

November 2011
Elementary Newsletter
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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.

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

Fall Party: October 31, 2011 2:45 PM

NWEA Testing:

Students will be tested in grades 3-11th November 10th -23rd . It is very important for each child to work to their best ability. Please make sure your child goes to bed early, has breakfast, and is given encouragement to do their best. This is one of the tests that the State looks at to see if each individual student and grade level scores meet Adequate Yearly Progress. These tests have higher stakes than ever before.

Veteran's Day:

The elementary and secondary student councils will sponsor a celebration for Veteran's Day on November 11, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the East gym. Everyone is invited to attend the assembly and help us honor our local heroes.

It is an honor for us to have the armed forces men/women of our school community help us celebrate. It brings more meaning to the students when the local heroes attend the celebration. If you have served and can attend, please come. We will have coffee and rolls for you after the program.

TEAM Notes:

Art Work: Original Works

We hope you took advantage of the opportunity to order your child's individual artwork. This was something TEAM wanted to make available to you. These items make great Holiday Gifts.

School Improvement:

School Visitation: March 13-15, 2011

Early Dismissal Agenda for Oct. 12, 2011

- Teachers formed into groups to discuss/collect all the information and data about our school for the last 5 years.
- Secondary Teachers worked on Parent-Teacher Conference format.
- K-12 Math Chairs met to discuss Math Curriculum and the development of a parent survey.

Next 1:30 Dismissal: Nov. 9, 2011

Love and Logic:

Parenting with Love and Logic

“Love and Logic” emphasizes consequences, and consequences can sometimes be painful. Good consequences don’t always pop right into our brains. Even professionals in the education field can’t always think of appropriate consequences immediately. This is another reason why delaying consequences is often the best thing to do. It allows us time to consider the best actions as well as time to get ideas from others.

If no consequences comes to mind, it is much better to take your time and think of an appropriate consequence than to blurt out something in haste or anger.

The staff at D-T Elementary use Love and Logic with the students. You may note that they will tell your child to “not worry about it, that the adults will think of something”. The day-wait allows the child to process what transpired due to his/her behaviors. This allows the adult time to discuss and plan meaningful consequences. Each child learns in their own way and we try to meet those individual needs.

NOTICE: Beginning school year 2012-2013 a child must be 5 years old by July 31, 2012 to enter Kindergarten. A state certified birth certificate will need to be presented upon registration of a child.

Compulsory Attendance/Absenteeism

School attendance is mandatory for student’s ages 7-16 and our State Senators passed an excessive absenteeism reporting law a year ago.

Every month D-T is required to report to the state the number of students absent more than two days per month. We are required by law to report such students to the county attorney for excessive absenteeism. Last Spring, the school had to report 4 families for their child’s absence due to this law.

We of course do not want students to come to school when they do not feel well and by all means keep them home if they have a fever or are vomiting. Some absences are not due to illness and those are the ones the State does not approve of.

American Education Week:

Join us **November 13-19, 2011** to celebrate American Education Week. American Education Week spotlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from kindergarten through college, and the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great. This is the 90th celebration of celebrating public education.