



# DIVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER DOLPHIN DISPATCH

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**SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**10/2 Early Release**

Fundraisers due!

**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 and delivered by parent volunteers every Friday morning.

**10/11 Early Release**

School lets out at 2:30pm.

**10/14 NO SCHOOL**

Columbus Day



**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!

**10/25 Picture Day**



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## THANKS TO YOU, OPEN HOUSE WAS AMAZING

Open House was last Wednesday, and the turn out was simply amazing! We want to thank all the families who attended and made this event a huge success! We loved seeing all of you and your little ones, and it was wonderful to see so many families participate in our community art project. The rocks that you painted and let us keep at the school will be used to decorate the courtyard, while the Elmira Gardening Club will be planting daffodil and tulip bulbs and beautifying the space again this year.



We'd also like to thank the community partners who attended and send a special thanks to Premier Landscaping for donating the rocks we used for our art project. We said we wanted hand-sized rocks and holy cannoli, they delivered.

Finally, a super special thanks to Jackie Hauver, the Diven School Organization president, for all of her amazing work last year and this year. She's done such a great job connecting parents to the school!

## LET'S LEARN ABOUT: HOMEWORK

You may be surprised that your child has not come home with much homework this year—that's because here at Diven, we believe that when children return home from school, it's a time for family and socializing. We have a school homework policy of *no mandatory homework*. Some teachers send home supplemental work that will certainly help your child advance in class if it's completed, but you'll never be graded on that work or punished for not completing it. That said, we do have one homework requirement: please read with your child for twenty minutes every day. This small investment of your time will have big impacts on your child's reading skills.

## **NIGHT OF THE WILD THINGS IS COMING**

On October 24, we will be hosting our Night of the Wild Things, a fun family night featuring arts and crafts, spooky treats, and a visit from several creepy creatures from Tanglewood Nature Center & Museum.

We are seeking volunteers and donations for this family night. If you are interested, please check out <http://www.tinyurl.com/DivenVolunteer> to see how you can help.

## **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: 5
- O'Bireck's Class: 3
- Burge's Class: 2
- Ripley's Class: 2
- Schornstheimer's Class: 2
- Noonan-Meck's Class: 2
- Winsor's Class: 2
- Billbe's Class: 1
- Cornacchio's Class: 1
- Krause's Class: 1
- Patchett's Class: 1
- Moshier's Class: 1
- Scharborough's Class: 1

## **DOLPHIN DREAMS: TEACHER REQUEST**

Our Art Teacher, Ms. Macko, is hoping you'll help her fulfill her dream of:

- Cardboard Egg Cartons
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Quart-Sized Containers
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towel Rolls
- Sponges

She needs these items throughout the year. You can donate these items to the Art Donation Bin in the lobby.

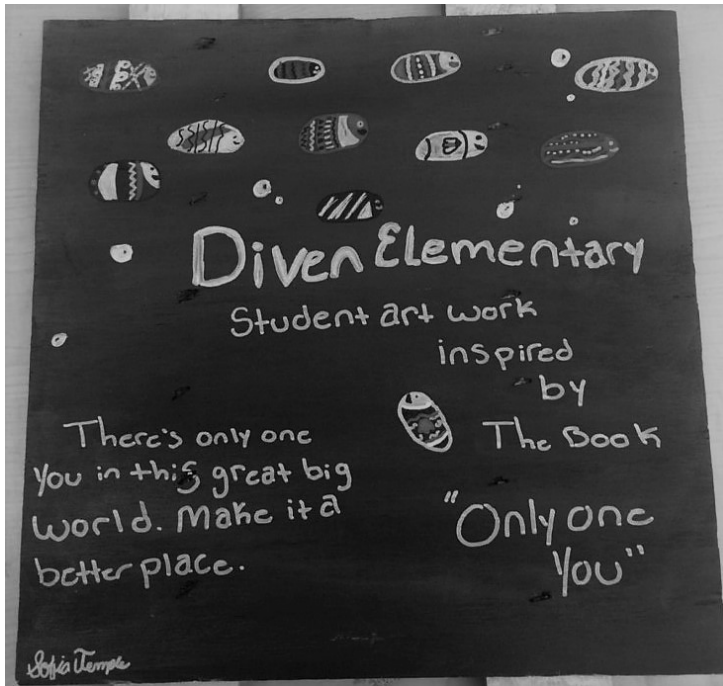
She's also looking for a one-time donation of:

- 12 Lidded Ice Cube Trays (for painting)
- 12 - 5.5" x 11" Ziplock Containers with Built-in Storage for Portfolios

outreach@LizCanDoThat.com

**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.



## **THE DIVEN COURTYARD GARDEN PROJECT**

Each year, the Elmira Gardening Club volunteers their time and expertise to beautify our Diven courtyards. These are outdoor areas shared by multiple classrooms. We use them for nature lessons, including butterfly releases, and just a nice space for the kids (and teachers) to reenergize during the day.

This year, we will be adding the rocks you painted at Open House to this shared space. We are so grateful to volunteer, Sofia Temple, an art student at EDA, for her contribution of a hand-painted sign for our new rock garden, which we plan to install this spring. Check out her work!

## **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

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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