

Doniphan-Trumbull Elementary

November 2009 Mid Month Newsletter

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Dates to Remember:

November

25	1:30 P.M.	Early Dismissal	Thanksgiving Break
26-30		NO SCHOOL	
30		Teacher In-Service	

December

9	1:30 P.M.	Early Dismissal	Teacher In-Service
17	7:00 P.M.	3 rd & 4 th Music Concert	West Gym
18		Winter Celebrations	End of 1 st Semester
21		NO SCHOOL	Teacher In-Service
22-Jan. 1		NO SCHOOL	

January

4		School Resumes	
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Doniphan-Trumbull Mission Statement:

Committed to actions that embrace progressive opportunities, advanced achievement, genuine respect, and personal integrity through active community partnerships.

American Education Week: Nov. 15th -21st

This year's theme is: Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Responsibility

“Students’ home and classrooms are the focal points of their learning experiences—from our early learning center through high school. Parents who work with teachers and students are critical partners in helping their child achieve success.

Parents set the example and the tone for their child’s approach to education. When parents are engaged, interested and supportive in their child’s learning, the child is more likely to succeed.

Parents can make learning real and ensure that students understand the importance of achieving.”

From National Education Association Web Site

Website:

Have you used the Doniphan-Trumbull's website to obtain information? I am trying to keep it current for your interest. I would like to point out a few elementary areas of interest. The right hand side of the homepage is black buttons:

<i>All School Calendar</i>	Information for activities and school attendance days
<i>Cardinal Diner</i>	Monthly Menu
<i>Elementary TEAM</i>	TEAM's Information
<i>GOEDU Parents</i>	Parents are able to view grades for students in 3-12 th grade
<i>Report Card</i>	Information on school/student performance

Tabs at the top:

Elementary Tab Current information of what is happening at the elementary

Left hand side once in the "Elementary" section, you will see the words "Elementary" with an arrow. If you put your cursor on the "Elementary" you will be given a choice of:

<i>Newsletter</i>	Has all the old newsletters for you to refer too
<i>Parent Info</i>	Suggested School Supplies, Student Handbook, Student Lunch Times, November's Early Out schedule
<i>Student Council</i>	Student Council Officers and sponsored activities

Please give me feedback if you have ideas to improve the website. I will value your expertise. My email address is myilk@esu9.org Thanks!

I would like to thank Lisa Lemek for all her assistance in keeping the website with new items. Lori Baasch has also volunteered to assist with teacher information. I would not be able to do this without their interest and time.

I plan to have student pictures on the website. Names will not be given with the photo due to safety concerns. Names may occur but not with pictures.

Thanks To All Of You

I have so much to be thankful for as an administrator at this school. The staff, parents and students have been outstanding this year. When we all work together, the climate at the school becomes more focused on learning and excellence. Thanks for all that you do. You all will be in my thoughts this upcoming holiday.

Respect Each Other:

Would you please talk with your children about treating other students with respect? December seems to be a hard month for children at school. Research has shown that misbehaviors rise in December (name calling, fighting, etc...). This can be curtailed if students are reminded the rules and the importance of treating others nicely every day. If we reinforce here at the school site and you reinforce at home, we might make a difference in attitudes.



Playground:

NEOS is working well. It is fun to watch students play interactively, competitively and with laughter.

Peaceful Playgrounds:

Students continue to resolve conflicts on their own. Students are able to find activities that interest them and keep them active. Rock, paper, scissors does help resolve small issues.

SnowTime:

This time of year is the time for snow. You may want to remind your child that snowballs may **NOT** be thrown at recess. Rocks are in the snow which hurts students when it hits them. Students caught throwing rocks, snowballs, or other non-play equipment will have an immediate consequence. Please discuss this with your child. Thanks so much.



WINTER WEATHER:

It is getting cold outside. The weather can change during the day from being nice to being bitter cold. **PLEASE** send coats, hats, mittens, and boots for your child to use at recess time. All items need to be marked with a name. It amazes me each year how many items are lost and never “found” by students that wear the item to school. Last year we donated several tub loads of clothes to Goodwill at semester times. Thanks for your cooperation with putting names on the clothes so we can return them in a timely fashion to students.

Congratulations to Jon Askey for being Student of the Quarter

Student Council News

Student Council Year Officers:

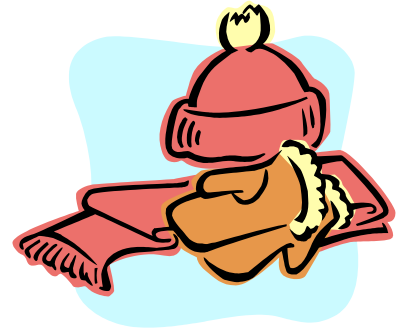
Kiana Pfeifer, Madi Kleier, Trey Sterner, Ellie Koch, Zoey Ballard, Dacoda Freeman

STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES: 2nd Quarter

Mrs. Hoagland:	Sarah Atchity	Biddy Nelson
Mrs. Heyen:	Nic Krzykowski	Ethan Wagner
Mrs. Osler:	David Roach	Caitlynn Kirk
Miss Arterburn:	Jenna Critel	Jamie Critel
Mrs. Heath/Mrs. Saathoff:	DeAnna Uden	Alex Wagner
Mrs. Kopke:	Alex Williams	

Mitten Drive:

A project for this quarter sponsored by the elementary student council is a mitten drive. Help keep the children in Hall County warm this winter. Bring any new or gently loved mittens, gloves, hats, or scarves to the D-T library November 16-25. This will be a great way to inspire us to help others and remember to give thanks for all the blessings in our lives.

**Plastic Bags:**

Please remember to send your plastic bags to the elementary. The student council is sponsoring the collecting of bags. Last year we came in second in a contest to see which school could collect the most bags. The D-T elementary student council wants to be the first place winner this year, would you please help?

NWEA Tests:

NWEA tests were given this week to 3rd- 6th graders. This was an online exam that tested the students on reading, math, social studies and science. The students will be compared to students in the nation. This test takes the place of the Terra Nova. Thanks to TEAM for supplying a snack each day.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

