

DAMIANSVILLE

E L E M E N T A R Y S C H O O L

Newsletter

September 2016

Important Dates

This month:

- 9/4 – School Improvement Day, 11:45 Dismissal
- 9/5 – Labor Day, No School
- 9/6 – PTO Meeting, 6:30
- 9/6-9 – Scholastic Book Fair
- 9/7 – Athletic Meeting, 6:30 in Albers
- 9/15 – 1st Quarter Midterm
- 9/17 – Chicken Dinner, Albers Legion
- 9/19 – Board Meeting, 6:30

Coming up:

- 10/7 – SIP Day, 11:45 Dismissal
- 10/10 – Columbus Day, No School
- 10/14 – End of 1st Quarter
- 10/17 – Board Meeting, 6:30
- 10/18 – Picture Day
- 10/26-27 – Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 10/28 – Teacher Institute, No School

Welcome Back!

The school year is off to a great start! If you have not yet turned in all of your registration forms or fees, please do so as soon as possible. Students participating in sports must have a current sports physical on file. *Students are not allowed to practice or play without that paperwork.*

Scholastic Book Fair

Our fall book fair is September 6-9! Our Grand Event will be Friday, September 9, 2:00-3:00 in the gym. Students are encouraged to invite a grandparent (or other loved one) to come celebrate reading with them. Book fair shopping can be done during the school day. If you need to come after school hours, please call to make arrangements (248-5188).

Dress Code

All students must follow the dress code guidelines given in the school handbook (p.18). Both boys and girls must wear shirts with sleeves; sleeveless shirts, tank tops, and tops with spaghetti straps are not allowed. Shorts and skirts should be at least fingertip length. For students' safety, shoes should cover most of the foot and stay on at all times; flip-flops, sandals, and other shoes that "flop off the heel" are not permitted. All students must have tennis shoes with white or non-marking soles for PE.

Lunch Accounts

Balance information will be sent home with students on the 1st and 16th of each month. We ask that families keep a positive balance as much as possible, and send in payments promptly. If you do not receive your statement, need current information, or have any questions, please contact the office.

Mandatory Athletic Meeting

A mandatory meeting for all athletes (basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, track) and their parents will be held on **Wednesday, September 7, at 6:30 p.m. at Albers Grade School.** Student athletes and a parent/guardian **MUST** attend this meeting. The Athletic Handbook will be reviewed and there will be brief meetings with the coaches. If you have any questions or cannot attend the meeting, please contact Mr. Joe Glynn at (618)248-5146 or by email, jglynn@alberscougars.com.

We Need Your Labels!

The school will still be participating in the Box Tops for Education program, so be sure to send in your box tops. Each one earns the school 10¢ and they add up quickly. The school also participates in the Campbell's Labels for Education, Tyson A+, and MyCokeRewards programs, as well as ink jet/toner recycling. We will also be collecting SunnyD labels for the SunnyD Book Spree. Thank you for all of your support. It really is a tremendous help.

PTO News

The first PTO meeting will be Tuesday, September 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the junior high science classroom. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. As a member of the PTO, feel free to submit suggestions for fundraising ideas to one of the officers if you cannot attend the meeting. The PTO is always looking for new suggestions and people to help with fundraisers. The PTO officers for 2016-17 are Angie Jansen, Meredith Hunter, Lori Toennies and Monica Koch.

Election Information

School Board elections will be held April 4, 2017. Damiansville SD #62 has three openings to be filled. All three seats have 4-year terms that will expire April 2021. Election packets are available in the Clinton County Clerk's office in Carlyle or on the website at www.clintonco.illinois.gov. To download the forms, click on "Voting & Elections" (American flag icon) in the lower left corner of the home page.

Save the Date!

All residents are invited to participate in the Second Annual Village-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, October 8. The one-day event will be advertised in the local newspapers. All residents are welcome to spread the word, display their own signs, and advertise at their respective places of business. No registration is required. Please contact Geri Varel at 2485223 for additional information.

Chicken Dinner

The Albers American Legion is hosting a chicken dinner on Saturday, September 17, 3:30-7:00 p.m. The menu includes

fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, slaw, applesauce, macaroni salad, bread and butter, coffee, tea, and dessert; carry-outs are available. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6-12; children under 6 are free. The Legion is donating 25% of the profits to Damiansville and Albers schools.

We are also looking for volunteers to donate a cake or pie for the event. A form will be sent home with students for anyone who would like to provide a baked item. Please fill out the form and return it to the office. Desserts can be dropped

off at the Legion on Saturday, September 17, between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Newsletter Information

We will have monthly newsletters and menus. The information is posted on the school website: www.damiansvilleelem.com. If you have any information to be included in the newsletter, please call the school office or e-mail Katie Caraker before the last Tuesday of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

Ripley's **Believe It or Not!**

THE WATERMELON STATUE
IN LINCOLN, ILLINOIS,
COMMEMORATES THE DAY IN
1853 THAT ABRAHAM LINCOLN—
WHILE EATING A WATERMELON—AGREED
TO LET THE TOWN BEAR HIS NAME.

MONIQUE THE CHICKEN
SAILS THE WORLD
WITH HER OWNER,
GUIREC SOUDEE,
AND
IN 2014,
THEY BEGAN
A TRANSATLANTIC
JOURNEY!

A MONKEY
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NATIONWIDE
BLACKOUT
IN KENYA
ON
JUNE 7, 2016.

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