



# Dooley Elementary E-News

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## October News:



### Mark your calendar

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| October  | 16 | <b>EARLY RELEASE at 12 noon</b>                             |
|          | 17 | <b>NO SCHOOL – Parent / Teacher Conference Day</b>          |
|          | 23 | <b>Dooley Skate Night @ Thunderbird Roller Rink 6 -8 pm</b> |
|          | 27 | <b>Tutoring begins for K-5 2:45 – 3:30</b>                  |
|          | 27 | <b>Title I parent meeting @ 6 pm</b>                        |
|          | 27 | <b>Watch Dogs pizza dinner for dads 7 pm</b>                |
|          | 30 | <b>Math / Science night 6:30 pm</b>                         |
| November | 4  | <b>PTA Board meeting 1:30</b>                               |
|          | 5  | <b>Student Council meeting in gym 7:25 am</b>               |
|          | 11 | <b>Group Pictures and Individual Picture Re-takes</b>       |
|          | 12 | <b>Book Character Dress-up Day</b>                          |
|          | 12 | <b>EARLY RELEASE at 12 noon</b>                             |



### Note from the principal, Mrs. Loomis:

Dear Dooley Parents,

At this writing, I am at Collin County Adventure Camp with the Dooley 5th grade students and teachers. We are having a great time of learning through water experiments, prairie land and forest investigations, canoeing, and fishing. Students are also developing individual and team building skills through challenge course experiences. This is a great time for developing self confidence within individual students and building relationships among class mates. I look forward to taking all of your students to camp as they reach the 5th grade :-)

It is a wonderful growing experience!

Enjoy the beautiful Fall weather!

Susan Loomis, Ed.S.

Dooley Principal



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**THINK**

**The Big Picture**



**A word from our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Yervasi:**  
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***Important reminders from the Front Office:***



**V-Soft Raptor**

**Each time a visitor, volunteer or contractor check-in at the front office, or come to pick up students, EVERYONE will be asked to present a valid state-issued photo ID to the front office personnel for them to enter into the system.**

The system has the ability to provide alerts on people who may jeopardize the safety of the campus.

**Dooley Office Hours are 7:30 – 3:30                      Building is Closed @ 3:30.**  
**New Student Registration 8:00 --2:00**

**Mornings: Students should be in their seat by 7:45 when the bell rings.**  
**Afternoons: They need to be picked up at 2:45 when classes are dismissed.**

**ABSENCES: PARENTS/GUARDIANS – CALL  AND WRITE A NOTE  ALWAYS!**

A parent/guardian must call the Child-Safe/Child Absence Line to report a student absent or late to school (arriving after 9am). Call 469-752-1100, choose option 1 for English, or option 2 for Spanish, next, press option 3 to leave a message. Leave the student name, date of absence, grade level, teacher name and reason for absence.

**PARENTS HAVE ONE (1) WEEK** after an absence to turn in a handwritten, signed note in order to receive an “Excused” absence. The note should include the student’s name, date/s of the absence and the reason for the absence. **A parent call does not excuse the absence – a note MUST be received.**

***DELIVERY GUIDELINES FOR FORGOTTEN ITEMS*** (example: forgotten lunches, school work, gym shoes, coats, etc....) Items must be placed in the “delivery” bookcase in the Front Office. Each item must be labeled with the Student’s Name, Grade Level and Teacher Name.

Deliveries are only made twice daily at 10 am and again at 2 pm.

Please make arrangements ahead of time for your child to get home safely. It is understandable that sometimes things happen during the day to change plans, however you must know that a message cannot be delivered to the student after 2:15.

**One more thing.....the student distribution rounder is now located inside the office instead of the front hall.**

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## ***PISD Dress Code:***

**The PISD Dress code states that “Students Dress and Grooming are expected to be in keeping with accepted community standards.”**

### **GUIDELINES FOR DRESS & GROOMING**

1. Shoes must be worn at all times.
2. Students in grades K-2 may wear regular shorts.  
Students in grades 3-12 may wear shorts but must meet the following standards:
  - a) Must be loose-fitting; no biking shorts, cutoffs, boxer shorts or combination thereof.
  - b) Must be hemmed or cuffed.
  - c) Length must be to the fingertips or longer.
3. Dresses or skirts must be longer than fingertips.
4. Tank tops, tube tops, halter type blouses or mesh shirts will not be permitted.  
Sundresses will be permitted if modestly cut. Shirts should overlap the waistband of skirts, shorts, or pants.
5. Items with provocative, offensive, violent, or drug related pictures or slogans will not be permitted. Items advertising alcoholic beverages or tobacco products will not be permitted.
6. No hats, caps, bandannas, hoods, wallet chains, or sunglasses.
7. No type of clothing which has been torn or has holes will be allowed.
8. No sagging pants or shorts.
9. No gang paraphernalia.
10. No visible pierced jewelry other than earrings.
11. All students are expected to meet community standards and school policies with regard to health, cleanliness and appearance. All safety rules must be obeyed.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**We still need volunteers! If you want to volunteer this year, we would love to have you. You must first fill in a Parent Volunteer form found online. We have a notary on campus for your convenience. The address is:**

**<http://www.pisd.edu/about.us/partners.volunteers/volunteer.application.shtml>**



## **FROM THE NURSES' CORNER**

### **Chilling Out With Colds**

You wake not feeling good. Your head hurts. Your nose is stuffy and you can't breathe out of your nose. You feel tired. What's wrong? You probably have a cold!

Having a cold is the number-one reason kids visit the doctor and stay home from school. Kids get up to eight colds per year with each cold lasting an average of 5 to 7 days.

#### **What Is a Cold?**

A cold is an infection of the upper respiratory system. This just means it affects the nose, throat, and ears. A cold virus gets inside your body and makes you sick. There are over 200 viruses that cause COLDs. The **rhinovirus** is the most common cold virus.

Because there are so many viruses, there isn't a vaccination, or shot, to prevent you from getting colds.

Fortunately, your body already has the best cold cure - your immune system. The immune system defends your body against illness. White blood cells are the immune system's main warriors. They're your own private army working to help you feel better.

#### **How Kids Catch Colds**

**Mucus** is the wet, slimy stuff inside the nose. When someone sneezes or coughs, mucus drops float in the air. Breathing in these droplets can spread a cold from one person to another.

You can also catch a cold if you touch your eyes or nose after handling something with cold viruses on it. Video games, the doors at the mall, and your school desk are all hot spots for viruses. **So be sure to wash your hands regularly.**

The virus actually sticks to the inside of your nose. The virus takes over the cells lining the nose and begins creating more viruses. White blood cells charge to the nose's rescue and cause cold symptoms, while also killing the virus that caused the cold. Runny noses and sneezing actually help to prevent viruses from invading other parts of your body.

## Cold Clues

**Symptoms** are signs or clues that tell doctors you're sick. Once you've been in contact with a cold virus, it takes 2 to 3 days for cold symptoms to begin. If you have some of the following symptoms, you probably have a cold:

- low fever (100 to 101 degrees Fahrenheit or 37.2 to 37.8 degrees Celsius)
- body chills
- itchy or sore throat
- sneezing, runny nose, and watery eyes
- coughing
- feeling tired and not hungry
- congestion (when your nose is stuffy and it's hard to breathe)

## Helping Kids Feel Better

Although medicine doesn't make colds go away faster, some medicines can help you feel better while you wait for your cold to go away. Don't take any medicine unless your parent or doctor gives it to you. They might suggest acetaminophen (such as Tylenol) or ibuprofen (such as Advil or Motrin), which helps aching heads and muscles. **Decongestants** sometimes can make it easier to breathe by shrinking the swollen lining of the nose. **Antihistamines** dry up mucus and may help stop runny noses and sneezing.

Here are some other feel-better tips:

- **Bring on the heat.** Hot drinks soothe coughs and sore throats while also clearing mucus. So eat (or drink) your chicken soup!
- **Get steamed up.** A steamy shower helps stuffy or irritated noses. Or run a humidifier (a small, quiet machine that sprays fine cool mist in the air) to relieve your scratchy throat, stuffy nose, and itchy eyes. Humidifiers make room air moist, which loosens mucus.
- **Practice healthy habits.** Your immune system will be ready to fight colds if you eat a balanced diet, get plenty of sleep, and keep your body fit through regular exercise.
- **Blow your horn.** Blowing your nose is the best way to get rid of mucus.
- **Rest.** Take a nap or go to bed a little earlier for a few nights.
- **De-stress.** Kids who are stressed out feel worse when they have colds. Relax and use the time to read, listen to music, or watch a movie. In other words, chill out and you might prevent a cold!

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Literacy Specialist

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## News from the Grade Levels and Specials:

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

#### Dooley 1<sup>st</sup> grade Teachers

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

Many exciting things are happening in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade!

\*Soon we will begin a new unit about habitats, and will send information home about the students making “Habitat Boxes” in the classroom.

\*Let’s not forget about “The Frog Prince” Field Trip coming up on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The theatrical performance of this Grimm’s fairy tale will be performed by the Kathy Burk’s Theatre of Puppetry Arts. Please remember to sign you child’s permission slip so he/she can enjoy this wonderful opportunity!

\*Please reinforce the importance of counting money and telling time with your child. These are essential concepts that your child needs to know for the rest of his/her life, so please practice them at home every chance you receive. An excellent and fun website for kids is [www.primarygames.com](http://www.primarygames.com). Here you will find math activities that involve time and money for your child to explore and interact.

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:

Third graders have been busy working on place value. We will continue working on rounding to 10's and 100's. We will introduce estimating sums and differences and practice addition and subtraction with regrouping. Please continue to study your addition and subtraction facts!!

We will continue to practice reading skills, including cause/effect, problem/solution, characters/setting, and main idea. We read a weekly Time For Kids magazine to practice nonfiction articles. Please continue to read at home with your child and study those spelling words!!

Integrated will be bringing some fun lessons involving simple machines. We will introduce the 6 simple machines and create a game using at least one of the machines discussed. The students always love this and enjoy the 2nd graders coming to play their games.

#### Dooley 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teachers

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## **4<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

### **Hello from 4th Grade!**

There are just a few upcoming dates that you should mark on your calendars:

4th grade field trip to the Holifield Outdoor Learning Center will be on October 24th. The students will be gone for most of the day. We will send a note home via the Thursday packet. Let us know if you have any other questions after reviewing the note.

The unit test over Rocks and Minerals will be on October 28th. The students will have a study guide/review sheet and notes to help them prepare for the test. They may also review the pages in their science text that we covered in class.

Finally, report cards will go home October 30th.

Thank you for all your support at home!

### **Dooley 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers**

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## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Fifth grade loves camp!!! Whether we were at Collin County Adventure Camp or Camp Dooley the students had fun learning about prairies, forest and water sources. We looked at water samples under the microscope to determine the level water pollution. We learned about prairies and forests. Students learned about teamwork and commitment in our challenge courses. We want to thank all of our parents who attended for their hard work and long hours. We couldn't have made it without you.

In Math students are learning about prime and composite numbers while studying factorization. It is very important that students have their multiplication facts memorized. This will make this unit of study much easier for your child.

We want to remind parents that spelling tests are every Friday. Students bring home a list on Monday that they should be reviewing. It is important that they not only learn how to spell the words but they also are able to communicate a definition for the word. Since we do not have weekly spelling homework assignments, the students should be reviewing the words on their own.

Thank you for your continued support this year.

### **Dooley 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers**

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## **PACE:**

What's happening in PACE:

Kindergarten: Testing referral deadline is Tuesday, October 21. PACE testing will occur in November.

1st grade - Brainstorming techniques; analogies

2nd grade - Basic programming using Micro worlds Pro

3rd grade - Number and letter patterns - binary number system, anagrams, and palindromes

4th grade - Leadership styles - working on projects to present our "true colors"

5th grade - Analyzing and writing poetry; Fibonacci numbers and the Golden Ratio

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## **PE:**

The Physical Education 3rd, 4th , & 5th grade classes will be taking the state mandated physical fitness test. The "FITGRAM" is a test that measures your child's health fitness not their athletic fitness. It tests strength and flexibility in the student's arms, back, stomach, and legs. The student's participate in a running activity that tests their aerobic capacity and their height and weight are measured. The students will also take the test in the spring. The results will be sent home by your child after the spring test.

K, 1st & 2nd are having a great time participating in activities and games that will help them with their fitness levels and sportsmanship.

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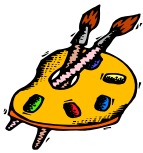
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## **Music:**

2nd grade field trip to see The Frog Prince puppet show is coming up soon, **October 30**, make sure you turn in your permission slips! Don't forget to put Super Turkey on your calendars: **November 20, 7 p.m.**

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## **Art:**

We are off to a great start in Art. We have been building foundations in the Elements of Art, exploring lines, shapes, forms, and color. We have also been focused on the PTA Reflections contest. The theme for this year is "WOW", and we've really been thinking big to create visual art works that WOW! Entries should be submitted to Miss Reeves by October 31. And, entries are not limited to art! Students may enter in a variety of categories: Photography, Choreography, Film, Music, and Literature. So be sure to enter!

Another contest we have coming up is the Holiday Greeting Card Contest. The theme is "Let's Celebrate!" These entries should be submitted by Monday, October 27. The Grand Prize winner will have his/her work featured as the official greeting card for Plano ISD!

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## Library

*Library League has started. Students are busy learning how the library works. Don't forget to check your Library League calendar to know which weeks to come!*

*The Dragon is growing! Dooley Dragon Readers have been busily reading and earning scales for every 5 Dragon Reader books they read. Keep up the good work!*

*Safari Book Fair is coming soon. Mark your calendar for November 17-21. Check your Thursday packet for information on purchasing Book Fair gift certificates for your child that can also benefit Hurricane Ike victims.*

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## Technology

PlanoISD invites you to register for Parent Portal. This site gives you direct access into your child's classroom information, district wide information and links to other often used services. We are sure you will find it helpful and informative. <http://parent.mypisd.net>

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## ESOL

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## Title I

On Monday, October 27 from 6:00-7:00 pm, there will be an informational meeting for the parents of all students enrolled in the Title I program here at Dooley. If your student is a part of the Title I program, an invitation will be sent home with more information in the near future.

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## Speech

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### Student Council:

Food drive to help support Hurricane Ike victims still living in the North Dallas area. Items needed are non-perishable foods, baby formula, diapers and food. The school goal is 1000 items and we are still a long way away from our goal.

Pumpkin contest starts on Monday, Oct. 27. All pumpkins must be decorated, not carved, and represent the students own creativity. Pumpkin contest winners will be announced on Friday, Oct. 31 and all pumpkins must go home by 3:15.

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### Note from the Cafeteria:

We will serve box lunches on every EARLY RELEASE DAY. The next ERD is October 16. Remember to Eat Healthy daily.

Here is a link to the school daily menus... <http://www.pisd.edu/parents/nutrition/school.menus.shtml>

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### PASAR:

If you need a safe, educational, fun, environment for your child after school, remember Dooley PASAR. Our PASAR program is run by Dooley staff. We have Dooley teachers onsite to help with homework for 1 hour Monday thru Thursday.

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# ATTENTION DOOLEY DADS



## 'Dads' Pizza Night Event! FREE Pizza, Drinks and Fun!



[This Event is for Adults Only](#)

Fathers and Father-figures,

On **Monday, October 27** from **7:00 – 8:00 pm** we will be having our **1st** annual 'Dads' Pizza Night at our school. At this adult only event, you will meet here in the school cafeteria at **7:00 pm** for FREE pizza and drinks. At **7:30** we will have a presentation about our **WATCH D.O.G.S.® (Dads Of Great Students) Program**. **WATCH D.O.G.S.®** is an innovative program being used by schools across America which helps them to be positively impacted by the committed involvement of fathers and father-figures in their student's life. The goal is to have these men spend at least one day a year at the school to be an extra set of eyes and ears as a positive male role model.

Dads, granddads, uncles, step-dads and adult brothers . . . this is your chance to have a night out alone with your student in a fun atmosphere at school.

In order to come, you need to do two things:

1. Contact Kristy Boehm @ [kristy.boehm@pisd.edu](mailto:kristy.boehm@pisd.edu) with your name, your student(s) name(s), and their homeroom teacher.
2. Mark your calendars, and we'll see you **Monday, October 27** from **7:00 – 8:00 pm**.

Sincerely,

**Susan Loomis and Kristy Boehm**

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