

Durham Intermediate School

Debra Moore, Principal

Hello to all Durham Parents!

After a few early glitches we have had a GREAT start to school! I have so enjoyed seeing familiar faces and meeting all the new students we have this year. The fifth graders seem to have adjusted well to their new surroundings and are an “enthusiastic” presence in our school. The sixth graders are enjoying their roles as the “older” school leaders and have quickly settled into the routine.

It has been so wonderful being in the hall and witnessing teachers and students beginning to build relationships. At Durham it is our hope that students know they are special and important to us!

It is my personal hope that if you have any concerns about any aspect of your student’s schooling, you will feel free to contact the teacher, counselor, or me. We welcome you and your concerns.

Again, welcome to the new school year!

Debra Hart

“If you have a child’s heart, you have his head.” M.B. “Flip” Flippen

A Few Reminders.....

Birthday Celebrations

Thank you ahead of time for understanding the food “rules” are a State Requirement the District is not in control of.....

Birthday Celebrations are not often observed at the Intermediate level. However, when a parent wants to do so here are our new guidelines;

- Birthday treats students want to share with friends **cannot** be served before lunch due to the Texas Public School Nutrition Policy; therefore treats may be left in the office for students to share at recess (after their lunch).
- Parents **can only** provide competitive foods (pizza, hamburgers, etc) during school meal times **for their own child** (this is also per the Texas Public School Nutrition Policy).
- Boys and Girls may wear their favorite hat on their Birthday (or the Monday after their Birthday if it falls on the weekend).
- The Student’s Locker can be decorated the entire week of the student’s Birthday either by the parent or the student’s friends.
- If the student would like, they can drop by the Principal’s Office and receive a ribbon & special Birthday Wish! (Maybe even a song)

Dress Code

Thank you ahead of time for monitoring your child's clothing as they get ready for school - it never starts a student's day off well when they are sent to the office because of a dress code question...

A student whose clothing violates the dress code shall be given the opportunity to correct the problem at school. Clothing is available to help the student get back in dress code and return to class

Boys:

- Hair should be clean and well groomed at all times but should not extend below the eyebrows or over the top of the collar of a regular shirt. Sideburns may not extend below the bottom of the earlobe.
- Boys should be clean-shaven at all times.
- Boys may not wear earrings.
- No tank tops or muscle shirts will be allowed.
- Students shall not be allowed to wear clothing which has hems that are frayed.
- Pants must be worn at the waist at all times, covering all undergarments. Undergarments should remain covered at all times in all situations. This includes, but is not limited to, bending at a locker, sitting in a desk, or sitting on a classroom floor.
- Very short shorts, bike shorts, athletic shorts, etc., are not appropriate for classroom wear. Form-fitting shorts or pants (i.e. bike shorts) are not permitted to be worn alone. If they are worn underneath walking length shorts or pants, the shorts or pants that are worn on the outer side need to be of appropriate length. Our guideline for determining appropriate length is that shorts should be no shorter than first knuckle length.

Girls:

- *Dresses, skirts, and shorts shall be at least knuckle length when standing with shoulders in a relaxed position **and/or appropriate in proportion to the height of the individual.** (However DIS recommends finger-tip length so there is no question as to the length of the garment).*
- **Low-cut garments are not acceptable.** No cleavage is permitted. **Foundation garments must be worn but not seen.**
- No bare midriffs, halter-tops, tube tops, **garments with spaghetti straps or tank tops shall be worn. Backless attire and clothing with slits on the side is not acceptable. At the minimum straps must be 3 fingers wide.**
- Skin should not be seen at the waist at any time in any situation. This includes, but is not limited to, bending at a locker, sitting in a desk, or sitting on a classroom floor.
- Layers are permitted as long as one of those layers can be worn by itself.
- **Leggings and tights do not take the place of pants; therefore, top attire must meet length requirement of dresses, shorts, and skirts.**
- Very short shorts, bike shorts, athletic shorts, etc., are not appropriate for classroom wear. Form-fitting shorts or pants (i.e. bike shorts) are not permitted to be worn alone. If they are worn underneath walking length shorts or pants, the shorts or pants that are worn on the outer side need to be of appropriate length. Our guideline for determining appropriate length is that shorts should be no shorter than first knuckle length **and/or appropriate in proportion to the height of the individual.**
- Students shall not wear clothing that has hems that are frayed, or have holes in the fabric.

Student Body

- Anything that attracts attention to the individual or disrupts the orderly conduct of classroom and campus activity is not acceptable.
- Students will not wear slogan buttons or clothing with inappropriate or suggestive slogans or advertising on it. Prohibited are pictures, emblems, clothing, or writing on clothing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene; that depict the occult; that represent gang membership; or that advertise tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under school policy. Also prohibited is any clothing or grooming that, in the Principal's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or will interfere with normal school operations.

- Dress for social functions and activities will be determined by the sponsors of those functions and announced prior to the occasion.
- No caps or hats may be worn inside the building except on designated spirit days.
- ***Undergarments should not be visible at any time.***
- Steel-toed boots and wallet chains are not permitted.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- ***Sheer, mesh and see-through garments are not to be worn.***



DURHAM INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

DEBRA HART, PRINCIPAL

KATHY PHILLIPS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL · STEFANIE CHAPMAN, COUNSELOR



In case your child did not get home with their letter Monday afternoon.....

Dear Durham Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2011-12 school year! Although we are excited and ready for the new school year, there have been some changes and challenges along the way. Hopefully, this letter will explain and clarify several situations.

First, as you may have heard, LaJuan Cagle is ill and will be recovering over the next few months. Many have asked about her and want to know how to help. At this time the best thing we can do is let her rest so she will get better. Since visitations are limited to relatives at this time, students can bring cards and notes for Mrs. Cagle to school, and we will collect them to give to her. Those encouraging well-wishes will be the best remedy for her emotional and physical health! In the meantime, we have secured the services of Mrs. Jill Handley, a very qualified teacher, who will do a great job until Mrs. Cagle returns.

Second, we apologize for the long line you endured to receive your child's schedules, books, and lockers. Only two of our four textbook scanners were working at the time. In addition, our air conditioner malfunctioned and the halls became unbearably hot. I cannot apologize enough for that entire day of problems. I assure you our procedures will be evaluated before next year. To add to the difficulties of the week, the compressor failed completely Thursday night during "Meet the Teacher". On Friday afternoon, however, our wonderful maintenance crew completed the repairs, and we are up and running again. Mr. Chauncey Willingham was at DIS early Saturday completing all maintenance needs to ensure cool rooms for your children today and beyond!

Third, due to a late resignation in the Language Arts Department I moved Mrs. Sara Snow from 5th grade Language Arts to 6th grade Language Arts. In the interim, I have hired Mrs. Kelly Henderson, a highly qualified, fully LA certified long-term substitute to begin the year. I know some of you may be worried that a substitute hired so quickly would be "lost", but I assure you that my 5th grade Language Arts team jumped right in with lesson plans and room preparation, assuring that Mrs. Henderson is completely prepared for educating your students. Just to clarify, if your child was scheduled for 5th grade LA with Mrs. Snow, he or she now has Mrs. Henderson. If he or she was scheduled for 6th Grade LA with Mrs. Peters, he or she will now have Mrs. Snow.

All of us at Durham Intermediate hope that we are past these challenges, and the rest of our year will be smoother! I do want to take this time to compliment Durham teachers for the teamwork they have shown during this week. They have come together in such a great way because they care so much about your children that they want everything perfect as we begin the year!

I know this letter is filled with a lot of information; I sincerely hope that you will come by or give me a call if you have questions or concerns. On a personal note, I am SO ready to be with students and teachers. Again, the summer was great, but I LOVE my DIS family and enjoy being with them every day!

Again, welcome back to school and please call if you have any concerns!

Debra Moore
Durham Intermediate Principal

IMPORTANT FIRST DAY PACKET **INFORMATION**

**EVERYONE MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN THE EMERGENCY
AND HEALTH HISTORY FORMS**

**SEE ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR ALL OTHER REQUIRED
FORMS**

**Please review all the other forms so you do not miss
any important opportunities or order forms**

ON-LINE STUDENT REGISTRATION

FINAL DATE AUGUST 26

**The AUP Computer Form and the FERPA Privacy Form
must be printed and returned to the DIS office.**

To register your student on-line go to www.southlakecarroll.edu, click on For Parents, then click on Family Access (at the top right of the page), then enter your login and password.

If you would like to change your login or password, go to Account Info. It is one of the three buttons at the top right of the page.

If you have more than one child, you can see your other children by using the pull down menu at the right of the first child's name, however you will need to register each child individually.

Don't know your login or password - e-mail Susan Sapp in the DIS office for help.

[www.susan.sapp@southlakecarroll.edu](mailto:susan.sapp@southlakecarroll.edu)

Come join the fun!

SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

5:00-8:00pm

**3rd ANNUAL FANTASY FOOTBALL
DRAFT PARTY**

Wear your favorite team's hat or jersey!

Prize for the Best Dressed

Prize for the Most Creative Fantasy Team Name

Try the Football Trivia Contest to win the Grand Prize

Students can research their fantasy players and submit their fantasy team. Parents are welcome to assist or create their own team for our Parent League!

Free football cards, door prizes, and more!!!



**DURHAM INTERMEDIATE
COMPUTER LAB**



This event is for DIS sixth graders and their families. It is **not** a required event for any math students. Students are welcome to come and go at any time throughout the evening. Parents are welcome to attend with their student or drop them off and pick them up later.

Carroll Education Foundation

Change Week
October 3-7, 2011

Make a change in a student's life by **GIVING** change to CEF - All change collected during CEF Week will go back to your school! CEF will match funds raised at your school up to \$1,000! The class that collects the most change by the end of the week will receive a pizza party :)

10/3

Monday

Pajama day



10/4

Tuesday

Mismatch sock day

10/5

Wednesday



Crazy hat day

10/6

Thursday

Circus day



10/7

Friday

Dragon Green Day



DRESS UP TO CELEBRATE!



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Heat Stress

Protect yourself against excessive heat exposure. Drink plenty of water, wear loose, light colored clothing and take frequent breaks in a cool area or shade. Monitor yourself and others for signs and symptoms of Heat Stress.

Heat Exhaustion

The body's response to an excessive loss of water and salt through sweating, person skin may appear to look wet, white and weak

Symptoms:

- Rapid heart beat
- Heavy sweating
- Extreme weakness and fatigue
- Nausea, possible vomiting
- Dizziness
- Irritability
- Moist skin, slightly elevated body temperature

First Aid for Heat Exhaustion:

- Rest in cool, shaded place
- Drink cool water slowly
- Lie down with feet raised 8 to 12 inches
- Loosen clothing
- Place cool compress on forehead and under arms

Heat Stroke

A serious medical condition that occurs when the body can no longer regulate its core temperature; sweating stops and the body cannot get rid of excess heat

Symptoms:

- Mental confusion, delirium, fainting or seizures
- High body temperature
- Hot, dry skin, usually red or bluish color
- Loss of coordination
- Throbbing headache

First Aid for Heat Stroke:

- *Call 911 and request immediate medical assistance*
- Move victim to a cool, shaded area
- Remove excess clothing
- Soak the victim in cool water
- Place cold packs under arm pits

SAGT

Southlake Association for Gifted and Talented
We think outside the box!



Please join the
Southlake Association for Gifted and Talented
for a
2011-12 KICK-OFF MEETING
COFFEE & LIGHT BREAKFAST SERVED

Thursday, September 29th

9:00am

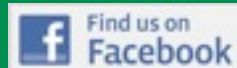
Southlake Town Hall

3rd Floor Meeting Room

Guest Speaker: Gina Peddy, CISD Gifted Coordinator

Do not forget to bring your Membership Form!

Questions? Contact us at info@southlakegifted.org



Who should Join?

Membership is open to anyone interested in the unique intellectual, social and emotional needs of gifted children.

Membership is highly beneficial for those enrolled in Quest, Pre-AP or Advanced Academic classes.

Benefits of SAGT

- Partners with CISD to provide resources for gifted students.
- Meets monthly with GT Coordinator and CISD administrators.
- Represents parents on Gifted Program Advisory Committee (GPAC), District Advisory Committee (DAC), and School Board meetings when issues affect GT students.
- Supplements GT funding for professional workshops and classroom materials.

5. Parent Programs

- Nationally renowned speakers on issues impacting gifted children
- Opportune learning events eg. free screening of "Race to Nowhere"
- "Roadmap to your Child's Success" - CISD administrators explain advanced academic class options. A Don't Miss Event!

- Student Programs** - fun exploration for GT students. Past events include: Camp Invention and sleep overs at the Dallas Museum and Fort Worth Zoo.

Membership Form 2011-12

Name: _____

Address: _____

City : _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone (Home): _____

(Cell): _____

Email: _____

Student(s) Name	Campus	Grade
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		

Family Membership: \$25 per year

Donation (optional): _____

Total: _____

Make checks payable to SAGT
P.O. Box 93206, Southlake TX 76092

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Jr. Colorguard



WHO: For all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. No prior experience required.

WHAT: Spin flags, perform at the CMS/DMS game. Make new friends. Come and try it!

WHEN: Informational Meeting: August 29th for students and parents at 6:00 pm at CHS cafeteria.

PRACTICES: Monday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 at CHS starting September 12.

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Pam Randall
pamela.randall@southlakecarroll.edu

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**DIS
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Amanda Gillum — DIS Music Teacher and Choir Director



Please visit to learn more about the DIS Music and Choir Programs!

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Date: 08/24/2011