

Information from Superintendent **EXTENDED SCHOOL DAYS APRIL 2-6**

Dear Parents,

The School Board voted to make up our most recent snow day by adding an hour to the school day during the week of April 2-6. Maine requires 175 school days, but they do allow schools to add five hours to existing school days and count it as one full school day. This means the last day of school will be Friday, June 22nd, barring any other work days, instead of Monday, June 25th. Each school will extend their school day for one hour during this week, so your child will be arriving home one hour later. After school activities will be adjusted during that week. If your child cannot stay an additional hour it will be considered an excused absence.

If you have any specific questions about your child's schedule, please contact the school.

Thank you, Dr. Becky J. Foley Superintendent of Schools RSU5



If you have not pre-registered your child for kindergarten please go to our homepage (dcs.rsu5.org) to pre-register your child for 2018-2019 kindergarten. Children must be 5 years of age on or before October 15. It is very important that we get everyone registered so class sizes and staff can be determined early. Screening will take place the beginning of May, more information will come in the registration packets.

Pre-Kindergarten Registration

We are currently enrolling students for the 2018-19 school year.

The Durham Community School Pre-k program is designed to prepare students with the basic skills needed to be successful in Kindergarten. To be eligible for this program, children must be four years old on or before October 15th and reside in Durham.

The Pre-k program is a partial week, full day program that follows the RSU #5 school calendar. The program operates in two sessions a Monday/Wednesday session as well as a Tuesday/ Thursday session. A third day (Friday) will be offered to students enrolled based on additional needs determined by the results of screening. The program will only accommodate 32 total students in the two sessions. If there are more than 32 children registered, priority will be given to those with an academic or developmental need, and the remaining places will be determined by lottery. Please go to our homepage (dcs.rsu5.org) to pre-register your child.

Pre-K Parent Night is Thursday, April 5 from 6:00-7:00pm



UPCOMING EVENTS

Don't forget to order your Middle School Yearbook. Deadline is tomorrow!!

got yearbook?

Day left to Order

Order forms are located on top of the trash receptacle near the office. The cost of the yearbook is \$20.00 and the order forms can be sent to the office with your check or cash payment. Checks made payable to Durham Community School or DCS or you can order online at:

> YBPAY.LIFETOUCH.COM yearbook ID Code: 12339818

Deadline: March 30, 2018

Middle School Dance

Friday, March 30 at DCS Grades 6-8 6:00 - 8:30pm Cost \$5.00

MUSIC

Congrats to 6th grade District 3 Honors Band and Chorus Students on a successful festival

Pre-K/Kindergarten Concert Tuesday, April 3 at 6:30pm

1st and 2nd grade Concert Monday, April 30th at 6:30 PM

After School Opportunities: 3rd Grade Recorder Club

Monday May 7th - Monday May 21st 3:15 - 4 PM (parents can email me by May 1st if they are interested)

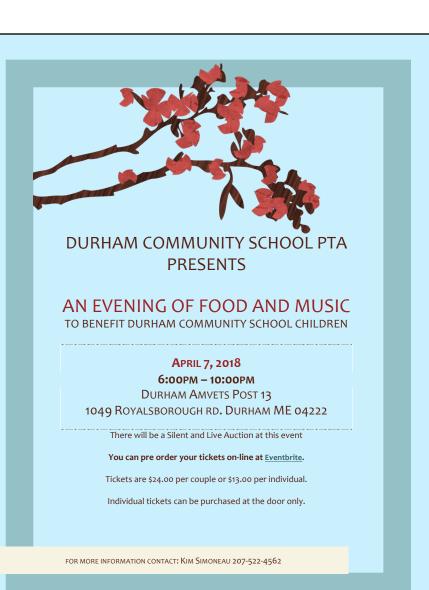
4th and 5th Grade Chorus

Thursday May 17th - Thursday June 7th 3:15 - 4 PM (parents can email me by May 1st if interested)

PTA Scholastic Book Fair is still going on:

Thursday 3/29 from 2:30pm - 7:00pm Friday 3/30 from 2:30pm-5:00pm

We hope you will take this opportunity to get some great books and support the PTA in their efforts to fund programs here at DCS including field work and enrichment opportunities for all grade levels.





Baseball/Softball Practice Times

April 2 4:15-6:00 Baseball / 6:00-7:30 Softball April 4 4:15-6:00 Softball / 6:00-7:30 Baseball April 9 4:30-6:00 Baseball / 6:00-7:30 Softball April 10 4:30-6:00 Softball / 6:00-7:30 Baseball April 12 4:30-6:00 Baseball / 6:00-7:30 Softball

**The full baseball and softball schedules are on schedule star

Track Practice Times

April 2 4:25 - 5:45pm in Freeport April 6 4:25 - 5:45pm in Freeport April 9 3:15-4:30pm in Durham April 10 3:15-4:30pm in Durham April 11 3:25 - 5:15pm in Freeport April 12 3:15-4:30pm in Durham

> Join us for the 9th annual Tortoise and Hare 5K Sunday, April 8 at 9:00 am!!

Whether you are a Tortoise or a Hare you will enjoy this scenic 5K along the quiet side of Freeport. The race starts and finishes near Bow Street Market. Gift card prizes to the "Hares" or the fastest in each age group as well as the "Tortoises" or the participant that closest predicts their finishing time. \$100 Bow Street Market gift card to overall male and female winners. Proceeds benefit the Freeport Running Boosters, a non profit group that supports the Freeport High School Track Team. Register at www.runinarace.com or race day starting at 8:00 a.m. Start time 9:00 a.m.





On March 15 we had our 1st annual Talent Show at DCS

Thank you to
Mrs. Hall for
organizing this fun
event and thank
you to the staff and
students who
participated.
Everyone did an
amazing job!

