

TIGER TALES

December 6, 2019



Middle School Dance

Friday, December 6
6pm - 8:30pm

Cost: \$5.00



DURHAM SCHOOL PTA
Invites you to our 9th

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

December 7th, 2019
9:00 am to 2:00pm

654 Hallowell Rd,
Durham ME 04222

Middle School Basketball Games

- 12/9 Boys A Home vs St. Doms 4:00pm
Girls A Home vs. St. Doms 5:15pm
- 12/11 Boys B Home vs. Jordan Small 4:00pm
- 12/12 Girls B at NYA 3:30pm
Boys B at NYA 4:45pm



Couple of Reminders:

~ If your child is going to be absent or late coming to school please call the main office by 9:00am (353-9333)

~ Lost and found has accumulated over the first months of school and is out on display in the main hallway. These items will be gathered up and donated over the winter break so please encourage your child to check for any missing items or stop in and take a look. The building is open from 7:30am until 6:00pm (often later with basketball practice). Please remember to put a name in clothing and jackets, it does make a difference.

First trimester report letters are coming home with students this week. Please check backpacks.





Odyssey of the Mind Parent Information Session

Wednesday 12/11, 6:30pm
at DCS Library

Odyssey of the Mind (OM) is a program that involves teams of 5-7 students to work together to solve a long-term problem that is then presented at a regional tournament in March.

The program is open to students in Grades K-12.

Grades K-2: Primary Division
Grades 3-5: Division I
Grades 6-8: Division II
Grades 9-12: Division III

The long-term problems can be technical in nature and are geared to solve a fictional problem. At the annual regional tournament solutions are presented through a performance of the team's making in front of a panel of judges.

Students will be asked to think outside the box and apply their creative thinking skills as well as humor in solving their problem. Each team's performance of the solution typically involves a team-created script, music, songs or sounds, special effects, props, backdrops/sets, costumes and more.

While each team does have at least one coach, although preferably more than 1 coach, the coaches do not help the team solve the problem. There is no "outside assistance" in solving the long-term problem. The students must solve the problem 100% on their own w/o the help of their coaches, parents, peers, etc.

Coaches are typically parents, and they provide assistance with scheduling meetings, keeping the team working towards their goals, helping the team with team building/team dynamics, and helping the team acquire the supplies they request to solve their problem.

If you are interested in coaching a team, or if you have a student that you think might be interested in OM but you would like to learn more about it, please attend this upcoming Parent Info. Session.

Please be advised that this Parent Information Session is geared towards the parents/guardians not the students.

To learn more about Odyssey of the Mind you may also want to visit these websites:
<https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/>

<http://www.meodyssey.org/>

Search for @DCSOdyssey on Facebook to locate the DCS Odyssey of the Mind Facebook page.



JOY OF SHARING

Our students will be participating in our Joy of Sharing assembly at the end of the day on December 20. The hats, mittens, games and toys collected will be distributed to families in our local communities. It is always a nice way to frame the spirit of giving and reinforce our Core Value of empathy. Thank you for all the support you give to this activity. It is wonderful to work in a community that teaches its children the importance of caring for neighbors and thinking of others.

We will be accepting donations of new unwrapped gifts from December 10-19. Donations can be placed in the giant gingerbread house in the lobby.



Outing Club

for grades 5-8

Sparetime Entertainment
(Laser Tag & Arcade Games)

December 11

Departure: 3:15pm

Bus return arrival: 6:15pm

Activity fee: \$16.00 per person which
includes 2 rounds of laser tag and \$10 toward
the arcade

Money for the snack bar may be brought
Equipment necessary: comfortable clothes

*Please return permission slip and money
to school no later than 3:30pm
on Wednesday, December 9*



DURHAM STEM CLUB: MAKERS GONNA MAKE!



What do you want to create? The possibilities are endless at Makers Gonna Make, with access to...

- Lego & Wonder Workshop Robots
- 3D Printers & Glowforge Laser Cutter
- littleBits Electronic Kits
- Circuitry materials
- Computer programming tools
- All materials in the STEM classroom storage closet!

What?: STEM Club is an opportunity for students to engage with tools and topics beyond what we cover in STEM class. This session will be run as a Makers' workshop, where students will be able to tinker and create their own projects.

Who?: Open to any DCS student in 4th grade and up.

Where?: Durham Community School STEM Lab

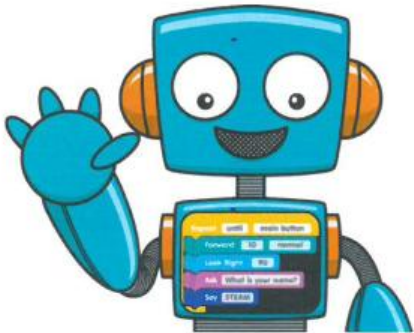
When?: Tuesday afternoons, 3:15 - 4:30 PM
6 sessions: January 7th – February 11th

How to Join?: Fill out the permission slip and return to Ms. Hewes (STEM teacher) or bring to the main office.

Contact Information: Nicole Hewes, DCS STEM Teacher
hewesn@rsu5.org



Family Coding Night



Explore
programming
with computers
and robots!

**Monday, December 16th
6:00 - 7:15 PM
DCS Cafeteria**

***Open to students in grades
2-5 and their families**

**Contact Ms. Hewes for more
information (hewesn@rsu5.org)**

