

"THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF EDUCATION... ONE SHOULD TEACH US HOW TO MAKE A LIVING, AND THE OTHER HOW TO LIVE. "

-- JOHN ADAMS

At right, sixth graders have an ensemble "Thriller" performance!



Dunn Middle School Newsnote

Monday, 2/8	Tuesday, 2/9	Wednesday, 2/10	Thursday, 2/11	Friday, 2/12
BROWNIES @ BREAK \$1 <u>Nagasaki Peace Program</u> <u>1:20</u> Tennis @ 3:30	BROWNIES @ BREAK \$1 <u>Art Club 3:30-4:30</u> Girls' B'Ball A only 4:30 @ Vista	Tennis @ 3:30	Girls' B'Ball A only 6:30 @ \$Y "Anne of Green Gables" 1:15 and 7:00 performances 8th grade performers DUNN SCHOOL Barn	Surf Club 1-5:15



At left: The audience waits patiently for the Talent Show to begin.

At right: Linda meets with performers and MCs prior to the performance.

NOTE: HIKE CLUB ON THURSDAY!
2:30-5:30 even though there was no room on the calendar.



At left: Jacob, Ryan, Jake, Dillon and Jack perform during the second act. Nice work on the part of both bands who performed at the Talent Show!

At right: Daphne responds to the sound of the bands! Front row seats can have some drawbacks.



Marc Kummel's Weekly Stumper

MARC'S STUMPER FOR THE WEEK

ABOUT LAST WEEK'S STUMPER

Sure, we all grow up with alphabet books - "A as in Acorn, B as in Bee..."

Silent letters are more mischievous - "A as in bread, B as in lamb, C as in indict..." We see each letter in the spelling, but we don't hear them when we speak. My even trickier stumper is to find the invisible letters that we hear in the saying, but we don't see in the spelling.

For example, "A as in sleigh ... C as in seal ... O as in sew ..." Can you make a complete alphabet A to Z of real words that contain *every letter* of the alphabet in their pronunciation, but not in their true spelling?

Groundhog Day on February 2 is the "*cross-quarter day*" midway between solstice and equinox, as are May Day and Halloween.

It's also Candlemas Day when candles are blessed and the Christmas season is finally over. It's part of the ancient European tradition that clear skies foretell six more weeks of winter until the equinox. This makes some weather sense. Clear days and nights are usually the coldest, because heat can radiate back into the sky. Cloud cover holds the earth's heat in like a blanket, which might melt the snow and give seedlings a start.

SNACKS THIS WEEK

Many students forget their snack and/or hope to help raise money for the enrichment classes or the 8th grade class "Make the World A Better Place" project. This week students may purchase cookies, brownies, pumpkin bread, hot chocolate, or tea at break for \$1. We hope to add healthy snacks after the break.

WE HAVE SCHOOL ON MONDAY, FEB. 22!

While it was listed as an in-service day on the web calendar, Linda decided to make up the rainy day when we had to cancel classes last month. Students will be off for a 1-week vacation next week and return no later than 8:00 on Monday, February 22. If you have arranged to be gone that day, we are happy to provide make-up assignments for your child. Thank you for your flexibility.

ANNE OF GREEN GABLES!

A group of 8th grade students have been working quite diligently on a 2-act performance of Anne of Green Gables. This is a remarkable accomplishment in a short period of time. We will have a dress rehearsal at 1:15 on Thursday and a final performance at 7:00 on Thursday night. We hope you can join us for one of the performances and encourage our ourstanding thespians..

THANKS, POLLY/DAVID WALKER AND AMY DIXON

Many thanks to a few folks who have stepped up to the plate in recent weeks: **Polly Walker** has been an exceptional director for the drama team ready to perform *Anne of Green Gables*. She has exceptional talent and is very patient as we gather her insights. **Amy Dixon** assisted with the Advanced Cooking Class and taught the students how to make crème brulee, angel food cake, and more! She inspired us all. Many thanks to all the parents who help us regularly. You are the heart of our school! A huge thanks to **David Walker** for providing four CASES of appreciation to our basketball coaches. They'll love the encouragement to sit down and relax once the season has ended!

REPORT CARDS ON FRIDAY

The grading period ended last Friday. Grades and comments are being compiled this week and will be sent home on Friday, Feb. 26 in the Friday folder.

TALENT SHOW PARTICIPATION

We had some challenges at the Talent Show last Friday, not the least of which was limited seating and a rainy intermission. We are very proud of the middle school students and appreciative of all the supportive parents. We had a large number of highly energized students back stage, and they were truly outstanding, supportive of each other, and considerate of the requests from Linda and Eric. Bravo! We were proud of all the participants and appreciative of the efforts from Hunter Hartmann and Brian Bae who volunteered to be in charge of lighting and sound for the performance.