

# Drum Newsletter



May 2018

## Calendar

### **Early Release Days**

Students Dismissed @ 1pm  
May 2 and 16

### **Memorial Day**

No School  
May 25 or May 29

### **Last Day of School**

Students Dismissed @ 11:50  
June 20

## End of the Year

### Music

**Drum Choir Finale @ CJH**  
May 8 @ 7pm

**Fiddlefest**  
May 22

4 & 5 Grade 6:30pm  
6 & 7 Grade 7:30pm

**Drum Band Finale @ CJH**  
June 6 @ 7pm

## Upcoming Events

**Celebrate Community Event**  
@ CJH 5:30pm—7:30pm  
May 5

**6th Grade Camp**  
May 14—May 16

**Last Day of After School Enrichment**  
May 24

**7th Grade Celebration**  
June 19 @ 6pm

Drum Families,

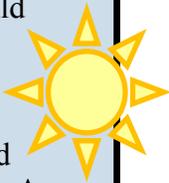
How is May already here? This school year really has flown by. Though this time of year is busy with end of the year activities and summer planning, I hope you are taking time to reflect upon how much your children have grown and matured this year. They really are impressive kids and I am thankful to have had the opportunity to work with them.

As you plan for your summer break, I want you to be aware that UPSD will again have Summer Achievement Academy for all qualifying students. This year the 5th — 7th grade summer school will be held at Drum and I am looking forward to supporting this program as a Summer Achievement Academy Administrator. If you have a child who would benefit from summer instruction in math, reading or writing, contact our front office regarding the possibility of him/her attending summer school this June 28th — July 27th.

Please make sure you've communicated with our office regarding your plans for the 2018-2019 school year. All schools in our district rely on spring surveys to estimate enrollment numbers for the following year. The data we collect from these surveys helps us prepare with regard to our staffing needs. You should have received a form from our office asking about your intentions. If this does not sound familiar, please contact our office.

Finally, I want to thank each and every one of you for your partnership and support this year. It has been a pleasure getting to know you and your kids. As always, I am open to feedback regarding your/your children's experiences here at Drum. Feel free to contact me at any time. I hope that you have a safe and relaxing summer. For those of you moving on to CJH next year, best of luck. To all returning Wolves – I'll see you soon.

Maile Lau Carr  
Principal



## **Congratulations and Thank You Mr. Hagen!**

I would like to congratulate Steve Hagen, Sunset Primary's newest principal. Mr. Hagen has worked at Drum Intermediate as the Assistant Principal for three years and will join the Sunset staff, as principal, this July. Though Mr. Hagen will be greatly missed at Drum, I know that he will continue to serve the UP School Community with even greater influence as principal at Sunset. Thank you Mr. Hagen, for your hard work and your dedication to our students, staff and the whole Drum community. You will be missed.



# State Testing will Occur this May and June

At the end of May and the beginning of June, our students will take state tests that will measure their learning in math and English language arts. Our 5th graders will also test in science. These tests provide educators and parents with important data regarding student knowledge, how much they have learned in a year and how they compare with other students throughout the state. Though state testing is only one data point we use to judge learning and is surely not the be all and end all of education, these tests hold all educators to the same standardized measure of accountability. Sensible, high-quality exams that tell us what students have learned in key academic areas are essential components of any effective school system. This accountability is a benefit for our students. The SBA tests that are now in place adapt to how students perform while they take the test so that when students miss a question, the next question gets easier. When students get a question correct, the next question gets harder. Adaptive tests allow us to compare students in different grade levels as a student in 5th grade could potentially take the exact same test as a student in 6th grade. Again, this provides us with information that we need to best meet the needs of all our students.

## 2018 Testing Schedule for Drum

5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade
May 4—Science	May 1—ELA May 31—ELA	May 15—ELA May 30—ELA
May 14—ELA May 17 & 18—ELA	June 4—Math June 6—Math	June 1—Math June 5—Math
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### Testing Time!

Drum students once again have the opportunity to showcase their academic growth through their performance on the Smarter Balanced Assessments. Please avoid scheduling during school appointments for these days, and ensure that your students arrive at school well rested and ready to do their best! We encourage students to bring their own earbuds for the listening portion.



## Our 6th Graders Head to Camp Seymour!

Our 6th Graders will be at Camp Seymour from May 14—May 16. If you would like to donate to our camp scholarship fund, please contact Sharon Folker at 253.566.5660. If you have funds to share, we have a large need and every penny counts! We want all students to enjoy camp. Thank you.

### Campus Safety

Our School Campus is closed at 3:30pm every day for all students not involved in after school enrichment, advanced music or homework club. If your students do not ride a bus, please make sure they are picked up from school by this time. If for some reason you are unable to pick your students up by 3:30pm, please call our office. On days that your students have after school activities, please make sure to pick them up by 4:15pm. We want all of our students to be safe and unfortunately we cannot provide supervision to students after the times listed. Thank you for your understanding, your communication, and your help in keeping all students safe.

### As you Prepare for the 2018—2019 School Year

- Please make sure you complete all needed forms for the 18-19 school year. The following applications are due yearly: In District Transfers, Out of District, and Living with Other.
- Are you moving this summer? Please contact our office with an updated address and contact information.
- Incoming 6th graders need to make sure they get their required DTap immunization booster prior to school starting or their 11th birthday.
- Please pay all outstanding fines and fees. Contact Sharon Folker in our office with questions.

If your student takes medication at school, please remember to pick-up all remaining medications in the nurse's office by June 20th. Medications left after June 21st will be discarded. Thank you!

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## Are you a 7th Grader who wants to run for office at CJH?

If you are looking for a way to get involved next year at Curtis Junior High School, running for school office as a CJH ASB Senator may be just the right opportunity for you! This June, Drum 7th graders will elect two ASB senators to represent them at Curtis Junior High next year. An ASB senator at CJH is: responsible, well-spoken, self-directed, one who works well with others, motivated to succeed, considerate of the entire student body's needs and desires – not just their clique of friends, creative, one who completes community service, one who is willing to speak on the microphone in front of the school, one who follows school rules, one who is willing to selflessly serve others through school activities. If this is you, please watch for information coming home regarding how to run for 8th grade ASB Senator this spring. Curtis Junior High is an amazing place to be because of the amazing students who attend.

## Get Involved! Join PTA

Get involved at Drum and join the PTA. We have an excellent and excited PTA Board elected for the 2018-2019 school year and they would love for you to join and be a part of the fun. The PTA aims to represent what is best for all students and wants your input. Please come and provide your thoughts. Contact Nicole Jovich at [Nicolejovich.upsdptsa@gmail.com](mailto:Nicolejovich.upsdptsa@gmail.com)

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