

DAMIANSVILLE

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

Newsletter

October 21, 2011

First Quarter Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home with students next **Wednesday, October 26**. Please sign the envelope in the appropriate place and return it to school on Thursday. The report card is yours to keep.

Picture Retakes

LifeTouch will be here next Tuesday, October 25, to retake school pictures. Please bring your original portraits back to school, as they will need to be turned in when pictures are retaken. If you were absent on picture day, order forms for portraits are available in the office.

Red Ribbon Week

Next week we are celebrating Red Ribbon Week, a national campaign against substance abuse. Please see the attached flyer for a complete list of the themes and exciting events planned for the week.

Student of the Month

Every month, each junior high teacher nominates two students in 5th-8th grade for the Student of the Month Award, generously provided by the PTO. Once all nominations are turned in and a list is compiled, the teachers vote for the top

four students. The student with the highest number of votes is awarded \$20.00 for Student of the Month, while the other three nominees each receive \$5.00. September recipients were: Breanne J. (8), Student of the Month; Alivia K. (8), Zachary K. (8), and Tori A. (7). Congratulations!

Sports Update

Basketball season has begun. Our sixth-grade girls won the consolation championship in the Aviston and All Saints tournaments. Both the boys' and girls' varsity teams won their games in the Kaskaskia College Shootout last weekend. The 8th grade girls play tonight at 6:45 for 3rd or 4th place in the Breese Tournament.

"Brrr! I'm Cold!"

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.** The last day students may wear shorts to school is October 31.

PTO News

Thank you to all of those who helped at Family Movie Night! Everyone had a great time.

The next PTO meeting is November 8 at 6:30 PM. Babysitting will be provided, and children will make a Thanksgiving craft.

The next Scrip order is due November 1. The New Baden Market has been added and is listed online, but you will still need to write it on the order form. Cards are available in \$20, \$25, \$50, and \$100 amounts.

2012 Cardinal Calendars

Order forms for the Official St. Louis Cardinals 2012 Calendars were sent home last week. If you need additional space for orders, blank copies are available in the office. The cost is \$15.00 each and calendars will be delivered in time for Christmas. Money can be collected now or at the time of delivery; checks should be made out to Damiansville PTO. This Sunday we will be taking orders in front of church after mass if anyone would like to help. **Order forms are due November 9.**

Annual Quarter Auction

Save the date and spread the word – the **PTO 3rd Annual Quarter Auction** is Friday, November 18. The event will be in the Damiansville gym; doors

open at 6:30 and the auction will begin at 7:30. There will be about 15 vendors again this year. If anyone would like to donate a basket for the auction, please contact Nancy Innes. Donated items need to be in by the first week in November. If you would like to reserve a table, please contact Nancy Innes (248-5829) or Linda (Whitey) Wobbe (248-5627).

Debit Store

We are continuing the Debit Store for K-4 students this year. Each month the students have the opportunity to "buy" items in the store. Around the holidays (Christmas, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day), many students like to look for gifts for family members. If you have small toys or other items that you would like to donate for the store, please bring them to the office.

Trick-or-Treat

Halloween Trick-or-Treating is next Friday, October 28, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. The PTO will pass out necklaces at the Village Hall from

5:45 to 6:00. The PTO will have a tent set up in front of the church to serve apple cider, caramel corn, and cookies from 7:15 to 7:45. All children through 8th grade are welcome to participate, but trick-or-treaters should only go to those houses where the porch light is on or the residents clearly want to participate (for example, sitting outside to hand out treats).

Cornbread Idol

Eighth-grade student Alivia Kramer is entered in WIL 92.3's Cornbread Idol Contest. You can view her entry at www.wil92.com and vote daily (registration is required to vote). We hope she makes it to the second round with her video submission of "Beautiful Eyes." Go, Alivia!

Blood Drive

The Red Cross Blood Drive is next Thursday, October 27, 3:00-7:00 PM, in the Damiansville gym. A representative from the Red Cross visited our school to discuss with students the importance of

donating blood and how donations are used.

Vision and Hearing Screenings

Vision and hearing screenings will be October 26. Students in Pre-K, 2nd grade, and 8th grade will have a vision screening. Hearing screenings are for students in Pre-K, kindergarten, first, second, and third grades. Special education students, including those in speech, will be screened for both vision and hearing.

Reminders

Events are listed through the end of October.

Remember, there is NO SCHOOL next Friday.

10/24-27 – Red Ribbon Week

10/25 – Picture Retake Day

10/26 – Q1 Report Cards Go Home

Vision & Hearing Screenings

10/27 – JV/V Girls v. St. Paul-Highland @ Home, 6:00

10/28 – Teacher Institute, No School

Trick-or-Treating, 6:00-7:30

