DeRuyter Central School

DCS ROCKET PRIDE

February 2009

A Message From Our Superintendent

As has been reported widely, New York State is in fiscal distress. Governor Paterson has proposed a state budget that includes cuts to a wide variety of areas, increased fees, and other measures to eliminate a projected $15 billion deficit. One of those cuts is a “Deficit Reduction Assessment" to school aid. This amounts to a $230,000 cut in state aid for DeRuyter CSD. The Governor is also proposing no increase in State Aid over this year's amount.

We must also account for mandatory increases of health care and retirement costs to name a few, which total approximately $435,000. With the Deficit Reduction Assessment and no increase in state aid for next year, this could mean as much as a 20.8% increase to the tax levy. The following summary will show you how the district is addressing this concern and trying to minimize that impact:

Reserves (Savings Accounts) - The district has a Debt Service Reserve that is money that was not needed for prior building projects. This money can only be used to pay back the debt that was borrowed to create it. We propose to use $84,000 of this reserve in balancing next year’s budget, which is a **2.6% reduction** to tax levy impact.

Revenues (Income) **-** All employees contribute money toward their health insurance plan. The employee contributions are revenue. This will total about $275,000 in 2009-2010, which is an **8.6% reduction** to tax levy impact.

Expenditures (Budgeted Expenses) - We have a position that has been duplicated for most of this year as a person was on long term leave. This will not be the case in the upcoming year. This budget reduction totals $50,000 (in salary and benefits), which is a **1.3% reduction** to tax levy impact. We are also adjusting the retirement contributions to match our information from the Teachers Retirement System by $81,000 which represents an additional **reduction of 2.6%** to the tax levy impact.

Reducing the proposed 20.8% tax levy impact by the adjustments noted above (in bold) brings the new potential tax levy impact to **5.7%** as of this newsletter. We are continuing to work closely to reduce it further before it is put to a vote on May 19th, 2009.

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To be added to our Newsletter Mailing List (if you don’t already receive a newsletter), please send your name and address to Sandy Welsh, DeRuyter Central School, 711 Railroad Street, DeRuyter, NY 13052 (or e-mail Sandy at welsh@deruytercentral.org).

GUIDANCE NEWS

Submitted by: Mrs. Alger, Grades 9-12 Counselor

CCYL Group Assists Local Food Pantry

Members from the CCYL (Cortland County Youth Leadership) Group (Amber Schlafer, BJ Duncan, Sarah Volcko, Amber Tucker, and Weslee Eckler) donated some of their time on December 22 to help our local food pantry with their Christmas baskets. The students assisted with filling up the baskets with various food items such as apples and canned food. The baskets were given to families in the area for the holidays. Also, students in 1st and 2nd grade made some spectacular Christmas cards for the baskets.

***Attention Seniors*:** Please be sure to check the bulletin board and website for scholarship information. We continue to update the listing as we receive scholarship applications. Keep deadlines in mind.

From the Music Department

On Monday, December 1, 2008, the DCS 7th & 8th Grade Band & Chorus spent the day spreading holiday cheer to the residents at the DeRuyter Senior Housing, Hamilton Hospital and Course Care in Morrisville. Thank you, students!

Attention everyone: Get your Ducks in a row and mark your calendars! Coming to DCS on March 19th, 20th, and 21st, the DCS Drama Club will proudly present HONK, the delightful story of the adventures of the ugly duckling. Congratulations to the cast members on outstanding auditions and we look forward to seeing you at the show! For more information visit our new Drama Club website at www.deruytercentral.org then click on K-12 Instruction, Fine Arts Department and finally click on Drama Club.

DeRuyter Free Library News

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Spice Sale: For our next Fundraiser, we will be selling spices. We will soon be taking orders and the order forms will be available from the Library or a Board Member. Please contact the Library for further information and thank you for supporting your Library!!!!

Temporary Housing: The move to our temporary home located in the old True Value building will be sometime toward the end of February. Indoor construction of the Town Hall is slated to begin in March or April.

After School Library Program: The Spring After School Program will begin on March 24, 2009. Be looking for letters and permission slips to come home from school soon.

Computers: We recently acquired 3 used computers that will be added to our Gates Grant. When we move into our permanent location, we will have a total of 9 computers.

Library Board Meetings: All are welcome to attend - Second Monday of each Month at 7:00 p.m. **Next meeting: February 9, 2009 7:00 p.m.**

Schedule

- ✓ Mondays & Thursdays 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- ✓ Open Tuesdays 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- ✓ Thursday evenings, 7—9 p.m.
- ✓ Saturday mornings 10 a.m. —12 p.m.
- ✓ Located in DeRuyter Town Hall
- ✓ Phone 852-6262

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From Student Medical Services:

Any student who has had a complete physical with their family doctor needs to bring in a copy or fax it to Student Medical (315-852-6016). We are required by the State to show yearly physicals on all students enrolled in our program.

February 2009 Cafeteria Menu

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 (Day 1) Hamburger on Roll Cheese Slice Oven French Fries Sliced Peaches Milk	***3 (Day 2)*** Hot Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Buttered Corn Assorted Fruit Milk	***4 (Day 3)*** Chicken Patty on Bun Carrots Mandarin Oranges Milk	***5 (Day 4)*** Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Buttered Bread Green Beans Pineapple Milk	*6 (Day 5)* Assorted Pizza OR Fish Sandwich Broccoli Diced Peaches Milk
9 (Day 6) Rib Pork BBQ on Roll Glazed Carrots Applesauce Milk	***10 (Day 1)*** ***Rocket Mashed Potato Bowl*** w/ chicken & Corn Apple Crisp Milk	***11 (Day 2)*** Ham & Cheese Bubble Pasta Salad Diced Peaches Milk	***12 (Day 3)*** Beef Chili OR Cheese Ravioli, White rice Buttered Corn Blushing Pears Milk	***13 (Day 4)*** Assorted Pizza OR Fish Sandwich Broccoli Fresh Fruit Milk
16 	**17**	**18**	**19**	**20**
23 (Day 5) Chicken Nuggets Buttered Bread Corn Mixed Fruit Milk	*24 (Day 6)* Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese OR PB & Jelly Pears Milk	***25 (Day 1)*** Rotini w/Meat Sauce Lettuce Salad Garlic Sticks Fruited Jello Milk	*26 (Day 2)* ***NO SCHOOL Staff Day***	***27 (Day 3)*** ***DeRuyter Style Macaroni & Cheese w/ Peanut Butter Krispie*** Dinner Roll Spinach Applesauce Milk
Every *THURSDAY* in February Nachos w/Cheese Sauce—$.75				***February Salad Rocket Garden or Tortellini Caesar***

No School - Mid Winter Break

February Breakfast Menu

Monday—Bagel w/cream Cheese, Juice, Milk
Tuesday—Breakfast Burrito w/sausage, egg & cheese Juice, Milk
Wednesday—Bagel w/cream Cheese, Juice, Milk
Thursday—Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk
Friday—Bagel w/cream Cheese, Juice, Milk

Every Wednesday in February: Frosted Cinnamon Roll—$.75

February Soup/Sandwich Menu

Monday—Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup—Pepperoni & Cheese Quesadilla
Tuesday—Tomato Soup—Grilled Cheese
Wednesday—Vegetable Beef—Turkey Salad
Thursday—Chicken w/Rice—Ham & Cheese Wrap
Friday—Corn Chowder—Tuna Melt

Having a classroom party?
DCS Food Service can Help!!!
Call Brenda at 315-852-3400 (option 5)

News from our School Nurse, Sandra Hathaway, RN

"Kinney Drugs Inc. Partners with the New York State Dental Foundation in Offering Free Dental Health Assessments"

February is Children's Dental Health Month and the region's leading health care organization, Kinney Drugs, Inc., is proud to partner with the NYS Dental Foundation, the NYS Dental Association, and the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh District Dental Societies to provide free dental health assessment for children in grades K, 2, 4, 7, and 10.

Local volunteer dentists will be available at 45 Kinney Drugs throughout various cities on Saturday, February 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to perform assessments and provide certificates for entry into public school.

All locations listed below will hold the assessments on Saturday, February 7, 2009 from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.:

Chittenango	703 E. Genesee Street	315-687-6110
Hamilton	103 Utica Street	315-824-2200
East Syracuse	7065 Manlius Center Road	315-656-9925
Tully	596 Route #11	315-696-8796
Syracuse	104 LaFayette Road	315-492-0248
Cortland	3666 NYS Route 281	607-753-3959
Marathon	6 Main Street	607-849-6156
Dryden	44 North Street	607-844-8273

The list can be also accessed through the NYS Dental Foundation website: nysdentalfoundation.org

About the NYS Dental Foundation

The New York State Dental Foundation was established in 1980 to support projects that improve oral health and enhance the art and science of dentistry in New York State.

The Foundation is a qualified, tax exempt charitable corporation that educates the dental team and the public; provides scholarships to dental students; and supports programs that bring dental care to the underserved.

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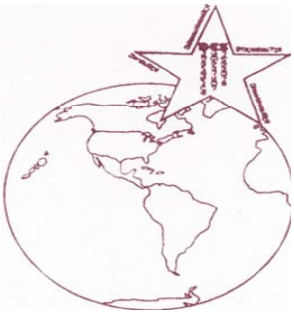

DCS Mission Statement: *The DeRuyter Central School District accepts the responsibility of assuring that students reach their educational, physical, and emotional potential in a safe environment.*

DCS = Developing Competent Students

DCS Vision Statement: *DeRuyter Central prepares students for making good choices in life. The students are literate in the written and spoken word. They choose to read and demonstrate and extensive vocabulary. The students are skilled in the use of technology. Students acquire knowledge and skills, organize information for use and demonstrate competence in applying their learning to real situations. They collaborate as contributing members on a team. Students value knowledge and strive for quality for its own sake. Measures of success are referenced to standards of performance, not comparisons to other schools. Students demonstrate positive character traits and aspire to a high moral standard.*