



SPLASH

July 2010

The mission of Durant Road Middle School is to provide educational opportunities for students to help prepare them for high school and the world in the 21st century. "School As It Should Be."



DURANT ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

A Word from our Principal:

Greetings,

I want to welcome all of our new and returning students and parents to Durant Road Middle School for the 2010-2011 school year. I am full of anticipation and excitement with everything the new year brings.

This school year has brought a significant increase in our enrollment, particularly at 6th grade. As a result, we have had the good fortune of bringing on some wonderful educators, both veteran and new to teaching who are committed to providing your child with a wonderful experience. This year will also see students have the opportunity to have consistent, meaningful enrichment and skill building opportunities through Dolphin Time, a thirty minute block of time daily that is provided after each grade level lunch. In preparing our students for the challenges of our interconnected, global society, the faculty and staff thought it was essential that we provide this time.

*In closing, I want to thank the PTA for all of its efforts in helping make Durant Road Middle School the wonderful place that it is. I encourage all of our parents to join the PTA and continue making Durant Road **"School As It Should Be."***

*Ian Solomon
Principal*

JULY/AUGUST CALENDAR EVENTS

July	
8	Open House 12-2pm – ALL TRACKS
9	First Day of School – Tracks 1, 2 & 3
20	PTA Board meeting- 6pm Media Center
20	Meet the Teacher Night Tracks 1, 2 & 3 7pm
August	
2	First Day of School – Track 4 Track 3 – Begin Track out
18	Meet the Teacher Night Track 4 7pm

Support your school!

Join the PTA!

The Durant Road Middle School PTA appreciates everything that all of our parents do to contribute to the success of DRMS!

Your PTA membership helps improve our school in many ways. Please consider joining by returning the form below to your homeroom teacher. A membership table will also be available at the Open House and Meet the Teacher nights.

The PTA supports our school by providing the following throughout the year:

- Agenda for each student
- Teacher mini-grants (classroom books, technology, etc.)
- Staff appreciation throughout the year
- Media Center support
- Cultural Art Programs
- Student Recognition and end of year awards
- Student Directory

Durant Road Middle School PTA Membership 2010-2011

The mission of the DRMS PTA is to promote a positive educational environment for all students, involving students, parents, teachers and administration.

Support your PTA with a 2010-2011 membership and receive voting rights at all General PTA meetings, a DRMS car decal and a student directory.

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____
Home Phone: _____

Student: _____ Track: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

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Membership Options:

_____ Single - \$10.00 _____ Family \$15.00 _____ Dolphin Donor \$30.00

**** Dolphin Donor membership includes a Durant Road Middle School t-shirt, in addition to a student directory, and DRMS car decal. All PTA memberships receive a student directory and car decal.**

Dolphin Donor T-shirt size _____ Color _____ (Black or White)

Cash Total: _____ Check #: _____ Check Amount: _____ PTA Initials: _____

The PTA would like to improve communications and information access this year. The monthly **SPLASH** newsletter and other periodic updates will be distributed via e-mail and will be posted on the DRMS PTA website. To be added to the DRMS PTA e-mail distribution list, please provide your e-mail address. No e-mail address information will be sold or shared with any other organizations.

E-mail Address 1: _____

E-mail Address 2: _____

Student Directory

A student directory with student name, address and phone number will be published and distributed to all PTA members in September. **If you would prefer to not have your student's information included in the directory, complete this portion of the form.**

_____ Do not include my student's information in the DRMS Student Directory

Student Name(s): _____

***NOTICE*- A \$ 20.00 FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR ANY RETURNED CHECKS!**

Durant Road Middle School PTA Volunteers

NAME: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please check the committees on which you would be willing to participate. If you are interested in chairing any of the committees next year, please place a "C" beside the committee name.

- _____ **Box Tops For Education** – (Chair – Linda Butler) Organize collection and submission of Box Tops for Education.
- _____ **Character Education** – (Chair – Kelly Isdahl) Work with teachers and staff to plan Character Education events based on the Wake County Character Education program.
- _____ **Cultural Arts** – (Chair – Kate Seagraves) Work with teachers and staff and the United Arts Council to schedule and organize cultural arts (writing workshops, dramatic presentations, music, entertainment) events for the students
- _____ **8th Grade Celebration** – (Need Chair) Plan and organize the 8th grade year end picnics, dance and other activities
- _____ **Fundraising** – (Chair – Tracy Payne) Plan and organize activities to raise funds to support the activities of the PTA
- _____ **Grounds Beautification** – (Need Chair) Work to maintain and enhance the grounds, landscaping, and campus appearance
- _____ **March Madness** – (Chair – Maurice Wilcox) Plan and organize the spring March Madness event involving basketball games between staff and students
- _____ **Membership** – (Chair – Mary Reiher) Promote and process PTA memberships, distribute membership cards and register all members with the State and National PTA
- _____ **Office Support** – (Chair – Kim Miller) Coordinate parent volunteers to assist office staff during school hours
- _____ **Reflections** – (Need Chair) Publicize the Reflections program and coordinate submission of Reflections entries to Wake County PTA.
- _____ **SPLASH/Student Directory/Website** – (Chair – Linda Davison) Assemble and publish the monthly SPLASH newsletter and the annual Student Directory
- _____ **School Store** – (Chair – Sherry Farmer) Purchase merchandise for sale at the school store and organize volunteers to open and run the store
- _____ **Staff Appreciation** – (Need Chair) Organize teacher, staff, bus driver and custodian appreciation activities

If you would be interested in being a member of the PTA Board next year, please indicate your preferred office:

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| _____ President | _____ President-elect (act a liaison with Staff) |
| _____ Vice President | _____ Secretary |
| _____ Treasurer | _____ Communications Coordinator |

TRACKS 1, 2 & 3 ORDER DEADLINE: **JULY 30, 2010**

TRACK 4 ORDER DEADLINE: **AUGUST 20, 2010**

DURANT ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR ITEMS

NAME _____ PHONE _____ TRACK _____ HOME ROOM _____

Show your school spirit with DRMS spirit wear!

Make checks payable to: **DRMS PTA** (\$20 fee charged for ALL returned checks)

PLEASE WRITE SEPARATE CHECKS FOR SPIRIT WEAR & MEMBERSHIP

AVAILABLE SIZES: YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL AXXL

(all items will be screen printed with teal logo)

short sleeve t-shirt (circle color choice) **total** size _____ white

\$12 or black \$14 amount \$ _____

size _____ white \$12 or black \$14 amount \$ _____ \$ _____

long sleeve t-shirt (circle color choice)

size _____ white \$18 or black \$20 amount \$ _____

size _____ white \$18 or black \$20 amount \$ _____ \$ _____

hoodie sweatshirt

size _____ black \$24 amount \$ _____

size _____ black \$24 amount \$ _____ \$ _____

sweatpants (can be worn for PE classes)

size _____ black \$24 amount \$ _____

size _____ black \$24 amount \$ _____ \$ _____

nylon drawstring bags

quantity _____ black \$10 amount \$ _____ \$ _____

Total order \$ _____

EXCHANGES LIMITED TO IN-STOCK ITEMS ONLY*

JULY DRMS STAFF BIRTHDAYS:



- 6 Elaine Buckey*
- 9 Kristin McConnell*
- 11 Beth Otto*
- 14 Larry Gross, Dorothy Powell*
- 21 Anne Iannucci*
- 22 Audrey Sowa*
- 27 Mona Shah*
- 31 Chrissy Myers, Elizabeth Patterson*

Happy Birthday !

Front Office Support

Want to be where the action is? Volunteer in the Front Office! If you have a morning or afternoon that you would like to fill with something exciting and worthwhile, we're looking for you. Every minute you spend volunteering in the office is an enormous help to the staff. If you are interested, please contact Kim Miller at officesupport@drmspta.net.

DRMS Media Blog

The DRMS Media Center has a blog to keep students, teachers and parents informed of media center programs and announcements. Subscribe to *Making Waves* by adding it to your preferred blog reader service. You'll find *Making Waves* at <http://drmsmedia.blogspot.com> .

Communications:

Please send Splash submissions to splash@drmspta.net by **July 23, 2010** for the **August** edition.

Please email vpcommunications@drmspta.net if you are not receiving emails from the PTA or if you wish to be removed from the email list.