



Darter Tacklebox Week 15 December 3, 2023

Good evening, DARLINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL! WE are LIVE Here at the BUBBLE. This is proud principal Alberta Porter with 4th graders Emily and Will.

Darter Scholars-Second graders for sharing their research about the Macy's Day Parade! They learned a lot about balloon handlers and how hard a job it really is. Way to go 2nd grade!

Thank you for your amazing support of the Joe Corbi fundraiser. Don't forget the Joe Corbi pick up is scheduled for Monday, December 18th from 4-6 p.m. in the Media Center.



What is Stamina?

If stamina is doing something for a long period of time without getting tired or giving up, then think of reading stamina as a time when you get lost in a book.

When your child is named Stamina Champion, that is a huge, celebrated event because it means they read for a long time in their chosen book thinking about the skill the teacher taught. Read with your child and set aside time for them to read independently for at least 15 minutes each night.

Student Council-please see the Mittens, Hats, and small gifts for their Holiday Service Project that went home this week.

Growing Together as Readers-Please turn in your Stamina Tracker to Mrs. Guzman for November as we want to exceed our October tracker of 25,442 minutes!!!

PTA's December Meeting has been canceled because there are several evening events that week. The Winter Concert is Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. each performer may bring 4 guests.

Congrats to our student artists whose artwork was chosen to create DAES's Happy Holiday Community Card. Each artist will also receive a card honoring their contributions to our Holiday card-John 2nd, Will 4th, Emily 4th, and Charolette 5th.



AND NOW.....it is time for the Corny jokes of the week!

Q. How do you know when it is too cold for a picnic?

A. When you chip your tooth on the soup!

Q. What do you call a snowman on rollerblades?

A. A snow mobile.

Have a Stunning Sunday and a Mistletoe Monday!

Below, see the Gingerbread House Night information. Please register and volunteer.

Gingerbread House Night is Friday, December 15th. Flyers went home this week in students' folders.



Gingerbread Night

The Darlington PTA is hosting our annual Family Gingerbread Night
at the Cafegymatorium on
Friday, December 15 at 6:30pm-8:00pm

There will be pizza, reindeer games, contests, and door prizes!

Each family should supply:
-- one box of graham crackers per builder
-- one bag of candy for decorating to share with the group.

The PTA will supply pizza, drinks and icing for the houses.
If you are feeling festive, wear your best ugly sweater/holiday wear!
Prizes for best holiday wear and best gingerbread houses!
Free Raffle Drawing for Christmas tree and wreaths!

Please indicate number of adults & children attending, so we can have enough food for everyone.

We need volunteers to assist throughout the event.
If you can volunteer, please contact Hwa-Jung Strohm at 443-307-3846 or fill out info below.
Sign ups are also available on our PTA Facebook page. Look up Darlington PTA.

Please return the response form by Monday, Dec 12th

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

_____ Adults will attend # _____ Children will attend

Yes, I can volunteer.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

REMIDERS:

Volunteers Needed: Please see the volunteer expectations and opportunities for volunteering at DAES.

Weather has Changed-please remember to have students wear a jacket. Please remember that students need jackets as the temperature in the different parts of the building can be chilly, to go to recess, and if we have an evacuation.

SMART Watches of any kind are treated with the same expectations as those for cell phones. They must be off and inside backpacks. Please see the HCPS handbook for more details.

Absences-please remember to submit vacation requests 10 school days prior to the trip in order for the vacation to be approved as a lawful absence. All absences require a note to the school.

From the School Counselor-Mrs. Mussini- Now that the weather is getting cooler, if your child is in need of a coat, please reach out to me. We have a few sizes available. Also, as always, I am here for your child and your family. If I can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out to you!

School Spirit Days: please see the below list there are lots of spirit days in the next few weeks.

Revised as of 10/4/25 School Spirit Days

SC - October 18 – Movie/TV Character Day (wear a shirt or outfit of your favorite TV or movie character)-this was a great school-wide participation spirit day! Thanks to all who participated!

Red Ribbon Week:

October 23 – We are “Red-y” To Be Drug Free! Wear red to kick off Red Ribbon Week.

October 24 – “Band Together Against Drugs!” Wear a bandana.

October 25 – “Say BOO To Drugs!” Wear a Halloween shirt or black and orange.

October 26 – “Our School Chooses To Be Drug Free!” Wear a DAES shirt or the color blue.

October 27 - “I’m A Jean-ius Because I’m Drug Free!” Wear jeans. / Pink Out Day – Wear Pink

SC – October 31 – Fall Shirt Day – wear an orange, black, and/or purple shirt or a fall shirt (no costumes)

Career Week:

November 6 – “It All Starts Here!” Wear a DAES shirt or the color blue.

November 7 – “Dress For Success!” Dress up for a job interview.

November 8 – “I’m Dreaming of A Successful Career!” Wear pajamas. (No slippers)

November 9 – “Work Hard And It Will Pay Off!” Wear work-out clothes.

November 10 - “You Can Be Anything You Want To Be!” Dress up as your future career.

SC - November 17 – Western Day

SC - December 8 – Favorite Color Day

Holiday Spirit Week:

December 18 – Candy Cane Day

December 19 – Holiday Character Day

December 20 – Winter Fun Day

December 21 – Jingle Bells / Holiday Bling Day

December 22 – Holiday Shirt Day

SC - January 12 – Pajama Day

*SC – Identified by Student Council

DARLINGTON ELEMENTARY PTA MEMBERSHIP

We encourage each family to join the PTA. Your \$10 membership fee per person gives you a voting voice in the PTA. Even if you don't plan to attend meetings, we encourage you to become a member as a way to continue the PTA efforts at your child's school. Please complete the membership form below and return it to the school with your child by **September 29th**. You can also join and pay online with MemberHub: <https://darterspta.memberhub.com/store> Note there is a small transaction fee online



Being part of your child's PTA is an opportunity contribute to your child's school experience. We welcome each of you to be involved in a way that works with your schedule. We appreciate all levels of help! Involvement brings a sense of accomplishment, appreciation for the events at school, camaraderie, friendship and an opportunity to learn new skills and share your talents!

Please plan to attend our next PTA Election/Meeting on Thursday, September 7th at 7pm at Darlington Elementary School. If our facilities request is not approved the meeting will be at Francis Silver Park instead.

For questions about the PTA, contact DAES PTA via email darlingtonelempta@yahoo.com

Please detach below & return to your child's teacher by Sept 29th. THANK YOU!

Membership cards are sent by email – please provide a unique email for each member!!

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Darlington Elementary School PTA 2023-2024 Membership Application

Please provide the names of each parent or caregiver to be included in the membership. We also ask you to list the name of each child attending Darlington Elementary School.

Member Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Is this Member willing to Volunteer to Support PTA Activities YES NO

Member Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Is this Member willing to Volunteer to Support PTA Activities YES NO

Enclosed is \$ _____ (Please include \$10 for each adult member. Make checks payable to DAES PTA)

Your Darter's Name(s)

Student Name _____ Grade _____

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