

DON'T FIND FAULT...
FIND A REMEDY.
— HENRY FORD

At right,
Kylan and
Keaton
tackle work
in class.



Dunn Middle School Newsnote

Monday, 11/9	Tuesday, 11/10	Wednesday, 11/11	Thursday, 11/12	Friday, 11/13
PASTA LUNCH \$4.50	Nielsen's Lunch \$4.50 Bouldering 3:30-4:30	Pizza Lunch \$4.50 Art Club 3:30-4:30 PARENT MTG 7-8 P.M.	Chow Mein Lunch \$4.50 <u>Hike Club 2:30-5:30</u>	Surf Club 1-5:00 END OF FIRST TRIMESTER



At left: Jake, Hunter, Ryan, and Wyatt on a beautiful day at the beach.

At right: Abigail, Taggart, and Sarah enjoy reading in Lenna's reading window.



Center right: Anna Helen and Mario working on computer. Any student may bring in a personal laptop for use at school once it has been cleared by our IT specialist.



At left: Mac next to her board before the festival. As always, Marc Kummel captures some remarkable moments on the assignment boards!

At right: Sixth grade girls demonstrating how they get great grades.



Marc Kummel's Weekly Stumper

MARC'S STUMPER FOR THE WEEK

ABOUT LAST WEEK'S STUMPER

To paraphrase Cole Porter, "Birds do it, bees do it, even mushrooms and trees do it..." Of course what they all do is exchange genetic materials to produce unique offspring that are not identical with either parent.

DMS students are studying the history of life now, so they will have to consider sex. There are several alternatives - like one dividing into two or *cloning*. That seems much easier than two cooperating to produce one! Why is *sexual reproduction* so universal, even among flowers and fungi and "simple" bacteria? What are the exceptions?

Why do our trees drop their leaves just when the hills turn green with new growth? We have a classic *Mediterranean Climate* here in coastal California, with a hot dry summer and a mild wet winter. But it hasn't always been like this.

I think it's easier for life to find a new habitat than it is to evolve a new adaptation. Willows are subarctic plants that go dormant to survive a harsh winter. This doesn't help them here, but they survive by finding a summer habitat with adequate water in canyons and river beds. This is nature that works, not design.

HAVE YOU ARRANGED YOUR INTERNSHIP?

Sixth and seventh grade students should have arrangements for their internships which will begin in next week. Eighth grade students have received their internship assignment and should be contacting the person in charge for introductions and any information.

SPECIAL NOTE: While we always help guide the students on etiquette and behavior (how to look adults in the eye, shake hands, look for work to do, etc.), it is very helpful when parents can reinforce important skills. These can be exciting opportunities for students when they are well prepared.

SWIM CLUB AND BASKETBALL OPPORTUNITIES

Each Friday after school until 5:00 and Saturday mornings, a [local swim club meets at the Dunn School pool](#). If you are interested in having your child join the club, please contact the DMS office. We will have the name and contact information available by Tuesday. **ALSO**, a [3-3 co-ed basketball program](#) is now in process on Saturdays from 5:00 – 6:30 organized by the Sheriff's League at Solvang School. You may go to the practice this Saturday to sign up.

EIGHTH GRADE SHADOW DAY

On Monday, November 16 and Tuesday, November 17 the eighth grade students will have the opportunity to shadow a high school student at Dunn High School for a morning. Students will eat a snack and lunch in the school cafeteria, meet high school students, and attend classes.

COACH GIFT DONATIONS STILL BEING ACCEPTED!

An envelope went home in the Friday folder last week. If you planned to submit a donation to the gifts we bought for our wonderful coaches, we greatly appreciate it. All donations may be submitted to the office ASAP. Checks may be made out to Dunn Middle School. Students will be creating a special thank you this week.

CONGRATULATIONS VOLLEYBALL TEAM!

Our girls' volleyball team ended the season with an enormous amount of team spirit and hard work under the expert guidance of Michelle deWerd and Polly Walker. Many thanks to everyone, but a special thanks to Chris Mullin for all his extra help on Sundays and at the tournament, to Jim Chomeau for his added assistance (and willingness to help next year!), and to Brian Bae and Ryan Layton for ongoing help with scoring.

We were particularly impressed with Logan Kado, a DMS alum, who volunteered as our exceptional referee. We all heard many outstanding comments about Logan. When you see him or his father, Len Kado, or mother, Linda Kado, be sure to share your accolades and those of the other spectators.

SPELLING CHAMPS

Congratulations to our spelling finalists: Ryan Layton, Hannah Roots, and Amanda Warren will be representing DMS at the spelling bee sponsored by Dunn High School. They will be competing against high school students!