getting closer to our goal, but we still need your help !

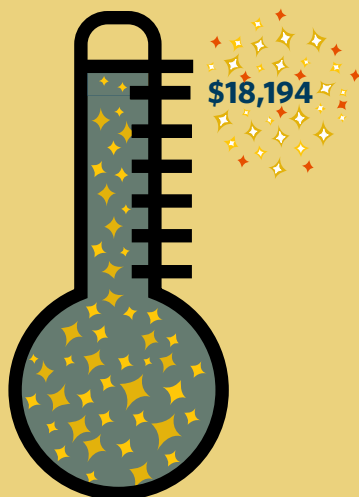


Online Donations:

<https://dundeepdo.membershiptoolkit.com/story/288712>

We are looking forward to reaching our goal and continuing to See Magic In Life Everyday (S.M.I.L.E.)!

Our official campaign ends on Friday, September 30th, 2022, but contributions are welcomed at any time throughout the school year. There are also many other ways to support Dundee-check the PTO website for future opportunities!



A BIG thank you to all of Dundee Elementary's teachers, staff, students, families, neighbors, and businesses that have all helped to make our annual direct-giving fundraiser a success!

We are getting closer to our goal, but we still need your help to reach our \$20,000 goal. The funds will support grants for teachers, classroom activities, furniture and resources for classrooms, great family events, improvements to the school grounds, and more.

As a bonus, if we reach our goal, we'll have a chance to see (and hopefully dunk) ***Ms. Kennedy in a DUNK TANK!***

HERE IS A RECAP OF SOME OF THE EXCITING FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Students attended the Dundee Direct assembly to learn more about the fundraiser.

The 2nd through 6th graders went on a neighborhood walk to place letters in neighbors' doors inviting them to support Dundee. This event was complete with popsicles for everyone!

Grade levels competed in two challenges:



The second graders won the first one by bringing back the most envelopes with donations.



The fifth graders won the second challenge by bringing in the most change, weighing in a 17 pounds!

Altogether, the students raised \$632.09 in change, which weighed over 70 pounds!

Attention Business Supporters...

Did you know our business supporters can have their logo and a link to their website at dundeepdo.org? See our [website](#) or contact Clay Wulf for more information about how to invite businesses to support Dundee and the perks they will receive.

Below are our Sponsorship Packages that businesses can receive based on their donation level.

P R I N C I P A L

\$500+

Principal (500+)

- All items in the teacher and student package PLUS
- An ad in every Dundee Dispatch
- An individual ad in the student yearbook
- Business links and advertisement opportunities included in the new Dundee parent app

T E A C H E R

\$250+

Teacher (250+)

- All items in the student package PLUS
- Link to your business website on the front page and all pages of the Dundee PTO website
- An individual ad in the Dundee Dispatch of your choice

S T U D E N T

\$100+

Student (100+)

- Listing in each Dundee Dispatch monthly newsletter distributed to all families
- Recognized on signage posted prominently in the front entry of the school

LOOKING AHEAD

OCTOBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 Raising Canes Night 4-8 pm 7060 Dodge Street Location	5  National Walk to School Day 8:15 - 8:45 am Breakfast donated by PTO Evacuation Drill Day NEW NIGHT! PTO Meeting 6:30 pm Library	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Hold Drill Day	13	14 Dundee Fall Festival 4:30 - 7:30 pm	15
16	17	18	19	20 Dundee Conferences	21 Donuts with Grown Ups 8:00 - 8:45 am Breakfast donated by PTO	22
23	24 *** Dundee Book Fair ***	25  Picture Day Dundee Conferences	26 Classroom Halloween Parties	27 No School for Elementary Students	28 No School for Elementary Students	29
30	31 No School for All Students					

A FEW REMINDERS

DISMISSAL TIME



Just a reminder, school dismisses at 4:05 p.m. We have many students still at school, waiting for rides at 4:30 and after.

Supervision becomes a concern as staff are off duty. Thanks for having plans to have your child picked up on time.

We do have a before and after school Kids Club Program. If you would like more information on the program, please give us a call.



NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY



October 5, 2022 is National Walk to School Day. Join friends and families in the Dundee School Community who are walking to school on this day.

We hope you can make it a regular activity with your children. Walk to school and enjoy some donuts, fruit, and coffee outside as students line up.



INDIVIDUAL PICTURE DAY

Scholastic Photography will be at Dundee on October 25 to take individual student photos.

Ordering information will come home in the Wednesday folders.



BOOK FAIR OCTOBER 20-25

Open during parent/teacher conferences and after school for shopping.



Buy books and more with a portion of proceeds benefiting the school.



FUNDRAISER AT RAISING CANES

Raising Canes will donate 15% of sales to Dundee! Check out the details on the attached flyer.





SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 14

Dundee Elementary
FALL FESTIVAL

**PANCAKE MAN • DJ JOEY • DANCING
BALLOON TWISTERS • PHOTO BOOTH**

**Friday, October 14
4:30 - 7:30pm**

Join us for fall fun on the Dundee blacktop!
Classroom pumpkin decorating contest,
music, food & more. Costumes encouraged!

\$5/PLATE PANCAKES



JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER AT RAISING CANE'S!

**Mention the fundraiser at the register
and Cane's will donate 15% of sales to:**

Dundee Elementary

DATE & TIME:

October 04, 2022 from 04:00 PM - 08:00 PM

LOCATION:

**7060 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 68132
+1 402-556-6127**



Counselor's Corner

Hello Dundee Families,

I hope that the start to Fall has been wonderful to you all. I am enjoying my morning door duty, taking in the crisp morning air, and end of day bus duty, where I am still able to hold on to some of the warmth from the Summer.

This past month in our guidance classes, we have spent a lot of time working on the skill of **"FOCUS"**. Hopefully, some of your students have come home and challenged you to some games that require a lot of focus, even though we deal with distractions beyond our control. We have also been discussing persistence, the power of the word **"YET"**, and the differences between making poor choices versus making mistakes. I absolutely love being a part of your students' classes. Please continue asking them about the skills we work on together and ask them to show you the app that we use for Guidance, which can be found in Clever on their iPad!

Did you know that October is National Bullying Prevention Awareness month? We also will have the opportunity, in October, to celebrate Red Ribbon Week, which is a campaign to serve as a catalyst to mobilize communities, educate youth and encourage participation in drug and bullying prevention activities. More information will be coming your way on how Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated once our Student Council members are chosen in their 4th 5th and 6th grade classes. These students will be the ambassadors for events that take place during Dundee Elementary's Red Ribbon Week.

Please continue reaching out should there ever be a need for your student(s) to see me for a Solution Focused Brief Counseling session relating to academic, personal or social issues. School counseling is not therapy, but a support for a problem that may be affecting their achievement in school. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all my new students, as well as meeting SO MANY of you! Thank you for welcoming me and making me feel like a part of the Dundee family, already!

I hope you all are able to enjoy the wonderment of the season change here in our beautiful neighborhood.

"The heat of Autumn is different from the heat of the Summer. One ripens apples, and the other turns them to cider." - Jane Hirshfield

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 (531) 299-5017



Meet Dundee's **P**ositive **A**ction **C**enter (PAC) Facilitator!

My name is Shannon Taylor and your student knows me as Ms. Taylor. I am the new Positive Action Center (PAC) Facilitator at Dundee Elementary. It has been such a great start to the new year and I feel so honored to get to be here with your students. I have been able to go into most of the classrooms and reintroduce myself from my short start last Spring and I also wanted to take some time to give all of you a little insight into what my role at Dundee looks like.

Myself and my office are a safe space for students to go to anytime they are feeling some of the added pressures that life may throw at them. I explain to them that there are some days we experience really big emotions and we don't always know what to do with them. If they are feeling particularly sad, angry, or they just don't know what emotion they are feeling but they are either distracted by these feelings or just need to step away from the classroom for a 10-15 minute break, they are welcome to utilize the PAC pass that each of their teachers have to come see me. We can talk about what's going on, they are welcome to just have a safe space to calm their body and mind by practicing some breathing techniques, or they can utilize some sensory items in my office.

I am available for the students that might also need some extra assistance with focusing in class, organizing, getting along with peers, etc. and will be meeting with some students one on one or in groups to work on enhancing some social and emotional skills. The concept of the positive action center is that it is indeed a positive experience. I believe when some children appear to be "attention" seeking, they are actually "connection" seeking and I want to enable them in finding that positive connection to be the best version of themselves so they can be successful in school and in everyday life.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can e-mail me at shannon.taylor@ops.org.

