



DURHAM ELEMENTARY TIGER NEWS

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Events In February

- 6 LCAP Meetings 9am and 6pm at the District Office
- 7 Art Docent Meeting 8-9am Multi-Purpose Room
- 16 No School President's Holiday
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- 21 Last Day of the 2nd Trimester
- 21 School Site Council 3:15 Staffroom
- 21 DUSD Board Meeting, District Office 7:00 PM



Upcoming Events in March

- 1&2 Minimum days-Parent Conferences
- 3 PTS Meeting 9am Multi-Purpose Room
- 6 LCAP Meeting 9am at the District Office
- 11 Day Light Savings begins
- 23 Durham Gala
- 26-April 2 Spring Break

Principal's Post



As it sometimes occurs, it was a particularly frustrating morning and I felt myself becoming impatient. So I did what I always do when this happens and headed to visit our classrooms where our amazing kids, staff and volunteers work their magic. As I entered one of the first grade classrooms, a little guy in the back was upset about his loose tooth hurting and he was trying to pull it out but couldn't. I asked him if I could help and he said, "No, it will hurt". I told him that I'm really good at pulling teeth very gently and that if it hurt, I promised I would stop. He reluctantly handed me the tissue and in no time, the tooth was out. We put it in an envelope for safe keeping so the tooth fairy could collect it tonight then cleaned him up. He gave me the biggest grin and was so excited. (Look for his big smile in the yearbook!)

The reason I share this story with you is because in that single moment, my day was totally turned around. He trusted me to be safe with him and his smile was so genuine and pure that it couldn't help but lift my spirits. So, when the clouds are hovering, get out there and find the little rays of sunshine that're just waiting for you. I'm lucky to have 496 of them right here every day!



With a grateful heart, I wish you all a very Happy Valentines
Miss Williams

March Minimum Days

Just a reminder! March 1st & 2nd are Minimum days due to Parent conferences. Your child's teacher will be in contact with you regarding a conference. Release time will be at 12:45pm, please be sure to arrange pick up for your child. *Please note:* March 1st and 2nd are minimum days for DES only.



Kindergarten Registration!

Be sure to get your new Students registered!

Bring Birth Certificate, Immunization Record and Proof of Residency to the office.

Monday—Friday
7:30 AM—4:00 PM

YEARBOOKS!



2017-2018 Yearbooks are now on sale. The price is currently \$25.00. Yearbooks are limited, be sure to secure your copy! Forms were sent home with your student, but are also available in the school office!

LCAP Meetings (Local Control Accountability Plan)

The Durham Unified School District will be hosting three meetings to solicit input for the 2018-2020 LCAP. The LCAP (Local Control Accountability Plan) is a critical part of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). Each school district must engage parents, educators, employees and the community to establish these plans. The following link has more information related to the LCAP: <http://downloads.capta.org/edu/e-school-finance/LCAP.pdf>

The meeting dates and times are as follows:

February 6th at 9am

February 6th at 6 pm

March 6th at 9 am

All meetings will be held in the district board room located in the DUSD District Office at 9420 Putney Drive, Durham, CA 95938.

Reminders:

- ♥ We have had a lot of tardy students lately. Please make sure that you are getting your student to school on time. School starts at 8:35. If your student is tardy please bring them into the office to sign them in and get them a tardy slip.
- ♥ If your student is absent from school for any reason, please call the absent line (895-4697 option 1) to let us know why they are absent.
- ♥ We are only able to deliver personalized messages to your students during the day if there is an emergency. Please make sure you tell your student all that you need to tell them before they come to school.
- ♥ If you are going to be out of town more than 5 days please see the office staff 7 school days prior to leaving to go on independent study.
- ♥ If your student will be riding the bus home with a friend they must have a note signed by a parent or guardian giving them permission and a bus pass . Bus passes can be purchased in the DES office for \$1.30 per ride.

GALA TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Mark your calendars and get your tickets for our

Technology fundraiser, Friday, March 23, 2018 in the Sierra Nevada Big Room! Dance, dine, and bid on some fantastic items donated by many of our local businesses and families during the live and silent auctions. Tickets are only \$50 per person and includes your meal and dancing.

Tickets are on sale now at

[**https://2018durhamgala.eventbrite.com**](https://2018durhamgala.eventbrite.com)

(See attached flyer for more information)





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are Still Needed and Appreciated!***

Gala tickets on sale Now!

Durham Gala 2018

is the 4th annual
technology fundraiser
for Durham

Elementary School.

Kick off Spring Break by attending the most fabulous event of the year!
Get fancy and come kick up your heels at Durham Gala!

Tables and tickets are available for purchase online at:

2018durhamgala.eventbrite.com

Friday, March 23 * 5:30pm
Sierra Nevada Brewery

Classroom Baskets—Help Out!



Classroom Baskets are very popular with parent bidders during our silent auction, and are a huge asset to the Durham Gala. Each classroom's theme for the baskets this year has already been assigned, so be on the lookout for a letter coming home with the fun theme your class has this year, and how you can help! There will be a donations sign up sheet outside the classroom door. There is also a parent coordinator for each classroom who will be organizing the baskets and can be contacted for any information concerning your classroom basket.

Important Dates to remember

regarding classroom baskets:

February 19th- All items for your basket should be turned in to the Parent Coordinator. **March 1st**- All classroom baskets should be completed and turned into the office.

Any questions regarding class baskets or the silent auction, please contact Ashley Stephens-Kerns and Becky Jacobson via email at

durhamgala@gmail.com.