

October 15, 2018



Drum Newsletter

Mark Your Calendars:

Upcoming Early Release Days

Students released at 1:00pm on:
October 24
November 13—16
November 21
December 5
January 16

Students released at 11:50 on:
December 21

No School

November 12
November 22—23
Dec 24— Jan 4
January 21
January 28

Winter Concerts

Winter Choir Concert
December 3 @ 7:00pm

7th Grade Band & Orchestra Concert
December 5 @ 7:00pm

Sign-Up for Conferences on-line now. We look forward to seeing you soon!

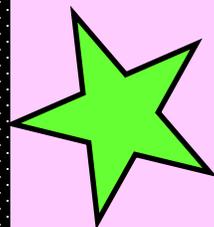
Drum Families,

The kick-off to the 2018 school year has been wonderfully full. The Drum community has been busy with the ASB Walk-A-Thon, Back to School Nights, PTSA Socials and rigorous learning. I have ample information to share with all of you and ask that you take time to read through the rest of this newsletter for more details about upcoming events and activities. I send out a Newsletter once a quarter and try to keep the content specific and pertinent to what you need to know about Drum and your students.

I have enjoyed meeting new students this fall and reconnecting with returning Drum families. Back to School Nights were well attended and highly informational. Please continue to be in contact with your children's teachers as questions or concerns arise. Fall conferences are scheduled to take place November 13th—16th and online sign-ups open today. Please contact our front office if you need help with this process. We know that a strong school-home relationship is the foundation to student success and we look forward to working with you this year.

I know that you place a lot of trust in my staff and me when you send your students to school every day. It is an honor to partner with you in supporting your children, their growth, and their education. As always, feel free to email or call me anytime with comments, concerns or questions.

Maile Lau Carr—Principal

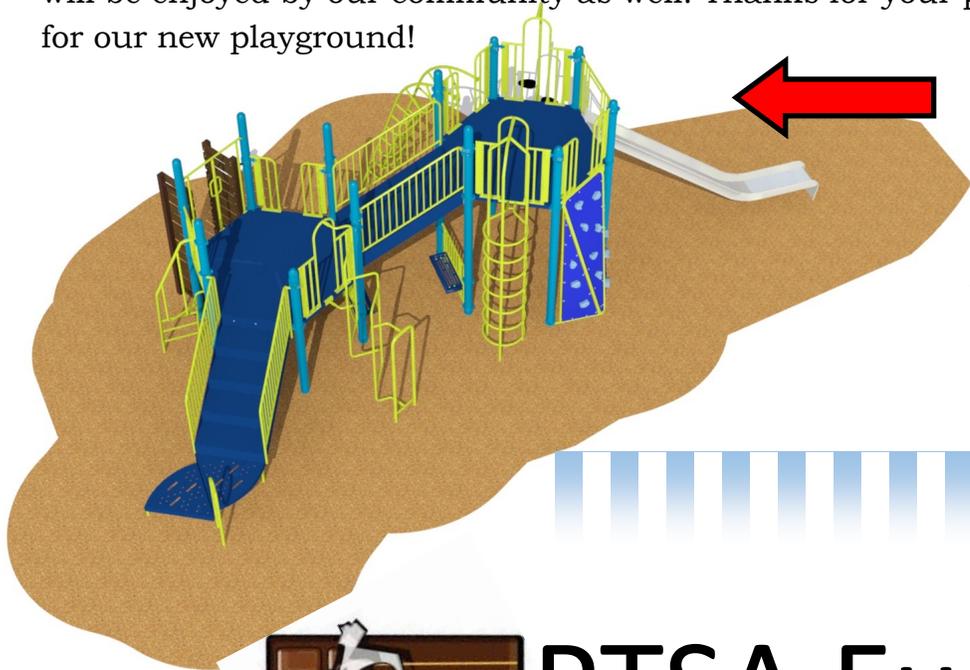


Thank you for helping make our ASB Walk-A-Thon a success!

Our school wide Walk-A-Thon helped us wrap up September with amazing efforts by our students, fabulous support from our parents/grandparents, and thankfully—dry weather. I want to personally thank all of the volunteers who helped make this event possible. From punching lap cards to ensuring that our course was safe, parents and grandparents were in attendance with smiles on their faces and encouraging words. We raised over \$11,000 to be used for ASB activities. Thank you Drum Families! Several classes and students deserve some extra recognition! The following classes gathered the most donations: **Mrs. Mills's homeroom** and **Ms. Boyle's homeroom**. The following superstar students ran the most laps: 5th graders **Olivia Galicia, Luke Richards,** and **Quinn Richardson**. 6th graders **May Guidoux** and **Dima Serafimovici** and 7th graders **Claire Bird, Devin Whitten, Justin Brown,** and **Aiden Ludden-Montoya**. It was a phenomenal effort by all and such a fun day. Thank you students, families, and all volunteers!

New Playground Structure Coming This Month!

What happened to our old playground? Why did the monkey bars disappear too? After nearly a year of budgeting and planning with our facilities department, I am excited to announce that a new playground structure will be built at Drum very soon. Our old structure broke last year and had to be removed. This new structure will be a great addition to our space and a safe place for our students to have some active fun. I am sure it will be enjoyed by our community as well. Thanks for your patience and keep a look out for our new playground!



Be on the lookout for this playground to be coming to the Drum campus soon. I know that our Drum Wolves will get plenty of enjoyment out of this new structure.



PTSA Fundraiser

This week Drum students will have the opportunity to raise money and support our PTSA sponsored activities by selling World's Finest Chocolate bars for \$1.00 each. Our PTSA actively supports our students by donating money and prizes to our student store, putting on Multi-Cultural Night, the Science Fair, and grade level socials. Our PTSA also donates money to 6th grade camp and the 7th grade moving on celebration. Please help support these great activities by either writing a check directly to the Drum PTSA or by helping your student sell \$1.00 chocolate bars to family and friends. The World's Finest Chocolate bar fundraiser will take place from October 17, 2018 – November 5, 2018. The top sellers in this fundraiser will earn gift baskets worth \$50, \$100 and \$150. Please help the PTSA continue their support of our important activities. Write a check and/or sell some chocolate. It's for a great cause. It's for our Drum students!

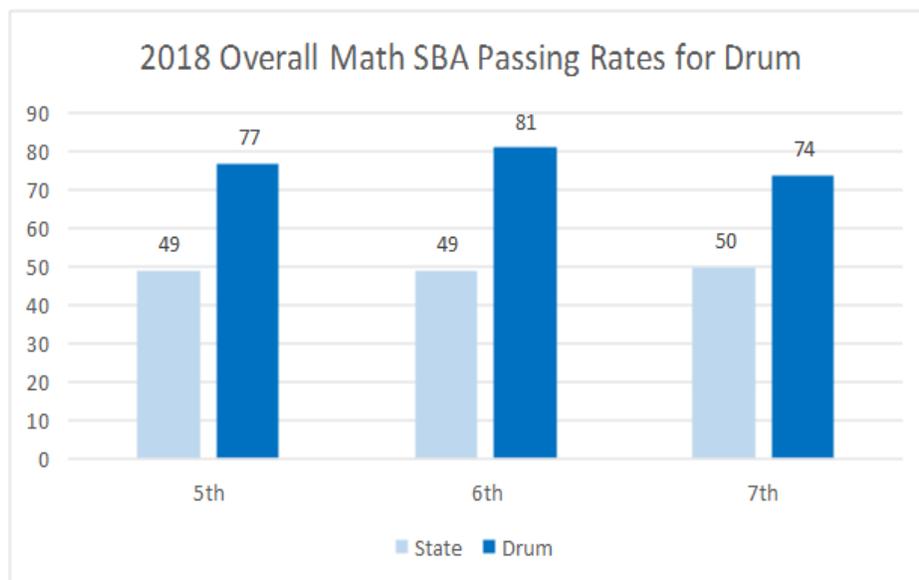


Drum students continue to outperform the state!

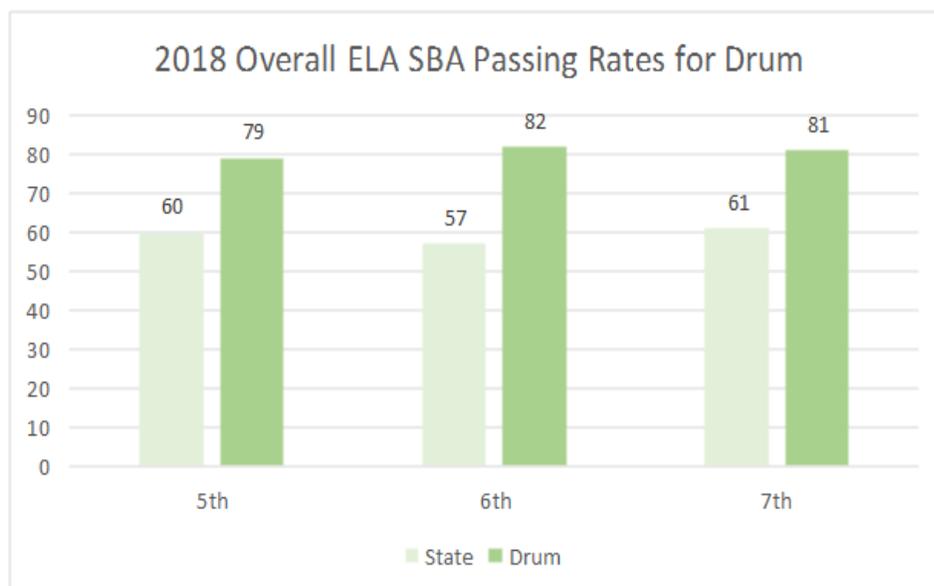


Your children work hard while at school every day! Day in and day out they read, write and discuss topics that may challenge some of our most recent college graduates. They are expected to not just find the correct answer to their math problems, they are asked to explain their thinking and justify their answers. The high standards that you, our Drum community, and our board of directors set for our students is a testament to the faith that we have for our future. Success in education opens doors of

opportunity for our students and we want all of our UPSD students to have every opportunity possible. That is why the Drum staff is dedicated to ensuring that all students learn at high levels. Our teachers spend hours planning, collaborating and analyzing students' needs in order to ensure that what and how they teach is efficiently effective. This hard work shows up as our UPSD stu-



dents continue to outperform the state in standardized tests and as our high school graduation rate climbs to above 93% in 2018. It is in honor to work with such hardworking students and staff and I am proud to share Drum's 2018 state testing results. The graphs on this page display the percentage of Drum students who passed the state tests given last spring in comparison to the state's average passing rates. As you can see, Drum students significantly outperformed the state in math and English language arts. These scores are truly something in which the Drum community should be very, very proud!



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Are you new to Drum?
Do you want to get involved
at School?
Join the DRUM PTSA!



We are always looking for parents and
volunteers to get involved at our school.
The PTSA is a great way to support
our students and their learning.
Please contact Nicole Jovich at
nicolejovich.upsdptsa@gmail.com
to learn about the many different
ways you can help support our school.



What Time Does Drum Open Every day?

Zero Hour ELA Intervention begins at 7:45am
Breakfast is served beginning at 8:15am
Hallways Open for Students at 8:35am
School Begins at 8:45am

Please help us keep our students safe. Do not drop your students off before 8:15am as we do not have supervision for our students prior to that time. Please contact our main office if you have any questions or concerns about our supervision hours. Safety is always our number one priority. Thank you for helping keep our students safe.

6th Graders must be Tdap vaccinated

A Tdap Booster is required at eleven years of age or if it has been five years since the last Tdap immunization. Children attending 6th grade must show proof of Tdap vaccination. Please make sure your 6th grader is up to date with vaccinations. Contact Nurse Hawley with questions. 253.566.5660

KIND IS COOL!

Drum's School Motto is: Be kind, Work hard and Believe in your education. This fall we are focusing on the first part of this motto by talking about how being "kind is cool." Drum Intermediate School is a place where all students are welcome and part of our team. We want to encourage students to get to know each other and learn about each other's differences. We challenged students on the first day of school to help make Drum a place where our community is valued and appreciated — a place where everyone feels welcome. Please help us encourage kindness by talking with your students about the kind actions they do every day. We are trying to recognize our students for going out of their way to be kind to and supportive of one another. Thank you for modeling this value for your students and for helping us create a warm and inclusive environment for all students at school.

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