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DUNDEE DISPATCH

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE DUNDEE ELEMENTARY PTO

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

November Greetings,

We had a fantastic 1st Quarter of school with a true 'spirit' of cooperation, encouragement, and high expectations. Literacy is everywhere in Dundee, and we appreciate all your efforts at home to encourage your child to read. Whether it is reading with your child, setting 15 minutes aside for your child to read each night, or talking to your child about what they are reading. ALL these things will help us reach our goal of **ALL students reading on grade level by 2030.**

Speaking of fantastic, **95% of our families attended Parent/Teacher Conferences.** Conferences are a great time for communication between home and school; however, don't feel like you must wait until the end of the quarter to ask questions. We'll take your questions, concerns, or feedback any time.

Attendance Matters

It is crucial for students to arrive on time and remain in school from the morning bell until the dismissal bell at 4:05. Just as we have goals to improve academic progress, we also have goals to increase our attendance rate. During the first quarter, our 5th graders had the highest attendance rate. Thanks for helping us reach our goal!

Lights!, Camera!, Action!

In closing, I hope you can join us for the intermediate (grades 4, 5, 6) vocal music showcase, "Lights! Camera! Action!", on November 14. Start times for this fun show will be at 9:30 and 2:30. We look forward to seeing you soon!



With much care,
Kaye Kennedy
Principal



DUNDEE DIRECT

WE DID IT! AND IT WAS A SWEET VICTORY

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our students, families, and community, we met our Dundee Direct fundraising goal—and you know what that means... **pie time!**

Mr. Darling and Mr. Nauj bravely stepped up as our volunteer pie targets, and let's just say they took it like champs. Who knew fundraising could be so delicious?

We're beyond **grateful for the support** from our amazing teachers, students, and families. Your contributions help make our school a place where great things happen every day. Stay tuned—we can't wait to show you all the exciting ways these funds will be used throughout the year to make our school even more awesome!



CHANGE CHALLENGE



THANK YOU TO ALL THE DUNDEE BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORTED DUNDEE DIRECT THIS YEAR!



A NOTE FROM THE PTO PRESIDENTS

Join us in the library on Wednesday, **November 5 at 6:30 pm for our next PTO meeting.**

Topics will include:

- Updates on past and upcoming PTO events.
- School updates from Ms. Kennedy.
- Teacher gratitude activity

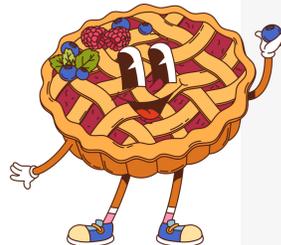
Free childcare is available in the cafeteria. If you have ideas for future speakers or information you would like to learn more about, please let us know.

Updates:

We are very thankful for all the donations from families, businesses, and neighbors that support Dundee Elementary through Dundee Direct.

Here are some of the ways the funds raised are already hard at work for teachers, students, and families:

- Teacher grants
- Fall Festival
- Teacher appreciation
- Scholarships for enrichment clubs
- Meals for teachers during conferences
- Classroom Halloween parties



Last month's PTO events:

Fall Festival: What a great evening we had for the Fall Festival. It was fun to see so many families join for Pizza, bounce house, games, and fun. Thanks to Trish Howard, Caroline Cox and all the volunteers who helped to make it happen!

Book Fair: A special thank you to Megan Hepburn for leading the Book Fair and all the volunteers who signed up to help!

Anne and Ben Dey
Dundee PTO Presidents



IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 4: NO SCHOOL

Nov. 5: 6:30 PTO Meeting

Nov 18: Dine Out Fundraiser
4:00 Chipotle

Oct. 24-28: Thanksgiving
Break

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

See all upcoming events at
www.DundeePTO.org

DUNDEE



AWESOME SINCE 1904

You can **sign up**
to become a PTO
member online at
DundeePTO.org

Membership gives
you access to
volunteer
opportunities, the
school events
calendar, and an
online directory of
Dundee students
and families.

ONLINE FUNDRAISERS

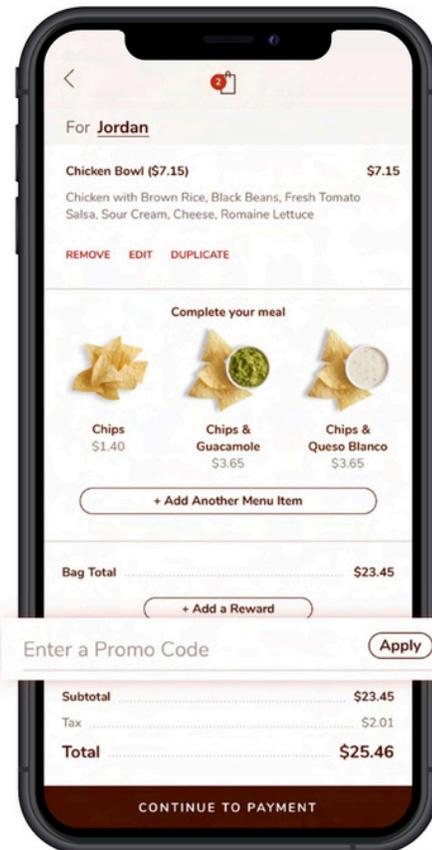


Congratulations on your upcoming Chipotle fundraiser! Below are details on how to participate in your fundraiser online through the **Chipotle App** or **Chipotle.com**.

Please note all online orders for your fundraiser must be within your scheduled hours and only at the restaurant hosting your event.

- 1 Access the **Chipotle app** or order on our **website**.
- 2 Choose **“Pickup”** and select the location of the restaurant which is hosting your fundraiser.
Delivery orders or orders placed through other apps will not be counted towards your fundraiser.
- 3 Build your order with all your faves.
- 4 Once you’re ready to place your order, input your unique online fundraiser code in the **“Enter a Promo Code”** section. Don’t forget to click **“Apply.”**
- 5 Provide payment information and submit your order for pickup (not delivery). **Reminder, pickup must be within the hours of your scheduled fundraiser.**

If you or your supporters forget to input and apply the code at checkout, please email us your order information at fundraisers@chipotle.com.



Fundraiser x - \$0.00

HELPFUL TIP

Once you apply your fundraiser code, your cart will show “Fundraiser” and an amount of - \$0.00. Don’t panic — this is totally normal and how we track the code in our system.



This month, our primary counseling lessons wrapped up learning about the Zones of Regulation while the intermediate students studied the brain while discovering how different parts help us think, feel, and make decisions.

Next, we'll be moving into lessons focused on **personal safety, self-advocacy, and making safe and healthy choices**. These important discussions help students learn to listen to their instincts, use their voice, and make **positive decisions at school and beyond**. We will also be diving into "big deal vs. little deal" for primary students and bullying vs. teasing for our intermediate students.

FOCUS ON LITERACY

Omaha Public Schools strives to focus on literacy. One way we can support kids at home is by modeling strong reading habits ourselves. **Each month I'm sharing a "Counselor's Book Pick"** to encourage this practice. This month's pick is First Phone.



It's understood that times of uncertainty can be stressful. If your family is currently having trouble accessing food due to the recent changes in benefits or due to other circumstances, please know that support is available.

HERE IS A LIST OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES THAT HAVE BEEN COMPILED TO HELP ENSURE THAT EVERY FAMILY HAS THE FOOD THAT THEY NEED.



HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE

Throughout the community there are assistance programs for families who need a little extra help this year. **For a full list of services go to search.ne211.org**



3SISTERS
Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway
Pick up
November 22nd
From
5-8 PM
1941 South 42nd St. Suite 402F
** First come, first serve; while supplies last**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
 From

 We'd be delighted to deliver a Thanksgiving meal to your door!
 TO RESERVE YOUR MEAL, PLEASE CALL (402) 898-6023. Reservations will be accepted Nov. 3 - Nov. 20.
 You must be age 60 or older to be eligible for the Thanksgiving dinner. You must be at home the morning of Thanksgiving Day in order to receive your meal.

MILLER PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
5625 N. 28TH AVE OMAHA NE 68111
4:30-6:00 PM (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)
MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Tuesday, October 21st, 2025

- Pantry distribution will be on the EAST side of the building in the back parking lot.
- Please allow students/buses to depart after school in a safe and timely manner before lining up.
- Volunteers will load the pantry into your vehicle. please do NOT exit your vehicle.

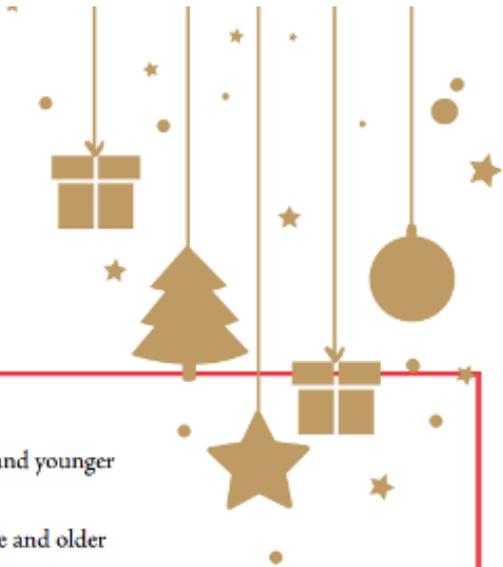
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HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE



2025 CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE

SIGN-UPS



Christmas assistance is available to the community as follows:

- ❄ Gifts and a food voucher are available to families with kids ages 15 and younger
- ❄ Seniors (60+ years of age)
- ❄ Food vouchers are available for families with children 16 years of age and older and adults without children

Eligibility requirements include but are not limited to:

- ❄ Photo ID
- ❄ Any official document verifying birthdates for everyone in the household
- ❄ Address verification (dated within the last 30 days)

STARTING NOVEMBER 1: IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 402-898-6031.

YOU MUST SIGN UP AT THE LOCATION THAT MATCHES YOUR ZIP CODE. PLEASE FIND YOUR ZIP CODE BELOW FOR YOUR SPECIFIC DATES AND LOCATION.

SIGN UP LOCATION
 North Corps
 2424 Pratt St.
 Saturday, Nov. 1 (9-1)
 Monday, Nov. 3 (9-12 and 1-4)
 Tuesday, Nov. 4 (9-12 and 1-4)

ZIP CODES
 68007 68002 68064 68110
 68111 68112 68116 68122
 68134 68152

SIGN UP LOCATION
 Kroc Center
 2825 Y St.
 Thursday, Nov. 6 (9-12 and 1-4)
 Friday, Nov. 7 (9-12 and 1-4)
 Saturday, Nov. 8 (9-1)

ZIP CODES
 68005 68028 68046 68059
 68107 68127 68128 68133
 68136 68113 68147 68117
 68157 68123 68106 68137
 68105 68108 68124 68138

SIGN UP LOCATION
 Omaha Citadel
 3738 Cuming St.
 Monday, Nov. 10 (9-12 and 1-4)
 Tuesday, Nov. 11 (9-12 and 1-7)
 Wednesday, Nov. 12 (9-12)

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 68118 68154 68178 68164

HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE

OPERATION OTHERS: HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET

Operation Others is an organization made up of students from Omaha's Catholic High Schools that delivers food boxes containing over 20 food items directly to households in need each December. This project is a partnership between Omaha's Catholic High Schools and Catholic Charities to meet the needs of families who are struggling to make ends meet.

If you would like to receive one of these food boxes or know of someone else in need, please call **531-329-6003** on **Saturday, November 8, 2025** and provide the name and address of an Omaha area family that could use a good Christmas meal.

This phone number will work on **November 8 from 9am-2pm** (or until our list is full). If you are already enrolled in another food program, please do not enroll in this program.

Operation Others es una organización de estudiantes de las escuelas católicas secundarias en Omaha que entrega canastas cada diciembre que contienen más de 20 productos alimenticios a las familias que tienen problemas económicos.

Si le gustaría recibir una de las canastas Navideñas, llame al **531-329-6003** el **sábado 8 de noviembre** para darnos el nombre y la dirección de alguna familia que viva en o cerca de Omaha y que se beneficiaría con una de estas canastas Navideñas

Este número de teléfono funcionará solamente el **sábado 8 de noviembre (entre las 9 de la mañana hasta las 2 de la tarde-o hasta que la lista ya está llena)**. Si usted ya es parte de un programa similar, por favor, no solicite otra vez para darle la oportunidad a otras familias.

**SCAN QR CODE FOR 211
WEBSITE AND FULL LIST
OF RESOURCES**



SEARCH.NE211.ORG