

# The Dragon Times

# Duxberry Dragons' Learning is Blasting Off

# Duxberry Dragon STREAMS Apollo 11

Welcome to September, Duxberry Family!



This school year is blasting off to a great start as we jump into our first STREAMS integrated learning unit on space and the US moon landing of 1969.

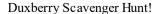
In honor of the 50 year anniversary of the USA landing on the moon, students have been using their reading, math, science and technology skills to construct space ships and and learn about the experience of going to the moon.

STREAMS stands for

Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics, and Social Studies. At Duxberry our goal is for students to see the interrelatedness of all learning disciplines, and how all disciplines are related to our

In Ms. Trammel's class, students used STREAMS learning when they were tasked with the challenge to design lunchboxes strong enough to hold a can, out of clas sroom materials

STREAMS learning teach students to research, how to use cooperative learning skills and problem solving



Parents and students had a great time exploring the halls at Duxberry and socializing at our back to school meet



and greet.

world

Thank you to our community partners from Project Lead the Way, Girls Scouts, and Red Zone for sharing extended learning opportunities for our students.

IMPACT...

Interdisciplinary Model Program in the Arts for Children and Teachers

# Important attendance reminders:

### Late arrivals and early dismissal both count AGAINST student attendance hours.

If your child will be late, please sign them in at the front office. All late arrivals and absences require a note.

Call the office by 2:30 for changes in transportation.

Parent pick is on the west alley of the school at 3:25

When parents are visiting the school, for the safety of all, please sign in in the office.

### It's very cool that

### **Duxberry is a Title 1 School:**

Duxberry Arts Impact Elementary is a Title 1 school. This is important information to know because due to the Title 1 Federal dollars that are received, students at Duxberry are able to experience a greater level of support for academic intervention and support; a greater level of off site extended learning opportunities, district and community resources supporting social and emotional needs, and the benefit of teachers who are exposed to rich professional development.





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Imagine, create, and achieve Because.... That's the HEART of a Dragon!

We're on the web...Check out the Duxberry Facebook Page and our school website!

# **Duxberry Parents as Partners**

Helping to provide care, calm and consistency for all students!

Duxberry Park Arts Impact Elementary School
Parent Engagement Promise

Duxberry Park Arts Impact Elementary School leadership and staff value the input and participation of our parents. Duxberry Park Leadership determines to offer opportunities for parents to engage in regular and meaningful communication addressing student achievement, school culture and climate, and the overall success of all students in inspiring our students to IMA GINE, CREATE AND A CHIEVE!

Duxberry Park Arts Impact Elementary School leadership and staff believe:

That parents play an important role in assisting their student's educational success

That parents should be encouraged to actively engage in their student's education

That parents are full partners in their student's education and are included in school decision-making through an advisory committee, parent surveys, and fluid, open door conversations with administration, teachers and staff

<u>Duxberry Park Arts Impact Elementary determines to involve parents in the planning and sharing of effective parent involvement activities that include:</u>

Involve parents on an advisory Board or Site-based council

Allow opportunities for small group and independent feedback from parents through targeted parent meetings and parent surveys

Sharing volunteer opportunities in educational, artistic, and community building activities

Providing parents with information on state standards, assessments, Title I participation benefits, monitoring student progress through academic conference, conferences, newsletters, on our school website and information throughout the school year

Providing materials and resources to help parents work with their student to improve academic achievement through conferences, class news letters, small group meetings, and curriculum related literature

# Our PTO is Growing...

We had our organizational meeting for PTO on August, 28. Thank you Mrs. Whitaker for championing this cause. We have goals and a PTO parent involvement plan set up. The PTO drive begins Wednesday, September 5th, and the winning homerooms will receive a special treat from the PTO.

Please complete the attached membership form, and return it in an envelope to your child's teacher. The PTO Membership Drive will go through the end of September. We will have the first meeting at Open House and share the plans for the year as well as sign up volunteers for our 1st annual Fall Family Festival!

Send qustions or comments to the PTO at: duxberryartspto@gmail.com

### **GET INVOLVED IN OUR ENGAGEMENT GROUPS:**

We are looking for parent readers to read with our primary students.

We are looking for male volunteers to work one day a week in the Chess Leadership Club

We are looking for handy people to work with students on practical skills in assembling things, construction, school landscaping, gardening. We want stu-

dents to make real world connections between their learning and life needs.



# New Duxberry Mural ...

other arts experiences

Thank you, Duxberry Family, for helping with the creation of our new front window mural. Come to Open House to participate in another school art experience.

# FOR YOUR CALENDAR

# Parent Engagement &

# Other Important Dates This Month:

3 & 4: Preschool Orientation

5: PTO Membership Drive Begins

5: First day all Preschool

6: Grandparent's Day Celebration

10: Picture Day

11: Early Release 2 p.m.

Get your forms in for the after school program to lock in your spot! Only a few seats left.

