

DeRuyter Central School



DCS ROCKET PRIDE

March 2009

A Message From Our Superintendent



In previous newsletters, I have discussed briefly the financial situation we face next year and in years to come. As many of you have had to do, the Board of Education, the Administrative team, the faculty and staff of the district have worked very hard this year to trim our spending and only purchase those things that are necessary to operate the school and maintain a "quality educational program for our children". That is how we must always operate and we will continue to do so for many years to come. The Board and I will present a budget to the community in May for your consideration that maintains that philosophy. We are confident we can continue to improve on all levels and do so very prudently.

Over the next few months, members of the Board and the Administrative team will be presenting information on both the proposed capital project and on the budget to various civic organizations prior to the votes. Listed below and to the left are some very important dates to remember which include an opportunity to hear about the capital project and the budget before each of those votes. Please call me or any Board member with any questions or concerns. Together, we are building a better future for our children!

As always, I hope this finds you well!

Chuck Walters

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

6:00 p.m.—Library/Media Center
Public Information Meeting
Capital Project

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

12:00 noon—9:00 p.m.
DCS Main Foyer
Capital Project Vote

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

6:00 p.m.—Library/Media Center
Annual Meeting
2009-2010 Budget/BOE Election

Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 2009

12:00 noon—9:00 p.m.
DCS Main Foyer
2009-10 Budget Vote/BOE Election

ATTENTION PARENTS!!! IMPORTANT CALENDAR CHANGE

Earlier this year you received a calendar indicating that students would be released early on March 13, 2009 and on May 29, 2009 for a ½ Day Staff Development.

Since that time, the calendar has been revised and students will now attend a FULL Day of school on March 13, 2009 and on May 29, 2009.

We would like to also remind you that the Staff Development Day scheduled for March 20, 2009 will be held and there will be NO student attendance that day.

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GUIDANCE NEWS

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

Attention 8th grade students and parents!! Is your student a good candidate for **ACE**? **ACE** – Access to College Education is a program in collaboration with 4 area colleges (Cornell University, Ithaca College, SUNY Cortland, and TC3) and 15 school districts. Students are selected in 8th grade and participate throughout high school in programs designed to encourage them to go on to college. Activities and workshops are offered for students and their parents. There is no cost to this program.

Any one of the following factors may indicate a student's potential to benefit from **ACE**:

- ◆ You and your child may have limited exposure to advanced education.
- ◆ Your child may express/demonstrate concerns about attending college.
- ◆ Your child may lack the motivation to attend college, yet has the ability to do college preparatory work.
- ◆ Your child may be currently struggling in school – has poor study skills, has limited goal planning, and has limited extra-curricular activities.
- ◆ Your family may be at an economic disadvantage.

You and your child are invited to attend an **informational meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2009 at 7:00 in the Library**. Please RSVP to the Guidance Office at 852-3400 option 3.

Attention Juniors: Upcoming SAT and ACT Test Dates:

<u>SAT Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>ACT Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
May 2, 2009	March 31, 2009	April 4, 2009	February 27, 2009
June 6, 2009	May 5, 2009	June 13, 2009	May 8, 2009

SAT Reasoning Fee: \$45.00

Online Registration : www.collegeboard.com

ACT Fee: \$31.00 without writing or .

\$46.00 with writing

Online Registration: www.actstudent.org

Registration materials for both exams are available in the Guidance Office.

Attention Seniors: The Guidance Office posts different scholarship opportunities on the bulletin board and the website. Please be sure to stop and review them. If you are interested, you should request an application.

Students in Grades 9-11 – Mrs. Alger will begin meeting with students the end of February to discuss their course selections for the 2009-2010 school year. Parents are welcome to attend by calling the Guidance Office at 852-3400 option 3.

A note from our School Nurse, Sandra Hathaway

There are some health related issues such as allergies, asthma, diabetes, heart conditions certain behavioral conditions, seizures, syncope, etc. that may impact your student's educational program. Faculty and staff members involved with your child may need to be aware of these issues for safety as well as educational purposes. Your child is with many different teachers during the day. Therefore, the most effective method of relaying information is through the Health Office.

It is very important that I am aware of any health issues or concerns about your child. As the School Nurse, I am responsible for them a good portion of every day. Please call 315-852-340 x 2 for questions or concerns.

CLASS OF 2010 CAN & BOTTLE DRIVE

The Class of 2010 is sponsoring a can and bottle drive to help raise funds for the class. We would ask that you place the date on your calendar—**March 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. at the Bus Garage**. The Class appreciates all the support you have given throughout the years.



Student Medical Services News: We have been busy in Student medical doing yearly physicals and one concern is the number of children and teens who are skipping breakfast. Children who eat breakfast are better able to concentrate on school work and have less behavioral issues. A breakfast high in protein and fiber and low in sugar can last your child all morning. An example may be whole wheat toast with peanut butter, an orange, and a glass of low fat milk. Also, try to make sure your child is getting at least 5 servings of fruits and vegetables per day as well as 3 glasses of milk (or Orange Juice with calcium and Vitamin D). A good internet resource is www.nutrition.about.com.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

First Grade News:

First grade news at this time of year begins with a BIG "Hats Off" to our wonderful beginning readers for their skill and enthusiasm as new readers! It is a joy to see this growth occur, and to watch as the children take delight in being able to go on reading adventures independently. CONGRATULATIONS to all our first graders for their success!

Our revised science unit dealing with property has been full of activities which have enriched this exploration. The children have had opportunities to thoroughly examine various types of properties of matter, comparing and contrasting the attributes which they examine and developing inquiring scientific minds as they proceed. Our science detectives always enjoy all science lessons because they have a chance to make discoveries on their own, as individuals and in small groups.

As we continue our cooperative year together, the children benefit from small group instruction in their base groups throughout morning language arts, and come together for the remainder of the day, instructionally and socially at lunch, recess and special classes. This has truly provided the best of all worlds for our young readers. We are all looking forward to the months ahead and the new learning opportunities which will come our way!

From Mrs. Nieman's 2nd Grade:

Mrs. Nieman's second graders are exploring the United States in a very fun way. We read the book, Flat Stanley, in which the main character, Stanley, became flattened (but not hurt) one night when his bulletin board fell on him while he was sleeping. Among his many adventures, Stanley visits a friend in California via an envelope and returns home to share all he's learned about California with his family and friends. Our class has mailed paper "Flat Stanleys" to friends and family around the United States, we even have one traveling to Australia. When Stanley returns from his trip he will share information about where he traveled through letters, souvenirs, brochures, etc. We are keeping track of all of the adventures by marking the city on a map in the hallway and hanging Stanley with some information about his trip around the map. It is a very exciting project, some of our Stanleys have started to return and we look forward to the rest coming home soon.

Elementary Honor Roll Lists

Mrs. Linda Ladd's Class: Merit List: Dakota Carpenter, Taylor Revette Honor Roll: Will Pilcher, Danielle Tebo High Honor: Brittany Burrows, Kara Campbell, Erica Eaton, Micheala Gordon, Cevin Ladd, Emily Pelcher, Mackenzie Purcell

Miss Lovely's Class: Principal's List: Elizabeth Thomas Honor Roll: Jacob Aller, Andrea Chapman, Alexis Ratliff, Karen Warner High Honor: Hope bush, Robert Cuddeback, Talia Jones, Addison Randall, Mason Sunderland, Brooke Wood

Miss Critelli's Class: Merit List: Beverly Gardner, Gavin Gaines Principal's List: MacKenzie Dorward, Isabel McReynolds Honor Roll: Amanda Fox, Rachel Marsh, Tessa Stone High Honor: Emily Bort, Elizabeth Hampton, Alexis Marshall, Patrick Moade, Austin Wood, Johnathan Wood

Mrs. Gallerani's Class: Merit List: Tanner Kirk, Kaleb Sorrells, Chole Stone, Mikayla Quigley Honor Roll: Lily Harvey, Paige Russell, Ryan Wood, Kaylee LaClair High Honor: Nate Degear

Mrs. Dexter's Class: Merit List: Emma Downs, Tess-Renee Rounsaville, Christopher Ufford, Hunter Way Principal's List: Connor Hathaway, Adrianna Ladd Honor Roll: Piper Hakes, Mya Lawrence, Shakayla McBride, Zachary Nellenback, Dante Newton High Honor: Zoe Curtis, Owen Curtis, Kylie Finton

Mrs. Rounds' Class: Merit List: William Judson, Christian Thorick Honor Roll: Dylan Ryan High Honor: William McMullen, Mathew Moade, Madelynn Lawrence

CONGRATULATIONS, STUDENTS!!!! GREAT JOB!!

DeRuyter Central School High School 20 week Honor Roll

Grade 6: Honor Roll (85.00-89.99): Danielle Darrow, Zack Felix, Jack Fink, Todd Fitzgerald, Samantha Gordon, Emilee Kosturik, Travis Newton, Matthew Scaniello, Zachary Wheeler, Daniel Wood, David Zinn High Honor Roll (90.00-94.99): Danyelle Campbell, Brian Gardner, Caitlin Haggart, Samuel Haws, Andrea Newton, Christopher Thomas, Zachary Way, Sydney Wiesing, Michelle Williams Principal's List (95.00-100.00): Ciara LaClair Courtneyanne Randall

Grade 7: Honor Roll (85.00-89.99): Samantha Breed, Kristin Grimes, Daniel Marshall, Gabrielle Ryan High Honor Roll (90.00-94.99): Alyssa Brown, Hannah Downs, Skylar Duncan, Morgan Fellows, Katlyn Mierke, Allison O'Herien, Kylee Smith Principal's List (95.00-100.00): Emily Cirbus, Connor Finton, Sidney Ladd

Grade 8: Honor Roll (85.00-89.99): Lukas Benjamin, Dillon Burke, Sabrina Edic, Zackarie Fish, Damien Graves, Connor Grime, Kyle Harris, Charles Ladd, Krista Lake, Ryan Marshall, Kristian Nelson, Nadine Newton, Lucas Pratt, Kyle Tiffany High Honor Roll (90.00-94.99): Jessica Cox, Kristen Jimenez, Kyle Purtell, Whitney Wiltsey Principal's List (95.00-100.00): Kyle Cizenski, Anna Conklyn

Grade 9: Honor Roll (85.00-89.99): Jonathon Brown, Shannon Eckler, Robert Robbins, Sarah Sevilla-Stanton High Honor Roll (90.00-94.99) Taylor Campbell, Dillon Coursen, Kelly Eaton, Sierra Korb, Chelsey Mahany, Kelsey Mistersaro, Kyle Newton, Melissa Pilcher, Zachary Thomas, Dylan Tucker Principal's List (95.00-100.00): Shelby Brabant, Jacob Cirbus

Grade 10: Honor Roll (85.00-89.99): Lena Beckwith, Jolene Cox, Ruthanne Lake, Brian Patsos, Amber Slocum, Brett Vosburg, Bridget Way High Honor Roll (90.00-94.99) Alan Cizenski, Billy Haws, Melissa Oleniuk, Emily Sinesi

Grade 11: Honor Roll (85.00-89.99): Weslee Eckler, Eric Fox, Kyle Galloway, Heather Prugger, Timothy Vedder, Sarah Volcko Principal's List (95.00-100.00): Sean Rutherford

Grade 12: Honor Roll (85.00-89.99): Ben Burke, Jennifer Cizenski, Phoebe Glave, Rebecca Hagmann, Victoria Harris, Morgan Mierke, Alyssa Patsos, Daniel Raymond, Cortney Thousand, Alexander Yumin High Honor Roll (90.00-94.99): Brandan Chapman, Michael Harris, Bethanie Paddock, Matthew Stevens

ACADEMIC TOP TEN February 2009

Grades 6-8 Top 10 Averages

**Anna Conklyn
Courtneyanne Randall
Kyle Cizenski
Emily Cirbus
Ciara LaClair
Sidney Ladd
Connor Finton
Alyssah Brown
Chris Thomas
Samuel Haws**

Grades 9-12 Top Ten Averages

**Jacob Cirbus
Shelby Brabant
Sean Rutherford
Emily Sinesi
Kelly Eaton
Dillon Coursen
Taylor Campbell
Chelsey Mahany
Matt Stevens
Kyle Newton**

**CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS!!!
KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!**

March 2009 Cafeteria Menu

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
(Day 4) 2 Cowboy Cheeseburger Oven French Fries Apple Sauce Milk	(Day 5) 3 <u>DELI DAY</u> Turkey or Ham Sub w/ Lettuce & cheese Carrot Sticks w/Dip Fresh Fruit Milk	(Day 6) 4 Chicken Nuggets Dinner Roll Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	(Day 1) 5 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Buttered Bread Lettuce Salad Fruit Cup Milk	(Day 2) 6 Assorted Pizza OR Fish Sandwich Broccoli Jello w/Topping Milk
(Day 3) 9 Popcorn Chicken Dinner Roll Green Beans Peaches & Cream Milk	(Day 4) 10 Taco Salad w/Lettuce & Cheese Mexican Corn Blushing Pears Milk	(Day 5) 11 Cheeseburger on Roll Baked Beans Juice Icy Milk	(Day 6) 12 Rotini w/Meat Sauce Garlic Sticks Lettuce Salad Peach Crisp Milk	(Day 1) 13 <u>BAG LUNCH DAY</u> Ham OR PBJ Sandwich Carrot Sticks w/Dip Fresh Fruit Milk
(Day 2) 16 Rib BBQ on Roll Pasta Salad Peaches Milk	(Day 3) 17 Chili-Cheese Dog Oven French Fries Apple Sauce Milk	(Day 4) 18 Chicken Fajita Seasoned Rice Corn Blushing Pears Milk	(Day 5) 19 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Lettuce Salad Chocolate Cake Milk	(Day 6) 20 <u>DeRuyter Style Mac & Cheese</u> PB Krispie, Dinner Roll Spinach Pineapple Tidbits Milk
(Day 1) 23 Chicken Pattie on Bun Green Beans Pears Milk	(Day 2) 24 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese OR PBJ Sandwich Scalloped Apple Dessert Milk	(Day 3) 25 Ham & Cheese Bubble Macaroni & Tuna Salad Mixed Fruit Milk	(Day 4) 26 Rotini w/Meat Sauce Green Beans Vanilla Pudding Dessert Milk	(Day 5) 27 <u>FRENCH TOAST FRIDAY</u> French Toast Sausage, Tater Tots Fruit Salad Milk
(Day 6) 30 Chicken Nuggets Dinner Roll Buttered Corn Apple Sauce Milk	(Day 1) 31 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy Corn Peaches Milk		<u>EVERY THURSDAY</u> <u>Pretzel w/Cheese</u>	<u>SALADS</u> <i>Rocket Garden Garden w/Tuna</i>



March Breakfast Menu

Monday—**Bagel w/Cream Cheese, Juice, Milk**
 Tuesday— **Breakfast Sandwich, Juice, Milk**
 Wednesday — **Bagel w/Cream Cheese, Juice, Milk**
 Thursday— **Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk**
 Friday— **Bagel w/Cream Cheese, Juice, Milk**

March Soup/Sandwich

Chicken Noodle/Chicken Quesadilla
Tomato/Grilled Cheese
Chicken w/Rice/ Grilled Ham & Cheese
Vegetable/Egg Salad
Cream of Broccoli/Tuna Fish

Does your child have technology questions? **“Just ask AL!”**
Do you wish you had someone who could help?



Atomic Learning
Web-based software training and support.

AL stands for **Atomic Learning**, our online resource for software training. **AL** is available to our students and their families in school and at home throughout the school year.

Atomic Learning's innovative approach to software training focuses on answering common questions encountered when learning and using software. How do you cut and paste in Word? How do you add animation to a PowerPoint slide? How do you crop a photo in Photoshop Elements? **Just ask AL.**

Go to www.atomiclearning.com Enter the following user name and passwords:

User Name: **deruyter** Password: **rockets**

Type your question in the search box and click on **Go!**

An answer will be provided in the form of a one to three-minute tutorial movie. The movie will walk you and your child through all the steps needed to complete the task.

DeRuyter Central School is dedicated to providing the highest quality technology resources available in order to prepare our students for their futures. That is why we are making Atomic Learning available to you—we want you to have the resources to help your child with school work. And while you're at it, you can use Atomic Learning to learn about software applications that interest you!

Have a question about technology? Just ask AL.

www.atomicLearning.com

From Mr. Hubman, Principal

UNIVERSAL PRE-K COMES TO DeRUYTER!!

With the support of the Board of Education, we are very pleased to announce the formation of a **Universal Pre-Kindergarten** class for the 2009-2010 school year has begun. A committee of teachers and administrators has been put together to plan for the implementation of the curriculum, location, and program. As we continue to plan, we know we are missing one very important piece of information - **CHILDREN!**

We are looking for students who will turn four (4) years old before December 1st, 2009 and who live in our district. Our census from a year ago tells us we should have close to 30 students who meet these criteria. If you have an eligible student and you would be interested in sending your child to this program, please call the office at 852-3400 extension 7100. We will gather as many names as possible, and we will be holding an information meeting later in the spring.

KINDERGARTEN CAMP COMING SOON

By the time this Newsletter finds its way to you, it will be early March, one month before the start of Kindergarten camp. This year we will hold our camp on Fridays from 9-11 starting Friday, April 24th. The goal of Kindergarten Camp is to provide our incoming Kindergarten Class with an opportunity to visit the school, meet their teachers, and begin to understand what school is all about.

If you have an eligible child and would like to have them participate in our Kindergarten Camp please call the office at 852-3400 extension 7100. We will be happy to send you the information about the camp and about registering your child for Kindergarten.

We are very excited about the upcoming school year and welcoming your child to DeRuyter Central School. Please feel free to call us with questions or concerns.



DeRuyter Free Library News

March, 2009

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CORRECTION

Upon further discussion by the Library Board, it was decided to delay the Spice Sale until the Fall. We will have more information and forms at that time. Thank you for your support.

Construction

Meetings have begun again and some decisions are being made. If the Library has to re-locate before this bulletin arrives, we will advertise on our web site and in the Shopper.

This is especially important for our Spring After School Library Program. As of right now, the Program will be held at the Library as usual. [Page 8 of the DCS Newsletter](#) contains the information and permission slip regarding the Program. Please send the permission slip to the Library and a bus note to school for each day your child attends the Program. The Schedule is as follows:

Tuesdays: K-2nd Grade

Thursdays: 3rd-5th Grades

Remember: Children not going home on the Late Bus must be picked up at the Library by 5:00 p.m. Thank you!

Review of DVD/Video Rental Policy

New DVD's: New DVD's and Videos will be placed on the New Book Table. Only 1 new DVD/Video may be taken out at a time, and they must be returned the next day the Library is open. They will remain "New" for 1 month, and only DeRuyter patrons may check them out during this time.

Regular DVD/Video's: Regular DVD's and Videos may be taken out for 1 week. Only 3 may be taken out at a time.

The late fee for all DVD's and Videos is \$1.00 per DVD/Video for each day they are late.

Wish List Items for the New Library

- *Extended Hours
- *Computer Classes
- *More Adult & Family Classes
- *Comfortable Reading Area & Coffee Set-up
- *A Special Room dedicated to Local History
- *Tutoring Room
- *Outdoor Message Board for Library and Town Events
- *Expanded Early Literacy and Family Literacy Programs

Please tell us your wishes!

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

Director:

Eileen Hills

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Jean Whalen
Amy Downs

All are welcome
to attend monthly
Library Board
Meetings
Second Monday
of each Month
At 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting:
March 9, 2009
7:00 p.m.

DeRuyter Free Library After-School Library Permission Slip

Dear Parents/Guardians:

During the months of March-April, DeRuyter Free Library in cooperation with DeRuyter Central School, will again be offering After-School Library Club. This year will be for students in grades K-2 on Tuesday; 3rd through 5th grades on Thursdays. The program will begin the week of March 24 through the week of April 28.

There will be a late bus on Tuesdays and Thursdays that leaves the library at 4:15. If your child is to ride the late bus, the school needs to know. **Children who do not use the late bus must be picked up by 5pm at the library.**

Please fill out the permission slip and send to school, or call the library to register. Remember, children will need bus passes. We also need to know if children are being picked up or are walking home. Parents are always welcome to attend the program. Any older students, 5th through 12th grades are invited to come to help with activities. Community service credit will be given.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or comments about the program, please call the library at 852-6262.

Sincerely,
Eileen Hills, Library Director

I give permission for _____ to attend the After-School Library Club on _____.

Please check one: My child will ride the late bus on Tues., or Thurs. _____

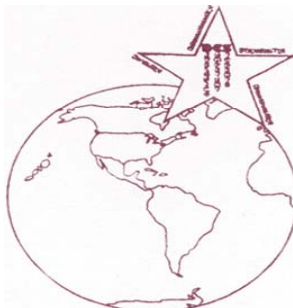
 I understand that my child will be picked up at the library by 5pm. _____

 My child has permission to walk home after the program. _____

Parent or Guardian signature _____

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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.*