



## Darter Tacklebox Week 17 December 17, 2023

Good evening, DARLINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL! WE are LIVE Here at the BUBBLE. This is proud principal Alberta Porter and Danielle O'Neill our proud assistant principal.

As we prepare to celebrate the Winter Break, we have much to be thankful for among our school families and school community members! Mrs. O'Neill and I would like to wish you and your families a wonderful season filled with joy of memories held from long ago and joy found in new memories and traditions. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the new year! Schools will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Our next Tacklebox will be on Sunday, January 7, 2024.

**Darter Scholars**-We celebrate our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Concert performers for doing a great job both during the day and at the evening concert! We look forward to their continued growth and can't wait to hear and see that growth at the Spring Concert.

**Thank you for your amazing support of the Joe Corbi fundraiser.** Don't forget the Joe Corbi pick up has been moved to Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. in the Media Center.

**Student Council**-Thank you for supporting our mittens and hat with small toys service project collection. These items will support families in our community.

**Growing Together as Readers**-Please turn in your Stamina Tracker to Mrs. Guzman for December as we want to exceed our November tracker's minutes!!!

PTA' Gingerbread House Night-Thank you for a wonderful family fun-filled activity. The houses were amazing. Thank you volunteers who supported this wonderful evening with our PTA Executive Board.

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

- **What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the regular alphabet?**
- The Christmas alphabet has Noel.
- **What did the hat say to the scarf?**
- You hang around while I go on ahead.

**Have a sparkling Sunday and a memorable Monday!**

## REMIDERS:

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

**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- From Mrs. Mussini, Our School Counselor:**

Through the generosity of community partners, we have many coats available. If you are in need of the following sizes, please contact Mrs. Mussini at 410-638-3700.

Girls & Boys 5/6

Girls 7/8

Girls & Boys 10/12

Girls & Boys 14/16

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 list below for the remaining December Spirit Days and the first January Spirit Day. A new list will be sent home in January.

### **Revised as of 10/4/25 School Spirit Days**

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 29<sup>th</sup>**. 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_