

# Dragonfly Dispatch

August/September 2010

Dillard Drive Elementary PTA Newsletter

## Hello Dillard Drive Elementary Families!

We have an exciting year planned, and we hope all of our families will find programs and activities they can participate in. One of our goals this year as we "Build our Road to Excellence" is to help all DDES parents find a way to be more involved in Dillard Drive Elementary. On September 15 we will be offering a "Get Connected" seminar at 9:30 am in the cafeteria. This will be a time to come hear how every parent can be involved in their child's education.

This year we have decided to pre-order our new Spirit Wear items. This gives us the opportunity to offer a wider selection of apparel for purchase including long sleeve t-shirts and hooded sweatshirts. Our last day to collect orders for September will be on September 8. The apparel will be delivered to your child's teacher in late September or early October.

On September 9 we will hold our first PTA meeting during Curriculum Night. I hope to see all of you there, and I look forward to working with you to help all of our children SOAR this year!

## AGENDAS

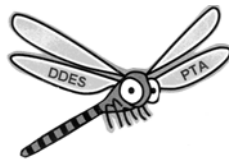
for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
Grades

**Cost:** \$5

**When:** 8:45am - 9:15am  
August 25 - September 3

**Where:** Main hall across from  
cafeteria

Agendas are student planners for recording homework and providing parent/teacher communication. It is a great way for students to learn organizational skills.



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## 2010-11 Bell Schedule:

M-F 9:15am - 3:45pm

### Early Release Dates:

Students will be dismissed at  
**1:15pm** on the following dates:

September 17	February 11
October 22	March 11
December 3	April 8

## Reflections 2010-11

"Together We Can ..."

Put on your dancing shoes, grab a camera, pick up a pen or paintbrush and create! Express your creativity through dance, music, story, or poetry and take part in Reflections. Join thousands of other students as they create entries based on this year's theme "Together We Can ...". Entry forms will be available in early September. Categories students may select from include: Literature \* Dance \* Music Composition \* Photography \* Visual Arts \* Film Production.

All PTA Memberships Registered by September 17 will receive a Great Harvest Bread coupon for a **FREE** loaf of bread! **Join PTA!**

## Dates to Remember:

**Sept. 1: Tea and Tissues**  
9:15am - 9:45am  
(For Kindergarten Parents)

**Sept. 15: "Get Connected" Series Seminar**  
9:30 am in cafeteria

**Sept. 28: McTeacher's Night**  
Join DDES for dinner at the McDonald's on Walnut St.!

**Sept. 8: Last Day to Order Spirit Wear!**

**Sept. 15: PTA Board Mtg**  
11 am (All PTA members are welcome!)

**Sept. 28-30: Spirit Votes on Sale!**

**Sept. 9: Curriculum Night**  
PTA General Meeting  
6:00 pm

**Sept. 28: Ronald McDonald Student Assembly: "Friendship Adventure!"**

**Oct. 5-8: Spirit Week ending with the Dragonfly DASH!**

I hope you had a wonderful summer break, filled with opportunities to learn and grow. The teachers and staff are excited and look forward to challenging your children intellectually, encouraging their social growth, and guiding them toward independent thinking and problem solving.

Our school continues to be recognized as achieving high academic growth, meeting all AYP goals, and placing as the top Title I school in Wake County. This year we will continue to build on this success by providing a learning program that builds on each year to reach local and state standards.

As we embark upon our partnership this year, we ask that you encourage your students to demonstrate the best of themselves every moment of every day and to make positive contributions to the groups and organizations to which they belong.

Please remember your volunteer hours can be served through working with the PTA. The administrative staff is working with the PTA to increase parent involvement with our school and to make sure we remain responsive to your ideas and concerns.

The faculty and staff at Dillard Drive Elementary School look forward to working with you and your child throughout the school year to provide a productive and safe learning environment that supports student success.

Dr. Wilkins, Principal



If you were unable to attend Meet the Teacher and sign up on the PTA Communication List, you can still sign up to receive email notices of volunteer needs by sending an email to [pta@candidkids.net](mailto:pta@candidkids.net).

### Spirit Items on Sale:

Volunteers will have Spirit Items available before school through September 3 along with the Student Agenda sales in the main hall across from the cafeteria. Items available for purchase include:

Clip Magnet	\$2	Oval Car Magnets	\$4
Insulated Lunch Bags	\$5	Round Car Magnet	\$5
Blue 2009-10 DDES T-Shirts	\$5	<i>(shirts available in sizes Youth L through Adult XXXL)</i>	

### Link VIC & MVP Cards - Fundraising While You Shop!

Remember to link your Harris Teeter VIC card to DDES (#3530) and your Food Lion MVP card to DDES (#212860) at the store register or online. Buy store-brand products and money is given to our school. You must re-link every year. Thank you!

### Box Tops For Education

Our goal this year is to collect 25,000 Box tops to help our school. You can find these labels on hundreds of your favorite products. Each Box Tops is worth 10 cents. For more detailed information about Box tops, please read the "Box Tops Information Flyer" in your welcome packet or contact Annie Kaiser at [anniewongkaiser@aol.com](mailto:anniewongkaiser@aol.com).



### We're on the Web!

**School Website:** [dillardes.wcpss.net](http://dillardes.wcpss.net)

**Facebook:** Dillard Drive Elementary PTA

**DDES-PTA Website:** [www.ddespta.org](http://www.ddespta.org)

**Twitter:** [www.twitter.com/ddespta](http://www.twitter.com/ddespta)

The Dragonfly Dispatch is our monthly PTA communication about news and events at DDES as well as opportunities to volunteer. If you would like to receive more frequent updates, send an email to [pta@candidkids.net](mailto:pta@candidkids.net) to join our email list!