

DAMIANSVILLE

E L E M E N T A R Y S C H O O L

Newsletter

September 23, 2011

ITBS: Testing Begins Soon

We will administer the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) October 4-7. These tests are given to students in 1st through 7th grades and will last all week. The results of these standardized tests show how our school compares nationally. Eighth grade students will be taking the Explore Test in January rather than the ITBS.

AR Reading Night

Our first AR Reading Night was very successful. The purpose of this time is to help students (1st-8th grade) meet their reading requirements for each quarter. If your student is not signed up but would like to attend, please contact the office.

Fall Weather

Unless it is raining, students are *outside* for milk break and recess. **If the weather is cool, please remind your student to wear long pants and bring a jacket.**

Sleeveless shirts should NOT be worn to school at any time. The last day students may wear shorts to school is October 31, and students must have tennis shoes for PE. (Dress Code Guidelines, Parent-Student Handbook, p. 14)

Employment Opportunities

Damiansville School has several positions to fill. We would like to hire an evening cleaning person. This part-time position would take approximately 3-4 hours each evening, and involves cleaning classrooms and restrooms.

We are also currently looking for a bus driver. The individual must have or be willing to get a current CDL, and be available for morning and afternoon routes, as well as mid-day routes or fieldtrips.

The school is also seeking a full-time aide. Responsibilities include assisting with the RtI program, as well as daily student supervision. A certified teacher is preferred.

If you or someone you know is interested in any of these positions, please call or come by the school office.

PTO News

Thank you to everyone who was able to help at the auction last week. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

The first Scrip order form and information about the Scrip program are being sent home today. The

form is also available on the school website. Orders are due October 3. You may use the printed order form or order online at shopwithscrip.com. If you order online, you will need to enter the school enrollment code **878182622L379**. You may pay for online orders either through Presto-Pay or by sending a check to the school office. Please make checks for Scrip orders payable to Damiansville PTO.

Youth Choir

The Youth Choir will begin practicing at church for the Advent/Christmas season on Sunday, October 9, at 9:30 AM (following 8:30 mass). If you like to sing, come join us! Youth in grades 4-12 and young adults are invited to participate. Bring a friend! Contact Jackie Toennies (248-5588) or Geri Varel (248-5223) for more information.

Albers Fall Carnival

The Albers elementary Staff and Albers Booster Club are co-hosting the annual Fall Carnival, Friday, October 7. The event begins at 4:30 at Albers Park, and includes such activities as inflatable rides, games of skill and chance, a basket raffle and silent auction, and a soccer challenge for children

ages 10-14. Food and beverages will also be available.

Printers Available

We have two color printers available for \$20 each on a first come, first served basis. Cables and software are included. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

Reminders

Events are listed through October.

10/4-7 – ITBS

**10/7 – School Imp. Day,
11:45 Dismissal**

**10/10 – Columbus Day, No
School**

10/11-14 – Book Fair

10/14 – Family Movie Night

10/19 – End of 1st Quarter

**10/24-28 – Red Ribbon
Week**

10/25 – Picture Retake Day

**10/26 – 1st Quarter Report
Cards Go Home**

**10/28 – Teacher Institute,
No School**