

September 2010 Elementary Newsletter
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Mission Statement:

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

Goal: All Students Pre-K through 12 will have increased opportunities to utilize expressive literacy through communication in meaningful context.

We Are Glad You Are Here!

We at the Doniphan-Trumbull Elementary are glad that you are at our school. We work very hard to make the learning environment better every year. The entire staff works to make this school an exciting and fun place that educationally challenges every student. You are important to us and appreciate all your feedback and positive communication throughout the year.

SORRY TO TELL YOU:

Wal-Mart will **not** be sponsoring the plastic bag collection! The elementary student council will not be collecting this year. IF you have been saving all summer, I appreciate your help. You may take the bags to Wal Mart and drop them off in their recycle box.

Thanks so very much for your support in the past.

MONTHLY EARLY DISMISSALS:

Once a month on a Wednesday, our district will release students at 1:30 in order for staff to have in-service training, work on curriculum, accreditation and state standards. Please check your yearly calendar and note the dates of the early dismissals. Thanks

Welcome New Staff:

5 th Grade Teacher	Kendra Nollette	Replaced Jill Osler
Para Professionals:	Jaime Bell,	Van Driver/Para
	Cindy Pfeil	Nurse Para/Para
	Kellie Lawrey	Resource Para
	Jenna Stec	Resource Para
	Erica Ritz	Resource Para

We are happy that they have chosen to be a part of our great school system. I know you will appreciate their excitement for their position.

Elementary Yearbook:

The elementary yearbook for 2009-2010 will be delivered around November. Taren Baxter is currently making the finishing touches and will send in to be printed soon.

Entrance To The Elementary:

The elementary door entrance is door #3. The door is locked after students enter the building. There is a silver button to push that is on the brick wall (look to the left). The office is manned from 8:00-4:00 to unlock the door. After four o'clock, the buzzer cannot be heard if someone is not in the office area.

Lunch/Breakfast Money:

Please send the lunch/breakfast money in an envelope marked with the family name. You may send the payment to the elementary office and we will get it to the food service ***All accounts must be in the positive balance.*** Students will be permitted to eat a hot lunch as long as there is a positive balance. Parents will be notified when payments are due. NO charging will be allowed. The food service program does not have the funds to carry negative balances.

If you find it difficult to keep the account in the positive, your child may bring a sack lunch from home.

REMINDER: IF YOU SEND A SACK LUNCH FROM HOME: CANDY, SODA OR NON NUTRITIONAL FOODS ARE NOT ALLOWED. THIS IS A FEDERAL REGULATION THAT THE SCHOOL MUST COMPLY.

Student of the Week

Classroom teachers decide how each student in their room will be nominated for Student of the Week. Each student during the school year will be recognized for the positive influence they play at the elementary.

Change of after school plans:

Please have a dated written note if changes are going to occur in the daily routine of your child. A call at the end of the school day may get missed due to all the demands. Please make sure that you discuss with your child about the change the night before and send a note to school. Thanks for your cooperation.

TEAM Events

TEAM is an active parent group that meets monthly and organizes monthly family events. TEAM is an acronym for **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore. Every parent in our school community is automatically a member of TEAM. WELCOME!!:) Please feel free to attend the planning/monthly meetings of TEAM. All meetings are held in the elementary workroom/lounge. **YOU AND YOUR IDEAS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE BECOME AN ACTIVE MEMBER**

TEAM's purpose:

I.

- Promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school and community
- To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.
- To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, and social education.

II.

- Purposes of TEAM are promoted through educational programs directed toward parents, teachers, and the general public. They are developed through conferences, committees, projects, and programs.

III.

- TEAM is organized exclusively for contributing and creating a family tie to the schools for educational purposes.

Back to School Night Social:

TEAM wants to thank the 6th grade parents for their special treats for the Meet and Treat Night. There were about 250 people in attendance.

Other Elementary Fund Raisers:

Our school uses these funds to purchase items for the school. Several digital cameras are being purchased for classroom use.

BOX Tops: Please cut out the tiny square that says Box Tops on your food boxes/packages. We can turn these coupons in for cash. This is an ongoing opportunity all year long. Please have grandparents, neighbors, cousins, etc... save for our school.

Allen's Education Advantage: Send your receipts to the school if you shop at Allen's. Our school does receive a rebate for the total sales. This begins Sept. and ends in March.

Skagway: Best Choice Label. If you have registered with our school, we have sent your name in. When you use your Skagway key-card our district will receive \$30.00 for every 1,000 Best Choice purchases.

Target Charge: Several parents use a Target charge and have a certain percentage to go to their selected school. It was a nice gift this summer to get a check in the mail for the elementary. The high school also received some Target funds. Thanks for thinking of us when you applied for your credit card.

High School Activities:

All elementary students attending a junior high or high school activity *must be under the supervision of a parent or an adult*. The high school has informed me that **no** ball can be brought from home to games for elementary to play. If an elementary student wants to attend the high school activity, they must be there to watch the game. Game equipment from home may be taken. Thanks for your cooperation. GO CARDS!! This is to ensure safety and behavior. Thanks for your cooperation.

A reminder that high school activity passes may be purchased at the high school office.