Sunday September 27, 2015

Upcoming Events

Oct.  2          Homecoming
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

Next Week Is School Spirit Week!!

Spirit Week

Monday 9/28 – Pajama Day
Tuesday 9/29 – Class Color Day
   Fifth grade wears GREEN
   Sixth grade wears BLACK
Wednesday 9/30 – GROUT Day
   Wear a gray outfit
Thursday 10/1 – Jersey Day
   Wear maroon and gold

Dexter Community Schools needs substitute teachers.
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
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
November 6
December 11
January 8
February 5
March 4
April 22
May 6

Activity Night Photo Fun!

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 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 disturbing teachers. If you need to speak with a teacher, feel free to email or call to set up an appointment.

Vision Screening for 5th grade will take place Monday and Tuesday!

Creekside Garden Fun!!
"We are sure you have all saved & collected your BOX-TOPS & LABELS 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 online 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!

Important reminder from the Transportation Department:
All families whose students ride the bus must complete the Transportation Rules and Contact Form. If that link doesn't work for you, go to our website, www.dexterschools.org, then select Departments, then Transportation. It’s on the department landing page. If you have any questions about this form, feel free to contact Transportation secretary Trina Cox at coxt@dexterschools.org or 424-4100 ext. 1602. Thank you for your help!

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 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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