

Drum Newsletter

September 11, 2017



Mark Your Calendars:

**Intervention
Information Night**
September 14
6:00pm

**6th & 7th Grade
Back to School Night**
September 14
6:30pm

**KNOW Curriculum
Preview**
September 14
7:30pm

**Fall Enrichment
Begins September 25**
Sign-Up in the
Drum Office

Picture Day
October 4

Upcoming Early Releases

Students released
at 1:00pm on:
9/13 and 9/27
10/11 and 10/25

PTSA Events

PTSA Meeting
Drum Kids Skate Free!
At Rollin' 253
9/15/17 6-8pm

Grade Level Socials
3:30pm—5pm
7th Grade 10/6
6th Grade 10/13
5th Grade 10/20

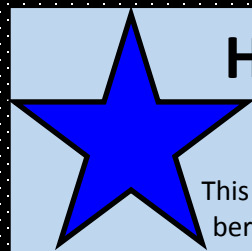
Drum Families,

Thank you for your help in getting the 2017—2018 school year off to a smooth start. It was wonderful to see so many families at our 5th Grade Orientation and meet our newest Drum Wolves. I have also enjoyed seeing many of you in the parking lot in the morning and after school. Thanks for your smiles and happy hellos.

I look forward to seeing 6th and 7th grade parents this week at our Back to School Night on Thursday evening. Back to School Night is an excellent opportunity to meet your student's teachers and hear about the daily schedule and academic expectations at our school. The evening program will begin in the Commons at 6:30pm.

I also appreciate the effort I have seen in keeping our students safe at drop-off and pick-up times in the parking lot. Please continue to ensure that your student uses the crosswalks, and make sure you are using the correct pick/up and drop off loop. You should not be in the same loop with our large general education school busses. Thank you for partnering with us in supporting your students and their education. As always, feel free to email or call me anytime with comments, concerns or questions.

Maile Lau Carr—Principal



Help us Raise Money during The Walk-A-Thon!

This Fall our PTSA is hosting an all school Walk-A-Thon on September 27th. This "give" fundraiser was a great success last year and a lot of fun! We are asking that students get pledges from people they know to support our school and its events. 100% of money raised will go to Drum students and school needs. The PTSA supports Field Trips, Multi-Cultural Night, 5th Grade Biztown, 6th Grade Camp, The Science Fair, The 7th Grade End of the Year Celebration, Grade Level Socials, The Student Store and much more. Help support our students and our school by raising money for the Walk-A-Thon. Prizes will be given out for top fundraisers and top fundraising classes. Students who run the most laps will also be recognized. It's going to be a great day. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Nicole Jovich at nicolejovichupsd.pts@gmail.com.

PTSA would like to give a special thanks to Rollin' 253 for their support of our Walk-A-Thon. Every student who participates will get a free bottle of water, a granola bar and a free pass for rental skates, courtesy of Rollin' 253. We are lucky to have their community support!

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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
nicolejovichupsd.ptsa@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 Dtap 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!

Last school year we spoke with students about our school motto: 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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September is Attendance Awareness Month



**Help Your Child Succeed in School:
Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early**
School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

For more on school readiness, visit attendanceworks.org and reachoutandread.org