

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

Feb 5	♥ Love Haiti ♥ Community Service Assemblies
Feb 10 5-8 PM	Klondike's Family Night
Feb 12	Student of the Month
Feb 19 6:30-8:30 PM	Family Night - Hour of Code
Feb 26	Jog-A-Thon Kick Off Assemblies
March 3 6:30-8:15 PM	Science Fair

PTA-Related Submission Deadlines At-a-Glance

Due February 12:

- Yearbook Pre-orders
- Science Fair - [Intent to Participate/T-Shirt Pre-Order Form](#)
- [Dunlap Spirit Wear Order Form](#)

Due February 19:

- Jog-a-Thon T-shirt design ("iRun for Laptops" is the 2016 theme)
- 2nd Trimester Deadline for Box Tops

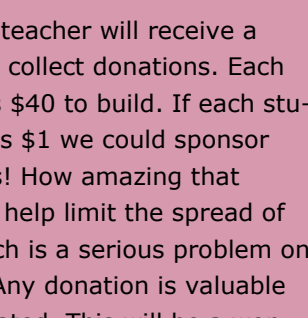
School Spirit Fridays are Coming Soon!

Ralph Dunlap PTA is pleased to announce School Spirit Fridays. We would like to see all students and faculty show their school spirit by wearing a Dolphin shirt or blue and white on Fridays. Spirit Fridays will kick off the first Friday in March. We hope to continue this tradition for years to come!

We are selling Ralph Dunlap Dolphins T-shirts for \$10.00 each and hooded sweatshirts (also known as "hoodies") for \$20.00 each! T-shirts and hooded sweatshirts will be available in two colors: Navy Blue and FUSCHIA Pink. XXL sizes are \$2.00 more per item. Prices include tax.

Order forms were recently sent home with students. Forms are also available in the Dunlap School Office.

Orders and payment (payable to [Ralph Dunlap PTA](#)) are due no later than **February 12th**. **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**



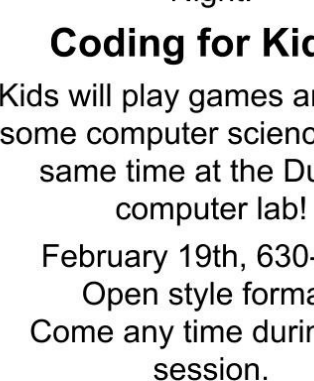
Ralph Dunlap PTA's Klondike Pizza Family Night

Wednesday, February 10 5:00-8:00 PM

Our school will receive 15% of all sales (including take out orders).

During the evening we will sell raffle tickets (starting at just \$1) for a 50/50 drawing. Some of our amazing Ralph Dunlap teachers will be serving that night and the tips they receive will be divided among them for their classrooms.

We thank you in advance for your patience - only so many pizzas can be cooked at a time and delicious pizza cannot be rushed!



Love Haiti

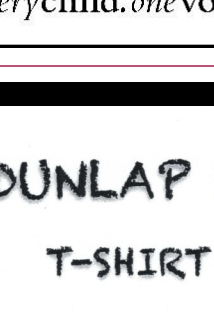
The PTA is launching a global community service project to support the building of latrines on the island of La Gonave in Haiti. We are joining with a non-profit organization, u2u, and will be promoting the project throughout February.

Your child's teacher will receive a container to collect donations. Each latrine costs \$40 to build. If each student donates \$1 we could sponsor 15+ latrines! How amazing that would be to help limit the spread of cholera which is a serious problem on the island! Any donation is valuable and appreciated. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn how their generosity can make a global impact.

On Friday, February 5, an assembly will be held for primary (9:45) and intermediate (10:40). The focus of the assembly will be to explain the Haiti project and answer any questions the children may have.

Thank you for your support! Please contact Veronica Leach at crzytlk6@msn.com for more information.

Dunlap PTA Sponsored Event *Students must be accompanied by a parent.



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Join us for Dunlap Family Night!

Coding for Kids!!

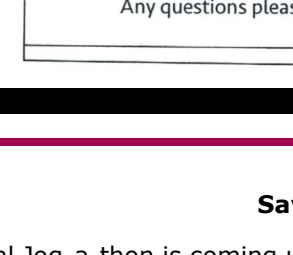
Kids will play games and learn some computer science at the same time at the Dunlap computer lab!

February 19th, 630-830.

Open style format.

Come any time during the session.

Any questions please contact: toreywinn@msn.com



DUNLAP 2016 JOG-A-THON T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS!

It's time to put your artistic talents to use for Dunlap's Jog-A-Thon t-shirt design contest!

Our theme this year is "iRUN 4 LAPTOPS" We need a t-shirt design for this year's Jog-A-Thon and your design could be the winner!

The winner of the contest will enjoy seeing their design on every Jog-A-Thon 2016 t-shirt! Winner will also receive \$50 and a free t-shirt. Runner up will receive \$25 and a free t-shirt!

DUE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

RULES:

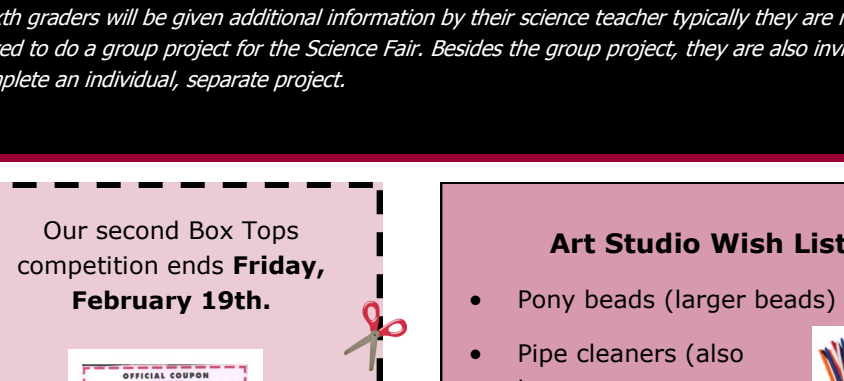
1. Use ONLY black marker or black pen for your design. *Please note: if you use a color other than black, your design may not be considered.
2. Artwork must be done by you, the student. Parent assistance is not allowed.
3. Design should be created on an 8 1/2 x 11 white sheet of paper. Please fill up as much of the paper as possible of your drawing.
4. Include your name, and teacher's name on the back.
5. Design must be turned in to your teacher no later than Friday, February 19th!
6. Be creative & have fun!!

Any questions please contact: toreywinn@msn.com

Save the Date!

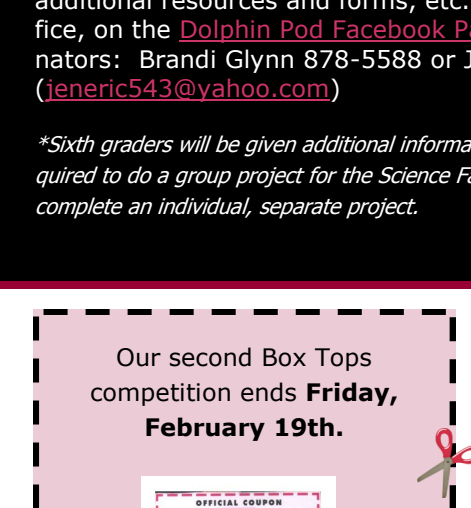
The annual Jog-a-thon is coming up on Thursday, March 24th! Watch out for more information coming soon with our Jog-a-thon Kick-off assemblies on Friday, February 26th. Our theme this year is "iRun for Laptops."

If you are interested in helping with this event or are interested in being a sponsor for the 2016 Jog-a-thon please call Lori Bormes at 720-0923.



Science Fair Kick Off 2016

MAY THE FORCES BE WITH YOU



RALPH DUNLAP SCIENCE FAIR

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016

6:30 - 8:15 PM

Dunlap Multipurpose room and Kindergarten classrooms

Kindergarten through 6th grades* are encouraged to participate in our Science Fair. Our 2016 theme is "May the Forces Be With You." There are many projects students can find that test and demonstrate various forces in our universe. Examples include: gravity, electricity, magnetism, buoyancy, aerodynamics, solubility, centripetal, centrifugal, torque, tension, friction, pressure, applied force (pushing, hitting a ball), etc. Forces are all around us so there is no limit to what you might find!

In addition to science books and magazines, here are a few websites helpful websites:

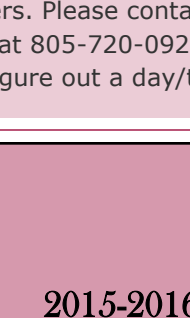
- <http://www.stevespanglerscience.com/lab/experiments/>
- <http://www.education.com/science-fair/>
- <http://www.sciencebob.com/>

Students can do either a Demonstration (including models) or an Experiment. They may work alone or in groups of up to 3. Participants will get a custom-designed t-shirt with the "May the Forces Be With You" design on it.

Our Science Fair Packet contains detailed information on each type of project, additional resources and forms, etc. Packets are available in the School Office, on the [Dolphin Pod Facebook Page](#), or by contacting one of our Coordinators: Brandi Glynn 878-5588 or Jennifer Kantorowski (jeneric543@yahoo.com)

*Sixth graders will be given additional information by their science teacher typically they are required to do a group project for the Science Fair. Besides the group project, they are also invited to complete an individual, separate project.

Our second Box Tops competition ends Friday, February 19th.



Art Studio Wish List

- Pony beads (larger beads)
- Pipe cleaners (also known as chenille stems)
- Baby food jars



Arts Attack

Our new art program needs volunteers!

Thanks to the generosity of the Orcutt Children's Arts Foundation (OCAF) we are able to bring art into our classrooms.

We have several parent volunteers currently coming into our classrooms and giving art lessons but we need more volunteers to meet all of our classrooms' needs.

Arts Attack is a video-based curriculum with no special training required. Art experience is not necessary and supplies are provided. Watch, learn, execute. Volunteers can choose the class/grade they would like to work in. There may also be opportunities to co-teach with another parent -- get together with a fellow parent and share the work and the fun.

If you are interested in learning more about the Arts Attack program, we invite you to come and observe a session being taught by one of our parents/ volunteers. Please contact Liz Herbstreith herbstreith@orcuttsschools.net, Lori Bormes at 805-720-0923, or Eimile Pay at 805-264-5562 for more information and to figure out a day/time to observe. Thank you!

Yearbook

2015-2016 Ralph Dunlap Elementary School Yearbooks Now on Sale!!!

Yearbooks will feature 56 color pages, class pages, sports, activities, events, and autograph pages. Plus 16 Extra pages of Flash Back pages.

Please make checks payable to Ralph Dunlap PTA, or send in EXACT dollar amount. Price per yearbook is \$15.00

You Can Also Pay ONLINE! Preferred Payment! Visit www.schoolannual.com and click the "Buy Your Students Yearbook" button at the top of the page.

The class with most online orders the first week of sales will get a ROOTBEER FLOAT PARTY!

Please send in order forms to the office. Make sure not to forget your students name and Teacher's name.

Pre-Sale begins February 1st and the last day to order is February 12th 2016. After this date, they will be available to buy the last week of school, if they don't sell out. They have sold out the past 3 years!

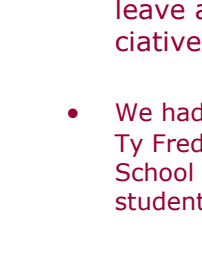
I ordered an extra 25 of last year's books the last day of school, so if you need that one please come buy one, cost is \$15.00.

There is still a little time to submit your photos too!

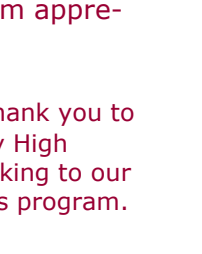
Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.schoolannualonline.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 403013623
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

Or Download our new Yearbook App: (It's FREE) Replait by Jostens, password is Dolphins



California Reads



Keep those reading logs coming in! We are more than halfway through our read-a-thon which ends on March 31st.

Students are awarded prizes as they turn in their reading logs and read toward earning a California Reads "Gold Medal" at a parent-invited award ceremony at the end of the school year. Lower grades (K-3rd) need to read at least 96 books and upper grades (4th-6th) need to read at least 2,400 pages to earn the gold medal. Students turn in their reading logs to their teachers.

Please let me know if you have questions 805-938-0751 or grdntools@yahoo.com

~ Danielle Rivera, California Reads Coordinator

Heartfelt Appreciation from the PTA...

- Tara Hendricks (Craft Fair Chair) would like to thank the following volunteers for helping with the set-up of the Make-n-Take Craft Fair this past December: Claudia & Micah Fuson, Jennifer Ward, Kayla Tucker, Melissa Johnson, Torey Winn, and Jennifer Kantorowski. Also a special thanks to Judy Brenneman for lending her musical talent, Teri Parker for cashing, and Emilie Pay & family for providing hospitality during the event. Thank you everyone! I hope I didn't leave anyone out, but if I did please know that I'm appreciative of your time and energy just the same.
- We had a fun and informative Science Fair Kick Off. Thank you to Ty Fredriks and several students from Orcutt Academy High School Robotics for demonstrating their robots and talking to our students about their awesome, award-winning robotics program.
- Thank you also to Eric Kantorowski, Chemistry Professor at Cal Poly, for his exciting demonstrations; and Jenny Bush and the Central Coast Science Project students for bringing some thought-provoking hands-on activities. (Participating students were: Chris-Chemistry, Karoline- Biochemistry, Melody- Biochemistry, Jessica- Animal Science, Jahana- Liberal Studies, and Georgia- Liberal Studies).



We invite you to join the conversation on the "The Dolphin Pod" on Facebook. Click on the Facebook icon above to be taken to Dunlap's Facebook group.

