

DAMIANSVILLE

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

Newsletter

September 30, 2011

Scrip orders are due next Monday, October 3.

ITBS Testing

Next Tuesday, October 4, we begin the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) for 1st through 7th grades. These tests 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.

To minimize the number of disruptions during testing, students who need to be excused during the school day **MUST** bring a note to the office in the morning.

Here are some tips for successful testing:

- Get a good night's sleep (experts recommend 9-11 hours for 6- to 14-year-olds)
- Eat a nutritious breakfast, even if you normally skip this meal. Everyone thinks better and has more energy if s/he eats breakfast, so it really is "the most important meal of the day."
- Go over a few simple arithmetic problems to wake up your brain.
- Be sure to arrive at school on time.
- Read the directions and each question carefully, so you are sure you understand.

- Do not worry about how quickly anyone else finishes his or her test, just concentrate on your own work.
- Check your work when you are finished to make sure you haven't made any silly mistakes.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon! The PTO is hosting the event October 11-14, with evening hours for your convenience. This year we will have special events for families and students, including Family Reading Night and Movie Night. Mark your calendar and be sure to check out the great titles and fun activities! More detailed information will be sent home next week. If you would like to help with the Book Fair, please contact Nicole Vetter.

AR News

AR Reading Night is off to a great start. 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.

You can check your student's AR progress online with Renaissance Home Connect. A letter was sent home earlier this

week with the information you need to use this feature. We have also added a link to the website to make it easier to log in. To use the link, go to the school website (www.damiansvilleelem.com) and click the "School Info" tab. On this page, you will see a link called "AR Home Connect." When you click on the link, the login screen will open and you need only enter your student's user name (firstname.lastname) and his or her password.

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. **Students may not wear flip-flops and must have tennis shoes for PE.** (Dress Code Guidelines, Parent-Student Handbook, p. 14)

Help Our School

There are so many ways to help the school! We have registered our school for the My Coke Rewards program. You can now collect points from your favorite Coke products and donate them to the

school. You do have to register with My Coke Rewards to enter the points online. **If you do not wish to register**, you may just send in the codes and we will enter them for you. Check out the information sent home earlier this week to find out about eligible products and where to find codes.

We still collect Boxtops and Labels for Education as well. These can be dropped off in the office and, like the My Coke Rewards, redeemed for equipment and supplies for the school.

Don't forget your SunnyD labels! The promotion ends November 1.

PTO News

The first Scrip order is due next **Monday, October 3**. You may use the printed order form (available on the school website and in the office) or place your order online at shopwithscrip.com. If you order online, you will need to enter the school enrollment code **878182622L379**. Checks for Scrip orders should be made payable to the Damiansville PTO. **New Baden Market Center** has been added to the list of available retailers. Cards are available in \$20, \$25, \$50, and \$100 amounts. You can add this retailer to the bottom of the printed order form or find it online under "Groceries."

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.

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.

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 the first two weeks of October.

10/3 – Scrip Orders Due

10/4-7 – ITBS

10/12 – 5/6 Girls @ St. Rose, 4:00

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

10/10 – Columbus Day, No School

10/11-14 – Book Fair Spirit Week

10/12 – 5/6 Girls @ Bartelso, 4:00

10/14 – Pep Rally, Albers Family Movie Night

10/15 – KC Shoot-Out, JV/V Boys & Girls

10/14-15 – 5/6 Girls ASA Tournament



