

Dudley Middle School News

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Principal's Perspective -Gregg J. Desto*The Legend of the Two Wolves*

One evening, a wise old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that rages inside all people. He said, "My son, the battle inside us all is between two wolves.

One wolf is bad. It harbors anger, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, excessive pride, guilt, self-pity, lies, ego and feelings of inferiority.

The second wolf is good. It contains joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

Some of you may remember "The Legend of the Two Wolves" from last year's 8th grade promotional event. I passed the story on to our students that evening in the hopes of pointing out to them that the best ways I have learned in my life to "feed the good wolf" are to surround yourself with good people and to treat others with civility and respect. By careful design, this has been the theme of the first week of school at DMS. Mr. Paire, the guidance staff and I have now visited every classroom to talk to students about our #1 goal for this school year: the elimination of bullying and harassment. Now, I know that this is a very ambitious goal and that many people believe I am crazy to think it can happen. Despite that, I do believe – and strongly so – that it can and will happen at DMS, and I really think this can be the year.

We have installed a very simple plan for students as we move toward this goal. We have made it clear to them that they have but three responsibilities regarding the way they treat one another at DMS. These points are posted in every single classroom and even in every student bathroom (can you say "captive audience?"). The three responsibilities of DMS students are:

1. Treat others with civility and respect.
2. Try to help others when they are treated unfairly.
3. Seek help for yourself when you feel uncomfortable at school for any reason.

Meet the Teacher
Night
September 17, 2009
6:00—7:00 p.m.

We went over these points with students over the course of the past week, defining what bullying is, giving several specific examples of how bullying manifests itself in a middle school, and answering the myriad of questions our students had on the topic. Additionally, we discussed methods of helping others and oneself when bullying and/or any other type of unfair treatment occurs. Basically, we all agreed that the safest and most efficient way to intervene when bullying occurs is to report it confidentially to a trusted adult. Students at DMS will not have to explain the entire situation to a teacher. They simply have to state that they have witnessed bullying and need to speak to a guidance counselor or administrator. Our teachers know to allow them to do so. We further pointed out that if a student is extremely shy and unwilling to tell school staff, he/she may report the situation to a friend or a parent who may then, in turn, tell somebody at school.

Utilizing our guidance staff as a valued resource, I also explained in detail how the process would likely play out once a student has reported bullying. The most common scenario is that the grade level guidance counselor will speak to the victim and the alleged bully separately. He/she will then very likely contact the parents of both students and may give the student(s) involved one chance to make the appropriate behavior changes without serious school consequences. If the behaviors persist, however, the counselor will turn the situation over to administration for school consequences which could range from parent conference and after school detention all the way up to out of school suspension and, in extreme cases, court referral (It may be of some consolation to know that in the vast majority of cases, the bullying stops at the guidance/parent level).

In addition to our presentations and the signs all around the school, we have selected *civility* as the word of the month at DMS. Each day on the announcements, we remind the students of what civility means and give examples of how people with civility behave. We are trying to make it crystal clear to our students that though we are all very different people who possess different interests and skills, the one thing we are expected to have in common is that we treat each other well. Ultimately, it has been the one overriding goal of my career to help young people understand that whatever career and life track they choose to take, things like kindness, courtesy, empathy and laughter will be essential skills for success (and happiness, but that's another article for another day).

I really do feel as though we're on to something here. Our students are good people to begin with. They should now know exactly what we expect of them and how they can help when a fellow student does not rise up to the level of our expectations. They know that they are not alone when they want the right things to be done at their school. Support is all around them. And why shouldn't it be? It all comes down to simple math. They are here 7 hours per day for 180 school days per year. That's 1,260 hours per year. In four years, they will spend up to 5,040 hours at Dudley Middle School. Who would want to be anywhere for that amount of time and not have it be a nice place to be? Who wouldn't want to spend some of those hours "feeding the good wolf?" We as adults have learned that he's not going to feed himself; that it takes thought and effort to help him prevail. Now let's encourage our children to surround themselves with good people and to treat each other well. Let's stubbornly refuse to accept anything less. And let's watch with pride as our kids become perhaps the first middle school students in history to enjoy a bully-free school.

*** Parents/Guardians: Please take note of the back cover of your child's daily agenda book, which contains valuable information regarding the topic of bullying, as well.**

Criteria for Algebra I and Pre-Algebra Enrollment

In order to be eligible for Algebra I (Grade 8) or Pre-Algebra (Grade 7), a student must meet the following criteria:

1. An average of 93 or above in mathematics for all four academic quarters
2. An average of 95% or better on homework assignments in math for all 4 academic quarters
3. A minimum qualifying score on the end of year Algebra screening test
4. Recommendation of current year's mathematics teacher

Please keep in mind that Algebra courses are designed to be challenging and to move at a competitive pace. Therefore, the criteria for selection has to be stringent and multi-layered. Students who qualify must have demonstrated consistency in skills and work ethic.

Criteria for Foreign Language Enrollment

Dudley Middle School currently offers Introduction to Foreign Language (half year Spanish / half year French) for Grade 7 students and full year Spanish or French for Grade 8 students who meet the following criteria:

1. Grade 7 Introduction to Foreign Language

- ◇ Average of 90 or higher in English / language arts in grade 6

2. Grade 8 Foreign Language (Spanish or French)

- ◇ Average of 90 or higher in English / language arts in grade 7
- OR**
- ◇ Average of 80 or higher in Intro. to Foreign Language in grade 7

Please take some time to speak with your child about these challenging yet rewarding classes which will only be available to them if they put forth a strong effort on their school work this year. Feel free to contact Mr. Desto if you have any specific questions about Algebra or Foreign Language.

News from the Assistant Principal—John D. Paire

There is nothing quite like the enthusiasm of the first days of school. Teachers, students and of course, parents are eager to resume the rhythms and patterns of life outside of summer. While this enthusiasm is a great thing and adds a renewed sense of energy, it can also be short-lived as the trials and tribulations that come with being a middle school student, working with one, or living with and raising one begin to set-in.

The beginning of the school year presents an outstanding opportunity for kids to get involved in all that school has to offer inside and outside of the regular school day, allowing the early enthusiasm that can naturally wane to continue throughout the year. Here at Dudley Middle there is plenty to choose from and we hope that every student can find something that is of interest to them. Not only will it expand their horizons and allow them to make connections with kids and adults they may not encounter during their regular school day, it is generally accepted that students who are involved with their school in some way beyond the classroom are more invested in their education and therefore more successful in the classroom. Participation in activities after school can also provide students with a sense of enthusiasm for coming to school that may not otherwise be maintained as the school year progresses.

The following is a sampling of afterschool activities that are either underway or will be starting in the near future. This list really only touches the surface and I encourage you to check with your child and the school's staff often as new opportunities become available regularly.

Cross Country – boys and girls (grades 6 – 8)	Science Olympiad
Soccer – boys and girls (grades 7 and 8)	Yearbook Club
Basketball – boys and girls (7 and 8)	Intramural Sports
Softball / Baseball (7 and 8)	Show Choir
Jazz Band	Homework Club
Titan Time (Homework Help)	Cheer / Dance Team
Student Council	National Junior Honor Society
Quiz Bowl (5 and 6)	Titan Morning Show

As the school year progresses, we will try to make you aware of the new opportunities that present themselves. They will be advertised in this newsletter, information will be sent home with students and announcements are made regularly in the morning during homeroom. For most of the above listed after school programs, your child just needs to show interest to get involved. She/He doesn't need to be experienced, just willing to try something new.

Dudley Middle School offers late buses that make getting home from these after school opportunities fairly easy. The buses leave here at about 3:45 and reach nearly every corner of town. If you have questions or comments about any of the after school opportunities or suggestions about programs you would like to see offered, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.



Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year

ALL ABSENCES must be verified from a parent or guardian each day the child is absent. The office will answer calls after 7AM to record students that will be absent or late for that day. You may call the Dudley Middle School office before 7AM at 508-943-2224 extension 1102 and leave a message on the attendance line

Early dismissal students must bring in a signed note from a parent/guardian with the following information. Student name-Reason for dismissal-Time of dismissal-Name of person picking up your student and a telephone number to confirm if necessary.

This note should be handed in to your child's **homeroom teacher** during homeroom. The note will be sent to the office. Students will be called down to the office when you arrive to sign your child out for early dismissal. Students returning to school from an appointment **must return to the office** to receive a hall pass to return to class.

Students arriving tardy to school . Please have your child check in with the office and obtain a tardy slip.

Bus Passes. Students are not allowed to ride any bus other than the bus assigned to them unless they must go to another destination for childcare or other **emergency purposes**.

Please refer to the Middle School Handbook.

- ◇ **Progress Reports:** For term one will be sent home with students the week of September 28, 2009
- ◇ **REPORT CARDS:** Term one Report cards will be sent home with students the week of November 2, 2009
- ◇ **Parent Teacher Conferences:** Are scheduled for November 10, 2009 1-4PM and 6-8PM

From the Guidance Office

Non-Custodial Parent information

The school encourages all parents to be actively involved and informed in the education of their children and sees parents as a vital link to the success of their children in school. However, many parents may not be aware of a recently enacted Massachusetts Law (General Laws Chapter 71, Section 3H) that specifies procedures that govern access to student records by parents who do not have physical custody of their children. The guidance office can answer questions you may have regarding access to student records as well as the procedural and notification process involved. Please contact the school guidance office at (508) 943-2224.

Requests for information

From time to time parents are likely to receive requests for teachers or school personnel to complete various types of questionnaires, surveys, evaluations or rating scales at the request of their Physician or other professional. **Please keep in mind that the release of student information requires specific authorization by law.** Please contact your child's Guidance counselor so that appropriate release forms may be obtained.

Attendance

Parents please pay particular attention to the Attendance policy in your child's handbook regarding changes in the attendance policy. Students exceeding 12 absences may be required to repeat the grade, or attend summer school to meet the promotion requirement, as schools must now act in a manner to ensure student attendance. Parents are encouraged to review this requirement in the student handbook.

**Message From Title One
Ms. Schur and Ms. Parnell**

Welcome to another exciting year at Dudley Middle School! We are thrilled to meet all new fifth graders and to reunite with all the returning sixth grade students.

The Title One **After School Help** program and **Top of the Morning** program will begin the week of September 14th. All Title One students in grades five and six are invited to attend both programs.

The **After School Help** program will run every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 3:40. During this time, we will provide homework assistance, reinforce Language Arts and Math skills, and help study for upcoming tests.

The **Top of the Morning** program will be held in the Science Lab every morning beginning Monday September 14th. Students are welcome to check in with their Title One teacher and ask any last minute questions or receive additional help with the previous night's homework.

We look forward to working with all of our Title One students this year and invite you to stop by to say hello on September 17th for Meet the Teacher Night. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

We're looking forward to a great year! Ms. Schur and Ms. Parnell- ext. 1118

Attention!

Intramurals will begin on Monday, September 14, 2009. This afterschool program will meet every Wednesday and MOST Mondays.

Every student must have a signed permission slip in order to attend. These went home on Friday, September 4, 2009. See Ms. Loring (x4301) for details.

Grade 5

Grade 5 teachers are happy to announce that their new students are doing a wonderful job transitioning into the middle school. Overall, students seem comfortable following their schedules and getting into their lockers. They seem eager in their class work and excited about all the things happening here at Dudley Middle School.

In social studies, students will be learning about the ancient civilizations of the Incas, Mayans, and Aztecs. In math, students will be reviewing basic concepts and skills. In language arts, students will be reading *The Trumpet of the Swan*, by E. B. White. In science, students will begin by studying the life sciences, found in Unit 1 of their text book.

Families are encouraged to come to Meet the Teacher night on September 17. It is a great opportunity for students to show their families their classrooms, introduce them to their teachers, and show-off their locker combination skills.

6th Grade Explorers

The sixth grade students are off to another wonderful start this year! They have been busy exploring our world in Social Studies and Science, and learning about whole numbers and patterns in Math. In ELA, the students are reviewing their grammar rules, reading stories, and practicing their writing skills.

On Thursday, September 17th, DMS will be having a "Meet the Teacher Night." We are looking forward to meeting many of you that evening and working together with you as a team throughout the coming year.



Our "Breakfast Café" has opened for business. For \$1.00, the students may purchase two items from the cart. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Studies have shown that children perform better in school if they have eaten breakfast. As all of us have busy morning schedules, we hope that this convenience will be of help to your family.

The sixth graders have been very enthusiastic about their new classes. We have reviewed the rules with them would just like you to know that they must have their agendas with them at all times. When your child returns home after school, please check their agendas daily as they are our first avenue of home-school communication. Their books must remain covered throughout the year (paper bags work best on these large textbooks.) Regular pencils, colored pencils, and four single subject notebooks are all the tools that they need. Anything else will be provided in the classroom.



Recycle and raise money for our team! Don't throw away your empty ink jet and laser cartridges. Please send them into school to the sixth grade teachers. We receive \$2 for each ink jet cartridge and \$1 - \$5 for each laser cartridge. In addition to being a great fundraiser for our team, it is also very beneficial for the environment.

National Junior Honor Society News

Congratulations go out to the newly elected 2009-2010 Dudley Middle School National Junior Honor Society officers:

President: Jordan Miglionico

Vice President: Nicole Wilson

Secretary: Mackenzie Mullins

Treasurer: Jeffrey Spahl

Public Relations: Christian L'Heureux

The Dudley Middle School National Junior Honor Society will be welcoming its next round of inductees on Thursday, December 10, 2009. In conjunction with the national guidelines, a faculty board of teachers and advisors has been appointed. The faculty members are Carrienne Allen, Jarrod Ashton, Rosemary Hirst, Jennifer Loring, Kristen Potter, and Beth Sykier.

The committee established the following criteria for candidates to be considered in the selection process:

1. Applications of students in grades 7 and 8, who academically qualify, are to be completed and submitted to the advisor by **Friday, November 13, 2009**. Applications will be given to qualified applications on the same day that 1st quarter report cards are issued. The inductees and their parents will formally be notified shortly thereafter.
2. Students must have a cumulative average of 90 for each marking term (for each term in the prior year and the first term of the 2009-2010 school year) and a passing grade in Unified Arts.
3. Students must demonstrate the qualities of leadership, character, service, and community outreach, and have achieved recognition or honors in any of the above areas.
4. An adult supervisor and faculty member of DMS must verify these accomplishments.

MEDICATION POLICY NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE—Mrs. Hickey

All medication **must be brought** to the school nurse by a **parent or guardian**. Prescription medicine must be in a pharmacy labeled container bearing the child's name, name of medication, dosage, time of administration, name of physician and date of prescription. **A written, signed and dated letter from a physician authorizing dispensing of all medication (prescription and non-prescription) must be provided.** Psychotropic drugs may be dispensed at school only after the proper certification by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Not more than one month's supply may be kept at the school. Self medication (prescription and non prescription) is strictly forbidden.

A student is not allowed to carry medication of any kind.

IMMUNIZATIONS: Letters have been sent to all students who are not current with all legally required Immunizations. Please check to be sure all necessary documents have been sent to DMS.





Science Olympiad Meeting

Come find out what it is all about!

It's time to pick up an application to join the Science Olympiad Team. Applications may be obtained from Mrs. Watabe in room 115 or in the front office. All students that attend Dudley Middle School in grades 5-8 are eligible to join. If you attended the state competition last year you do not need to complete an application, but please check in with Mrs. Watabe.

Come find out about this exciting competition on September 22nd in Mrs. Watabe's room 115. A meeting will be held until late bus for students and an additional meeting will be held that same evening at 6:00 p.m. for parents and students. For additional information, please contact Mrs. Watabe at 508-943-2224 Ext. 4115 or email at cwatabe@dcrsd.org.

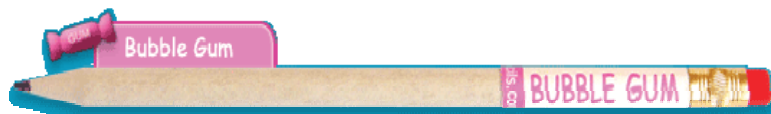
Science Olympiad is a national organization in which students compete in a variety of events. There are three principle event types: Knowledge Events, Building Events, and Process Events. Knowledge Events require students to learn about a certain topics such as amphibians & reptiles, anatomy, reach for the stars or fossils. For Building Events, students construct a device prior to the competition that completes a certain task. Some devices are balsa wood airplanes, trebuchets, bridges, and robots. Process Events test the students' lab skills. They usually have both a lab and test component. One process event is science crime busters; students are given a variety of compounds found at the scene of a crime and they must work to solve the mystery.

Please visit the National website www.soinc.org for more details about each event and the history of Science Olympiad. If you are considering the Science Olympiad please make plans to attend the meeting.



This year the 7th grade students at DMS will be raising funds for our amazing activities by selling Smencils, fun scented pencils that are good for the environment. They are available in a wide range of fragrances from orange and berry to bubble gum and root beer and each comes in its own corn-based biodegradable Freshness Tube.

The cost is only \$1!



Smencils will be on sale at Meet the Teacher Night (Sept. 17) and at the Fall Festival (Sept. 25)! Get ready to write in style!

UPCOMING EVENTS SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

- September 11, 2009—Boys/Girls Soccer Game at Grafton, 3:30 p.m.
- September 11, 2009 - Instrumental Rental Night at Dudley Middle School,
6:00-8:00 p.m., Cafeteria
- September 16, 2009—Boys/Girls Soccer Game Home vs. Southbridge
- September 17, 2009 - DMS School Pictures, LifeTouch, 8:15
- September 17, 2009 – Meet the Teacher Night, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- September 18, 2009—Girls/Boys Soccer Game at Tantasqua, 3:30 p.m.
- September 22, 2009—Girls/Boys Soccer Game Home vs. Quaboag, 3:30 p.m.
- September 25, 2009 - DMS Fall Festival, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- September 22, 2009—Science Olympiad Meeting, 6:00—7:00 p.m. (Room 115)
- September 23, 2009—School Committee Meeting, Charlton Middle School, 7:00 p.m.
- September 23, 2009—Girls/Boys Soccer Game Home vs. Uxbridge, 3:30 p.m.
- September 24, 2009—Volleyball Clinic, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Gym
- September 25, 2009—DMS Fall Festival, 6:00—8:00 p.m.
- September 29, 2009—Girls/Boys Soccer Game at Knox Trail, 3:30 p.m.
- September 30, 2009—Music Parents' Meeting, Dudley Middle School Library, 6:30 p.m.
- October 1, 2009—Intramurals, 2:35—3:30 p.m.
- October 1, 2009—Boys/Girls Soccer Game Home vs. Leicester, 3:30 p.m.
- October 2, 2009—Team 7/1 Wolf Hollow Class Trip, 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
- October 5, 2009—Intramurals, 2:35—3:40 p.m.
- October 6, 2009—Boys/Girls Soccer Game Home vs. Tantasqua, 3:30 p.m.
- October 6, 2009—PTO Meeting at Mason Road School, 6:30 p.m.
- October 8, 2009—Intramurals, 2:35—3:40 p.m.
- October 8, 2009—Boys/Girls Soccer Game at Quaboag, 3:30 p.m.
- October 8, 2009—Volleyball Clinic, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Gym
- October 12, 2009 - No School - Columbus Day Observed
- October 13, 2009—Boys/Girls Soccer Game at Uxbridge, 3:30 p.m.
- October 15, 2009—Intramurals, 2:35—3:40 p.m.
- October 20, 2009—Boys/Girls Soccer Game Home vs. Knox Trail, 3:30 p.m.
- October 22, 2009—Intramurals, 2:35—3:40 p.m.
- October 22, 2009—Girls/Boys Soccer Game Home vs. Grafton, 3:30 p.m.
- October 22, 2009—Volleyball Clinic, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Gym
- October 23, 2009 - Faculty In-Service Professional Development Day – No School for Students
- October 26, 2009—Intramurals, 2:35—3:40 p.m.
- October 27, 2009—Girls/Boys Soccer Game at Leicester, 3:30 p.m.
- October 28, 2009—Girls/Boys Soccer Game at Shepherd Hill High School vs.
Charlton Middle School, 3:30
- October 28, 2009—Music Parents' Association Meeting, 6:30—8:00 p.m.
- October 29, 2009—Intramurals, 2:35—3:40 p.m.

Dudley PTO News

Please visit our Website available through your school webpage for updated information, reminders, and involvement opportunities!

Upcoming/Current Events:

Fall fundraiser will be kicking off as follows: Joe Corbi Pizza; includes pizza, cookie dough, and pies. There will be NO holiday pie fundraiser this year! Also, we will be holding a raffle calendar for the month of November, calendars will be on sale the whole month of October, more information to follow.

Membership drives will be held at all open houses at the schools, if you sign up or renew your membership for the year during the membership drive you will receive a meeting reminder magnet and a "note to school" notepad. Membership for each school year is \$5.00.



The Fall Festival at the Middle School will be held on Friday September 25th, 5:30-8:00pm. **All are welcome!**

Things to know

The Dudley PTO is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a "non-profit charity". Our 501© (3) status designates us as exempt from sales tax and donations to our PTO are tax deductible.

Check out the website for our monthly newsletters, information and updates.

Do you know we have enough members that if everyone only volunteered once or twice a year we would never have to ask for volunteers?

If you do not find the fundraisers attractive, and wish to make a cash donation, please make checks payable to Dudley PTO and send it in an envelope with your child to school.

Please join us for our next meeting; Tuesday, October 6th, at 6:30pm, Mason Road School

ATTENTION PARENTS & STUDENTS

Did you know that Dudley Middle School has a Store!

Every Thursday the school store is open from 7:15 -7:45 a.m. Your child can stock up on pencils costing as little as 10 cents! The store is funded through the **PTO** and run by parent and student volunteers.

Items available range from pencils, pens, erasers, notebooks, locker accessories, markers, even school logo nylon book bags!

If you would like to help out at the store for 30 minutes a week or every other week, call Marian Wielock at 508-949-2380 for more information.



Pull Tabs for the Children of the Shriners Burns Hospital

Save your pull tabs - Dudley Middle School collects soda can and soup can **"Pull Tabs"** for the Shriners Hospitals for Children in the Massachusetts area. The Aluminum Tab Project has been an endeavor started by the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America as a fun way to earn extra dollars to benefit the Children at their Hospitals.

Collecting **"Pull Tabs"** is the easiest way to support children in need, namely because it costs no money to put aside the "Pull Tab" from a soda or can of soup. Together, we can help Shriners help Children in need.

Frequently Asked Questions:

◇ **How Can I Help?**

Save dry **"Pull Tabs"** from your personal use and send them to Dudley Middle School. Together, we can make a difference.

◇ **How are "Pull Tabs" Recycled?**

Tabs will be delivered to The Shriners Burns Hospital in Boston, MA in which volunteers will sort them. Then, they are taken to an area recycler to be weighed and sold as scrap aluminum. Other youth groups, schools, business, and the like collect pull Tabs throughout New England.

◇ **Who Benefits from This Program?**

The beneficiary for the value of the scrap metal will be the Children of the Shriners Burns Hospital in Boston, MA. Non-medical items are purchased with the funds, including (but not limited to,) educational computer programs and games, arts and crafts materials, books, videos, and playroom equipment that contribute to overall happiness during a child's stay.



Announcing Our School's Ink Jet and Laser Cartridge Collection

Don't throw away empty ink jet and laser cartridges. Send them to school to help us earn money for school activities. Empty ink jets and lasers can be recycled and reused. For each recyclable ink jet and laser cartridge you bring us **our school will receive a check for each cartridge that can be recycled.** It doesn't take long for that to add up. And best of all, it's good for the environment. Ask your parents, relatives, and friends to save their empties for you to bring to school for this program. There is a container in the main office for your used cartridges.

NOTE: Not all cartridges are recyclable; at this time we do not accept ink jet cartridges made by or for **Epson printers or other styles that have no electronic circuitry.**

Earn cash for our school with Box Tops for Education

How to earn cash for our school.

Box Tops for Education make it easy to help our school earn the extra cash it needs. Make a difference every time you go to the grocery store!

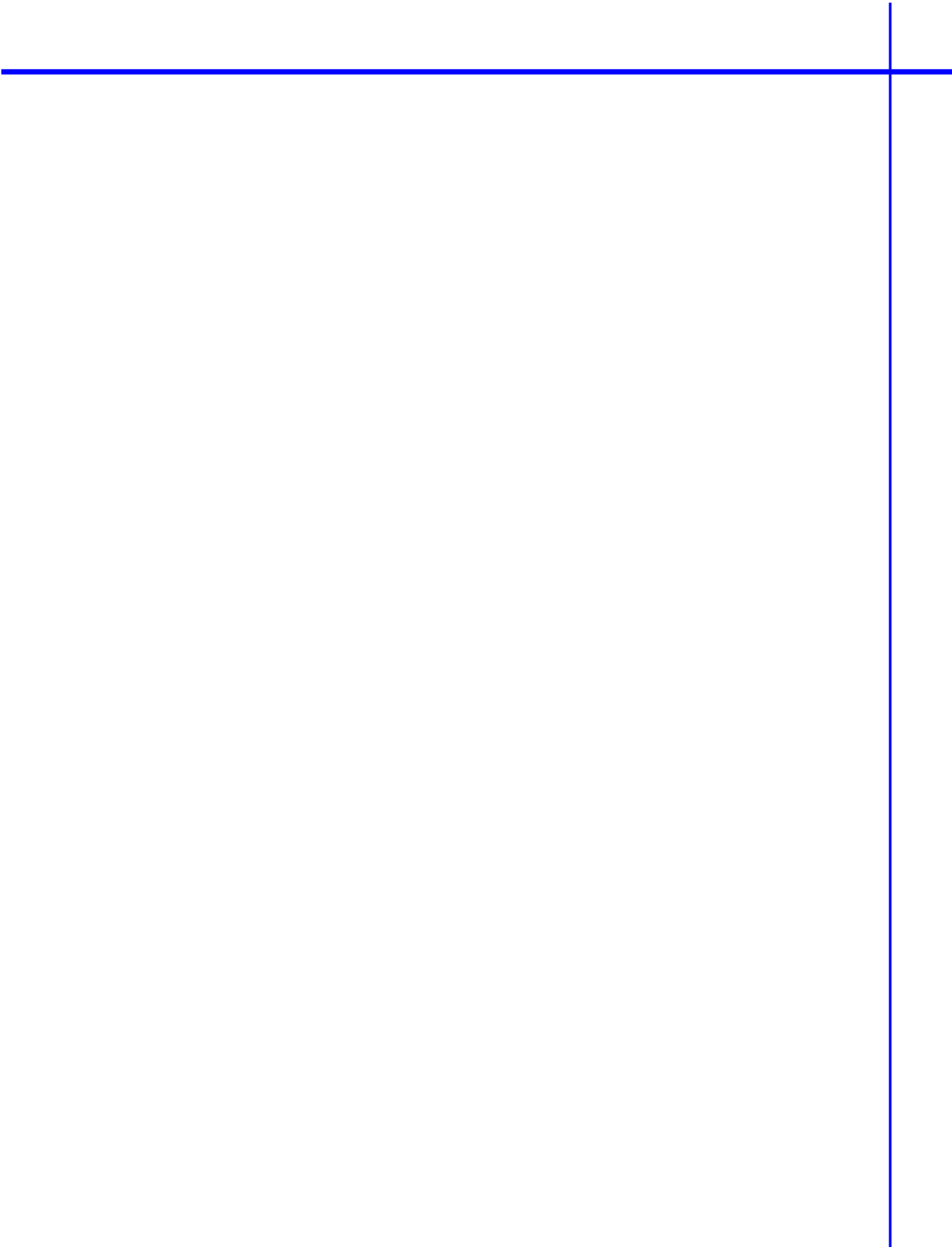


Clip Box Tops

Find Box Tops coupons on hundreds of your favorite products. Each Box Top is worth 10¢ to our school.

Send Box Tops to School

Turn in your Box Tops coupons. Our school will collect the Box Tops to be redeemed.



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www.dcrsd.org



*"...to advance the knowledge and
well being of our children and our
community."*

2010 MCAS Schedule

Though they are still subject to change, please take note of the probable dates for **2010 MCAS** testing and, if at all possible, avoid scheduling vacations and appointments on these days.

- * English / language arts—March 23, 24, and 25
- * Math—May 11 and 12
- * Science / technology—May 13 and 14 -
(grade 5 and 8 only)