



# THE GENERAL DISPATCH

DOUGLAS MACARTHUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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*"BUILDING HEARTS AND MINDS"*

**"Engagement of Students is our Priority"**

**"Building Futures"**

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## REMINDERS AND NOTES

Monday, February 15th— NO SCHOOL-Snow Make-up Day

PHONE NUMBERS!!!!

MAIN NUMBER 789-2500

CAFETERIA 789-2545

ATTENDANCE 789-2502

TRANSPORTATION 789-6220

**Get Ready! Please send your non-perishable food items to school Feb. 1st—11th to help fill our local food pantry. Classes will be having a contest to see who can bring in the most items-so start shopping now! Thank you for your support-The GUTS Club**

**Textbook Rental Fees are PAST DUE!** Payments can be made at school or on-line. You can make smaller payments each pay period if that helps. Remember, ALL students pay Textbook Fees.

## **\*MACARTHUR NEWS\***

Volunteers needed to help at the upcoming S.U.R.E Program...The DM PTA is looking for a few parents to help with the incoming Kindergarten program scheduled for Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Volunteers are needed to assist from 6:00-8:30pm. It is fun and a great experience for the new students, please check your calendars and if you are able to share a few hours of time please e-mail Mrs. Goldman @ [lgoldman@msdpt.k12.in.us](mailto:lgoldman@msdpt.k12.in.us) or call 789-2541 to volunteer.

### **IT'S COLD AND FLU SEASON**

Please keep your child at home if he/she has one or more of the following symptoms:

- \*Fever
- \*Sore throat
- \*Chills
- \*Diarrhea
- \*Earache
- \*Nausea or vomiting
- \*Infected, red or swollen eyes

If your child has a cold, he/she should stay home if there is excessive nasal discharge and cough. A child should stay home if he/she is on medication that causes drowsiness.

A child **MUST be fever, vomiting and diarrhea free for a full 24 hours before returning to school** and all symptoms have subsided. Remember, in most mild 2-5 day childhood illnesses, fever is lowest in the morning, rises in the afternoon, highest in the evening. As a child begins to recover, morning temperature may be normal with fever still present later in the day. Therefore, the child must be 24-hour fever FREE before he or she returns to school! Please remember that sending a sick child to school exposes other students, teachers and families. We appreciate your cooperation and attention to this Important matter. With your help, we can keep illnesses and absences to a minimum.

### **The Wheels on the Bus Go Round and Round...**

Winter is here. It is cold and the weather is unpredictable. It is very important for boys and girls to follow the rules for riding a school bus for a safe ride to and from school. The three most important rules to follow are:

- 1) Find your assigned seat, be seated, and stay seated for the entire ride to or from school. Do not hang out in the aisle.**
- 2) Keep your hands, feet, belongings to yourself. Do not bother another student or their property.**
- 3) Being inside a school bus, use your inside speaking voice. Screaming, yelling, or making loud noises is a distraction for the bus driver.**

It is so important that student behavior on the school bus does not distract the bus driver from driving the school bus safely. Student safety has to be the bus driver's number one priority.

We are half way through the school year and all passengers are familiar with the expectations while riding a school bus. Students are fortunate to have as close to door to door service with the school bus. Riding a school bus is considered a privilege and students who choose to not follow the rules may have that privilege taken away. Parents will then be responsible to bring and pick up their child to and from school.

To ensure a safe ride each school day, we ask parents to share with their child their expectation for behavior on the school bus. Communication and cooperation work hand in hand to help make a safe ride to and from school.

### Perry Meridian Elementary Wrestling Camp/Club

Sign-ups: February 8<sup>th</sup> and February 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:15 pm – 7:00 pm at PMHS, just outside the wrestling room  
February 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm at PMHS, just outside the wrestling room

The camp runs Monday through Thursday for two weeks starting on February 15<sup>th</sup> and ending February 25<sup>th</sup>. Camp times are from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, except for February 25<sup>th</sup>, which is the tournament. The time for February 25<sup>th</sup> will be from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm. The cost of the camp/club is \$80 for new kids signing up.

By signing-up for the camp, the athlete is also in the wrestling club and will be able to compete with the Perry Meridian Wrestling Club from February 2010 until May 2010. If you already joined the elementary team in the fall, the cost of camp and the club are part of your earlier sign-up. Please contact Coach Tonte with any questions at 317-789-4474 or [jtonte@msdpt.k12.in.us](mailto:jtonte@msdpt.k12.in.us).

### Kid Bits

This is the time of year students start bringing in chap stick/lip ice. In the elementary grades, we require that parents send in a note to the clinic giving us permission to let the child use it. We ask that the use of the chap stick/lip ice be reasonable and not just “whenever they want it.” A good approach to teach children is to use the chap stick/lip ice immediately after meals, and just before going outside to recess. This way they get the benefit of the application to their lips and don’t lose valuable time away from class. Any questions can be directed to Candace Zickler RN, MSN Supervisor of Health Services at 789-3789.

### Southport Little League Registration

Registration for the 2010 Spring Season is coming soon! Boys and Girls ages 4 thru 17 can register

**Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm** at Southport Little League.

Online Registration began January 1, 2010 at [www.southportlittleleague.com](http://www.southportlittleleague.com).

Please visit [www.southportlittleleague.com](http://www.southportlittleleague.com) or email Dustin Kendall at [dkendall22@gmail.com](mailto:dkendall22@gmail.com) for more information.

### Perry Township Education Foundation To Hold Art Auction February 27, 2010

The Perry Township Education Foundation will host “Art For The Heart” on Saturday, February 27, 7:30 p.m., at Primo Banquet Facility, 2615 National Avenue. “Art For The Heart” is a major fundraising event for the Foundation, which award grants to Perry Township teachers for creative and innovative classroom projects. The event will feature artwork by current and former Perry Township students and faculty, and select community, national, and international artists.

“This is our eighth Art For The Heart and I’m confident it will be the most exciting one yet,” said Gayle Houchin, event Chair. “It’s always been an entertaining evening. This year’s format will be a bit different. Instead of a sit down dinner, we will be serving hors d’oeuvres throughout the evening to allow attendees more time to view art and mingle. This year, as always, we’ll have art from talented Perry Township students and community artists and are particularly excited to have items from Brazil and other countries. We will also be auctioning professional photography services, jewelry, gift baskets and entertainment packages.”

Since 1995, PTEF has awarded more than \$867,000 in grants. It relies on community support. “Art For The Heart” has been an important fundraising event in the past, and ongoing community participation in this year’s and future events is essential to the Foundation’s ongoing success.

**Tickets for “Art For The Heart” are \$30 per person and \$55 per couple through January 31**, and \$40 per person and \$75 per couple from February 1 through February 27. A \$500 “Gift from the Heart” sponsorship entitles the donor to eight tickets for the event and recognition in the program. Advanced sales are encouraged, but tickets will be sold at the door.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 317/789-2395 or visit the Art For The Heart fan page on Facebook.

Student’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date requesting kit \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ONE

Kindergarten Kit     Primary Kit (1-3)     Intermediate Kit (4-6)

I hereby give my child permission to check out a family math kit for one evening. We will make sure all of the supplies are put back into the kit by using the checklist included in the kit. We will be responsible to replace any/all items that are not returned, or are damaged because of our misuse. Children will not be allowed to check the kits out over breaks or weekends.