# Creekside News October 4, 2015

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## Sunday October 4, 2015

### Upcoming Events

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| Oct. 16 | 6pm-8pm Activity Night |
| Oct. 22 | School Picture Re-Takes |
| Nov. 6 | 6pm-8pm Activity Night |
| Nov. 9 | Half Day of school - 11:25 dismissal |
| Nov. 10 | Half Day of school - 11:25 dismissal |
| Nov. 19 | 7pm 6th grade all music concert |
| Nov. 25-27 | No School - Thanksgiving |
| Dec. 11 | 6pm-8pm Activity Night |
| Dec. 21- Jan. 1 | NoSchool - Winter Break |
| Jan. 8 | 6pm-8pm Activity Night |
| Jan. 14 | 3-6pm Orchestra Scholarship night |
| Jan. 18 | No School - MLK day |
| Jan. 28 | Half Day of school-11:25 dismissal |
| Jan. 29 | No School - Records day |
| Feb. 5 | 6pm-8pm Activity Night |
| Feb. 12-15 | No School - Presidents Day |
| March 4 | 6pm-8pm Activity Night |
| March 19 | Band Extravaganza Rehearsal |
| March 20 | Band Extravaganza |
| March 22 | All Orchestra Concert |
| March 24-25 | No School |
| April 4-8 | Spring Break |
| April 22 | 6pm-8pm Activity Night |
| May 6 | 6pm-8pm Activity Night |
| May 12 | Creekside Spring Band Concert |
| May 17 | 7pm Orchestra Spring Concert |

### Creekside Activity Nights

### Fall Soup Supper

Creekside Garden is GROWING! We have been "given" the space inside the fenced area north of the school, where the preschool played, for gardening. We need YOUR help on Sat. Oct. 10th from 9 - noon. We will have a sod stripper here so we need several adult to take turns running it and others removing the strips. The goal it to have all sods removed so the ground can be rota-tilled, and amended this fall. Please use the sign up genius below to let us know how many people are coming. The more the merrier. Thanks for your support - Laurel Livingston, School Garden Coordinator, Kirsten Korff - Fifth Grade Sponsor, Jennifer Suppes -sixth Grade Sponsor.

**www.SignUpGenius.com/go/409044AAEA62AA75-creekside**

Fall Soup Supper Fundraiser is Oct 22 - 6:00pm at Creekside School cafeteria. Reservations now being accepted. Space is limited to 200 people.

**We had such a good time Friday evening! A special thank you to all the parents who volunteered to make the evening a success! Sign up here to help out with next event!**

**http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c49adac2fa2fa7-creekside**

Activity nights are held once a month from 6pm-8pm and include a movie, games in the gym, snacks and time to socialize with friends. We also have a drawing for prizes at the end of the evening (if you know of anyone or are willing to donate items for the drawing, please contact Mrs. Reich at reicht@dexterschools.org)

**The dates for activity nights for the 15-16 school year are:**

**October 16 - use our online permission form here:**
**http://bit.ly/1YHHsCT**

**November 6**
**December 11**
**January 8**
**February 5**
**March 4**
**April 22**
**May 6**

**Activity Night Permission QR Code**

**Pick up Procedures**

Parents, please follow the pick up procedures at dismissal time. Students are asked to wait before entering the line of cars. They need to raise their hand and wait for an adult with a stop sign to stop traffic for them. This is for their safety. Please help us keep children safe by not waiving them into the pick up line or into the parking lot. We know that the process takes time but it is safe. We also ask that parents pay attention to students as they are being picked up and refrain from texting, etc. during pick up time.

Students should not walk unless they have a walker plan on file in the office.

It takes diligent responsibility from everyone to keep our children safe. Thank You!

***<u>The Educational Foundation of Dexter presents:</u>***

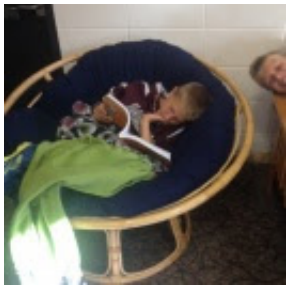
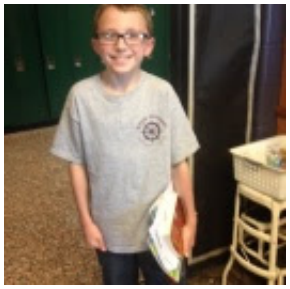
***<u>Evening on the Farm 2015</u>***

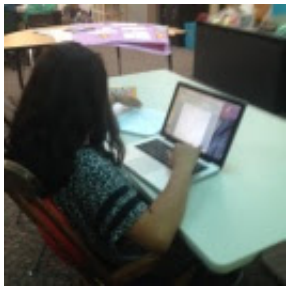
**Wednesday, October 21st**
**6:00 - 9:00**
**Cornman Farms**
**8540 Island Lake Road • Dexter, MI**
**www.cornmanfarms.com**

Join us at Zingerman's Cornman Farms for an evening filled with fantastic food, prepared by renowned Chef Alex Young.
This authentic farm in Dexter is filled with lovingly restored buildings and a rich history that dates back nearly 200 years.

$75 per person
Tickets available at

www.efdexter.org/cornmanfarms



Box-tops
"We are sure you have all saved & collected your BOX-TOPS & LABLES FOR EDUCATION over this summer and had a great summer. Please remember to start sending them to your child's classroom as we will start our classroom contest from this month onwards. You can go to www.boxtops4education.com & www.labelsforeducation.com for more info on participating products. Thank you !! "

WANTED: Used Board Games!!
Board Games: Strategy and Problem Solving is a new 6th grade FLEX class this year. Mrs. Brown is asking for used and unwanted board games for her FLEX class. Chess, checkers, risk, life, monopoly, scrabble, connect 4, cranium, apples to apples junior and guess who are just a few to name that she would love to have. If you have one to donate, please bring it to the office and we will give it to Mrs. Brown. Thank you in advance!!

From Our School Nurse:
Parents and Guardians,
Again this year we will be offering a flu vaccine clinic to students on October 27, 2015. This will be offered during the school day and takes a short amount of time. Consent forms will be sent home as soon as we receive them and a pdf version will be available on the Dexter website as well. High School parents will need to access the form on-line only. The consents are for the flu MIST vaccine. For those students requiring a flu SHOT, the forms will be available in the office only. We would appreciate 5-6 parent volunteers per building to help with the process.

Fifth Grade Choir Parents
Please go to Dexter's SchoolPost Page and sign up for Choir 2023, in order to read the student handbook and receive information about concert dates. Thank you!

Cocktails • Hors D'oeuvres • Desserts • Cooking Demos • Live Auction
The Educational Foundation of Dexter awards grants to Dexter Community Schools teachers and staff. These grants directly benefit students in the classroom by providing financial support for programs and opportunities that would not otherwise be funded by the district. Since 1985, over $780,000 in grants has been awarded to DCS staff. Support the EFD and our school community by attending this event!

**Dexter Community Schools needs substitute teachers and paraeducators.**
You can apply online from our website or call Dori 734-424-4104 with any questions.

**From Mrs. Darling**
All current media students now have access to the online Learning Management System - Edmodo: www.edmodo.com
When your student logs in, there is a parent code that you can use to access their course information, if you would like to. If you can't find it, email me at darlingj@dexterschools and please include your student's full name and their home room teacher's name and I"d be happy to look it up for you.
Next week 5th grade students currently enrolled in media are participating in the Global Cardboard Challenge. We have cardboard boxes and makedo tools to use for this. However, if they'd like to bring anything else to use for building or decorating, please have them bring it in. Also, if your student brings in items (tape, buttons, glue, paper towel rolls, etc.), please indicate whether you want the extra (if there is any) to be taken home or donated to the makerspace.

**Dexter Week of Service**
Thank you to all Dexter Families who

**Box Tops Winners for September Mrs. Butler's Class!**

## 5th Grade Cardboard Challenge Photos

donated to Faith in Action.

**Lunchtime Game Room**
The game room in the Creekside cafeteria is in need of new games and activities. If you are able to donate a game to game room contact Mrs. Reich at reicht@dexterschools.org

### Creekside Visitors

**If you are visiting Creekside, please sign in at the office and wear a visitor badge. If you are coming to school during the school day please make sure that the classroom teacher knows that you are coming and that you have made an appointment. Teachers are not available for conference or conversation during the school day. Please help us protect the educational environment by not distrubing teachers. If you need to speak with a teacher, feel free to email or call to set up an appointment.**

### Everyday Math

Want to know more about how to navigate the Everyday Math Website? Dexter Technology Coach, Meredith Nickerson walks you through the details on this parent tutorial:

https://youtu.be/lZg6gRMuYDc

## NWEA

In the fall of 2014, Dexter Community Schools adopted NWEA's MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessment (http://www.nwea.org). We are administering the NWEA assessment to students in grades K-8. NWEA data is used by our teachers and administrators to enhance the learning process for our students and is not part of the state assessment and accountability system.

Computer adaptive testing sessions are administered 3 times a year, fall, winter, and spring. The multiple administrations allow the district to make adjustments in instruction during the year and determine if the adjustments have resulted in increased numbers of students exhibiting mastery of various reading and mathematical skills. The information provided by the student data is vital to help teachers and administrators improve classroom instruction and intervention practices, evaluate recently adopted programs, such as Everyday Math and Making

## Art @ Creekside

It's time to order Original Artworks for any student who is currently in Art@Creekside!

The following homeroom classes will be bringing home their information on Monday, September 28th:
Mrs. Suppes
Mrs. Brown
Mrs. Smith
Mrs. Webby
Mrs. Mann

Orders are due back by Friday, October 16th. Items ordered will be delivered before winter vacation in December.

## Homecoming Parade!

Meaning, and plan Professional Development.

A feature of the NWEA MAP is the ability to generate individual student reports which will be sent home with the end of year report card in June. MAP data is nationally normed and includes RIT scores in skill strands in mathematics and reading. The reports include national average growth projections from the NWEA as well as how much growth your student exhibited between testing periods. It is important for us to focus on a student's overall growth trend. It may dip and rise over time, but overall it should trend toward higher RIT scores. Every student learns differently and at a different rate, depending on a variety of factors in their academic and private lives. It is the mission of Dexter Community Schools to help all students grow and help differentiate for all learners. If you have any questions about the NWEA process, please contact your current building administrator.

Sincerely,
Dexter Community Schools educators and administrators

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