



FLOYD DRYDEN EAGLE GAZETTE



From the Desk of the Principal

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PROGRAMS, GOALS, AND EXPECTATIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION

As you will see on the inside of this newsletter, it is already time to start our 8th grade transition to 9th grade and plan to attend our high school transition programs. With the opening of Thunder Mountain High School and all the exciting options now available to our students, it is especially important to attend the transition meetings. **Our 8th grade parents will request the high school they wish their daughter or son to attend on or before Wednesday, March 10th. Watch your mail for the district high school informational brochure that will provide the details.**

Again this year our PTO has invited JDHS and TMHS administrators and counselors to conduct a high school transition program and answer your questions at our PTO meeting in Floyd Dryden's library on **Tuesday evening, March**

2nd, at 5:00. All our 8th grade parents should mark their calendars and plan to attend this important event. Please bring your son or daughter with you. Regardless of your child's grade level, any interested parent is encouraged to attend.

Another effort this year to promote a successful and easy transition from middle school to high school is orientation field trips to both JDHS and TMHS. Both trips will take place on the morning of March 2nd. During these trips, students learn about course offerings and general high school information, along with having opportunities to ask questions. As with any field trip, you are always welcome to meet your son or daughter at the high school and participate in the experience, but all our students must ride the field trip bus both to and from field trips. Thank you to the administrators, counselors and teachers at both high schools for making this important transition opportunity available to our students.

Another important high school transition event to watch for this summer will be the JDHS and

TMHS orientation program that usually takes place in mid-August. You will receive more information on LINK via mail later this year.

Finally, set your child up for success by **taking your son or daughter to Dryden's PTO meeting on March 2nd at 5:00 in our library.** The more familiar they are with the programs and the high school "culture", the smoother the transition from middle school to high school. Dryden will do all we can to provide the opportunities to promote our students' comfort zone and knowledge surrounding their move to TMHS or JDHS. Exciting experiences and growth are in their near future!



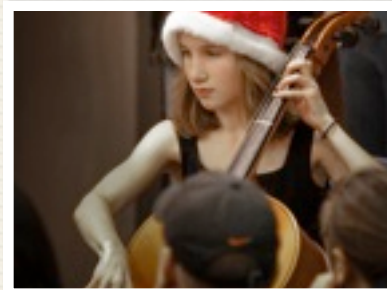


Singing String Orchestra

Dear Parents, we are half way through the year and your child may need EXTRA encouragement to continue good practice habits and performance in class. These are the formative years and how students handle situations now can determine the way they approach every aspect of life. Though the requirements for learning an instrument often demand a high level of personal discipline, it is the same discipline which will be applied as a habit to all tasks in life especially academic success right now. Not to mention the life long enjoyment of playing the finest music. Students must learn that long range benefits of a task only come from long range commitment and dedication.

Thank you for your continual support.

PS. The 6th Grade Orchestra have graduated to playing with the "bow." It is my goal that they will be playing with the "bow" in the March 9th concert.



VALENTINE WEEKENDER



When: Friday, February 12th

Time: 3:15 - 5:00

Cost: \$3.00

The 8th grade Dance Committee will sponsor the Valentine Weekender on Friday, February 12th. There will be lots of games, prizes, food and fun. Come enjoy the three legged races, the cake walk, Guitar Hero, darts, dancing and more!

*Valentine
Candy
donations
needed!*

CANDY GRAMS



In addition to the weekender, the 8th grade dance committee will sell Candy Grams during lunch, beginning the week of February 1st. For the cost of \$1.00, a small bag of candy, along with a personalized note will be delivered to the Valentine of your choice on Friday, February 12th during advisory class. Don't miss out!

Donations of the small, individual, pre-wrapped Valentine candy is needed. If you can help, please send all donations to the office.

All proceeds from the weekender and Candy Gram sales go toward the 8th grade dance.

8TH GRADE DANCE COMMITTEE

Attention 8th grade parents!

The next meeting of the 8th grade dance committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9th at 6:00 pm in the Commons, all 8th grade parents are welcome to attend. Your help is needed to make the dance a success. If you have any questions you can contact Candy Held at 465-1850 or heldc@jsd.k12.ak.us.



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS



Congratulations to the Dryden Eagles Battle of the Books Teams!

The 6th grade team, coached by Ms. Joan Gianotti, competed in the district Battle and tied for 3rd place out of the nine teams represented. Daniel Clayton, Ronnie Hansen, Dunya Hermann and Michael Moulton did a great job!

The 7th/8th grade team won the district Battle and will compete in the state Battle on February 16th. Battle participants, Becky Erickson, Brooklin Jensen, Marina McDowell and Calley Odum all earned their names on the District trophy. Good luck on the 16th!



SPELLING BEE

The Dryden Spelling Bee was a huge success! With forty 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students competing, the competition was tough. All contestants were recognized for their participation in the Bee.

The champion speller for this year was 7th grade student Thane Reishus-O'Brien. The runner-up was 7th grade student Henry Cummins. Both boys will be represent Dryden in the District Bee on February 6th. Good Luck!!





School Happenings



Thunder Mountain Falcon Volleyball Camp

Who: All boys and girls currently in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade

Where: Thunder Mountain High School

Dates: Saturday, February 13th, 2010

Time: 10:00 am – 2:30 pm

Cost: \$40.00 (players will receive a camp t-shirt)

Thunder Mountain Volleyball Camp will emphasize learning fundamental skills, the mechanics of the game and the confidence needed to be a strong and successful member to your team. We hope each player will gain game play experience, physical fitness and motivation to develop and build their skill level. Each student will receive a Thunder Mountain volleyball T-shirt.

Students can pick up registration forms at the front office.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are on sale now for \$36.00 . You can order online at shop.jostens.com or from Mrs. Sleppy in room 100. Don't wait until the last minute, order yours now.

Breakfast and Books

Students are welcome to join Breakfast and Books each weekday morning in the library from 7:15 to 8:15 for a healthy breakfast and a quiet place to study or work on homework. There is no cost involved. Students must have homework or a book to read. Please use the back door to the library.

Food for Thought

The after school homework club runs Monday through Thursday from 3:10 - 4:15. Check with your advisory teacher for the location for each grade level.

Dryden Library Evening

The Dryden library is open on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30. Come work on homework, check out a book and enjoy a quite evening. Please use the back door to the library.

FDTV News

The morning announcements are broadcast each weekday on channel 6, at 8:30; 10:30; 12:30; and 5:30. You can also watch them on the Floyd Dryden web site <http://www.k12pages.com/fdms/>

Thank You!

Roses are Red
The Glacier is Blue
The Floyd Dryden Eagles
Send a great big
THANK YOU to...

The staff at the public library for their continued support of our students.

In appreciation of all the services provided, Dryden will become a member of the Friends of the Juneau Public Libraries. All our readers are encouraged to secure a library card and follow our lead and become a member of the Friends!

Thanks Again!

Thank you to the Dryden staff who helped with the Coach Harben Invitational Tournament. A special thank you to: Patty Moser who coordinated the hospitality area for our guests and Candy Held who coordinated concessions.

THANK YOU to THE ALASKA CLUB-JUNEAU RACQUET CLUB for allowing the Ketchikan Wrestlers to hang out and play when they visited for the Coach Harben Invitational Tournament.



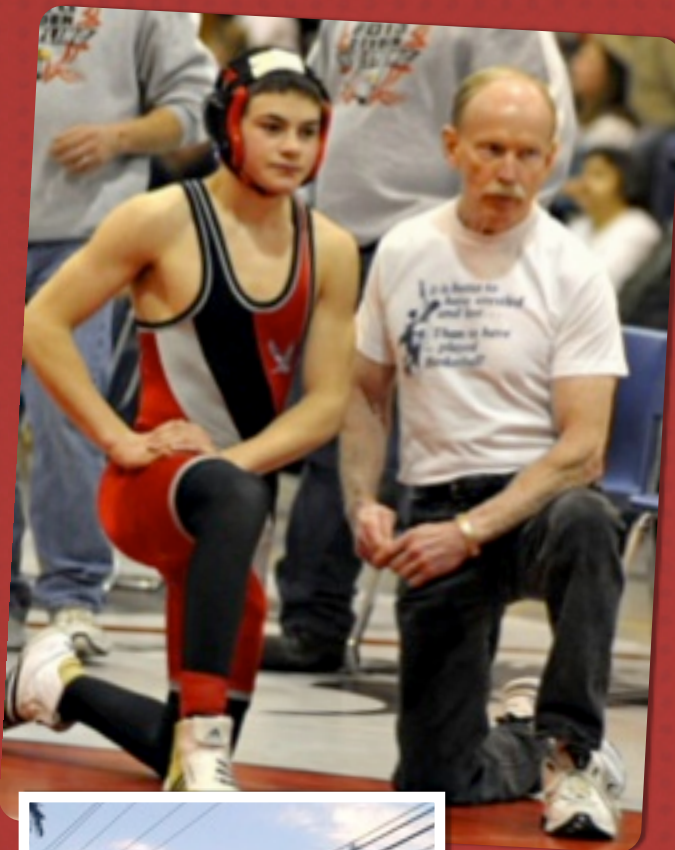
Thank You Wrestling Coach Harben!

It was December 1986 when Coach Harben's daughter overheard the principal talking in the office about the need for a wrestling coach. She called her dad at work and he came right out and applied for the job. Since then Floyd Dryden has had too many champions to count and many team regional championships.

After 24 years as the head coach for the Floyd Dryden wrestling Eagle, Coach Geoff Harben will retire at the end of this season. Coach Harben, not Coach, not Harben, but Coach Harben is in his final season here at Floyd Dryden. His last of over 150 dual meets will be here at Floyd Dryden February 11th from 3pm to 5pm. Please come show your support for Floyd Dryden wrestling and thank coach Harben for his 24 years of leadership.

In commemoration of his 24 years of service the previously named Floyd Dryden Invitational tournament, held every January, will be renamed the Coach Harben Invitational Tournament.

If you wrestled for or against Floyd Dryden in the last 24 years or know someone who has, please come into the Floyd Dryden office and sign the Coach Harben Memory book. Share your memories and give your thanks to a man who has done so much for Juneau wrestling and the wrestlers he mentored.



Thank
you!



**8th GRADE FAMILIES
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**DRYDEN TO TMHS/JDHS
TRANSITION PROGRAM**

MARCH 2nd @ 5:00

FLOYD DRYDEN LIBRARY

Please plan to attend and bring your student to this important 8th grade transition to high school program presented by JDHS and TMHS, and hosted by the Floyd Dryden PTO.

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Juneau, AK 99801

FLOYD DRYDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL FEBRUARY EVENTS 2010



February 1	Site Council Meeting PTO Meeting FDMS Dance Team Season Begins Terra Nova Testing – 7 th grade Terra Nova Testing - 7 th grade Terra Nova Testing – 7 th grade Terra Nova Test Make Up Day Wrestling Match # 3 @ DZ GYM Eaglecrest Ski Day - 8th Grade Wrestling Match # 4 FD @ FD GYM Eaglecrest Ski Day - 8th Grade Weekender – 8 th grade dance committee No School – Holiday MAPS Assessment for 7 th grade MAPS Assessment for 7 th grade MAPS Assessment for 7 th grade Wrestling tournament @ Ketchikan
February 11	IPT Assessment
February 12	IPT Assessment
February 15	IPT Assessment
February 16	Eaglecrest Ski Day - Wolf/Grizzlies
February 17	Eaglecrest Ski Day - Wolf/Grizzlies
February 18	
February 19/20	
February 22	
February 23	
February 24	
February 25	
February 26	



Your help is needed!

Donations of the small, individually wrapped Valentine candies are needed for the **Valentine Candy Grams.**

If you are able to help donations may be dropped off at the office.

All help is appreciated!

(Proceeds go toward the 8th grade dance)

