



Durant Road Middle School Fall Splash

PTA Newsletter

A Message from Our Principal Drew Sawyer

Welcome to fall and hopefully cooler temperatures!

October brings several firsts for the 2013-2014 school year. We held our first pep rally Wednesday, October 2 and everyone was there to “raise the roof” with cheers for our Durant Road Dolphins. The students had lots of enthusiasm and spent some quality family time at one of our football, girls soccer, or volleyball games.

Our first dance, The Fall Festival, will be held on Friday, October 25. Sixth graders may stay after school and attend from 3:30-5:30. Seventh and eighth graders will attend from 6:00-8:00. Tickets are \$4 in advance or \$5 at the door. Track 3 can buy tickets on Oct. 15, 16 or 17th. Tracks 1, 2 and 4 can buy tickets on October 23, 24 or 25th. We are confident that all students will be on their best behavior and that a good time will be had by all.

We have added several new staff members during the last few weeks: Ginger Hamrick (AU teacher), Delvon Currie (EC teacher), Torri Stell (7/2 Language Arts teacher), and Suzanne Laggenbauer (7/3 Language Arts teacher). We welcome these new additions to our DRMS staff and are excited about the experience and enthusiasm that they bring with them.

Enjoy fall!

Sincerely,
Drew Sawyer

A Message from Our PTA President

It is really second quarter already? The time has been fast and the work plenty, but we are still moving forward into cool weather, crisper air and less daylight. It seems like a time to settle down, but it is actually just the opposite at DRMS. We are truly in the swing of things and events are being planned as we speak. Parents, come out and join us on **November 5 at 6:30** for a very brief general fall PTA meeting, followed by a very informative, adults only, program presented by Poe Health Center entitled "Drugs Uncovered." The program idea was suggested to me by Cathy Stone, our very own PE/Health instructor. She has seen this display before and knew that being parents of preteens and new teens, this important program will help parents keep up with the trends and stay informed. The flyer with information and an rsvp link are found on the next page of **Splash**. New ideas are always welcome!

Fall is a time of harvesting pumpkins, firepits and corn mazes. It is also time for sports, meetings and events. Team PTA is just getting started on planning some really fun events. The best part is that there are many ways to help out. We just finished up a fantastic book fair and special thanks to Laura Yeates for a wonderful job of organizing, displaying and running our second annual book fair in September! Cheryl McNeil, our fundraising VP, and Laura held together an awesome crew of volunteers to make this event a success and a fun activity to raise reading awareness and funding for our media center. Thanks to all who helped out or participated in any way! It took many hands to make this happen and we appreciate all of you!

Another service to DRMS that I wanted to mention is our school store that runs on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. The kids enjoy coming in to buy spiritwear and school supplies. Special thanks to Shelia Baldwin, Wendy Hawkins, Kathy Lundholm and crew for providing that service to our students. Also a shout out to Shelia and Wendy who came out last month and spruced up the teacher and student courtyards. It was a fabulous way to serve and you are awesome for recognizing the need and just going out and getting it accomplished. What a great way to give back! Great initiative and we are in awe of the commitment to Durant Middle that you showed by noticing the need and working to make it better.

We are super excited that DRMS Student Council has begun. Mrs. Brothers is leading our students and we hear that they have many great activities planned to help others in the community and the school. These students will most likely be involved in some cleanup activities as well and they will be reaching out to others to lead them into service for our school and outside of our doors. A group of student council reps already walked in a group to raise money and awareness for Walk for Hope on October 13. It was a privilege to walk alongside my own daughter, Mrs. Brothers and a great crew of parents and students in this event. Keep checking in with your students about the happenings at DRMS, as they will be aware from the announcements about all the fun things going on here.

Please stay posted by visiting our school website and keeping up to date on the calendar at DRMS. Thanks a lot to the huge crowd that came to McTeacher Night on September 26. It was a great turnout and the families were thrilled with the DRMS staff service at McDonalds. What a great kickoff to the new school year. Thank you to all of our DRMS staff that worked to staff the McDonalds stations for us. Our next family night will happen on October 25, the same night as the school dance, so parents and families enjoy yourselves at our Falls River restaurants while your dolphins enjoy themselves at the school dance on Friday night! Details are in this issue of **Splash**. Keep reading for more information. Stay tuned for our upcoming family nights throughout the year and we send a special shout out of gratitude to Tonya Baskerville for planning these events. We are ready to move into the second quarter and keep working on programming and events. Stay in touch!

~Jennifer Bateman, DRMS PTA



Drugs Uncovered Lite: What Adults Need to Know!
A Must-See Workshop for Parents & ALL Adults
Who Interact with Youth

What: Workshop and Exhibit

- Learn ways to talk to kids about drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
- Learn current drug trends.
- Identify signs of substance abuse.
- Explore props from “our” teenager’s bedroom.
- Identify the ways teens are using common and unique items to conceal and use drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
- Participants will receive FREE materials including resources on raising drug- and alcohol-free teens.

Who: ADULTS ONLY!

- Parents/Guardians
- Educators
- Counselors
- Government and Community Professionals

Where: Durant Road Middle School
10401 Durant Road, Raleigh 27614

When: Tuesday, November 5th, 2013 from
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Cost: FREE!

RSVP by Monday, November 4th as seating is limited and spots fill up quickly.

To reserve your spot, please register online at: <http://bit.ly/1hHVj41>

You may contact Jennifer Bateman with questions at **(919) 604-0303** OR
bateman.jen@gmail.com.



Coming soon.... Our Cultural Arts Events!



The start of our school year's cultural arts productions will occur on November 8th and will be attended by our 6th and 7th graders who will welcome 5 jazz musicians from **The Raleigh Symphony Orchestra** to perform their "All That Jazz!" production. "Style forms discussions include: Bebop, Latin Jazz, Jazz, Fusion, R&B, Smooth Jazz, Funk, and Modern Jazz to mention a few."

This production is made possible by support from our PTA along with a grant from the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, Inc. Additional support is provided by the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources.
~ Lynda Boltz and Moira Bubeck, Cultural Arts Committee

DRMS Business Alliance

Durant Middle is in need of energetic volunteers to represent local businesses as a member of the Durant Road Business Alliance. Representatives from local businesses can make a difference in our school and your child's education by serving on our school alliance. Alliance members can help in a number of ways. Some examples of these duties would be locating career fair speakers, job shadowing participants, truck fair participants, providing resources for teachers, and attending periodic meetings throughout the year.

Are you interested or do you know of someone in a local business that would be interested?

Contact Tracey Latham, DRMS Career Development Coordinator
919-518-0280 or tlatham@wcpss.net

FUNDRAISERS

Durant Road Middle School Community Spirit Night FALLS RIVER SHOPPING CENTER Friday, October 25, 2013

Just click on the link below to print the fundraising flyer. Present it to your Falls River server and DRMS will receive the listed percentage back for your purchase.



Big Apple Bagels will be offering their 10% back ALL DAY... actually they're even staying open 2 hours longer... 6am-8pm! Terry and Todd are so excited to be a part of this event! Their food is great! Teachers, if you haven't tried them... you're missing out!



Chubby's Taco - Only participating from 4pm-6pm, but a whopping 20% back! YOWSA!



Nantucket Grill - Participating from 4pm-8pm with 10% coming back to DRMS. They are very excited about the opportunity to participate in this event.

Click below to print DRMS fundraising flyer needed:

<http://durantroaddms.wcpss.net/web/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/October-2014-Falls-River-Spirit-Night-Flyer.jpg>



Thanks to all who have participated in our first two fundraisers. We have wrapped up the GoPlaySave coupon book fundraiser, and **raised over \$9000 for DRMS!** If you do still have a book that you haven't paid for, please send it back in or send us the \$30 for the book. We can still raise more money for Durant if all books are returned.

The Scholastic book fair was also a great success. Ms. Ziller was able to purchase over **\$1800 of books for the media center**. Thank you to all of our volunteers and our amazing Chairperson Laura Yeates! Laura did an incredible job organizing and running the book fair.



The winners are.....

Winners have been picked out the students who sold 3 or more GoPlaySave coupon books.

The following students won prizes:

\$25 i-Tunes gift card winners

Tyler Adams, Joshua Slocum, Jordan Morse, and Cameron Berry

\$10 Moe's bucks

Abigail Otsbye, Troy Brown, Thomas Dearth, Connor LaRocca

\$10 Char-grill gift cards

Yaa Quaning, Destiny Lennon, Daniel Ledrowski, and David Brunetz
PDQ Shakes Zachary McKee, Tanner Kalasz, Spencer Holly, Rachel Gluck

There was also a prize for one randomly picked student who sold 10 books or more...

Savannah Henderson has won a \$250 gift card to Great Wolf Lodge!

Congratulations to all the winners.



Our next fundraiser is here! You have the opportunity to buy discounted tickets to three different Carolina Hurricane hockey games. Not only will the tickets be discounted, but an additional \$5 - \$10 will be donated to DRMS from the Canes. Order forms were sent home this week. The games are listed below:

- Canes vs **Florida Panthers** on Saturday, January 18, 2014
- Canes vs **Montreal Canadiens** on Saturday, February 8, 2014
- Canes vs **Columbus Blue Jackets** on Saturday, March 29, 2014

As always, please contact me if you have any questions.

Cheryl McNeil

cherylamcneil@gmail.com or [919-609-0829](tel:919-609-0829)

Quick and easy ways to help without buying anything extra....

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3....

1. Re-link your grocery cards!
2. Link your Target Card!
3. Cut out those Boxtops!

These little things, add up to a lot. Last year we earned over \$3000 for Durant just by having people do these 3 easy things.



DRMS PTA needs a *Scripts* fundraiser chairperson needed.

If you would like to join our DRMS PTA team please contact Cheryl McNeil at cherylamcneil@gmail.com or [919-609-0829](tel:919-609-0829).



Kona Ice Visit on November 1st

\$2 Kiddie Kona

\$3 Regular Kona

\$4 King Kona with free Flower Lei

\$5 Kowabunga Souvenir Cup with Color Change spoon with \$3 Refills anytime

A portion of the sales comes back to DRMS. Make sure to bring some money with you on Friday, November 1st!



23	Soccer/volleyball @ East Millbrook
25	Grade 6/Track 4 Awards Ceremony 8:30 Grade 7/Track 2 IMAX field trip DRMS Fall Dance – 6 th – 3:30 -5:30, 7 th /8 th – 6:00-8:00
30	Football game at DRMS
31	Soccer/volleyball games @ Wakefield



1	KONA ICE
5	DRMS PTA Meeting 6:30 “Drugs Uncovered”
6	Fall Athletic Awards 6:30
8	Cultural Arts Assembly – Grades 6/7 Early Release 12:45
11	School Holiday
14	DRMS Band Concert
19	Grade 6/Track 4 Student Led conferences 3:30-5:30 in classrooms
20	Grade 7/Track 1 Drama production 11:45 Grade 7/Track 2 drama production 12:30
22	Grade 7/Track 1 Drama production 11:45; Grade 7/Track 2 Drama production 12:30
26	Grade 8/Track 1&3 Chorus concert 10:35
28	School Holiday
29	School Holiday



- 3 Beth Holding
- 6 Sharon Freenor
- 13 Cathy Stone
- 16 Carolyn Wright
- 18 Delvon Currie
- 21 Kelly Ransom
- 24 Chris Gooden
- 27 Brett Newby
- 30 Caroline Miles

- 7 Ashley Desmarais
- 10 Whitney Hasse
- 14 Marcia Morton
- 20 Drew Sawyer
- 21 Debbie Rothstein
- 24 Matt Mauder
- 29 Derek Parker



DRMS front office needs volunteers! If you are looking for a way to volunteer, and become more familiar with the school and staff, this is the place you want to be. Please use the link below to sign up, and contact Kim Moss (kimmoss321@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A9A622A13-drms>



Computer Monitors Needed

Does your company have any extra computer monitors? Are you upgrading your home computer and have an extra monitor? DRMS is in need for extra monitors for existing computers. Flat screens are best, but we'll take any that aren't too bulky. Thanks in advance . . . :-)

Kristen Ziller, MLS, NBCT
Library Media Specialist
[\(919\) 518-0044](tel:9195180044)
kziller@wcpss.net

Media Center Volunteers Needed

Are you looking for a way to volunteer at Durant? If so, volunteering at the media center might be the right spot for you. We are currently looking for people who can volunteer 1 to 2 hours at a time every week or every other week. The main task would be shelving books but volunteers also help with other tasks including processing books and magazines, putting up displays, checking books in, and helping students locate a book. If interested, contact Kristen Ziller, kziller@wcpss.net or 919-518-0044.



DRMS Spiritwear



Get Your Spirit Wear!

Looking to show off your school pride? Buy the 2013 – 2014 DRMS spirit wear to support the PTA. Download [this order form](#), and turn it in along with your money to your homeroom teacher. Pictured below are examples of this year's shirt design and magnet design



Click below to print the order form:

<http://durantroadms.wcpss.net/web/order-spirit-wear>

Wake Early College Program Speaker

If you are interested in the Wake Early College Program, there will be a speaker here on Wednesday, October 30th at 9:45 during the PE electives for all interested 8th grade students. Please contact Mrs. McGlade (Tr. 4 Guidance Counselor, amcglade@wcpss.net) if you have any questions.

Help DRMS Raise \$\$ by Voting

Target has agreed to donate \$5,000,000 to schools across the nation. Every vote is worth \$1. Please take a second to visit the website (<https://givewith.target.com/school/4452>) and vote for Durant Road Middle School. You can vote one time every couple of days so check back often. Also, please share the URL with as many people as you can. Every vote earns money for Durant Road Middle School.



**Durant Road Middle School
After School Art Class**

2013/2014
Wednesdays
3:30 - 4:30
Grade 6

Register online
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We will use multiple mediums including artist-quality Prismacolor markers, Art Stix, charcoal, and watercolor.

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To Enroll

- Complete the enrollment form at www.NorthRaleigh.KidzArt.com
- Click on *Register Classes*

To Pay

- Pay online - one payment or several throughout the session as you prefer
OR
- Mail a check for the entire session amount to:
KidzArt, 10320-107 Durant Rd, Raleigh, NC 27614

For more information, contact
Chris or Tonya at KidzArt of Raleigh
919.264.8234
InfoNorthRaleigh@KidzArt.com



Durant Dolphins PTA Membership

Hello to all dolphin families! Thank you so very much to all of the parents and students that have already joined the DRMS PTA. We are currently working hard on memberships and now that the cards are released by NCPTA, we are working on getting those out to you. If you joined already, please be on the lookout for your official PTA membership cards that will come out in your child's backpack. It is my wish that each and every parent and teacher join the DRMS PTA. It is one of the simplest ways you can support our school and keep it "school as it should be." You can help that effort for as little as \$10.

PTA works for the children, supports the teachers and volunteers in schools and that is just a small part of what PTA membership does for our school. Through PTA membership and fundraisers, we have funded classroom grants, provided cultural arts activities for students, and distributed important learning materials for all students, including agendas for every student at DRMS. Your PTA dues also support NCPTA membership and school sponsored events. Becoming a part of Durant through PTA membership and volunteer activities is the best way to get to know the school, its staff, and the teachers. Let's keep working together as PTA volunteers, members and supporters to keep Durant Middle so extraordinary!

Become involved, join Durant Road Middle PTA!!

<http://durantroadms.wcpss.net/web/page/2>

Online School Payments



Are you tired of sending your kids to school with cash or checks that they misplace? Would you rather make a payment anytime from the comfort of your own home? Are you tired of making an extra trip to school to pay a fee?

DRMS is joining a number of other WCPSS schools in offering an online payment option for school activities. Access this convenient method of payment through the WCPSS internet site or follow these directions...

To create an account on Durant Road Middle School's web site:

<http://durantroadms.wcpss.net/web/>

- **Click on "For Parents"**
- **Open "Online School Payments"**
- **Sign in to open an account**

System allows parents to self-register online just like any other ecommerce web site. User name and password remain valid when your child changes schools. You can set up and view siblings at other schools in your profile. OSP provides users the ability to view reports listing past purchases OSP will charge a 4% convenience fee for the use of this service. Teachers are emailed when payments have been made Access 24 hours a day from any web browser Credit and debit cards accepted.

Look for this payment option for field trips and other items throughout the year. Parents using Online School Payments (OSP) at other Wake County schools have enthusiastically endorsed it. We hope that this will be a helpful tool for parents who choose to use it.

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School Hours

Classes run 8:30-3:15

Main Office open until 4:00 PM

School Website: <http://durantroaddms.wcpss.net/web/>

PTA Website: <http://drmspta.net/>

COMMUNICATIONS

Please send Splash submissions to info@drmspta.net by Monday, November 25th for the winter edition. Email info@drmspta.net if you are not receiving emails from the PTA or if you wish to be removed from the email list.



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