

# Drum Newsletter

November 1, 2017



## Mark Your Calendars:

**Teacher Conferences  
and PTSA Bookfair**  
11/6/17 —11/9/17

## No School

**Veteran's Day**  
11/10/2017

**Winter Break**  
12/18/17—1/1/18

**MLK Jr. Day**  
1/15/18

## Upcoming Early Releases

**Students dismissed  
at 1:00pm on:**  
11/6/17 —11/9/17  
11/22/17  
12/6 /17  
1/10/18 & 1/24/18

**Students dismissed  
at 11:50 on 12/15/17**

## MUSIC PERFORMANCES

**Winter Choir Concert**  
12/4/17 @ 7pm

**7th Grade  
Band & Orchestra  
Concert**  
12/6/17 @ 7pm

Drum Families,

As we welcome November, I think it is natural to begin to reflect upon what we are thankful for in our lives. I have the pleasure of spending my days with hardworking and dedicated staff, intelligent (and consistently entertaining!) students, and supportive parents. The Drum community—you—are a blessing in my life. Thank you for sharing your students, your families and yourselves with my staff and me. It is an honor to partner with you. I look forward to seeing you around our building at conferences next week. I hope this Thanksgiving, holiday season, and New Year brings you laughter, relaxation and peace.

Maile Lau Carr, Principal

## Drum Receives National Award!

I am both pleased and proud to announce that Drum Intermediate School has been selected for the 2017-2018 National Title 1, Part A Distinguished School Award. This award is a national honor given to up to 100 schools in the entire nation. Drum was selected by OSPI as one of two schools in the state of Washington to receive this award. Drum was selected for this award not just because of students' phenomenally high academic achievement, but because of our team approaches to teaching and learning, focused professional development opportunities for staff, individualized and multi-tiered systems for student success, and our strong partnership with our community. In short, Drum was selected for this award because of our incredibly successful students and teachers!

This award is truly a recognition of the systems approach that University Place School District has in place for its students. Not only do Drum students perform well on state tests, they also continue to learn at high levels every year. All Drum students, staff and parents should be proud of this recognition. In February of 2018, Maile Carr, Michael Miller, Carolyn Mills and Karen Ash will head to a conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to accept this award. Please take time to recognize your student and your student's teachers for earning this award. It is a true honor and a very big deal!

## Congratulations Drum Wolves!

## Please Vote! Please Vote!

This school year brings two important elections your way. On November 7th, voters will select a new school board member. The school board is the governing body that supports our school district work by linking the school system with the community, setting policy that guides the district, and assuring organizational performance by monitoring the execution of the policy. The school board is an important group of people, dedicated to University Place students. Please take the time to cast your vote for UPSD's next school board member.

In February there will be another important levy on the ballot for our schools. This replacement levy will be crucial to the continued level of programming that students receive in University Place. More information will be shared with how this levy supports our schools prior to the election.

If you are not registered to vote, you may stop in to any school office, including the Drum office, and register. All materials are with office staff. If you have any questions about registering to vote, please contact Janet Anderson at 253.566.5660.

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## Kind is Cool!

## Thank you from the PTA!

At the end of September our PTA hosted the second Annual PTA Walk-A-Thon. It was a successful fundraiser, bringing in \$11,300. 100% of the money collected will directly benefit the Drum students. The day was also a lot of fun! Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped count laps, hand out snacks, and collect money. We couldn't have done it without you and we thank you for your support of our Drum students.

The following classes and students deserve some extra recognition!

Top Fundraisers: Kris C, Noah Y, Diamond K, and Elsie G.

Top fundraising classes: Russell, Flamoe and Wong.

Classes with the most laps run: Roscoe, Yang, Mills and Schmidt.

Classes with the most school spirit: Ash, Przekwas, and Larson.



## PTA Reflections is just around the corner

Students will soon have the opportunity to enter into the PTA Reflections contest in the following artistic disciplines: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts. Student Entry Forms will be going home soon. The firm deadline for submissions is December 1st. Please refer to the Washington State PTA website under the Reflections category for specific rules and instructions in each category. There will be a district wide Reflections Reception in January 9th from 6pm-7pm in the Drum Library. At this time, guests will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite art pieces. Participants are encouraged to attend. Please contact Reflections Chair, Nicole Jovich Johnson, with any questions at [nicolejovich.upsdptsa@gmail.com](mailto:nicolejovich.upsdptsa@gmail.com).

## ASB Cash for Cancer Drive

At the end of October our ASB students put on a school donation drive for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Cancer Society. Students were asked to bring in "Cash for Cancer" in an effort to donate money and help save the lives of cancer patients. Every grade level did a great job of bringing in cash and all students should feel very proud of this successful fundraiser. Not only did Drum students learn more about Leukemia & Lymphoma, they raised \$3,474.00 for cancer research. Several classes raised over \$200: Mrs. Vandenberg, Ms. Smith, and Mrs. Parretta's classes. However, Ms. Stricherz's class was the class that donated the most money to this cause by raising \$620! Thanks to all the Drum Wolves who donated to Cash for Cancer and thanks to our ASB for helping bring awareness to our school.



## UPSD has a new email system

Please update your email contacts. As of this October, Drum is now working through google mail and all staff have a new gmail account. For most staff, the new email address is their first initial, followed by their last name@upsd83.org. For example, principal Maile Carr's email is mcarr@upsd83.org. If you send an email to an old staff email address, the email should be forwarded to the new gmail account. However, I ask that you please double check with staff if you haven't heard back regarding an email that you have recently sent. We have found a few problems in our system during this transition. Thank you for your patience and your help as we update our technology.

## When should you keep your students at home?

School attendance is crucial for student learning. A child cannot learn if they do not regularly attend school. However, there are appropriate times when students should remain at home. Following the AAP recommendations we ask that your children be kept home if they are not able to take part in normal school activities, their illness causes an unsafe or unhealthy place for others at school, or when your children requires care that cannot be managed at school. For your child's protection, as well as other children in school, please keep students home for 24 hours after a temperature has returned to normal. Do not send children to school after having given a fever reducing medication. Keep children home for 24 hours after the last time they vomited or had diarrhea. Do not send children to school after giving them medication to control nausea or diarrhea. Children with any unidentified rash may not be in school and will need to provide a doctor's note that states the rash is not communicable and permits child to be at school. Children with uncontrollable coughs, an issue in the classroom, may be asked to remain at home until the cough is controlled or the child has been seen and/or treated by Health Care Professional. If you have any questions as to whether or not to keep your student at home, please call our nurse at 253.566.5660. Wash your hands, cover your coughs and stay healthy!

## UPSD Non-Discrimination Statement

The University Place School District complies with all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin (including language), sex, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, creed, religion, age, veteran or military status, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in student education programs, co-curricular activities, and employment practices. The district is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer encouraging application of qualified minorities, women, and disabled persons for employment and other opportunities. University Place School District is committed to providing access to all District programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. For elevator access at school sites, contact the principal's office. The University Place School District is a drug-free/smoke-free work place and educational setting. Direct inquiries regarding compliance, grievance, or appeal procedures, or concerns involving students, should be made to the District Affirmative Action Officer/Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator/ Title IX Officer/HIB Compliance Officer, Executive Director of Secondary Education, Lainey Mathews, lmathews@upsd.wednet.edu; or Section 504/FAPE/ADA concerns should be made to Director of Special Services, Maria Hetland, mhetland@upsd.wednet.edu. Both can be contacted at (253) 566-5600, 3717 Grandview Drive West, University Place, WA 98466.