



# DIVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER DOLPHIN DISPATCH

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Tonight @ 6pm | Open House

You are invited to Diven's annual Open House. Tour the school, meet the staff, sign up for Girl or Boy Scouts, Soccer Shots, and more. Free gifts for the first 150 families donated by *PTO Today*. Please help us begin our 2019 school-community art project with rocks donated by *Premier Landscaping*. Raffles, too! A fun night for kids and families!

### 10/4 Popcorn Fridays Begin!

Help the DSO bring smiles to our scholars and staff! Send in a quarter for your little one to get a bag of fresh-popped popcorn made by parent volunteers every Friday morning.

### 10/24 @5pm

#### Night of the Wild Things

Dress in your favorite costume and join us for a night of crafts and fun. *Tanglewood Nature Center* will be bringing in some creepy and cute critters, too!



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## SEPTEMBER SUPER POWER: STAR

Last week, every student put on their super hero cape and experienced the first Town Meeting of the school year! Every month, each grade has an assembly where we discuss our learning goals and how to be a great school community. We also introduce our Super Power Word of the Month—this month, it's STAR! It's the four ways your child can respectfully listen to and add to conversations in school:

- **Sit up and listen.**
- **Track the speaker.**
- **Ask and answer questions.**
- **Respect those around you.**

Our big focus was on mutual respect. Our teachers did some hilarious informative roleplaying for the little ones about different situations that we see all year long, good and bad. On the playground, in the cafeteria, walking through the halls, or at home, the way you speak and act around others matters.

Join the Diven School Organization Facebook group to view a video clip from the town meeting: *I Wanna Be a Super Hero!*

*I wanna be a super hero! Bringing trouble down to zero! I do what's right and I fix what's wrong! So, all my friends can follow along!*

It's the song we sing every meeting—ask your little one to sing it to you!



## LET'S LEARN ABOUT: RECHARGE STATIONS

Every class at our school has a Recharge Station. It's a dedicated space for our kids to go to when they need a moment to recharge,

kind of a self-elected time out. Our recharge stations have sensory items, like putty, fidget spinners, squishy toys, and slime, as well as other calming activities. It's a great way to keep a child in the learning environment while addressing negative behavior in a positive way. The fact is that for our age group, the behavior our kids show us is not always positive: there's whining, tantrums, and selfishness during play time. We recognize that social development is a huge part of education, and while you work on positive reinforcement of good behavior at home, we are dedicated to providing the same type of positive reinforcement and behavior redirection in classrooms. Our children are the future! Let's make it bright.

### ***WANNA THROW A PIE IN MRS. LEGARE'S FACE?***

Mrs. Legare, our Vice Principal, will let your child's class build a whip cream pie and throw it in our face. All you have to do is help your child's class raise \$500 for the Diven School Organization by October 24. We will merrily record the pie throwing and post it to Facebook! All donations received support DSO activities like: PreK swim lessons, free books for our scholars, family events, and so much more. So far we have:

- Krause's Class: \$100
- O'Bireck's Class: \$50
- Ripley's Class: \$50
- West's Class: \$45
- Winsor's Class: \$10
- Patchett's Class: \$1

### ***WANNA WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD FOR YOUR CLASS?***

One of our parents has generously donated \$50 for the class with the most DSO members. To participate in this, you commit to volunteering two hours a year or make a donation to the DSO and fill out and return your DSO membership form. The class with the most DSO members who fulfill these requirements will be awarded \$50 to spend how they wish.

- West's Class: 4
- O'Bireck's Class: 3
- Burge's Class: 2
- Billbe's Class: 1
- Ripley's Class: 2
- Schornstheimer's Class: 2
- Cornacchio's Class: 1
- Krause's Class: 1
- Noonan-Meck's Class: 1
- Patchett's Class: 1
- Winsor's Class: 1

**Teachers note:** DSO funding is available for your classes this year. Please send an e-mail to the Family & Community Outreach Coordinator with your project idea, supply list, and the amount of funding you need for your classroom project/supplies. We will do our best to accommodate.

Staff, teachers, and families may also write down and deliver their suggestions and wish lists to the Copy Room. You'll see an **Advice & Wishes Box** on the computer desk in room C101.

## **DIVEN'S VOLUNTEERS ROCK**

I posted a picture of a handy-dandy kitten here. If you enjoyed looking at it, I hope you'll reward me by reading this whole newsletter. :D

I wanted to thank those families who have either donated or reached out to volunteer. If you need a D.S.O. membership form, they are available in the lobby.

**Thank you to the families of Brayden, Oliver, Maxine, Hunter, MinjaAtya, Vinny, Joseph, Dmitry, Annalynn, Patrick, Ryder, Willow, Julia, and Harper. It warmed our hearts to see so much support so early in the year! ♥**

When you support the school, especially through volunteering, your child is more likely to be engaged, to want to come to school, and to view school as an important and safe place.

After you drop your child off in the morning—or any time—if you'd like to join me in my office to discuss ideas you have, concerns or questions you have, please reach out and let me know. I look forward to hearing from you and making your experience at Diven a wonderful one!

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