



Drought School

NOVEMBER 2011

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From the desk of Mrs. Reid

Building Repairs

This month Drought was lucky enough to have some much needed repairs done in our gym, and on the roof. We are thankful that Jim Kiser, father of Shawna Kiser, generously donated his time and expertise to see that these repairs were taken care of. It was no easy task, but Mr. Kiser with his skilled colleagues made sure the repairs were done with the highest level of craftsmanship, and minimal disruption to the learning environment here at Drought. We are fortunate and thankful for this generous contribution from all the professionals at Hillside Damproffing Inc., and Duranso Roofing.

Academic Achievement

The staff at Drought is committed to challenging students to achieve at high levels of personal bests, to ensure success. As you know, all students at Drought took the MAP assessment last month. The results were sent home two weeks ago. As I have mentioned, teachers use the MAP assessment along with classroom performance as instructional tools. At the conclusion of the assessment, classroom

teachers studied the scores of students in their class, and began to modify their small group instruction based on the needs of the students. As a professional team, the teachers and I examined the results further. With this examination, we targeted ALL students who scored on the low end of the spectrum in Math, Reading, or Language Usage, and have implemented support systems for these students to receive additional instruction on skills that they had difficulty with on the assessment. This additional instruction takes place with a licensed teacher two to four times each week (depending on the needs of the students). Alternatively, students who scored at the high end of the spectrum are being challenged within the classroom, in small group instruction that is geared toward the skills they are working to-

ward.

Importance of Homework

Please support your student at home by acknowledging the importance of homework. Homework is not just unfinished work from your child's school day, but it is a window for parents to see into the child's day at school. Observe the skills your son/daughter is working on mastering and their approach or work habits. If your child truly does not understand their homework, or is spending excessive amounts of time on the work, please talk about this with his/her teacher. We are fortunate to have wonderful teachers who will work with the students to overcome challenges such as this throughout the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and families at Drought for their dedication and support. It has been my pleasure to meet many of you throughout the building and at the softball and volleyball games. The community involvement and school spirit at Drought is amazing!



Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam

The state of Wisconsin requires testing in 3rd—8th grades. Drought School will be administering these tests November 7th through November 11th.

This standardized test (WKCE) is used to measure achievement in language usage, science, social studies, and writing. The total time does vary for each test so it is spread over several days. It is very



important for your student to be here on scheduled testing days. Please do not schedule appointments, etc. during this WKCE testing week. Students will need to be fully rested each day, and we cannot stress enough the importance of a proper breakfast. Additional information on WKCE testing is available online at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/oea/>

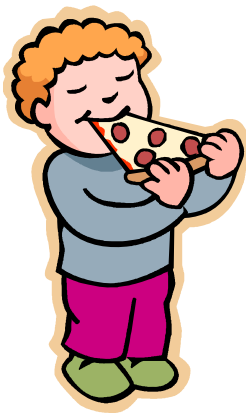
Winter Weather is on it's way!

Students need to be aware of how the weather changes daily and dress according to these changes. Coats are now **REQUIRED**, due to the temperature dropping below 60°. Once snow covers the ground, snow pants and boots will be required if students want to play on the snow hills, etc. Please be sure to label hats, gloves, mittens, boots, etc. so

the items can be returned when found. We tend to accumulate plenty of "Lost and Found" items during this time.

If weather conditions are questionable, please check your local television stations (ABC, CBS, NBC and FOX) for school closings or delays. Drought will be listed individually or as part of Waterford

High School. (We do not follow Racine Unified School District). Drought will be announced as either closed or starting 2 hours later than normal. (This means starting at 9:35 a.m. instead of 7:35 a.m.—if your student rides the bus they will have a pick up time 2 hours later than normal).



8th Grade Fundraisers

Spirit Wear sales are going on **NOW**. Please remember to return your order forms to Ms. Cushing no later than Tuesday, November 22nd.

Additional forms can be printed from our website.

Spirit Wear Sales



Pizza Sale



We will be having a pizza sale during our Early Release day on Tuesday, November 22nd.

Pizza: \$.50

Soda: \$.50

Students will have the chance to buy pizza and cups of soda at a scheduled time prior to dismissal.



Stuff the Turkeys Food Drive

The student council will be hosting a food drive from November 14—November 18th. They will have themed days for your students to bring in different items to be donated to the local food pantry.

Mac & Cheese Monday

Macaroni & Cheese Meals

Totally Tuna Tuesday

Canned Meats/Fish Products

Warm Me Up Wednesday

Canned Soups

Time For Veggies Thursday

Canned Vegetables

Fruitful Friday

Canned Fruits

Attendance/Medication Reminders

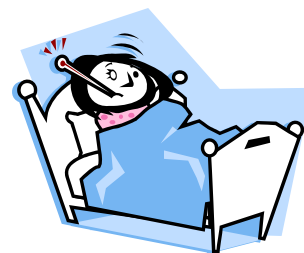
Attendance is very important in your student's academic success.

If your child requires medicine at school, proper forms **MUST** be filled out (www.droughtschool.net) and filed in the office in order for the medication to be distrib-

uted. In addition, medication that is **NOT** in its original container with information regarding dosage, etc. will not be distributed. In other words, zip-lock bags full of medication or cough drops, etc. will not be accepted!

If your child is out of the class-

room because of an illness for more than 5 days, the office must have a Dr.'s excuse as to why the child was absent and when that child can return to class.



Volleyball

Drought's Girls A & B Teams will have their last volleyball home game on Thursday, November 3rd. Show your school spirit by wearing Hornet colors during school that day!



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on November 22nd from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Upper grade teachers are available on a first-come first-served basis, so please be prepared to wait outside the classroom. Please watch for further notification from lower grade teachers regarding schedules.

Homework News

Educational research suggests a formula for estimating average homework minutes per night. This formula is: the grade number times ten= number of average minutes to be spent on homework; (i.e. a 2nd grade student could be expected to complete 20 minutes of homework each night (2x10=20min.)). Of course, this is merely a suggested amount of time, and there are exceptions to this formula caused by a variety of circumstances. If you ever have questions about the amount of time being spent on homework, please ask your child's classroom teacher.



PTO News

PTO Meeting

Wednesday, November 7:00 p.m. in the Library

Everyone is welcome to attend. Feel free to bring your children if necessary. If you are interested in becoming involved in PTO please stop by or call our PTO President, Lynn Theys at 1-262-835-9528

Mr. Z's Fundraiser

Pickup for the Mr. Z's fundraiser will be held on November 8th in the Cafeteria from 3:00-5:30 p.m. You should pay with one personal check, cash, or money order when you pick up your order on November 8th. Your check will not be deposited until November 15th, giving you plenty of time to collect from your customers. Please make checks out to Drought PTO.

PTO Gift Card Order Dates

During the month of November you will have 2 opportunities to order gift cards. Order dates are:

November 1st and November 15th

These are the perfect times to order for holiday shopping.

As always, there is an on-hand supply of the following cards:

- Bath & Body Works** \$10 & \$25
- Culvers** \$10
- iTunes** \$15
- Kohl's** \$25 & \$100
(Can be used to pay your bill.)
- Pick 'N Save** \$25, \$50, & \$100
- Piggly Wiggly** \$25 & \$100
- Speedway** \$25
- Subway** \$10
- Wal-Mart/Sam's Club** \$25

Your student can drop off a check (payable to Drought School PTO) and the card(s) will be sent home with him/her that day. If you prefer to get the card(s) yourself, you may come to the school and pick them up cards from 7:30-8:30 a.m.

PTO Volunteer Sheet

Name: _____
 Phone # _____
 Child(ren) & Grade

 I am willing to volunteer in the following area(s):

PTO Member

Booster Club

Movie Nights

Concert Refreshment Helper

Please return to school, it will be forwarded to the PTO or staff member(s) and you will be contacted.

Thank you for your support—Drought PTO

Movie Night

Friday November 4th
 Hot Dogs—Chips—Pickles—Juice for purchase
 Doors open at 5:30 p.m.—Movie begins at 6:00 p.m.
 Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Don't Forget to bring your comfy chairs, pillows and blankets.

(See flyer for additional details.)

