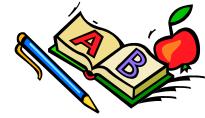


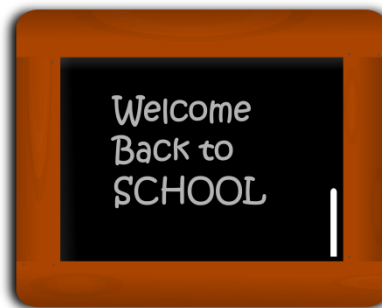


DIGHTON ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dr. Paula Manchester
Principal

Ashley Fullen
Assistant Principal



September 7, 2016

I am excited to welcome back both returning and new families to the new school year 2016-2017! Over this past summer, the building has been very busy with the installation of our new heating system. We are looking forward to a comfy environment, as the cold months creep up on us this fall. Besides the construction, teachers we have been planning, reflecting and preparing for the new school year. We continue to be committed to your children and ensuring they are welcomed into a warm, respectful, and safe environment. With your partnership, we can make this one of the best schools in Massachusetts.

Please return signed forms that you will receive on the first day of school. These releases and forms are important for us to have at the main office. Throughout the year, communications will mostly occur through email. Please make sure we have your correct email address in our system. The first newsletter is the only one we will send out in hard copy. After this one, all others will be sent via email. If you are not receiving them, that is a good indication that we do not have your correct email address.

Please attend our Open House to meet your child's teacher and learn about grade level expectations, as well as some of the great opportunities your children will have this year. Open house will be held on Thursday, September 22nd. **This night is for parents only.** We will open up the evening in the cafeteria at 6:00 PM, where you will be able to meet the administration, specialists and support staff. Parents will then be asked to transition at 6:20 PM to your child's classroom. For those parents who have more than one child, there will be a "repeat presentation" by teachers at 7:00 PM.

As a parent, myself, I understand that transitioning students back to school can be exciting but

also challenging—getting back into routines and bedtimes. Having a scheduled bed time and eating a healthy breakfast can help make the transition a smooth one. We look forward to helping you make the transition a positive and successful one.

Communication

During the year, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself if you have any questions. Please contact your child's teacher first about specific questions or concerns you may have. They may have the information you need to answer your question. If they are not able to answer your question, feel free to contact me or Mrs. Fullen. Our goal is to ensure good communication between school and home. Most of our regular communication is done through email, which helps to save money as well as the environment. I will also be sending out my monthly newsletter via email. Please make sure we have your correct email on file. If you have not received this newsletter via email in addition to the hardcopy, it means that we do not have your correction email in our system. Please send the correct email in a note to your child's teacher, or send an email to Mrs. Deleo at ldeleo@drregional.org. If you would like to contact staff here at Dighton Elementary School (DES), all you need to do is use their first initial and their last name followed by @drregional.org. For example, my email is pmanchester@dreghional.org

Please review the student handbook on our website for DES policies and procedures. In order to have a successful year, students must adhere to procedures, regulations and policies outlined in the handbook. The handbook has been approved by our school committee and can be helpful for parents and students to understand expectations. These procedures have been put in place for the health and safety of all students.

Safety

To ensure the safety of all students, please respect procedures during arrival, dismissals, and driving and parking on grounds. All procedures have been put in place to ensure safety in and around the building.

If your child attends the before or after school program, please use the door between the gymnasium and the cafeteria to drop off and pick up your child from the program.

The driveway is a ONE WAY. Please do not drive up the driveway. Instead, enter the driveway from Center Street. This is a serious safety concern. Also, do not park along the school in the fire lane at any time. You must park in a designated parking spot at all times. This is for the safety of all students and staff in the building.

If you are interested in volunteering or being part of any of our school day activities, please fill out a Cori form. Only adults who have been Cori'd will be permitted to volunteer. Cori forms can also be found on the district website, or you can request one in the main office.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures at Dighton Elementary School

As you know, dismissal time is a very busy time in the building and it is very important that parents and guardians adhere to our procedures. These procedures have been put in place for the safety of all students. **Dismissal is at 3:00 PM.** We will try every attempt to dismiss our students

(over 450 of them) as quickly as possible. Please respect our dismissal time and follow the dismissal procedures. These procedures are supported by town officials (Police and Fire).

Arrival (8:30 AM-8:50 AM)

- **School begins at 8:50 AM. Parents should not drop off their child before 8:30 AM.** There is no supervision before 8:30 AM.
- If parents are interested in before or after school day care, please contact Champions Extended Learning Program offered here at DES at 508-613-5743, or www.discoverchampions.com. Sheri Medeiros is our Site Director.
- There are no vehicles allowed down front of the building between 8:30 AM-9:15 AM. Parents may drop off their child at the crosswalk and child/children will walk down to main entrance of the school. Parents or adults should remain in their vehicles. A staff member will be at walkway to assist students.
- **After 8:50 AM, students must be signed in the office by an adult.** These students will be considered tardy. If you are signing in your child, you must park your car in a legal parking spot in the parking lot. **At no time can cars be left unattended in our fire lines.**

Dismissal (3:00 PM-3:15 PM)

- Prior notification must be made to the Main Office that a child is a pick up. If there is a change to your pick-up schedule, please send in a note. Due to the volume of calls and to ensure proper communication with school staff, we will only allow changes via phone for emergency circumstances before 2:00 PM.
- End of Day Pick-ups will happen at the cafeteria entrance (old main entrance). **Doors will be opened approximately at 2:55 PM (once students have transitioned). Parents will need to wait outside until doors are opened.** Parents must park their cars in legal parking spaces in the parking lot. **At no time, can cars be left unattended in our fire lines.**
- Once staff allow parents in, you will need to sign out students. Staff members will cross reference our list of student pickups who have appropriately notified the office with adult that is present. If staff is not familiar with adult picking up child, identification will be required. Please understand if you are being asked to show identification; trust that this is for the safety of your child.
- Students will be waiting in the cafeteria by grade and staff will call over students and monitor adults taking children. Parents/guardians will exit through door between gym and cafeteria.
- **Any parent or adult who is not on the list will not be allowed to pick up students. The student(s) will be dismissed to the assigned bus. Students will not be pulled from bus lines. This causes disruption to our dismissal procedure and impedes our communication to ensure a safe and orderly dismissal for all involved.**
- In a case of emergency, parents will need to go back outside and enter through the main office and sign out their child from there. **Parents will not be allowed to walk through the building during dismissal time.**

- Early dismissals will need to be done at the main office. Please make every effort to schedule doctor's appointments outside of school hours. Early dismissals in addition to when students are tardy are documented.

2016-2017 School Improvement

Dighton Elementary School's Improvement Plan consists of five goals. These five goals were created after reflection and research. Reflecting on the previous School Improvement Plan, reviewing the district's goals, analyzing MCAS data and the previous year's assessment data, a SIP draft was created. The SIP includes the five goals, along with an action plan to meet each of the goals. It also identifies who is responsible for the implementation and success of each goal; what professional development is needed; and how the objective/goal will be measured. The SIP will be used during faculty meetings, team leader meetings, and data team meetings to ensure focus, direction, and decisions are made with the SIP in mind. Dighton Elementary School is looking forward to a successful school year in 2016-2017.

School Goal #1

DES students will increase academic performance and demonstrate growth throughout the year, meeting targets and benchmarks in response to continuing to improve and imbed formal Response to Intervention at each grade level.

School Goal #2

Teachers will continue to enhance the effectiveness of instruction by embedding technology into the creation and delivery of units in order to expand their ability to connect to a more global community.

School Goal #3

Teaching and learning will be strengthened by continuing to align the DES curriculum to the Common Core Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks in ELA and Mathematics, and by providing teachers' professional development to ensure all students are receiving effective and rigorous instruction.

School Goal #4

DES creates a safe and caring school environment and makes effective use of a system for addressing the social, emotional, and health needs of its students through educational programming that fosters and promotes culture and awareness.

School Goal #5

DES will continue to assess infrastructure and identify goals to create the best possible environment for learning.

Staff List

Are school continues to evolve. With some additional classes and needs we were fortunate to add some new staff to our DES family. I am happy to announce the staff of 2016-2017.

Principal – Dr. Paula Manchester

Assistant Principal – Mrs. Ashley Fullen

Secretary - Mrs. Linda DeLeo, Ms. Debta Zejnullahu

Special Ed Secretary Mrs. Nancy Peixoto

KINDERGARTEN

Teacher Rm 31 Mrs. Deena Bellavance

Teacher Rm 32 Mrs. Kara Bosco

Teacher Rm 33 Mrs. Karin Pittsley

Teacher Rm 34 Mrs. Alaina St. Germain

Teacher Rm 36 Miss. Leah Cotter

Special Ed Teacher Mrs. Jennie Baglini

Paraprofessional Mrs. Tonia Patricio

Paraprofessional Mrs. Dawn Vieira

Paraprofessional Ms. Martha Loer

Paraprofessional Mrs. Kim Lacaille

GRADE 2

Teacher Rm 13 Mrs. Andrea Castonguay

Teacher Rm 15 Mrs. Jennifer Carter

Teacher Rm 17 Mrs. Robin Reed

Teacher Rm 19 Mrs. Stephanie Curtis

Teacher Rm 21 Mrs. Meghan Marcotte

Special Ed Teacher Mrs. Juliet Roberts

Paraprofessional Mrs. Dana Roderick

Paraprofessional Mrs. Jill Berry

GRADE 1

Teacher Rm 9 Mrs. Tammy Collins

Teacher Rm 10 Mrs. Lisa Silva

Teacher Rm 11 Mrs. Lisa Perry

Teacher Rm 12 Mrs. Jackie Ulmschneider

Teacher Rm 14 Mrs. Shirley DeMello

Special Ed Teacher Mrs. Susann Martel

Paraprofessional Mrs. Dianna Horowitz

Paraprofessional Mrs. Donna Little

Paraprofessional Mrs. Tiffiny Beaulieu

GRADE 3

Teacher Rm 16 Ms. Christina Sylvia

Teacher Rm 18 Mrs. Gena Maurer

Teacher Rm 20 Mrs. Heather Fernandes

Teacher Rm 22 Mrs. Amy Comeau

Special Ed Teacher Mrs. Deb Mason

Paraprofessional Mrs. Kathy Murphy

Paraprofessional Ms. Danielle Silva

Paraprofessional Ms. Lindsey Mullin

Paraprofessional Mrs. Suzanne Pettine

GRADE 4

Teacher Rm 23 Ms. Heather Woodruff

Teacher Rm 24 Mrs. Tracey Gustafson

Teacher Rm 25 Mrs. Christina Duarte

Teacher Rm 26 Mrs. Stephanie Brown

Special Ed Teacher Mrs. Katie Grillo

Paraprofessional Mr. Rory Spellmen

Paraprofessional Mrs. Holly deMelo

Paraprofessional Mrs. Courtney Mendoza

Paraprofessional Mrs. Stephanie White

School Nurse Mrs. Alison Alberto

Special Ed Coordinator and School Psychologist Mrs. Lou Kulpa

Student Adjustment. Counselor Mrs. Laurie Silvia

Literacy Support

Reading Paraprofessional Mrs. Laura Ouellette

Reading Specialist Mrs. MarySue Mulligan

Reading Specialist Mrs. Jennifer Kavanagh

Speech/Language Mrs. Cara Romano, Tabetha Hancock

Occupational Therapy Mrs. Jill Castergini

SPECIALISTS

Art – Ms. Brigitte Rubano

Library – Ms. Cynthia Grabke

Music - Mr. Brian Michaud

Physical Education – Mrs. Kimberly Corvi

Technology – Mr. Raymond Badger

STEM (.2) - Mr. Phil Bettencourt

TLC

Teacher TLC Rm Ms. Kelly Slattery

Paraprofessional Mrs. Donna Qualgia

Paraprofessional Mrs. Jessica Rapoza

Paraprofessional Ms. Amanda Emond

Paraprofessional Mrs. Beth Cornell

Attendance

Attendance is a major factor in student success in school. When they are not in school, they are missing valuable instruction time. Good attendance also fosters good work ethic and good habits they will need later on in life. Family and sharing time with each other are very important. Throughout the school year, there are several opportunities to plan family vacations. Please do not schedule vacations when students should be at school.

Please do not let your child be tardy. Our school day begins at 8:50 AM. The beginning of the day is very important to get kids oriented and ready for their school day. Please make an effort to schedule doctors/dentist appointments after school hours. If you are going to be absent due to illness, please contact Mrs. Alberto at 508 669-4245 extension 4.

PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports)

We will be continuing to reinforce a positive community throughout the year with PBIS in place. Each classroom will identify goals they will work on throughout the year to help foster a positive community. We will also highlight a classroom every week that will be recognized for their positive contributions to our school. Our three expectations are *Respect*, *Responsibility*, and *Safety*. Over the first few weeks of school, teachers will be reviewing lessons and talking about these three behavior expectations and what they look like throughout the building. Please review and discuss the expectations below with your child. Expectations are posted throughout the building.

Expectation	Classrooms / Assemblies	Hallway	Bathroom	Cafeteria	Recess/ Playground	Bus
Respect	Speak politely Use kind actions Raise your hand Look at speaker	Use quiet voices	Put paper in trash Give others privacy	Wait in line Raise your hand Speak politely Use kind actions	Take turns Share Speak politely Use kind actions	Use quiet voices Speak politely Use kind actions
Responsibility	Use materials with care Follow directions Be prepared Complete work	Stay with class in single or partner line Keep hands at sides Walk on the right	Wash your hands Use toilet properly Flush toilet Clean up after yourself	Clean your area Be prepared (bring lunch) Follow directions	Put equipment away Line up quickly and quietly Be prepared Follow directions	Follow directions Keep food and drink in your backpack
Safety	Keep hands and feet to yourself Walk Sit as directed Keep chair flat	Keep hands and feet to yourself Face forward Walk	Keep feet on the floor	Walk Keep hands and feet to self Stay seated	Use playground equipment correctly Ask adult before going into building Stay in playground areas Keep hands and feet to self	Keep hands, feet and belongings to self Stay seated

Health and Food

As we begin a new school year, there are many more food allergies across all grades. On the first day of school your child brought home a note letting your know that there are allergies in his/her classroom. A list of snacks that are free of allergens will be sent along in the next few days.

Due to allergies and health concerns, please do not to send in any food items to celebrate birthdays. We are also asking that only “healthy snacks” be sent in for holiday celebrations.

We will be sharing this information with room parents. Mrs. Alberto will be meeting with room parents prior to any class parties and let them know what is food is safe to bring in. We appreciate your support and cooperation with this.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 508-669-4245 x1103.

Ideas for Parents: Non-food Ideas for Birthday Celebrations at School

We all know that birthdays are important to every child and that kids like to celebrate with their classmates. However, sending in a food treat to the classroom to celebrate can exclude those children who have food allergies, diabetes or other dietary restrictions. According to the Centers for Disease Control (2011), allergies have increased more than 20% among American children since the mid 1990's.

If you would like an alternative to food treats for your child's birthday celebration at school, below are some suggestions compiled by Megan Palovchik, parent of a student with food allergies at Hilliard Crossing Elementary School, Hilliard Ohio. Please check with your child's teacher about an option before you decide on it.

1. Party favors (bouncy balls, matchbox cars, erasers, tops, magnifying glasses, notepads, balloons, whistles, bubbles, etc.). You can get these at a party supply store, dollar store, dollar shelves at stores like Target and Michaels and catalogs like Oriental Trading Company.
2. Come into the classroom and read a book to the class.
3. Buy something for the classroom (books, games, music, class pet such as fish or turtle, plant, etc.).
4. Decorate a box and send it into the classroom. Also send index cards or smaller pieces of paper. Have the teacher ask each child to use one sentence to write something nice about the birthday kid and put it into the box. The birthday kid gets to take the box home at the end of the day. You could also do the same thing using an autograph book.
5. Send in supplies and directions for a craft for the kids to do instead of eating a snack. It is a bonus if the parent comes in to help with the craft.
6. Bring in something that all the kids can sign as a birthday treat for the birthday kid (shirt/sweatshirt, tote bag, autograph stuffed animal, pillow case, etc.).

7. Have the kids work on a quick community service project together. There are many websites with great ideas (examples: <http://www.kidactivities.net/post/Community-Service-Ideas-for-Kids.aspx>). One idea would be to have each kid write a letter to someone in the military serving overseas. You could also provide supplies for the kids to make things to donate to a charity.

8. Ask the teacher if you can send in a dance song, and have the whole class do the hokey pokey, the chicken dance, or the booty slide, whatever is your child's favorite! Invite the nurse or principal!



From the Nurse

Please see required documentation for children entering kindergarten, 4th grade, and any child taking medication during school hours. Please send in the required documentation if you have not already done so. Forms can be sent in with your child or faxed to (508) 669 4248. Please call the school nurse at (508) 4247 x1103 if you need any paperwork or have any questions. Thank you!

Physical Examinations- Kindergarten and 4th grade

Each child needs to present to the school nurse documentation of an updated physical examination prior to entry into kindergarten and upon entering the 4th grade.

Lead Poisoning Screening- Kindergarten only

Each child must present documentation of lead poisoning screening and lead level result upon entry to kindergarten.

Vision Screening – Kindergarten only

Vision screening should be completed by the student's primary care provider upon entry to kindergarten (within the previous 12 months), or within 30 days of the start of the school year. Documentation that kindergarteners have passed acuity and stereopsis screenings is required.

Immunizations

State regulations require each child to meet grade entry immunization requirements. An immunization record will be maintained in each student's medical file. If a guardian wishes to decline immunizations due to religious or medical reasons, a written waiver must be completed.

Medication Administration

When a child requires short-term or long-term medication during the school day, parents are required to contact the school nurse and provide:

- (a) Physician's order
- (b) Parental consent
- (c) Medication (30 day supply) in prescription bottle

This included **prescription** and **over the counter** medication. Parental consent and physician order forms must be renewed every school year.

Breakfast and Lunch

Menus are always available on the district website. Each "hot lunch" includes: Meat/Meat Alternative, Fruit, Vegetable, Grain and Milk Choice. Besides the 'hot lunch', there are daily alternative which usually are either:

- 1) Assorted Deli Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread
- 2) Sun Butter and Jelly Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread
- 3) Fresh Garden Salad W/Cheese and Dinner Roll or
- 4) Chicken Caesar salad and dinner roll

Breakfast is also available daily in the school's cafeteria from 8:30 to 8:45. Our breakfast is made with whole grains served with 100% fruit juices and low fat milk.

Prices

Elementary Lunch	\$2.50
Reduced Price Lunch	\$0.40
Milk	\$0.50
100% Juice	\$0.50

We also offer daily:
Fat Free Chocolate and Low Fat Milk
Apples and Oranges

Please keep your child's account current. You can sign up for notifications on line when you set up your child's account. To Make Payments To Your Childs Account: Please Visit This Website: <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/>

If you have any questions about your account, please contact:

Kelly Harrison
(508) 252-5025 ext. 5201
harrisonk@whitsons.com



Grade Level Happenings at Dighton Elementary

Kindergarten

The Kindergarten Team would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our Dighton Elementary Family and their parents as we embark on our third year of district-wide, full-day kindergarten. During the month of September, we will be working on establishing the classroom routines that will help things run smoothly on a day to day basis for the rest of the school year. The children will be learning the procedures for arriving in the classroom, using the bathroom, handling classroom materials, using the cafeteria, and dismissal just to name a few. They will also learn classroom, playground, and school rules and expectations for behavior. Much of our work during the month will focus on getting to know one another, as we become a classroom community and learn how to work and play cooperatively together. Moreover, we will be engaging in many learning experiences that will focus on individual student names, since our names are usually one of the first words we learn to recognize. The children will also be meeting their Specialist teachers in Music, Art, P.E., Library, and Computers. Don't forget to always have your kindergartner wear sneakers on P.E. days! Be sure to mark your calendars for Back to School Night later this month. This evening for parents is an opportunity for you to learn about your child's individual classroom, the kindergarten curriculum, and expectations. We are thrilled to be working with you and your children and are looking forward to a very productive year.

Grade 1

The first grade team has been very busy planning and prepping to meet your child and we look forward to welcoming each of them to first grade! We will begin September by establishing a safe and positive culture for learning. Together with your child we will clearly define expectations, developing class rules and procedures, and extensively practice new daily routines. We begin the year with many "getting to know you" activities to foster comfort, community and friendship with underlying themes to include learning each other's names, how we are all alike yet different, how we all learn and grow in different ways, at different rates and from each other. We encourage our students to take risks and assure them that we all make mistakes. Academically we will be delving into each curriculum area by a quick review of kindergarten concepts, and getting to know each student's unique areas of strength and need via a variety of both formal and informal baseline

assessments. Our first grade team consists of: Mrs. Collins (Rm 9), Mrs. Silva (Rm 10), Mrs. Perry (Rm 11), Mrs. Ulmschneider (Rm 12), and Mrs. DeMello (Rm 14). Additionally Mrs. Martel is our Special Education Teacher & Mrs. Horowitz is our grade level paraprofessional. We look forward to meeting you at our upcoming Open House to go into greater detail as to what you can expect throughout first grade, and to address any questions you may have. In the meantime, please keep in mind that we do have a midmorning snack/drink break daily which comes from home. IF YOUR CHILD IS IN A PEANUT FREE CLASSROOM, ALL SNACKS WILL BE INSPECTED DAILY AND WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO BE OPENED IN THE CLASSROOM IF THERE IS ASSURANCE THAT IT WAS PROCESSED AND PACKAGED IN A PEANUT FREE SETTING. We look forward to working alongside you to ensure a wonderful first grade experience for your child!

Grade 2

The 2nd grade teachers are so thrilled to start the year with our students! We were so excited to do a meet and greet in our classrooms on September 1st. Students were able to see their learning environment, ask questions and meet some of their classmates. It was a great success.

This year in 2nd grade the students will have an opportunity to learn many new things in all subject areas. Some of the units we will be doing include an author study of Gail Gibbons, biographies, folk tales, traditions, the newspaper as well as many others. Students will also improve their reading fluency and comprehension. Second graders develop a greater understanding of all three writing genres; narrative, expository and opinion. Finally, in math students will learn many new concepts and are expected to master all of their addition and subtraction facts by the end of the school year. We are all looking forward to working with each and every child to have a successful year!

As a reminder open house is September 22, 2016. Please be on the lookout for more information to follow.

If you are able to donate additional supplies to your child's classroom please check with his/her teacher to see what they can use. Whatever you can donate is always greatly appreciated.

Grade 3

Welcome incoming third grade students and families. We are looking forward to your arrival and have been extremely busy preparing for the anticipated school year. In September, our focus will be on building a classroom family and reviewing

our school-wide concentration of being safe, responsible, and respectful along with our academic curriculum.

We would like to welcome many new faces to our third grade team but not to DES. Robin Reed and Tracey Gustafson will be joining us as classroom teachers. Mrs. Susanne Pettine and Mrs. Danielle Ashley as small group support paraprofessionals. In addition, Mrs. Rachel Angelo will be filling in until November for Mrs. Heather Fernandes while she is on maternity leave. They bring many years of experience that will support all of our students!

We look forward to seeing everyone at Open House September 22nd!

Grade 4

The Fourth Grade Team is excited to begin a wonderful school year! We would like to welcome Mrs. Amy Comeau to our fourth grade team this year. To start off the school year, we will be focusing on setting up classroom routines and expectations. In addition, learning experiences that help both teachers and students get to know each other better will be taking place. Each class is a like team or family for the next school year and by establishing a strong foundation it is our hope that our teams build steps toward success. We look forward to seeing everyone on September 22nd at the DES Open House.

Reading Specialists

We're looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

Parents, if you have questions or concerns about your child's reading, feel free to contact Mrs. Mulligan (Grades K to 2): mmulligan@drregional.org or Mrs Kavanagh (Grades 3 and 4): jkavanagh@drregional.org. Students will take quick beginning-of-year assessments in reading and math in September.

Reminder: Students can return their summer activity logs to Mrs. Kavanagh or Mrs. Mulligan and earn an extra recess.



Library

Hello and welcome to another wonderful year of reading and building information skills at the DES Library! There are a few new things happening in library this year.

First of all, all students will now receive a report card grade in Library in addition to their other Specialist's grades. Students will receive a grade for the following areas:

Conduct: Follows class rules and accepts responsibility for one's action

Effort: Exhibits best effort during library and information skill development

Performance Skills: Demonstrates knowledge of age appropriate library and information skills

Second, our school district is joining the SAILS library network that Dighton Public Library is currently a member of. This will require the DES Library to convert to a new automated circulation system. The change will not effect library service for students as we are already using an automated circulation system. However, all of the books in the library require new barcodes to go with the new system -- if you would like to help with this project please let me know -- I could use a few dedicated helpers!

Lastly, I've been updating the Library Website (blog) and I've added some recommended reading lists in addition to the links for authors and databases that were available on the site. You can find a link to the site on the DES website by looking for my name under Specialist in the list of teachers in Academics.



Chorus

From the music room....

I would like to extend a hearty "Welcome Back!" to all DES students. Music class at DES is an invigorating and enjoyable experience. Each class is filled with singing, movement, instrument playing, and musical games. You children will learn while having lots of fun!

3rd and 4th Grade students should be on the lookout for chorus sign-ups. We will be performing at the Dighton Arts Festival in the fall, and our Holiday Concert. Dates will be shared shortly. All are welcome to join in the singing. Rehearsals will be from **8:00-8:45 every Thursday** morning beginning on **September 29th**.

Sincerely,
Dr. Michaud



Computer

I am looking forward to a great year in our new computer lab. This year the entire school is "GOING GOOGLE". This means all students from 4th all the way down to kindergarten will be using and learning about Google drive and apps. In the month of September, students will review the computer lab rules and routines, and learn that a lot of teamwork is expected in computers. This will allow all students to have a great time while they learn. Each grade will be going over internet safety and 4th will also cover cyber bullying. Kindergarten and Grade 1 will also get some exposure using the mouse. Late in the month, all grades students will be taking their fall Star assessments.

Champions (Before or After School Care)

We have a great before and after school program up and running. If your child would like to be a “Champ” and you need before or after school daycare, you can contact Sheri Medeiros at 508-613-5743.



REGISTRATION & FEES

	Before School	After School
1-2 Days	\$22	\$36
3 Days	\$30	\$53
4 Days	\$39	\$70
5 Days	\$48	\$87

Drop In \$22 per session

Full Day \$44 per day (includes school vacation days)

Single Registration \$75 Family Registration \$100

PROGRAM LOCATION & HOURS

Dighton Elementary School

Program is located in the cafeteria.

Before School 7:00 AM-8:45 AM

After School 3:00 PM-6:00 PM

Full Day 7:00 AM-6:00 PM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Site Director- Sheri Medeiros

(508) 613-5743

CH004998@klcorp.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

800-246-2154

DiscoverChampions.com

CHAMPIONS

BEFORE- AND AFTER-SCHOOL



Our New Board

Terri Fredericks, President

Jennifer Cabral, Vice President

Julie James, Treasurer

Tiffany Beaulieu, Recording Secretary

Kathryn DeAmaral, Communications Secretary

Questions? Ask us at dightonpto@drregional.org or visit us on Facebook at Dighton PTO

Please check out the new Dighton's PTO Website at www.DightonPTO.org. It is a great website!! They also have a Facebook page. Please "like" it and get updates.

Our new board has already been meeting and planning for the upcoming year. Please consider helping and attending the events. Our PTO is very supportive of all of our students and contributes and supplements every classroom K through 8.

Upcoming events

September 7th - Kindergarten Picnic (after orientation)

September 19th - October 5th Fall Fundraiser

October TBD - Harvest Hoedown

November 18th (tentative) - Parents Night Out (Jedi Knight in Training)

December 3rd (tentative) - Santa's Secret Workshop

We have a phenomenal PTO that supports us in so many ways. Please support our PTO by attending meetings, volunteering for events, or providing some time and ideas. When you support them, you support our school!!

DATES FOR 2016-2017

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

All meetings are held in the DES library at 7pm. Everyone is welcome!

Agendas will be posted prior to each meeting on their website.

September 13, 2016 7:00PM

October 4, 2016 7:00PM

November 1, 2016 7:00PM

December 6, 2016 7:00PM

January 5, 2017 7:00PM (Thursday**)**

February 7, 2017 7:00PM

March 7, 2017 7:00PM

April 4, 2017 7:00PM

May 2, 2017 7:00PM



Report Card and Conference Dates

Report Card Dates

Grades K-4

Trimester 1

9/7/16 -12/6/16 Report Cards will be distributed at Parent Conference son December 15th and 16th

Trimester 2

12/7/16- 3/17/17 Report Cards go home 3/24/17

Trimester 3

3/18/17-6/16/17 Report Cards go home 6/21/2017

Parent Conferences

December 15th- Evening

December 16th-Afternoon (Early Release Day)

Pictures

October 14th – Lifetouch Picture Day

MCAS Administration for Grades 3 & 4

Please do not schedule vacations during MCAS

ELA & Math

April 3-May 26

Volunteering

We encourage and appreciate parents who would like to volunteer. All parents need to fill out a Cori form. I will be setting up a brief meeting with all parents to discuss the expectation of student confidentiality as well as give you an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have. Thank you in advance to those parents who are able to volunteer. If you are a parent who would still like to help but are unable to volunteer during the day because you are working, there are things you can still do to help. We have many opportunities that you can do at home or are only one-time events. Connect with our PTO or ask your child's teacher how you can help. A few ideas include:

From home:

- Type children's stories to make class books
- Help organize class trips or activities
- Make games and materials for centers

One-time events:

- Speak to the class about a career or hobby
- Chaperone a field trip
- Read with children
- Help with photocopying or bulletin boards

Fundraising

Please continue to support our school by collecting box tops and registering at some of our local business that give back to our school. Here is a way to help without spending extra money and getting credit for what you would normally purchase. It just requires some a little effort. A few events and activities our donation money has supported in the past was Newspaper Club, and Cookie & A Book Nights. Some of these ongoing fundraisers include:

BOX TOPS: These are on many products you have in your kitchen right now. Just bring your box tops in and Mrs. Duarte and her class organize them, count them up and send them in.

Stop & Shop A+ PROGRAM: This program provides our school points that are turned into dollars with every dollar you spend at Stop & Shop. Certain products (healthy choices) earn more points. It is very easy to register online.

Hannaford's Helps Schools: 4 Products+ 3 School Dollars: Shop by choosing from more than 1200 participating products to help earn money, check out and submit the in store. A flyer was send home with more information.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

HAVE A GREAT YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!