



DIVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER **DOLPHIN DISPATCH**

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OCTOBER 16, 2019
UPCOMING EVENTS

10/22 Early Release

School lets out at 11:00am.

10/24 5pm - 6:30pm

Night of the Wild Things

FREE, FUN FAMILY NIGHT at Diven! Tanglewood Nature Center will be bringing in some creepy and cute critters! Sign up to volunteer or donate at tinyurl.com/DivenVolunteer.

10/25 Picture Day

Guarantee a great picture day for your little one—volunteer on picture day! Contact Diven FCOC, Liz Zilinski, at ezilinski@gstcontractors.com or 735-3700 x4510.

10/30 Hendy-Diven

Halloween Mixer 6-7:30pm

Costume party time!! Pizza, cupcakes, water for \$1 each. Cake wheel, \$2.00 a chance. Cost: donation of canned food. To volunteer or donate, contact Hendy FCOC, Jenn Isaacs, 735-3756 or jisaacs@gstcontractors.com



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DENTAL PRESENTATIONS THIS WEEK!

Yesterday, our students learned about dental health during a special presentation by Mosaic Dental Health. Don't be surprised if they begin enthusiastically brushing and flossing.

Nationally, dental pain is the reason for 1 in 3 absences! 51 million school hours per year are lost in our country because of dental-related illness.



LET'S LEARN ABOUT: NEXT GENERATION LEARNING STANDARDS

The Next Generation Learning Standards were recently changed to be more grade-level appropriate. These standards are language arts and math educational goals for our students from prekindergarten to 12th grade. For example, a kindergarten math standard is "duplicate and extend simple patterns using concrete objects like colored blocks." A kindergarten child should be able to do this by the end of the year.

Our students learn at different paces and begin the year with different strengths, but our goal each year is to use our curriculum to make sure that by June, every student has mastered the skills needed to begin the next year on strong footing. Knowing what the Next Generation Learning Standards are helps you work with your child's teachers to meet subject and grade-level goals.

Attached to this newsletter, you will find the NYS Next Generation Learning Standards Parent Resource Guide. It includes information about the Standards and websites you can visit that will help you support your student at home.

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 her 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:

- **West's Class: \$135!**
- Krause's Class: \$100!
- O'Bireck's Class: \$50
- Ripley's Class: \$50
- Cornacchio's Class: \$50
- Schornstheimer's Class: \$45
- Winsor's Class: \$30
- 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 donate 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: 9!**
- Noonan-Meck's Class: 7
- Winsor's Class: 5
- Cornacchio's Class: 4
- Scharborough's Class: 4
- O'Bireck's Class: 3
- Schornstheimer's Class: 3
- Krause's Class: 3
- Burge's Class: 2
- Ripley's Class: 2
- Billbe's Class: 1
- Patchett's Class: 1
- Moshier's Class: 1
- DiRisio's Class: 1
- Roby's Class: 1

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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