

DAMIANSVILLE

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

Newsletter

October 2016

Important Dates

This month:

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

10/19 – Vision & Hearing Screening

10/24 – Blood Drive, 3:00-7:00

10/27 – Parent-Teacher Conferences

10/28 – Teacher Institute, No School

Coming up:

11/2 – Scrip Order Due

11/8 – PTO Meeting, 6:30

11/11 – Veterans' Day, No School

11/16 – Q2 Midterm Scrip Order Due

11/21 – Picture Retake Day Board Meeting, 6:30

11/23-11/25 – Thanksgiving Break, No School

11/30 – Scrip Order Due

School Pictures

School pictures are **Tuesday, October 18**. Order forms for both group and individual photos will be sent home closer to that date. Students should bring in the order form and payment on the day of the pictures.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be Thursday, October 27. We will send more information home in the near future.

Dress Code

The last day to wear shorts to school is October 31. All students must follow the dress code guidelines given in the school handbook (p.18). Unless it is raining, students are outside

for recess. If the weather is cool, please remind your student to wear long pants and bring a jacket.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair! With your help, we were able to raise \$741.98 in Scholastic Dollars to purchase new books for our school. We couldn't have done it without you!

PTO News

The first PTO meeting was held September 6. Several fundraisers are being planned for the year including Pizza Hut Nights, Lynch Creek catalog sales, and a Quarter Auction and Vendor Fair. The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8.

Scrip Program

The PTO is once again offering the **Scrip** gift card program. Please visit the PTO tab on the school website to find more information on this program. The first order is due October 19.

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.

Trick-or-Treat

Halloween Trick-or-Treating is Sunday, October 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Meet at the Village Hall at 5:15 for the parade. All

children through 8th grade are welcome to participate, but trick-or-treaters should only go to those houses where the porch light is on or the residents clearly want to participate (for example, sitting outside to hand out treats).

Village-Wide Garage Sale

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 248-5223 for additional information.

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross Blood Drive is Monday, October 24, 3:00-7:00pm, in the Damiansville Gym. If you donated in Albers in August, you are eligible to give again. Give blood, save a life!

Youth Choir News

Mark your calendars! It's time to "Make a Joyful Noise!" Come join us at our first Youth Choir practice on Sunday, October 16, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Damian Church. We will be practicing music for Advent and the Christmas season. All youth in grades 4-12, college age, and young adults are welcome to participate. If parents have any questions about Youth Choir or if a child needs a ride to or from Sunday morning practices, please contact Jackie Toennies at 335-9562 or Geri Varel at 248-5223. We look forward to seeing lots of smiling faces on October 16! New voices are always welcome!