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**November
2017**

Events In November

- 1 **Minimum Day (DES only) for Parent Teacher Conferences dismissal 12:45 PM**
Art Docent Meeting 8:00 - 9:00AM
In the multi-purpose room
 - 2 **Minimum Day (DES only) for Parent Teacher Conferences dismissal 12:45 PM**
 - 3 **Minimum Day (DES only) for Parent Teacher Conferences dismissal 12:45 PM**
3rd Grade Field Trip to CSUC Farm 8:40 - 12:00
 - 5 **Day Light Savings. Turn your clock back one hour**
 - 6 **Cookie dough delivery**
 - 10 **No School- Observance of Veteran's Day**
 - 15 **Durham Unified School District Board Meeting 7:00 PM-District Office**
Mr. Martin's class to CSUC 9:00 - 1:30PM
- 20-24 No School Thanksgiving Break

Events In December SAVE THE DATE

- 19 **Christmas Boutique set up 2:00PM**
- 20 **Christmas Boutique**
- 22 **Minimum Day**
Winter Break
December 25, 2017 —January 5, 2018



Order Your Yearbook Today!

Order your yearbook before winter break and save \$5.00!

Books are currently \$20.00 each and will go up to \$25.00 in January. At the time of this printing almost half of our books have been sold!

Principal's Post

Happy November,



Do you ever get a song stuck in your head that just won't go away? Well for me this happens with words. This week there's a word that keeps popping in my head and won't go away. That word is "inspire". The other things I've been noticing are all the changes going on around us, in the world, in the weather, in our students, in our families. I have to wonder how these two are connected. Inspire comes from the Latin word "inspīrāre" which means to breathe upon or into. In Spanish the word "respirar" means to breathe. We define inspire as "to cause creative activity; to encourage somebody to greater effort or enthusiasm". So as we encounter these moments and seasons of change, which can be as simple as a tree losing its leaves or as serious as losing a loved one, my wish is that we might encourage greater effort, creativity, and hope in each other. Then perhaps the changes we weather will make us stronger, breathe inspiration into our beings, and carry us through the storms. Take care of each other and thank you for inspiring me to want to do the absolute best for our kids.

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Christmas Boutique 2017

It's that time of year to begin thinking of the Christmas Boutique! The committee is seeking donations of crafted, new or gently used items that our students can purchase for family members (no pet items please).

Donations of shopping bags with handles would also be greatly appreciated. Items can be donated by dropping off in the school office beginning Nov 1, 2017. Thank you for making this tradition such a fun and successful event!

Questions? Please contact;

Jeanne Phillips 530-518-6796 or Tami Thomas 530-321-5543

Capture My Art:



Your child has the unique opportunity to participate in a program called Capture My Heart at school. One-of-a kind artwork art can be turned into keepsakes that can be treasured for years. Some examples are bookmarks, water bottles, mouse pads, and ornaments. These projects make great holiday gifts and a portion of the proceeds helps support the Art Docent program at DES and DIS. Here's what you need to know... Your child will be bringing home an order form the week of November 27th. Order forms are due back to school on Friday, December 8th. Finished products will then be delivered to your child by Friday, December 22nd. Thank you for your support of our art program!



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PTS is launching Script Fundraising

What is Script? It's a simple way to raise funds for DES by buying gift cards to places you're already shopping. Nothing extra to sell, nothing extra to buy. PTS will have a variety of gift cards available for purchase soon and you'll be able to refill your cards online as well. There is no extra charge to purchase the gift cards and with thousands of options from grocery, travel, restaurants, clothing and home improvement there is something for each need. PTS receives anywhere from 2% to 18% of your purchase. When you think of your total annual purchases even at 2% you have the ability to help DES PTS raise a significant amount of money for our students without having to spend any extra money.

Look for us in the hallway next week during Parent-Teacher Conferences for more information. We hope to have gift cards available for purchase! We'll have more information on our PTS hallway board and our DES PTS Facebook page.

Drop and Shop



Coming in December!

Need a little time out to get some holiday shopping done without the kids or simply enjoy a few quiet hours? PTS has your solution! We're hosting a drop off movie night for DES students. On Tuesday, December 12th from 5-7:30 PM in the DES multipurpose room we'll be showing, "The Search For Santa Paws" and "Prancer". We're even taking care of dinner! Cost is \$5 per child with a maximum charge of \$20 per family. Stay tuned to the DES PTS Facebook page or the PTS hallway board for more information regarding dinner.



Farm City Celebration Harvest Festival Saturday November 4th, 10-2 Bidwell Mansion

Come join us for a **FREE** family fun event featuring activities including: kids arts & crafts, interactive animal displays, bounce house, calf roping, antique and modern farm equipment, food booths, including food available from Madison Bear Garden, nutrition education, bee demonstrations, petting zoo, Bidwell Mansion tours, plant sale, horse-drawn carriage rides and much, much, more. Bring your family and enjoy this great day at the home of Chico's first farmer, John Bidwell. **SEE YOU THERE!**