



# Drought News

## October 2011

### From the desk of Mrs. Reid

The 2011/12 school year is off to a fabulous start here at Drought School! We welcome back all of the returning families, as well as those of you who are new. The students have settled back into the routine of school, and found comfort in reuniting with their classroom friends.

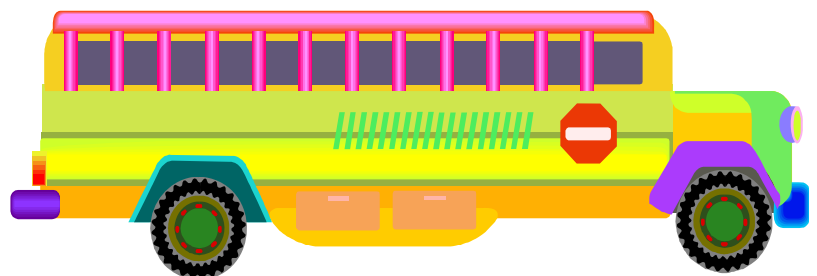
September was a busy month. All students were introduced to the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Assessment. This is a standardized test that is taken on the computer. K4-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students took reading and math tests, and 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders took tests in reading, math, and language usage. This assessment will be given again in January and in May. The tests are unique because they are adaptive; adjusting each question to the individual student, depending on their success with the previous question. These assessments are tools for teachers and parents, used to identify areas of strength and weakness for each subject area, and to set goals accordingly. Teachers will share your child's score with you in mid - October. There will be a resource link available on our website labeled "MAP for Parents", that will give you additional information about the assessment.

Technology is highly promoted among *all* the students at Drought. Classroom teachers make sure to incorporate use of technology in every classroom. As an extension of classroom instruction, students are encouraged to access academic websites from home. If you haven't done so already, please visit our "Resource Websites" tab on the Drought School homepage. There are links to many websites with fun, interactive and appropriate curriculum-related activities that your child can access at home.

As part of our "One to One Initiative", I am excited to announce that our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be receiving individual Netbooks for use in the classroom. The Netbooks are being used as learning tools, in addition to the regular classroom materials. The children are extremely excited to have this opportunity!

If you haven't already done so, please stop in and introduce yourselves to some of our new staff members; Ms. Cushing (8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Usage and Math), Ms. Kral (Spanish and upper grade Science), Mrs. Schafer (new to the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom, but not to Drought), and Mr. Hansen (Special Education aide). We are excited to welcome these enthusiastic professionals into our school community!

As always, thank you for your involvement at home, commitment to your children's education, and to Drought School.



## Pizza Hut "Book It" Program



Students in grades 5K through 5th grade will participate in the Pizza Hut "Book It" program beginning October 3rd, 2011 and ending March 30, 2012.

Pizza Hut rewards students with a coupon each month if they achieve the required reading goal for their grade level.

Encourage your child to read at home and receive a Pizza Hut coupon for the achievement. Also, a pizza party will take place in the spring at Drought School to celebrate the student's reading successes. Your child's teacher will send home information regarding the program.

## Softball Tournament Results

2011 Champion: Brighton "A" (5-0 record)

2nd Place: Paris "A" (4-2)

3rd Place: Providence (3-2)

**4th Place: Drought (3-2)**

4th Place: Paris "B" (3-2)

6th Place: North Cape "A" - (3-2)

7th Place: St. Al's "A" - (2-2)

8th Place: Kansasville—(1-2)

**9th Place: Drought "B" - (0-2)**

9th Place: Brighton "B" - (0-2)

9th Place: North Cape - (0-2)

9th Place: St. Al's "B" - (0-2)

9th Place: Washington Caldwell - (0-2)



Stop by Drought's Library to see the pictures of the softball tournament!

## Tumble Readers Website

Drought students are using a wide variety of websites during the school day. We have added a section on our webpage titled "Resource Websites" allowing the students to view and use sites they use at school while they are away from school as well.

The featured website of the month is <http://www.tumblebooks.com>

To access this at home, log in using our website. The user information is as follows

**Username:** drought

**Password:** books



## A Special Thank You

Drought School and it's students would like to send out a special thank you to Jean Stafford for keeping our garden beautiful all summer long. Your hard work really paid off with the lovely flowers we enjoy daily.

Thank you to Wisconsin Muffler Tire & Auto for the use of their New Berlin Shop as well as the 8th grade families for the fantastic fundraiser you held for our 8th Grade students this summer.

Thank you to KK School Supplies, a Non-Profit Organization, for donating much needed school supplies to students in need.

Community support is so helpful and appreciated by all. Thank you!



## Picture Retake

Picture Retake Day

October 14, 2011

**Questions:**

**Lifetouch**

**1-866-620-8073**



## Drought's 2011-12 Student Council

### Presidents

Sydney F.  
Rachel S.

### Vice Presidents

Samantha F.  
Allison M.

### Secretary

Kayla R.

### Treasurer

Trenton C.

### Sunshine People

Macyn A.  
Elizabeth P.

### Other Working Members

Mya C.  
Samantha D.  
Madeline D.  
Kat L.  
Emily P.  
Mikayla T.

Congratulations to the following students who are this year's Student Council Officers.



## PBIS = Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports

Have you seen your children holding their

hand up in the shape of a circle? That is the PBIS sign for our voices at 0 volume in school. We are learning to be respectful, be responsible, and be prepared. This is a national school program we have adopted.

The students and staff at Drought School held a kick off the first week and learned how to practice positive behavior at school in-

cluding outside, in the hallways, bathrooms, and lunchroom. This behavior teaches responsibility and keeps everyone safe at school. This learned behavior will also be useful as your child grows and enters high school and the workforce.

The students are currently doing a great job!

Now we would like to ask our parents to help us help your child be responsible. Please say goodbye at the outside door and let your child

feel responsible for him or her self.

From 4K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade we are teaching responsibility. Your child feels very proud to go into school by themselves and get ready for the day. This also builds self confidence. Thank you to all of the parents that now say goodbye at the door and allow your children to feel responsible and prepared!

That is PBIS~POSITIVE!

## 8th Grade Fundraiser



Our first 8th grade fundraiser will be a bake sale beginning on Wednesday, October 19th and ending on Friday, October 21st. 8th grade students will be coming to classrooms to sell items. Items will range from \$.25-\$2.00.

Watch for more opportunities to help support our 8th grade class.

## Volleyball Season



Volleyball season is underway.

You can support the Hornets by wearing spirit wear and Drought colors on the days of home games.

### Home Games:

October 13th @ 6:00 p.m.  
October 20th @ 6:00 p.m.  
October 24th @ 6:00 p.m.

## Trick or Treat Times



Town of Raymond  
Sunday, October 30th  
4:00-8:00 p.m.

Town of Norway  
Sunday, October 30th  
5:00-7:00 p.m.



Happy Halloween!



# PTO News



## PTO Meeting

Wednesday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library

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

### PTO Gift Cards Available

When you purchase PTO Scrip Cards, you are purchasing gift certificates and prepaid cards that you use just like cash. Current order forms will be available online and in the main school entrance beginning October 4th. Please notice the wide variety of cards that are available, as well as the denominations and profit percentages of each purchased card. You can help our school raise money by purchasing these gift cards for your every day shopping, holiday shopping, or as gifts. Think about what you may find handy for your shopping needs and use the available form to place your first card order. Each card purchased will give Drought School PTO the earning opportunity of 2-15% or more!

Drought PTO will be taking orders twice a month, and the cards will be available 5-7 days later. Please watch the calendar for order dates.

In an effort to make purchasing your favorite cards easier, we now have some of the more popular cards available on hand, no waiting!

Beginning October 3rd, you may purchase the following cards. These cards will be available for immediate purchase.

\*If the school is closed - cards will not be available.

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

### Labels for Education

Keep up the good work Drought Families!!

So far this year we have collected about 3500 Labels for Education, about \$300.00 Worth of Box tops, 1750 Kids Caps, 200 Kemps milk caps and about 200 Milk Moola. Thank you everyone for your contributions.

Thank you to Michele Kling for being our coordinator of this project. She really has done a wonderful job, but she has decided to step aside from this position so the PTO is asking for volunteers to fill this vacancy. If you are interested in helping with this project or any area of PTO, please contact the school office.

### Mr. Z's Fundraiser

PTO will be doing the Mr. Z's Fundraiser this month.

Students will be having a Mr. Z's Kick-Off Assembly on October 6th. Please expect your packet to be coming home that afternoon.



Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming PTO events and opportunities..