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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sep 25 WOW (1/2) 2nd grade
- Oct 1 Curriculum Chats 3rd grade
5:30-6:30pm
Curriculum Chats 4th grade
6:00—6:30pm
- Oct 2 WOW (1/2) 2nd grade
- Oct 3 Curriculum Chats 5th grade
5:30-6:00pm
- Oct 7 Character Counts Celebration Fairness
9:00-10:00am
- Oct 9 Fun Run Pep Rally
- Oct 10 Individual Pictures
- Oct 15 PTO Room Mom Meeting 9:30am
SAC 3:30pm
SIP
Presentation 3:30pm

Mrs. McMandon's Navigations

We had a very smooth opening to the 2013-2014 school year. We welcomed more than 900 students! You'll notice some new faces around school, new kindergarten students and many new families to DCE. Please join me in helping to make them all feel welcome and know they are part of a wonderful school. I want to extend a very special thank you to our PTO board for providing a "Boo Hoo Breakfast" for our new kindergarten parents during the first week of school.

Please welcome the newest members of our Durbin Creek faculty: Angie Rodgers (Instructional Literacy Coach), Vallis Henley (Kindergarten associate teacher), Margaret Rickerson (2nd grade teacher), Leah Grebe (2nd grade associate teacher), Mandy Yates (3rd grade teacher), Tracy Brown (3rd grade associate teacher), Amanda Karney (5th grade teacher), Nicole Bates (5th grade teacher), Cheryl Wierda (5th grade associate teacher), Sarah Trummel (ESE paraprofessional), Paige Lange (clerk), Tammy Stimis (custodian), Cheryl Lawrence (custodian). We are excited about the talent and energy that these new hires bring to our school.

Over the summer, we learned that Durbin Creek again earned an "A" grade from the State of Florida for academic achievement. This was accomplished through the hard work of our students, staff, and parents. Durbin Creek has also been named a Golden School recipient and has been designated a Five Star School. These recognitions could not be accomplished without the support of our families and community.

Please join us for our 2013-2014 Curriculum Chats. The schedule is as follows:
October 1st 3rd Grade @ 5:30pm 4th Grade @ 6:00pm
October 3rd 5th Grade @ 5:30pm

Each night is an excellent opportunity to find out what to expect regarding Common Core State Standards, grade level expectations, curriculum and assessment information, homework and volunteering opportunities. It is the tremendous family involvement and commitment to education that makes Durbin Creek so successful!

PTO recently kicked off our accelerated reader program for the year. Students were treated to a trip around the world right here at Durbin Creek. Our school mascot, Durbie, made a special appearance to entertain and educate the students about the accelerated reader program and our school goal for the year. Each student was provided a DCE/Durbie keychain and an "AR Star" spirit stick. Students may earn additional spirit sticks throughout the year for showing good character and doing good deeds, as well as, purchase them during special times throughout year. A HUGE thank you to PTO for this amazing event!!

Have a great week!

Ms. McMandon

A La Carte Menu

- Mon. Cheesesticks
- Tues. Chicken Nuggets
- Wed. Ice Cream
- Thurs. Corn Dog
- Fri. Papa Johns Pizza



Our Mission:

Making positive contributions to society by expanding minds to explore our expanding world

Resource Record



"MEWSIC" NEWS

RECORDERS

3RD-5TH Graders will be learning how to read music during Music Class by playing the recorder instrument. In order to benefit the most from these lessons, it is strongly recommended that each student have his/her own recorder and book. If another child in the family already has the recorder and book, there is no need to purchase additional materials, unless the family prefers to do so. Or if you know a friend or neighbor's child who is now in middle school, and no longer uses their recorder or book, ask if you may borrow it. Otherwise, recorders and books may be ordered through the school. Look for the order form on a bright piece of paper in your child's Tuesday folder.

CAA Flag Football Registration Now Open



The CAA Flag Football season will run from November through February 28. All games will be played at Plantation Park off of Race Track Road. Games will start on December 7 with the final playoffs in February. **Visit www.caaflagfootball.com** for more information or to register

JCP Cares will be hosting a Fall party for autistic students ranging from elementary school to high school on Sunday, October 20th from 12-4 pm in Plantation Park in Julington Creek Plantation. This will be part of the 4th quarter initiative sponsored by JCP Cares. They can RSVP to me at lgomolka@jcpcares.org or 327-6144.



For Girls by Girls RELAX Lacrosse for girls K-8 Skill Development & Games Specific for every player's skill group!

Dates: Every Sunday from October 13th-Nov. 10th

Time: 12:00—2:30pm

Location: Plantation Park (Fruit

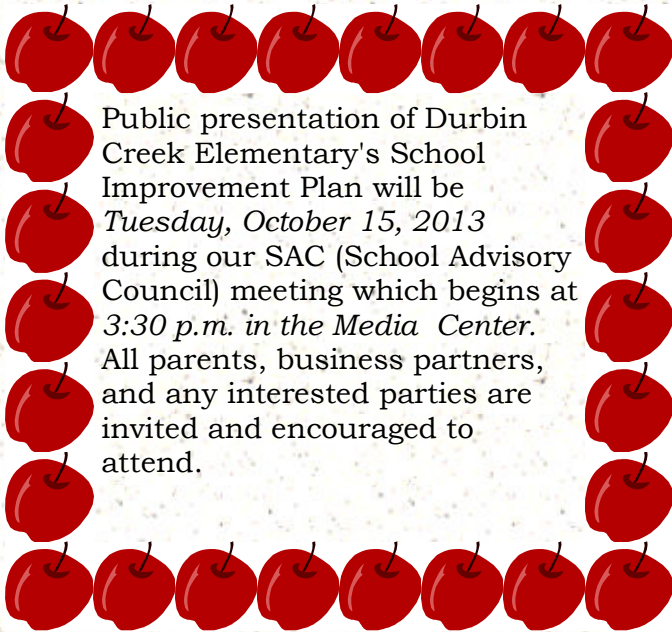
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Price: \$150 registration

Visit www.firstcoastlax.com for more info

Are you living in a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground; on the street; in abandoned buildings; or living with friends or relatives to to an economic hardship, are you a teenager and living independently or with someone other than a parent or legal guardian; then you may be eligible to receive services provided under the McKinney-Vento Act. Contact your school Computer Operator Phyllis Coppola or your local Homeless Liaison-Mr. Chris Stone @ 547-7589 for more details. You may also visit: <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/depts/student/homeless/>

SAC



Public presentation of Durbin Creek Elementary's School Improvement Plan will be *Tuesday, October 15, 2013* during our SAC (School Advisory Council) meeting which begins at *3:30 p.m. in the Media Center.* All parents, business partners, and any interested parties are invited and encouraged to attend.

For 3rd, 4th and 5th grade parents: At the Curriculum Chats you will be able to sign up for the HAC (Home Access Center) to view your child's grades, attendance, Interims and Report Cards.

Reminders: Attendance Policy

If your child will be absent please call the attendance line 547-3915 by 10:00am, this will avoid an Alert Now phone call. Please remember to send an excuse note the next day. Please go to Page 16 in the Student Code of Conduct book to see a listing of excused and unexcused absences.

Students must be in their classrooms by 8:25, the first bell, 8:30 is the second bell and you will be considered late at 8:31am. You will receive an Alert Now call whenever your child is Tardy unexcused.