



Dixie News!
Principal Newsletter
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Please check out our school web site!

<http://dixiesd.marin.k12.ca.us/dixieschool/>

Click on "Classrooms" to see your individual classroom web pages

October LifeSkill: Responsibility

The root of the word responsibility is "respond" – to respond to people, animals, things, circumstances and the world around you, moment by moment, with integrity and caring – with a sense of what is right. Being responsible means speaking up and/or taking action when the moment calls for it even if it's inconvenient, an unpopular cause or there is no reward for doing so. We demonstrate the LifeSkill Responsibility when we say and do the right thing at the right time; we also demonstrate this when, after the fact, we own up to our words, actions and deeds or our failure to respond. Being responsible is not for the faint-hearted. It demands strength, endurance, competence, a well-integrated sense of values and an accurate sense of what our time, energy and available resources can accomplish. Above all, the desire and commitment to be a responsible person must be lit and nurtured from within.

School Board Candidates Forum

All Dixie School District parents are invited to attend a Dixie School District Board of Trustees Candidates' Forum on Tuesday, October 18 from 7–8:30 p.m. in the Miller Creek Middle School Gym, 2255 Las Gallinas Drive. Come meet the four candidates running for the three open seats on the Board of Trustees, so you can make an informed decision at the November 8 election. The event is hosted by the Dixie School District Coordinating Council.

Healthy Kids Survey

Last year our fifth graders took a State survey that asked questions about tobacco use, drug use, body image, feeling safe at school and a variety of other issues. If you are interested in looking at the results of this survey see Gail or Tara in the office.

SHOES

Make sure your student wears good sturdy shoes to school. They need hard-soled shoes on the playground and in the garden and especially during P.E. classes. Girls wearing “high heeled/party” sandals are just looking for an injury at school. Save them for the weekends please!

Dixie Doodle!

During the week of October 17th, your child will have the opportunity to participate in the *Dixie Doodle!* The *Dixie Doodle*, a wonderful fund-raiser sponsored by the Arts Council, is an opportunity for your child to have their artwork turned into professionally reproduced full-color products. Your child will have fun creating artwork for the *Doodle* during their regularly scheduled art class (1st through 5th graders) or after-school (kindergarteners).

In your child's Friday Folder on October 21st, you will receive a packet that includes your child's original artwork, a catalog, an order form and directions on how to order. You will then have the opportunity to purchase a variety of products featuring your child's artwork including magnets, note cards, pillow cases, t-shirts, tote bags, aprons, ceramic mugs, key chains, computer mouse pads, tile/trivets, journals, luggage tags, sweatshirts, matter prints, quilt blocks, pot holders and flags.

DOES YOUR CHILD KNOW WHAT TO DO...?

Does your child know what to do if he comes home and you're not there? Your child needs to know where to go and what to do in this event. You may have a neighbor who is home during the day and willing to be your emergency backup. Make sure your child knows your plan. Teach your child how to make an emergency call. Be sure your child knows her full name, complete address and phone number, and your full name. If your home is close to the school, your child should be able to tell someone how to get from school to home. Teach her a simple route using familiar landmarks. This could help if your child were hurt or in an accident. If your child will ever be home alone, review emergency procedures frequently.

Mark Your Calendars...Coming Up

10/17 to 10/21/05 Mrs. von Glahn's class has Traffic Loop Duty
10/18 Site Council Mtg. 4:30pm - Library
10/18 Meet Board of Education Candidates 7pm at Miller Creek
10/21 Student Council Speeches at 8:30am assembly
10/21 Fifth Graders to Drake's Bay Field Trip
10/30 Daylight Savings- change clocks BACK one hour
10/31 Dixie School Halloween Parade 1:00pm
11/1 NO SCHOOL for students- Professional Development for staff