



2

5

0

GER TALES

1 8

R

Y

We would like to recognize several students who recently competed in school wide competitions.

## **GEOGRAPHY BEE**

On January 18th Durham Community School's top students from the class level National Geographic Bees in grades 4 through 8 competed for the school wide championship. Representing 4th grade was Sam Hafford and Greyson Creamer, 5th grade was Amelia Piercy and Christopher Noreika, 6th grade was Aaron Helfrich and Garrett Ritcheson, 7th grade was Katie Roy and Joshua Merrill, and 8th grade was Thomas Gregoire and Jacob Libby.

Our school Geography Bee champion in first place is Sam Hafford and capturing second place is Amelia Piercy.



N

U

A





### **SPELLING BEE**

On January 18 Durham Community School's top students from the class level competed for the school wide Spelling Bee. Representing 5th grade was Liam Conway and Zoe Holmes, 6th grade was Tommy O'Brien and Sadie Bromee, 7th grade was Kaitlyn Webb and Emily Duke and 8th grade was Owen Pike, Colby Lacasse and Owen Howarth

Our school Spelling Bee champion in first place is Owen Pike and second place is Kaitlyn Webb.

Congratulations to all of our winners and participants!





# Got Baby Pictures?

## **Attention 8th Grade Students:**

The Yearbook staff is collecting baby pictures for the Yearbook (Please note, we only need one copy). If you have a digital copy, please email it to: <u>kimber1572@gmail.com</u> and if you have a photo that needs to be scanned, just drop off the photo at the office and make sure that the students name is included with the photo. We will return it to you as soon as we have scanned the image and uploaded it to the publication.

Thank You

# **Deadline:** February 28th

Middle School Basketball Schedule

#### January 29

Girls A home vs. Jordan Small 4:00pm Boys A home vs. Jordan Small 5:00pm

#### January 30

Boys B @ St. Johns 4:00pm Girls B @ St. Johns 5:00pm

#### February 1

Girls B @ Jordan Small 4:00pm Boys B @ Jordan Small 5:00pm

# DRAMA CLUB Grades 4-8

The DCS drama club is up and running for grades 4-8. This year we will be focusing on theatre skills through group activities and games as well as preparing two short performances that will be performed on March 15 for the DCS talent show at 6:30. These performances allow for a maximum cast of 30 students therefore depending on the number of interested students there may be an audition process to perform at the talent show, with all other students performing a third skit during a school assembly. We understand this is different from what has been done in the past but we are hopeful this format will allow for the students to focus on the skills needed to put on a successful production.

Drama club rehearsals will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 4:30. You will need to arrange for your child to be picked up at this time. The week prior to the talent show there will be some additional rehearsals. Info will be sent home closer to those dates.

You may have already received the letter that we sent home with interested students. We have started meeting and working on skills, but would welcome more students. If you are interested in participating please fill out the form located in the main office and return by the end of the school day on <u>Monday, January 29</u>. If you have any questions please contact me through my email

> freemand@rsu5.org Sincerely, Devon Freeman

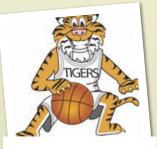
# Freeport High School Transition Activities

January 30 and February 1 9:15-11:15am 8th grade tour and informational session at Freeport High School All 8th grade students will attend a tour and informational session at FHS. Students will be bussed over from DCS

You will be notified which day your child will be attending this activity.

## **Parent Information Night**

has been rescheduled to Tuesday, January 30 at 6:00PM.



# DCS K-8 TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS

# **DCS K-8 Talent Show Auditions**

Durham Community School will have a staff and student talent show on Thursday, March 15 at 6:30 right here at DCS. We are looking for any musical, dance, comedy or other talent you'd like to showcase!

We want to include as many people as possible, but there will be auditions to ensure that talents are performance-ready.

Please keep your performance to 5 minutes or less. You must provide your own musical accompaniment. There will be a CD player available as well as a piano.

We will announce the roster at the end of the week of February 12. We will have two rehearsals before the show night. Students need to be picked up after their audition (by 5:00 at the latest).

We will order the auditions from Kindergarten-Grade 4 on Monday and Grade 5-Grade 8 on Tuesday, so please plan pick-ups accordingly.

<u>Auditions will be on:</u> Monday, February 12 at 3:30-5:00 for K-4 Tuesday, February 13 at 3:30-5:00 for 5-8

Rehearsals will be on: Thursday, March 8th Monday, March 12th

Location: Durham Community School cafeteria

Please email Mrs. Hall at <u>hallh@rsu5.org</u> to sign up for an audition and ask any questions. See you in February!

The show will be a fundraiser for our school musical instrument program with the support of the PTA

# Is it a Cold or the Flu?

Symptoms	Cold	Flu
Fever	Rare in adults and older children, but can be as high as 102° F in infants and small children	Usually 102° F, but can go up to 104° F and usually lasts 3 to 4 days
Headache	Rare	Sudden onset and can be severe
Muscle Aches	Mild	Usual, and often severe
Tiredness and Weakness	Mild	Often extreme, and can last two or more weeks
Extreme Exhaustion	Never	Sudden onset and can be severe
Runny Nose	Often	Sometimes
Sneezing	Often	Sometimes
Sore Throat	Often	Sometimes
Cough	Mild hacking cough	Usual, and can become severe



Department of Health and Human Services Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention www.mainepublichealth.gov

# WRITING Contest



Durham Community School Winter Writing Contest

#### Eligibility

Any student in grades 5 -8. The contest is open now but the deadline is Thursday February 15th (this is just before February vacation). There will be a winner from each grade, as well as an overall winner. Certificates for each participants and token rewards for the winners. Submit entries to Mr. Hickey in room 102 or his mail box in the main office.

#### Category Description: Letters About Literature.

- 1. select a book about which you have strong feelings
- 2. Image sitting down with the author and sharing your personal thoughts. More like a private conversation rather than a book report or a fan letter.
- 3. Share specific details about the book and about your reaction to the book.
- 4. Keep in mind that this is a reflective writing contest and that means you need to think about what you read and the meaning you gleaned from the author's words.
- 5. Type your entry.

Activity model after the Library of Congress - Read. Be Inspired. Write Back.

Forward any questions to Mr. Hickey at hickeyt@rsu5.org

Thank you and Good luck.

