

THE GROUNDHOG IS LIKE MOST OTHER PROPHETS; IT DELIVERS ITS PREDICTION AND THEN DISAPPEARS. ~BILL VAUGHN

At right, pancake papas in action last Friday. Many thanks go out to the many dads who helped.



Dunn Middle School Newsnote

Monday, 2/1	Tuesday, 2/2	Wednesday, 2/3	Thursday, 2/4	Friday, 2/5
Tennis @ 3:30 No Clubs Monday-Wed. this week only	NO BASKETBALL GAMES THIS WEEK	Tennis @ 3:30	LIBRARY TRIP Bring a sack lunch Hike Club 2:30-5:	TALENT SHOW DUNN SCHOOL Barn 7:00 p.m. Seating is limited. Arrive early!



At left: Mr. Mike congratulates Joseph who was the top chess player in the Varsity division on Friday. Joseph also was one of our top players on the basketball team. Way to go Joseph!



At right: Polly Walker directing the 8th grade play *Anne of Green Gables*. Many thanks to Polly for her energy and generous donation of time and talent.



At left: Coach Eric helps the team during the final game of the tournament. We are very proud of the way our boys played throughout the season. Congratulations!



At right: Sam and Brian moving up through the ranks at the chess tournament.

Marc Kummel's Weekly Stumper

MARC'S STUMPER FOR THE WEEK

Tomorrow (Tuesday, Feb. 2) will be Groundhog Day. Traditions don't have to make good sense, but they often do! So what's so special about February 2? We don't have groundhogs here in California, but maybe a gopher will do? If Mr. Gopher sticks his head out from his hole and sees his shadow, then we're due for six more weeks of winter – so the tradition goes. But isn't this backwards? Is there any reasonable way to explain why sunshine in early February means more winter, while clouds mean that spring is almost here? Shouldn't it be just the opposite?

ABOUT LAST WEEK'S STUMPER

An inch of rain weighs 5+ pounds per square foot, but that water is spread out as tiny *droplets* in the cloud it falls from. If the cloud is 1000 feet thick, that water is dispersed over 1000 vertical cubic feet, only 0.08 grams per liter. The air holding those droplets weighs 1.2 grams per liter, many times more. Water droplets are still subject to gravity, but they are so tiny that buoyancy and air currents have a greater effect in keeping them aloft, like dust motes. If they coalesce into larger drops, they fall as rain. And sometimes the clouds do fall, and become... fog!

TALENT SHOW FRIDAY NIGHT!

You've been planning all year, and the event is finally here. Be sure to arrive early on Friday night for the Talent Show at 7:00 in the barn. We will have a different seating arrangement, so there will be limited options and no viewing from the back of the barn. Dress warmly and be prepared for a great show!

PLEASE READ AND SIGN FRIDAY FOLDERS

In addition to this Newsnote, there are often important notices that are sent home in the Friday folder. We are having difficulty getting folders returned with signatures. Please help us by reading the materials in the folder, signing them, and returning them on Mondays.

MANY THANKS TO PANCAKE PAPAS!

They were flipping the cakes like pros on Friday, but more importantly the many dads who joined in on the fun of Pancakes 'n Papas were smiling, joking with students, creating a great breakfast, and making memories for us all. Many thanks for all your hard work, taking time out of your career, and continuing to support Dunn Middle School.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

For a few reasons, the girls' basketball season has been delayed one week. All games will begin next Tuesday. As in the past, games will cost \$1. A full roster will be sent home on Monday or Tuesday.

CONGRATULATIONS CHESS PLAYERS!

A huge congratulations to the top chess finalists: Joseph Kavaloski, Keaton Ochoa, Wyatt Davidson, and Jack Hartmann. The top female player was Samantha Beckert, and the top teacher was Noah!

DUNN vs. LAGUNA BLANCA

Dunn High School will be playing Laguna at 3:30 on Wednesday. Encourage your child to stay after school to cheer on our winning soccer team!

ANY CLOISONNE ARTISTS?

Many thanks to the **Chomeau** family who donated a kiln designed to be used with glass work such as cloisonné jewelry. Linda has some experience with the machine, but she would love any assistance from artists who have any background working with cloisonné or other glass creations that require a kiln. Please call Linda soon.

WASC ACCREDITATION MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

Independent schools are accredited after going through an extensive analysis which includes a team visit. The visit to Dunn School occurs Monday-Friday this week and will require our teachers being at meetings. For that reason, all the clubs that typically meet on those days are cancelled this week. Art Club, Boulderling, and Climbing will return next week. Hike Club will continue on Thursday this week as always.