

CHRISTMAS IS A TIME WHEN EVERYONE
WANTS HIS PAST FORGOTTEN AND HIS
PRESENT REMEMBERED.

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Dunn Middle School Newsnote

At right,
Wyatt and
Tutt tune
their guitars
after lunch
on a rainy
day.



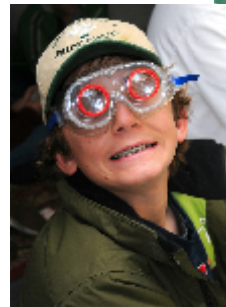
Monday, 12/14	Tuesday, 12/15	Wednesday, 12/16	Thursday, 12/17	Friday, 12/18
Boys' B'Ball @ SY @ 5:00	Boys' B'Ball @ Jonata 6:30 "A" Team only	PARENT PRESENTATION See Page 2 for details	No basketball	<u>Secret Santa Day</u> NO BICYCLING
Tennis @ 3:30 DMS	Boulder Club 3:30-4:30	Art Club 3:30-4:30 Tennis@ 3:30 DMS	READ-A-THON ALL DAY Bring a book, blanket, snack, and a sack lunch	NO SURF CLUB Early dismissal @ 12 or Activities 12-3:15



At left: Addison pulls her name for "Secret Santa." Details for this fun tradition are on page 2.



At right: How do students spend time on a rainy day at lunch? Some students played poker or "hearts" card games. Others (see center) such as Anthony-found interesting objects in the room to occupy their time. Dominic and Jacob were part of a group who played guitar.



At left: When the Surf Club, Bicycling Club, and Farm class were all forced to have an alternate activity due to rain, we created a Chess Tournament in anticipation of our January Pancakes 'n PJs 'n Chess Day! On Noah's 25th birthday, Jack took delight in beating him at chess. You have a month to prepare, Noah!



Marc Kummel's Weekly Stumper

MARC'S STUMPER FOR THE WEEK

The rains are bringing out wild mushrooms. I'll be stalking them over vacation!

A mushroom is the *fruiting body* of the hidden fungus *mycelium* that lives in the ground or other substrate, like the apple on an apple tree. They release tiny *spores* that can cover the Earth riding on air currents. They have fantastic shapes, colors, smells, textures, and tastes that range from gourmet to deadly poison. I have two questions. If the spores are so tiny, why don't we find the same mushrooms everywhere? If they really just release spores, why are they so beautiful and diverse?

ABOUT LAST WEEK'S STUMPER

The full moon always rises opposite the setting sun, so the relative positions of the sun and moon and the earth are always about the same at the time of the full moon. That's why the lowest tides always happen at about the same time of day. The new moon rises with the sun, but in both cases the sun, moon, and earth are lined up in *syzygy*, and the tides happen at about the same time.

This doesn't explain why the lowest tides happen when the moon is on the far side of the sky. That's another stumper: why don't the lowest tides happen when the moon is overhead?

SECRET SANTA AND THANKING TUTORS

Hello parents. I know it is that time of year when you have many demands of your time and wallet. With that said, I want you to know two particularly special things that we do before Christmas:

(1) thanking the high school kids who volunteer to tutor your child in Homework Heaven. We have at least 9 students who dedicate at least a few hours many times each week to work with our students. Please take a moment to encourage your child to make a card or other way of saying thanks for all the things Dunn High School tutors are doing.

(2) We have also pulled names out of a hat for our Secret Santa tradition. Each student has the name and an information sheet of another student in his/her grade level. Their challenge is to make that student feel special this week by leaving kind notes in their locker, slipping a sweet treat in their backpack, or other special remembrances. ON FRIDAY each student will have a hand-made card and a gift to be opened by their special person. We appreciate students spending no more than \$10 on the gift and concentrating on thoughtful or hand made gifts rather than expensive items.

PARENT PRESENTATION ON THURSDAY

At the end of each enrichment block, we have a presentation that is often delightful if not down-right hilarious. We will have our 2nd presentation of the year this Thursday, 1:30-3:15 One class, **the drama group, has a comedy-mystery and some outstanding monologues that will be presented at 1:30. All other groups will be performing at approximately 2:30 IN THE BARN.** Please join us if you are able to do so.

TWIN DAY ON THURSDAY

The month of December is filled with Theme Thursdays. Last week we had a hilarious COME AS YOU AREN'T DAY (please check out the Flickr Photo page at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/electronlinda/>. This Thursday is Twin Day.

NAUGHTY WEEK AND CRAFT FRIDAY

Each year our favorite fundraiser is Naughty Week. This year, for the first time, we are having one Naughty Week in December and one in the spring. Naughty Week is a chance for students to break school dress codes, chew gum, bring cell phones or MP3s to break or lunch, and do other fun but otherwise “naughty” violations of our guidelines. Each violation that is approved by Linda or Eric is allowed for the cost of \$1. All funds go to the DMS Enrichment classes to help defray the cost of projects.

This week we will have an activity and craft session after school is released on Friday (officially we have an early release at noon...however students may remain at school for the activities). Activities will include cooking, making gifts for holidays, fun and active sports, etc. All students attending the activities should be picked up no later than 3:15.

SPECIAL LUNCH PLANS THIS WEEK

There is **no lunch being served on Thursday** due to our Read-A-Thon. Please make sure your child brings a **sack lunch on Thursday THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE HOT WATER OR A MICROWAVE.** We will be offering a **Subway lunch on Friday** to any students who order an pay (or charge to their hot lunch account) no later than Thursday afternoon. Students may select turkey, vegetarian, or club (meat) sandwiches, chips, cookie, and juice for \$4.50.