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DURHAM ELEMENTARY TIGER NEWS

"Every Student Learns Every Day"

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**Aug / Sept
2019**

Events In Aug & Sept

August 21

DUSD Board Meeting 7:00 PM– District Office Board Room

August 22

Back to School Night
6:00-6:45 TK-2nd
6:45-7:30 3rd-5th

August 28

School Picture Day

August 29-30

Minimum Day Release —Parent Interviews
Kindergarten Release 11:45am
1st– 5th Grade Release 12:30 pm

August 30

Beginning of School Paperwork Due

September 2

Labor Day—No School

September 4

Art Docent Meeting– Multipurpose Room

September 6

PTS Meeting 8:45am– Multipurpose Room

September 9

Gala Meeting 8:30am– Multipurpose Room

September 13

Café Con Las Familias 8:30am– Multipurpose Room

September 18

School Site Council Meeting 3:00pm– Multipurpose Room

September 18

Durham Unified School District Board Meeting 7:00 PM– District Office Board Room

September 20

Minimum Day Release
Kindergarten Release 11:45am
1st– 5th Grade Release 12:30 pm



Principal's Post

Welcome DES Families,

The 2019-20 school year is going to be a great year! I am delighted to be a part of this amazing learning community. I welcome and value positive, collaborative partnerships between home and school to ensure all students learn in a healthy, happy environment, where students feel excited to come to school everyday.

I applaud our wonderful teaching and support staff, who put in countless hours preparing classrooms and planning academic lessons in readiness for your children's arrival. The enthusiastic office team worked diligently to register new families, input orders, answer phones and ensure all was in order. Our hard working and conscientious custodians spent the entire summer cleaning the facility and moving furniture and supplies from one room to another. Our much-appreciated PTS is busily getting ready for the year as they provide volunteer hours and gear up to offer and support our events and programs. How fortunate we are that everyone works for the common goal of nurturing responsible, caring students who can thrive academically and socially/emotionally.

Each year brings positive change. This includes a few additions to our staff. We are delighted to welcome Kasey King and Tracey Leonard to the second grade team, Nancy Flint, our new Special Day Class Teacher, and Michelle Gagne, our Title I Resource Teacher. A big welcome back to Teadra Lamb, returning from maternity leave, joining our 4th grade team. Lacey Leonard is coming on board as a new para-professional, Alicia Walters, as our new librarian, and Kameron Alex, our new day custodian. Brian Maldonado is our new cook. Congratulations are in order to Brian Glover our PE teacher who was married this last summer.

Thank you to all who have warmly welcomed me to the Durham community. Everyone's continued commitment to the school is awe-inspiring. I eagerly look forward to each new day to greet students and families. Please continue to introduce yourself and say hello, my goal is to learn as many student and family names as I can this year. Together, we will positively impact our children's growth and achievement.

Warm Regards,
Mrs. Atlas

August Tiger Trait of the Month

Power of Yet

Dear Parents,

Whether a person is 8 or 80 years old, this simple three-letter word can change the way a person approaches life's challenges. In a growth mindset, a person believes that their most basic abilities can be developed through hard work; brains and talents and that is just the beginning. But more importantly, a person creates a love of learning and resilience that is important for great accomplishments. When faced with a challenge mental, emotionally or physically, the power of YET can propel us forward. Here's an example: I can't do that. The power of yet says, I can't do this YET!

Thank you,

The PBIS Leadership Team

September Tiger Trait of the Month

InteGRITy

Dear Parents,

C.S. Lewis once said, "InteGRITy is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching". So, as we continue to explore what being a "Durham Tiger" means. Let us look at "GRIT"- also found in the word Integrity. Grit is facing life's challenges with courage and strength, and working through them... no matter how hard they appear, even when no one is watching. To have GRIT it means to have Guts Resilience Initiative Tenacity. When the going gets tough, how will we show true GRIT?

Thank you,

The PBIS Leadership Team

Announcements and Important Information

Student Health and Safety

- For the safety of all students campus supervision begins at 7:30am Please do not drop your student off prior to this time.
- The green 10 minute parking zones are not long term parking places. These zones are for dropping off or picking up your students please do not leave your parked car unattended.
- Please do not stop to drop off or pick up your students in the red zones. These need to remain clear at all times in case of an emergency.



- **Please Note:** No pets are allowed on campus before, during or afterschool due to both a health and safety concern.




- According to district policy all snacks/ treats must be healthy and store bought. Teachers will have a list of healthy snacks/treats at back to school night.



School Hours
<u>Kindergarten Hours</u> 8:25 – 11:45 <small>****</small>
<u>1st grade – 5th grade</u> All Mondays 8:25 – 1:50 <small>****</small>
Tuesday – Friday 8:25 – 2:50 <small>****</small>
All Minimum Days 8:25 – 12:30

Monday Release Time Reminder

Reminder: Mondays are early release. School is out at 1:50pm for all 1st– 5th grade students. Please remember to pick up your students on time. They get very worried when you are late.



Back To School Night
August 22nd!

TK-2nd Grade- 6:00pm-6:45pm
3rd-5th- 6:45pm-7:30pm

Yard duty is provided for students enrolled in Durham Elementary School only.

Thank you.

Paperwork Packets

Please make sure you complete and return the packet of paperwork given out on the first day of school to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Packets are due **Friday, August 30th**

Picture Day

Picture Day is **Wednesday, August 28th**. Order forms will be sent home soon. If you wish to order pictures from Lifetouch of your child they must bring on picture day to the photographer their order envelope filled out with their order with the correct amount of money enclosed. Extra picture forms are available in the DES office.

Office Reminders and Procedures

Welcome to the DES office. Mrs. Atlas, Miss Yolanda and Miss Heather and would like to remind you of a few very important items to remember as we begin this new year together.

Phone Numbers

Main School Line- (530) 895-4695

Direct Line- (530) 895-4697 + extension

Yolanda Prentice– 221

Lisa Atlas– 221

Heather McCune– 222

Health Office– 224

Absent Line– Option 1

PLEASE NOTE: All calls from Durham Elementary staff including the Special Education, Psychology Department and Deaf and Hard of Hearing have the same number displayed on caller ID. Please listen to the message left on your voicemail before calling back so that we can direct you to the appropriate person. The office very rarely knows who called you if you call back because you have a missed call.

Attendance Reminders

1. If your child comes to school late (after 8:25) you **MUST** accompany them into the office, sign them into school in the check in/check out binder and get a tardy slip from the office staff before your child will be permitted to class. Please do not send your student in by themselves to sign in.
2. If your child will **NOT** be attending school for **ANY REASON** (sick, vacation, funeral, family plans, personal etc.) **please call the absent line (530-895-4697 choose option 1)** and leave a message stating the necessary information and reason for not attending on the machine. If you do not call we will be calling you to remind you to call.
3. If your child is ill more than three (3) consecutive days a doctor's note is required to clear the students absence.
4. For every three (3) unexcused absences you will receive a truancy letter in the mail. Please see parent handbook for more information on the truancy process.

Visitors

For the safety and security of our students and guests and per California Ed Code it is imperative that ALL visitors, and parent volunteers sign in and out with the office. Upon arriving to campus you **MUST** sign in at the office and wear a visitor sticker while on campus. Upon leaving campus you **MUST** come back to the office and sign out.

Student Phone calls and Messages

- ◆ Phone calls will not be transferred to the classrooms during instruction time. We will transfer calls to voicemail only. Do not leave messages for your student on the teacher's voicemail. There is no guarantee when they will be able to listen to the message before the end of the school day.
- ◆ Please communicate everything you need to with your student before they come to school. We will only get a student message out to your student in an emergency.
- ◆ Students are not permitted to use school phones unless it is an emergency.
- ◆ Cell phone use is not permitted at school.

DURHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - AUGUST 2019



MEAL PRICES
 Breakfast \$1.50
 Lunch \$2.85



school
BREAKFAST

Breakfast Hours
 7:30 - 8:20 am

AVAILABLE DAILY
FOR BREAKFAST

Multi Grain Cereal
 Fruit / Juice
 Choice of Milk



You must take at least 1 fruit or vegetable daily and 3 of the 5 food groups for a complete meal.



14	15	16
Pop Tart LUNCH Chicken Nuggets Cheese Quesadilla Tator Tots Apple Carrots Cookie & Milk	Muffin LUNCH Hamburger Cheeseburger Bean Cheese Burrito Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Fries / Oranges Milk	Benefit Bar LUNCH Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza PBJ Sandwich Garden Salad Icy Juicee / Oranges Milk
19	20	21
Muffin LUNCH Chicken Nuggets Cheese Quesadilla Tator Tots Apple Carrots Milk	Mini Waffles LUNCH Taco Stick Bean Cheese Burrito Refried Beans Strawberries Tortilla Chips Milk	Cinnamon Roll LUNCH Oven Fry Chicken BBQ Rib Potato Smiles Watermelon Cookie & Milk
22	23	26
Breakfast Pizza LUNCH Hamburger Cheeseburger Bean Cheese Burrito Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Fries / Oranges Milk	Benefit Bar LUNCH Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Tuna Sandwich Garden Salad Icy Juicee/ Oranges Milk	Muffin LUNCH Chicken Nuggets Teriyaki Dunkers/Roll Tator Tots Apple Carrots Milk
27	28	29
Mini Waffles LUNCH Taco Bean Cheese Burrito Refried Beans Strawberries Tortilla Chips Milk	Cinnamon Roll LUNCH Chicken Burger Turkey Corndog Garden Salad Watermelon Mini Pretzels Milk	Breakfast Pizza LUNCH Hamburger Cheeseburger Bean Cheese Burrito Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Fries / Oranges Milk
30		
Benefit Bar LUNCH Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Tuna Sandwich Garden Salad Icy Juicee / Oranges Milk		

**Our Priority:
 Healthy, Happy**



APPLICATION REMINDER

Just a reminder that you must fill out a new application each year for free/reduced meals. Last years eligibility will automatically expire on September 26, 2019. If you have any questions please call 895-4697 x 235