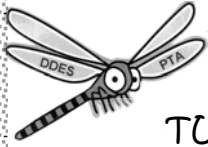


# Dragonfly Dispatch

November 2009

Dillard Drive Elementary PTA Newsletter

"The PTA has joined the on-line world of *Furtal*. It's a free service that brings businesses and schools together to help schools earn funds for their programs. If you have ever shopped on-line, then you will recognize what *Furtal* has to offer. It's a gateway to more than a **hundred** popular on-line stores! Click your favorite store, place an order and that business partner will send our school a donation! There is no extra cost to you and it's free to use anytime throughout the year. Visit the PTA website at [www.ddespta.org](http://www.ddespta.org) for a quick link to our *Furtal* site. I hope you find time to visit. Thank you!



*Susan Uy*, DDES PTA President [suy.atnc@gmail.com](mailto:suy.atnc@gmail.com)

**TUESDAY, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** is McTeacher's Night @ McDonalds 5pm to 8pm  
@ the Walnut Street McDonalds. *What will your teacher be making for you?!*

**Reflections** program entries will be collected each morning before school through **November 6**. A collection station will be set up outside the office with volunteers who will make sure your child has the required paperwork attached to his/her entry. All photography, visual arts, and literature entries will be on display in the school's main hallway for the month. If you are in the building please take a moment to visit the display and see how the children have presented the theme. Judges will be evaluating the entries beginning **November 9** to select which entries will represent our school at the Council level of the program. Congratulations to all who have created something special for this program!

## *Grateful Thoughts*

The leaves are falling, the days are getting longer, the NC State Fair has come and gone, and the first nine weeks of school have ended. How quickly times passes! As we look to the month of November and the upcoming Holiday Season, we have so many things to be grateful for.

We are grateful for the Dillard Drive Elementary students. Each one of them contributes to making our school a great place for learning.

We are grateful for the support that all of our parents, families and volunteers give to our school.

We are grateful for our PTA Board. We could not provide many of the outstanding opportunities that we offer our students (Cultural Arts Assemblies, the Fall Festival, and so much more!) without their generous support and leadership.

We are grateful for the hard working, dedicated Dillard Drive Elementary Staff! Their positive energy exemplified by all of us at the start of the year is still a driving force in all that we do. They work continuously on delivering high quality instruction, providing extra help to all students and recognizing positive student behavior.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone, in advance, a very happy, relaxing, safe and fulfilling Thanksgiving season. The Administrators are truly thankful for being able to work with you and your children each and every day and we look forward to a positive and productive second nine weeks.

- Teena W. Rembach, Assistant Principal

## Mark Your Calendar!

Nov 3: PTA Board Meeting  
9:30am  
McTeacher's Night  
5-8pm @ McDonalds

Nov 6: Reflections Deadline

Nov 11: No school

Nov 23: Cultural Arts  
K - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Nov 24: Cultural Arts  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Nov: 25, 26, 27: No school

Nov 30: Book Fair begins

Dec 2: Early release  
1:15pm

Dec 3: PTA General Mtg  
Winter concert

Dec 10: Winter Concert

Our first *Cultural Arts* performances of the year will be held this month.

**November 23** - Jody Cassell ([www.movingyoutolearn.com](http://www.movingyoutolearn.com)) will present Dancing Stories to our Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. She will present stories with a fall theme as the children combine movement with the stories.

(Jody is also an author and pre-orders for a signed copy of her book "Where's Leon" will be available to all DDES families. Order forms will be sent home with your child.)

**November 24** - The Raleigh Symphony Orchestra will present Coloring Stories to our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. (*Coloring Stories is supported by a grant from the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, Inc. Additional support is provided by funds from the North Carolina Arts Council with funding from the State of North Carolina and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.*)

Our **Fall Festival** was a tremendous success. This newsletter does not have enough space to thank all of our many volunteers, but you know who you are! Parents, the DDE staff and the community all came together to create a fantastic night for our Dragonfly families. And the PTA raised almost **\$3,000** in the process. We're already planning for next year!

### Counselor's Corner

The Here are some highlights of what has been happening in our first 9 weeks of school:

- All students in grades 1-5 have received, or are currently receiving, bullying prevention lessons. Ask your child about the 3 R's or how they have learned to STOP, WALK, and TALK.
- All kindergarten classes have received SOAR behavior lessons to help them understand our school rules.
- We celebrated Red Ribbon week to emphasize our character trait of RESPECT and discussed how we would respect our bodies by living a drug-free life.
- All new students have participated in new student groups to help them adjust to Dillard Drive.

**In November, I will be sending home green Holiday Stars forms to all Dillard Drive families.** If you will need assistance during the holiday season for students attending our school, please complete the form and return it by the designated date.

Finally, the **Partnership for Educational Success (PES) team** is collaborating with Title I to deliver an **early literacy presentation on November 17<sup>th</sup>** following the Title I PAC meeting. We will be handing out resources and presenting important resources for families with children, 0-5. If you will not be attending the Title I PAC night and would like this information, please contact me. Thanks!

Angela Poovey, School Counselor

### *Library News*

Ready for some holiday shopping? The Scholastic Book Fair's classroom previews and pre-sales to parents will be November 23 and 24th. We will be open for sales November 30 - December 10th and both nights of the Winter Concerts. We will have more *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* books and other great selections at this year's Book Fair. All proceeds will be used to purchase books for our school library.

We have a special need for extra volunteers on November 23rd, 24th and December 6 - 10 as I will be away those days. The PTA will email a Jooners volunteer sign-up for Book Fair but you can also email me or visit me at the library to get involved!

- Kathy VanDeventer [kvandeventer@wcpss.net](mailto:kvandeventer@wcpss.net)

Our **August/September Box Tops class** winner is Ms Steel-Keelor's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class with 418 box tops. Our **individual** winner is Kennedy B with 138 box tops. Overall we have collected 3370 this school year. Keep 'em coming!

**Attention Room Parents.** A Google group has been created for DDE room parents to share ideas and connect with the PTA. Thanks to Nora Kelly for setting up the group. If you do not receive an email invitation but would like to join, please contact Diane Dulaney at [dydulaney@bellsouth.net](mailto:dydulaney@bellsouth.net).

**Attention All Volunteers.** If you haven't registered with Wake County to volunteer, you can do so by visiting the Media Center and logging on to the volunteer network. Once you register you will be able to help with classroom special events, volunteer in the Media Center, chaperone field trips, or help with on-site PTA events. It only takes a few minutes, and the computers are available before, during and after school on most days. Sign up today, and be ready to help when you're needed! (*Registration must be renewed each school year.*)

Yearbooks for sale! Full Color \$13. Order yours before December 13th! ?? [Peggycheek@nc.rr.com](mailto:Peggycheek@nc.rr.com)

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