

"SPRING IS NATURE'S WAY OF SAYING,
"LET'S PARTY!" . —ROBIN WILLIAMS

At right,
Molly and
Joseph per-
form a skit
in the Life
Skills class.



Dunn Middle School Newsnote

Monday, 3/8	Tuesday, 3/9	Wednesday, 3/10	Thursday, 3/11	Friday, 3/12
NO CLIMBING CLUB Boys' Tennis @ 3:30	(note change below) Girls' B'Ball @ Solvang "B" only @ 6:30	Boys' Tennis @ 3:30 SPIRIT DAY #3 Girls' B'Ball @ SY "A" only @ 5:30	NOON RELEASE No Hike Club Optional Parent Conferences No Homework Heaven	NOON RELEASE Conferences 1:00-5:30 Boys' Tennis 3:30



At left: Hike Club finds the old cabin on their journey last week. **Center left:** Jonathan, Keaton, and Davis discover the joys of an old oak. **At right,** Dunn Middle School challenged Dunn upper school to a chess tournament last Thursday. Since DMS won the spelling bee, we allowed the upper school to win at chess. Logan Kado graduates this year (phew!)



At left below: Eric tests the Survival Skills tent creation designed by a tarp. It worked.



Below right: The "A" team practices basketball on our outdoor court. Many thanks to Coaches Randy Jones and Ken Andersen for their many hours of dedication. We are very proud of the fact that our coaches allow all the girls to play, are considerate toward teams with greater challenges, and are willing to "go with the flow." We love our coaches!



Marc Kummel's Weekly Stumper

MARC'S STUMPER FOR THE WEEK

ABOUT LAST WEEK'S STUMPER

I'm usually much more careful with my camera lenses than I am with my own eyeglasses. Even so, I'm often shocked by the end of the day how dirty and smudged my camera lens and eyeglasses get if I don't remember to clean them constantly. Scratches are worse. The stumper is that the dust (etc.) on my camera lens doesn't show up as dust in my photos. I won't take a photo with my finger over the lens, but we often take photos through a dirty lens. How does taking a picture (or looking) through a dirty lens effect what we see? How does this work?

Go swimming or paddling at any local beach and you will notice the strong north to south or west to east ocean current. This creates the "littoral conveyor belt" that transports sand down the coast. Any rocky point or jetty disturbs this "river of sand" so that sand accumulates on the upstream north side. All our surfing points are right- breaking waves because every potential left-breaking point has filled in to become a sandy beach. The ocean currents in the southern hemisphere are reversed, so surfers visit Chile to ride "left point after left point"!

BASKETBALL GAME TUESDAY CHANGE

On our original calendar, the “A” team was scheduled to play basketball Tuesday night. Since we are playing a team that is a closer match to our “B” team, we will have the B team only playing on Tuesday night. A team will play on Wednesday night as scheduled.

PARENT CONFERENCES THIS WEEK

School will be released at noon on Thursday and Friday this week. Please make sure your children are picked up no later than 12:15. Conferences have been scheduled for both afternoons. These optional conferences are designed for students who need to set goals for the remainder of the year or who may need a bit more guidance in order to be successful. If you did not schedule a conference but would like one, please call the office (688-2404) no later than Tuesday.

ASTRONOMY NIGHT CANCELLED

We originally scheduled Astronomy Night for Friday, March 12. Due to many schedule conflicts with our students, we have decided to cancel this event.

8th GRADE PROJECT

Is your 8th grade student working on his/her project? We do not guide this project once the idea has been submitted. It is our hope that all projects are completed or are close to completion at graduation.

IMPORTANT PARENT MEETING MARCH 17

On Wednesday night at 7:00 , March 17, all parents will have the opportunity to meet with your child’s grade level outdoor education instructors to hear more about the trips that will begin on March 28 and 29. Equipment lists and other information will be sent home via email as well as handed out in the meetings.

7t h G R A D E P A C K I N G L I S T

The packing list that was sent home for the 7th grade did not include two critical items: one 3L Camelbak (\$30 if you order one from Randy Judycki) and one durable water bottle

DONATIONS WELCOME!

We have benefited greatly from the donations of items that were no longer needed by our DMS families. We are very grateful for things such as:

- *a greenhouse donated by the Nelson family
- *a glass kiln donated by the Chomeau family
- *a countertop greenhouse donated by the Hunt family
- *craft supplies donated by the Mills family
- *baseball party items donated by the Jones family
- *several items donated by the Gray family