

REMEMBER—PEOPLE WILL JUDGE YOU BY YOUR ACTIONS; NOT YOUR INTENTIONS. YOU MAY HAVE A HEART OF GOLD, BUT SO DOES A HARD BOILED EGG.

At right, DMS students support the Dunn junior class with sucker



Dunn Middle School Newsnote

Monday, 9/28	Tuesday, 9/29	Wednesday, 9/30	Thursday, 10/1	Friday, 10/2
PASTA LUNCH \$4.50	Burrito Lunch \$4.50 V'Ball @ Dunn VOTING REGISTRATION Bouldering 3:30-4:30	Pizza Lunch \$4.50 B'Ball @ DMS 4:00 STUDENT GOV'T ELECTION	Orange Chicken \$4.50 V'Ball @ Solvang Art Club 3:30-4:30 Hike Club 2:30-5:00	Surf Club 1-5:30



At left: The election added color and competitive campaigns throughout the week. Students will receive statements by the candidates on Monday and register to vote on Tuesday. Every vote counts!

At right: Cousins Sophia and Deya work on egg observations in science class.



At left: Savannah takes the lead on learning how to make biscuits in Lenna's cooking class.

At right: Skim board construction begins for four 8th grade students.



Marc Kummel's Weekly Stumper

MARC'S STUMPER FOR THE WEEK

ABOUT LAST WEEK'S STUMPER

It was so hot this week that I felt *wilted* like one of our garden plants.

I've noticed that some plants like winter squash wilt even with daily watering, but others don't wilt at all, especially the natives. That's my stumper. Why do some plants wilt when others don't need to? Is there a hidden *benefit* for wilting or maybe a hidden *cost* for not wilting? This has been a very dry year, but many native plants survive without any water. Coyote Bush is flowering now! What are some of the adaptations that plants use to deal with drought and water stress?

All the Earth receives *nearly* the same sunlight over the year. Long summer days balance winter nights, even at the poles. But we are closest to the Sun in January, so we receive a bit more daylight during summer when the Earth is more distant and moving slower. Air bends sunlight by *refraction*, so we can still see the Sun even after it has set below the horizon. This is most noticeable at the poles where the low Sun stays close to the horizon.

As a result, the Arctic has the most hours of daylight, but the higher sun on the equator gives the most heat.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

With very few exceptions, students are not given over-the-counter medications at school. If your child has a headache or is complaining of any pain, we will call a parent with the intent of sending the child home. Prior to calling a parent, DMS staff members eliminate common concerns such as dehydration, emotional concerns, etc. If a child continues to show signs of illness, our recommendation is to send the child home rather than mask symptoms with Tylenol or other medication. This is particularly important in a year with more active flu viruses. Symptoms of H1N1 (“swine flu”) include

SYMPTOMS OF H1N1 VIRUS (Swine Flu)

So far, most swine flu cases in the U.S. have been mild, with symptoms similar to those of seasonal flu. Only a small number of people have had more serious symptoms.

If you or a member of your family has a fever or high temperature (over 38°C/100.4°F) and two or more of the following symptoms, you may have swine flu:

- unusual tiredness,
- headache,
- runny nose,
- sore throat,
- shortness of breath or cough,
- loss of appetite,
- aching muscles,
- diarrhea or vomiting.

HOMEWORK HEAVEN

We are continuing to offer Homework Heaven for no fee. Students must follow the guidelines of doing homework in a quiet and efficient manner. If they have written permission from a parent, students may attend any home sports game such as baseball or volleyball. Students who do not have written permission will not be able to attend the game.

VOLLEYBALL HEROES!

Many thanks to all the parents who are offering to help with dances, sports, lunches, and so much more. When we sent out a recent plea for help with the volleyball B team, Polly Walker and Jim Chomeau rescued us. Unexpectedly in a game at Vista, Polly was recruited to act the part of a referee and did a fabulous job. We are all indebted to Georgeann deGoede who provided a case of water and donuts to the team and a very hungry referee.