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Superintendent of Schools, 3215 Cuming Street, Omaha, NE 68131 (402-557-2001). The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Director for the Office of Equity and Diversity, 3215 Cuming St, Omaha, NE 68131 (402-557-2790).

The biannual Dundee Elementary School Science Fair was held on the evening of Tuesday, January 28, 2020. The Dundee gym was filled with eager student participants and proud parents. It was so fun to see the students and their families tour through the outstanding projects of scientific discovery!

Science Fair is an extracurricular activity open to participation by all students in 3rd through 6th grades, either as individuals or in a team. Mrs. Dickerson and Ms. Duffy managed and coordinated the Science Fair. Four scientifically knowledgeable judges scored participants from each grade level on the quality and scientific value of their oral presentations, visual displays, hypotheses, experiments and conclusions.

We had a whopping 25 student projects this year! Trophies were awarded for the top two projects in each grade level, with a ribbon for the third place project. Be sure to start those curious minds thinking about a scientific topic for 2022!

### 3rd Grade
1st - Vivienne Anania
   Lyla Wulf
2nd - Kate Nipper
3rd - Tatianna Moore-Williams

### 4th Grade
1st - Jane Parker
   Isla Reiss
2nd - Stephi Pappas
3rd - Isabella Grace

### 5th Grade
1st - Aibreann Conn
   Sadie Osher
2nd - Eleanor Caughlin
   Sam Dickerson
   Chris Holtzclaw
3rd - Fiona Noble

### 6th Grade
1st - Charleigh Novak
   Ava Pleggenkuhle
2nd - Kalista McDermott
   Alyssa Walters
3rd - Henry Howard
Dear Families,

We look forward to seeing you at 3rd Quarter Parent/Teacher Conferences on February 27th and March 3rd. Conferences are a great time to discuss your child’s progress. If you don’t have a time to visit with your child’s teacher yet, please contact them to set up a time. Our goal is ALWAYS to visit with 100% of our families!

March is a busy month for testing. Our 3rd through 6th grade students will start the Nebraska State Assessments at the end of March. We hope everyone will be healthy during these testing periods. Starting off the day with a good breakfast and encouraging words to do their best, will be helpful!

Hope you can visit us often!

Ms. Kaye Kennedy

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2nd Quarter Students of Distinction

During the 2nd Quarter, Dundee staff and students focused on the character trait of being responsible. Students showed they were being responsible by making good decisions about what they say and do AND being accountable for their actions.

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent their class as the Student of Distinction in the area of Responsibility.

- Mahir Ahnaf
- Nishant Biswa
- Hayes Carlson
- Rainer Cook
- Daniel Dang
- Siri Dey
- Anna Dickerson
- Dagny Dillon-Aldridge
- Breanna Doyle
- Atticus Ehrhart
- Addison Estabrooks
- Michael Estrella Serrano
- Isabelle Gilbreath
- Macklin Hanna
- Henry Howard
- Holly Howard
- Margaret Howard
- Asher Kavanaugh
- Blythe Kinman
- Charlie Korb
- Levi Kush
- Millicent Leigh
- Faheem Lone
- Leo Ludwick
- Lily Marcos Rivera
- Riley Murdock
- Maxwell Nelson
- Fiona Noble
- Sadie Osher
- Jane Parker
- Thaily Peralta
- Jacob Perry
- Jonathan Perry
- Wynn Phillips
- Elsa Sagert
- Taylor Shedivy
- Harmony Thompson
- Norah Todd
- Adora Torres
- Laine Trujillo
- Forrest Uhing
- Madeleine Wheeler

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Parent Voice Survey: School Information

At Dundee, we conduct a school climate survey annually. If you have an email on file, you may have already received this survey online. If not, you can access the online survey at: www.TinyURL.com/OPSParentVoice

Please consider taking a moment to complete the survey. I truly value the feedback the survey provides. I use the information to help make Dundee a great place to be for all!
They grow up so fast.

Now’s your chance to shape their future.

A kindergartner counted in the 2020 Census this spring will be starting high school when the next census comes around in 2030: That’s 10 years of school supplies, teachers, school lunches, and so much more. This is your opportunity to help ensure they have a bright future.

Right now, students across the country are getting an introduction to the 2020 Census through the Statistics in Schools program. This program offers free activities and resources to schools to help prepare their students for an increasingly data-driven world.

Students are also learning these key things about the 2020 Census—and we want you to know them too:

- Starting in March 2020, everyone living in your home needs to be counted. That includes children and newborn babies, citizens and noncitizens, relatives and nonrelatives, and even those staying with you temporarily.

- It’s easier than ever to respond to the census. You can respond in 13 different languages, and you can complete it online, by phone, or by mail.

- Your responses to the census are safe and secure. The law requires the U.S. Census Bureau to keep your information confidential, and your responses cannot be used against you in any way.

On Census Day, April 1, 2020, start shaping your future and the future of all children by counting everyone in your home.

Learn more about how you can shape your future at 2020CENSUS.GOV.

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Counselor's Corner

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By Mary Ann Colasacco

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Spring is right around the corner and as you can tell from the upcoming events on the front page, there are so many great events at our school for you to be part of and we’re always looking for volunteers. Quick reminder you can stay up to date by visiting our website, www.dundeeppto.org or following us on Twitter @DundeePTO. Sorry, you can’t find us on Snapchat yet :(.

Our next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, April 7th at 6:30 and we are thrilled to have Smart Gen Society (www.smartgensociety.org) to talk with us parents about how to navigate the complex concerns and issues that come along with social media use. In addition to presenting at the PTO meeting, the group is also talking with teachers during an in-service day and talking with Dundee’s 4th, 5th, and 6th graders.

We’ve heard incredible things about this program and are excited to bring it to our school. Regardless of your child’s age, we encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity. So please mark your calendars now and be sure to attend. As always, childcare is provided in the lunchroom during the meeting.

Have a wonderful spring break!
Don & Julie Stavneak

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Always keep an eye out for emails from Sign Up Genius. If you do not get these emails and wish to help, please send a note to: dundeeppto@gmail.com.

- Parent/Teacher Conference Meals
- Book Fair

REACH OUT; PEOPLE CARE.

If you are in need of support or advice, here are three options for you:

1.) **Your Life Your Voice**: 1-800-448-3000
You will be contacting the Boys Town National Hotline. You can also reach them by texting “VOICE” to 20121; chat with them at YourLifeYourVoice.org; or e-mail them at YLYV@Boystown.org

2.) **OPS Safe Schools Hotline**: 531-299-SAFE (7233) - This is free, anonymous, and available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. You will be able to talk with a trained counselor for help with depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, substance abuse, bullying, relationship issues, violence, or to report a concern.

3.) **Safe2HelpNE.org**: 531-299-SAFE (7233)
If you have concerns about a person or situation, you can phone this number (same as the OPS Safe Schools Hotline) to anonymously report those concerns. If the concern will be investigated, then this helpline alerts the appropriate authorities and school personnel who would be involved in investigating and supporting the person(s) involved.
ATTENTION: Dundee Families!

Believe it or not, it is book fair time again!! We are so excited that we will be hosting our Spring Book Fair with the theme: Book Fair Jungle Elephants, Tigers, and Books OH MY!! Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here’s what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

• Set the example. Let children see you read.
• Have a collection of books in the home. Update this collection routinely to keep pace with changing tastes and reading skills.
• Support our school’s Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings to school the books kids want to read. It’s a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child’s reading habits.

Check out our schedule in the Dundee Library:

**Thursday, February 27**
- Student preview: 9:00 to 3:00 pm
- Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 to 8 pm

**Friday, February 28**
- Lunch with a Loved One 11:15 to 1:30 pm
- Family Shopping 4 to 5 pm

**Monday, March 2**
- Lunch with a Loved One 11:15 to 1:30 pm
- Family Shopping 4 to 5 pm

**Tuesday, March 3**
- Dads and Donuts 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 am
- Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 to 8 pm

Before you visit the Book Fair, be sure to download the Book Fairs app to help you find the right books for your child. For more information, visit: scholastic.com/apps/bookfairs or search for the app on your smartphone.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school. See you in the library!!!
And a special...

To all of the businesses that support Dundee!
The following businesses have contributed to the 2019-2020 Dundee Direct campaign. Consider supporting these businesses and thanking them for their support of Dundee.

- A. B.'s 66
- AJ's Cafe
- Ambassador Home Improvements
- Anderson Signs
- Central Body Company Inc
- Children's Physicians Dundee - Dr. Specht
- Dundee Double Shot Coffee
- Dundee Bank
- Elmwood Pharmacy
- Hello Holiday
- J Development
- Mama's Pizza
- Neff Towing
- Sara Rogers Photography
- Simlogi LLC
- Tom Manley Floors
- Transduction Technologies

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