



Dunbar Hill School Newsletter

May

2019

Principal's Corner

Dear Dunbar Hill Families,

We have reached our final weeks of the 2018-2019 school year! I would like to thank you for trusting us with your child each and every day. I would also like to thank you for your continued support of Dunbar Hill School and partnering with us to serve your child to the best of our abilities in order to help your child reach his or her optimal potential.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the Dunbar Hill PTA for your continued dedication and commitment in making a difference at our school. Your insight and contribution to the overall well-being of our students, providing and supporting guest speakers, giving of your time and energy every month to continue with the high standards of growth and support in every area is greatly appreciated. You make such a difference and we could not do all that we do without your dedication and support of our students, teachers and staff!

As many of you know, in May contains Teacher Appreciation Week nationwide. We have incredible, passionate teachers that work extremely hard each and every day. If you know a teacher that you feel has gone above and beyond, it means a lot to get an email or call thanking them for their dedication

Thank you, 6th graders, for your positive choices throughout the school year and especially this last month! You will be missed, and your legacy will live on at DHS!

Congratulations to the class of 2019!

GO JAGUAR P.R.I.D.E.!

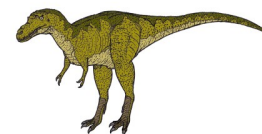
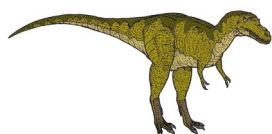
Laura Rodriguez, *Principal*

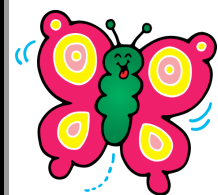


Representing Dunbar Hill School

On Saturday, April 13, 2019, two Dunbar Hill Students; Chris Suarez (6th grade) and Christopher Ngankam (4th grade) represented Dunbar Hill School in the Paleo-Knowledge Bowl, at Peabody Museum. This competition was a test of students' knowledge of paleontology, especially dinosaurs. Christopher and Chris made us proud answering some challenging questions. They needed to know dinosaurs by their scientific names, like, *Plateosaurus engelhardti*, *Camarasaurus lentus* and *Mamenchisaurus hochuanensis* and answer questions about the various geologic time period, in which each animal lived. (Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous)

Great Job, Boys! You made Dunbar Hill Proud!





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News From The Media Center

World of Readers continues through the end of May. Please keep sending your globe log sheets! Prizes will be awarded. Winners of the April *School Library Media Month* WOR incentive will be announced soon!

Please be on the lookout for a notice about your child's library account. Every student will get one, whether they have overdue books or not, so that parents know their status.



May 15th - Dunbar Hill ART Show and Music Concert

Band and Chorus students will perform 2 shows at 9:45 AM and 2:00 PM.

All K-6 students will have art hanging in the hallway by the art room. Students have been busy all year creating this most amazing art show for you featuring a Friendly Alien Tea Party made with supplies donated by Joann Fabrics.

Hope to see you there!



Do you have candid photographs
for the yearbook?



Please send them to:
Erica Camacho
or
Lonnette Diggs



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Family Fun Night	Fri. 5/3 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Grade 6 Field Trip - Fishing Trip	Tues. 5/7
JEFF After School Program	Tues. 5/7 Tues. 5/14
PTA Meeting	Wed. 5/8
6th Grade Plant Sale	Wed. 5/8 - Thurs. 5/9
Grade 6 Field Trip - Hamden Games at HHS	Mon. 5/13
Grades 1 + 2 Field Trip at HMS	Mon. 5/13
Parolise Field Trip - Mahan Planetarium	Tues. 5/14
Dunbar Hill Spring Concert	Tues. 5/15 9:45 am & 2:00 pm
Spirit Week: Lion King Day Wear Animal Print	Mon. 5/20
Spirit Week: Tweedle Dee & Tweedle Dum Day Dress like twins	Tues. 5/21
Spirit Week: Monsters University Wear your College gear	Wed. 5/22
Kindergarten Meet & Greet	Wed. 5/22
2nd Grade Field Trip	Thurs. 5/23
Spirit Week: Ohana Moana Day Wear everything Hawaiian	Thurs. 5/23
Field Day - Part 1 & Cookout	Thurs. 5/23
Spirit Week: Disney Character Day Dress up like a Disney Character	Fri. 5/24
Dunbar Dash	Fri. 5/24
Memorial Day - No School	Mon. 5/27
Town Meeting	Wed. 5/29 8:45 - 9:30 am
Superintendent's Student of the Month	Fri. 5/31
Grade 6 Field Trip Paradise Country Club	Fri. 5/31
Field Day - Part 2	Mon. 6/3
Last Day of School - Half Day	Wed. 6/12

Teacher Reports

K I can't believe it is already May! The children have been reading and writing non-fiction books about animals and in math we are learning all about geometry. We will be going on our last field trip to The Children's Building on May 9th so keep an eye out for the permission slip. We will be having our kindergarten celebration in June and I will be sending home a flyer soon. As the warm weather approaches the AC will be turned on so remember to send in a light sweater or sweatshirt just in case the room is chilly. As always if you have any questions or concerns contact me at bpattison@hamden.org.

1 We cannot believe it is already May! Our first grade students continue to grow and become such amazing readers! Their stamina has grown and they are able to sustain independent reading for our whole Readers Workshop period. Continue to encourage those independent reading strategies at home. The children are working on writing realistic fiction stories. They are coming up with characters who go on realistic adventures. Right now, the students are practicing to make the characters come to life too! We will be starting our final math unit next week. Please remember that if you see a fact sheet the homework packet, it means that your child will be tested on that Friday. The children are expected to pass all of the fluency assessments by the end of the year. We wanted to shout out once more to the parents who traveled with First Grade to the Norwalk Aquarium. Without these parents, the trip would not be a success, so THANK YOU! The children had an amazing time and saw many different organisms! We are looking forward to lots of fun things coming up. Be on the lookout for our ABC's of First Grade, which will begin pretty soon... :)

2 Grade 2 had a great time going on a school wide trip to see Penguins. As a part of our One School, One Read we are enjoying reading Mr. Popper's Penguins. April showers bring May flowers....and BUTTERFLIES! Second graders are super excited to be learning about the life cycle of a butterfly by observing their very own caterpillars. We are looking forward to all of the end of year fun that is in store for us !

3 Third graders are in the full spring of things! We are eagerly awaiting the start of our second addition and subtraction unit in math. In science, we will

do some chemical testing and get our hands dirty. Students are really liking our new homework menu, so that will continue for the rest of the year. In writing, we will writ our own fairytales. In reading, we will read about real life problems facing children today. Please continue to study multiplication facts at home, and read at least 20 minutes each night. We have added a physical activity as well as an empathetic activity as a part of our homework menu. Becoming independent learners and thinkers is our mission to get ready for fourth grade!

4 This month fourth grade is working on some new and fun units of study! In reading, we're focusing on power and perspective in all genres. In writing, we're trying out a brand new unit of creating our own comics! In math, we're expanding upon our previous multiplication and division unit. In contents, we're continuing our states projects for upcoming Google Tours and exploring motion in science. We're also looking forward to the many other exciting end-of-the-year events scheduled for our classes, too!

5 The Fifth Graders are gearing up for the end of the year. We are beginning our last units in reading and writing and both will focus on Fantasy. So...beware of dragons, flying horses and unicorns! In math we will be finishing up decimals and will be starting a unit on geometry. Science will focus on an end of the year project and report about the solar system and hopefully the sun will shine on us all month! Finally, we will learn about the battles of the American Revolution in social studies. Along with all the end of the year activities, the Fifth Graders will be very busy as we look ahead to June.

6 With graduation just around the corner, sixth grade is busy finishing up all academic units, and getting ready for the end of the year festivities. Everyone is extremely excited and a bit anxious about the upcoming events. It's a fun time of the year and will be enjoyed by all!

PE K-4 will be practicing field day games to get prepared for field day. 5-6 will begin baseball skills. 6th graders will begin getting trained in field day activities.

