

# Drought School

## August/September Newsletter 2011



### What's New At Drought School



**Meet & Greet—Aug. 25th  
6:30—7:30 p.m.**

**Mark your calendars!**

#### Upcoming Events:

- August 23rd—  
School Board Meeting—7:00 p.m.
- August 25th—  
Meet & Greet—6:30-7:30 p.m.
- September 1st—  
1st Day of School
- September 2nd—  
Picture Day  
\*\*New Date\*\*
- September 16th—  
School Spirit Day
- September 17th—  
Softball Tournament
- September 21st—  
Volleyball Season Begins  
(Upper Grades)
- September 23rd—  
Early Release—11:30 a.m.  
(No Lunch Served)
- September 24th—  
Softball Tournament  
(Rain Date)
- September 27th—  
School Board Meeting—7:00 p.m.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new upper grade Science teacher, Miss Kral. She will also be the Spanish instructor for our students in 1st–8th grades.

Mrs. Schafer has now been hired as the full time teacher for the 3rd and 4th grade combined classroom.

Congratulations to Mrs. Beecher on her retirement. Best of luck to her in the future. 5th–8th Health class will be taught by Mr. Kolinske on a weekly basis.

There have been some changes to our building over the summer as well. We have recently upgraded our ceiling tiles

and light fixtures in the hallways and some classrooms. The upper grade wing has received new windows.

Technology Advancements are currently in the works at Drought — watch for more details in the future.

### Letter from Mrs. Reid

August 2011

Dear Parents and Friends,

It is both an honor and pleasure to return to the Drought School Community. I know many faces at Drought because of my teaching experience here in K4, and I couldn't be more excited to return as the new principal. Our school is unique in many ways, especially the close connection between the school and community. It is truly a special place, and it is with excitement that I will work with parents, students and staff members to make Drought an even more inviting place.

Although we are small in population, the performance of our students is remarkable! We are a high performing district. In 2010, 90% percent of eight grade students and 100% of seventh grade students performed advanced in reading on the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination (WKCE). The state average for seventh and eighth grade advanced students is only approximately 48%. This tells us that the performance of Drought students' far surpasses the majority of the state in reading skills. This can be attributed to the hard work of parents, students and teachers! I believe that sharing communication between parents, students, and teachers is critical in assuring student success. As we build relationships in the upcoming year, please be sure to share any important information with your child's teacher that would help us better serve your family. Thank you for choosing Drought School, and I look forward to working together this year.

Respectfully,  
Carrie Reid



## Student Registration

If your child will be attending Drought in the 2011-2012 school year and you have not registered them yet, please contact the school office as soon as possible to set a time to get this taken care of.

### Upper Grade Sports Schedule

With school starting right around the corner, we are already looking at our calendars to schedule sports. The upper grades are encouraged to play every sport they are eligible for! Softball starts us out for the 2011-12 school year almost immediately. Please watch for information regarding the practice times. Mr. Rick Kolin-ske will be coaching the softball team. The tournament is on Sept. 17th with a rain date of Sept. 24th.



Please watch for information from the Athletic Department regarding the 2011-2012 sports participation requirements.

### PTO Gift Card Sales Continue in the 2011-12 School Year

Drought's PTO will be offering gift card sales as a fundraising opportunity. In an effort to make purchasing your favorite cards easier, we have some of the more popular cards available on hand, no waiting!

You may purchase the following cards on weekdays from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. in the conference room. \*If the school is closed – gift cards will not be available.

Bath and Body Works \$10 and \$25  
Culvers \$10  
iTunes \$15  
Kohl's \$25 and \$100

Pick'n Save \$25, \$50 and \$100  
Piggly Wiggly \$25 and \$100  
Speedway \$25  
Walmart/Sam's Club \$25

During this time your student can drop off the check (payable to Drought School PTO) and the cards will be sent home with your student that day. If you prefer to get the cards yourself, you may also come to the school and pick up the cards during this time.

If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Larsen at (262)989-2966 or support@droughtschool.net



**Schedule Change—**

**Picture Day**

**will be on**

**September 2nd**

**NOT**

**September 12th.**