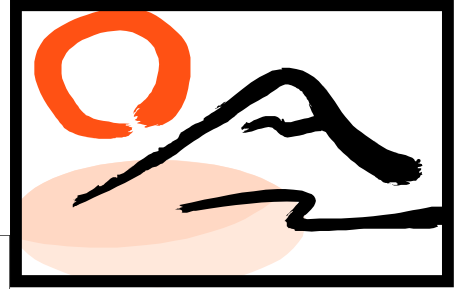


Diablo View Middle School

A California Distinguished School



Diablo Views

(925) 672-0898

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WINTER - 2012 DVMS IS GOING GREEN, NEWSLETTER NOW EMAILED—COPIES AVAILABLE IN OFFICE

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Chris Clausen
Vice Principal

Orielle Couttlen
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Office Manager

Donna Umperovitch
Secretary

Susan Garcia
Attendance Secretary

Parent/Faculty Club
Megan Kommer
President

School Facts
Colors: Royal Blue,
Black and White
Mascot: Bobcat



DO THE RIGHT THING

**Self
Discipline**

**IT IS THE RIGHT
THING TO DO**

A Message from the Principal

DIABLO VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRESENTS
KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Join us for a presentation for parents by a distinguished panel of experienced professionals for valuable advice and tips on educating our children and navigating today's world we live in.

Diablo View Multi-Use Room
February 8, 2012—7:00 p.m.

Dates To Remember

Spring Break—April 9-13, 2012
STAR Testing—May 7-11, 2012
Open House—May 23, 2012 7:00-8:00pm

CAREER DAY



Do you have an interesting job that you would enjoy sharing with our students?



Plans are underway to have several adult professionals visit campus on Wednesday, March 14, to visit classes, talk to students and share details about their day-to-day work. We need people from a variety of fields and professions—nurses and doctors, pilots, engineers, architects, policemen, firemen, artists, authors, musicians and almost anything in-between. If you are interested in speaking to our middle schoolers that day and would like more information, please contact Kelly Marshall at kelly@kmgardendesign.com.



A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL

Chris Clausen

At Diablo View, we are always concerned about the health, safety and well-being of our students. Children should not carry more than 15 to 20 percent of their body weight in their backpacks. We encourage parents to be involved in keeping students' backpacks from accumulating unnecessary books, binders, papers, and personal items. Students do not need to bring textbooks to and from school, as teachers maintain a class set in their classrooms.

Our goal is to help students be well prepared for class while maintaining healthy habits. Following are some helpful tips, as recommended by the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. for safer use of backpacks.

- ◆ The heaviest items should be loaded closest to the back of the backpack (toward the student's back.)
- ◆ Backpacks should always be worn using both shoulder straps.
- ◆ Select a backpack with well-padded shoulder straps.
- ◆ Adjust the shoulder straps so that the backpack fits snugly on the student's back. The bottom of the backpack should rest on the curve of the lower back no more than 4 inches below the student's waistline.
- ◆ Wear the waist belt if the backpack has one.
- ◆ Select a backpack that is the right size for the student.
- ◆ Clean out extra books and supplies from your backpack regularly. Don't carry more than is needed.

Now that we are entering the third quarter, please take this opportunity to replenish your child's supplies of paper, pencils, colored pencils, etc. Your teachers will be grateful for it! We appreciate your support in helping your child "lighten the load" and keeping your child healthy.

ATTENDANCE AT DIABLO VIEW



Our Attendance goal this year is for a **1% increase in attendance**. We need **every** family's help to make this happen. Please, schedule family trips for times the students are already scheduled to be off, whenever possible. When an ortho or doctor appointment is during the day, remember that even attending one period gives the school the full ADA for that student for that day! Bring the student in before or after the appointment.....it will help them and it will help Diablo View.

There is an Attendance page on Schoolnotes.com and the page has information on attendance procedures. Please call Susan Garcia, the Attendance Secretary at 672-0898 or e-mail your child's absence to, garcias@mdusd.org. Make sure to include your student's name, grade, date of absence and reason for absence, along with your name and relationship to the student. Excusable reasons are illness or injury, doctor or dental appointments, funerals and religious holidays. **Family events and vacations are not excusable.**

All absences must be cleared with either a phone call, note or e-mail **within 72 hours, otherwise, your student will be marked truant.** **When taking students from school early, please have your student bring a note to Mrs. Garcia in Attendance before school.** The note should indicate why the student is leaving early (dentist, personal, etc). Your student will be issued a "Permit to Leave School" to show to their teacher so s/he will know to release them early. This keeps the office from interrupting the classroom to contact your student during class. You will need to meet and sign out your student in the office at the time you indicate on your note.

Locker Room Safety

Students should bring a lock to put on their locker in the gym. Teachers attempt to keep the locker room locked at all times but we have still had a few incidents where items have disappeared from their locker. A combination lock would be best so you don't have a key to lose. Another safety idea is "Don't bring large amounts of money to school."

Only bring what is necessary to get through the day. Wallets can easily disappear and not be found.



Students, remember permanent markers and aerosol cans are not allowed at school for any reason





IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL 6TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS



As of Oct. 29, 2010, the California state law (CA-Law Assembly Bill 354) requires a PERTUSSIS (whooping cough booster - Tdap) for students age 10 years and older.

If your child 10 years and older has not yet received the Tdap booster, please contact your healthcare provider/doctor to discuss getting a booster shot. Students will need proof of a Tdap booster before entering school in the 2012-13 school year (7th grade and up.) If your child has already received the Tdap/pertussis booster shot, please bring the official immunization record to the school office so that our files can be updated. Your child's record must include a date for the immunization and the healthcare provider's signature or stamp.

DO THE RIGHT THING



Character Initiative Program

The "Do The Right Thing" Character Initiative Program is a partnership between our local schools and community organizations. The promotion of our six character traits throughout our schools and community will only strengthen and advance the standards which make Clayton a wonderful place to live, raise a family, work and play.

- Responsibility Respect Kindness Self-Discipline Integrity Courage

In Clayton.....we **"DO THE RIGHT THING"**
Because.....IT IS THE **RIGHT THING TO DO!**

Diablo View PFC Meeting Dates



In an effort to plan meetings, dates and times that will accommodate most people and not conflict with other community or school meetings, the PFC alternates their meeting days between **Tuesday mornings at 9:00am** and **Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm**. All Tuesday meetings are held in the Community Room (next to the gym) and Wednesday meetings are held in the school library. Please try to attend at least one meeting this year as this is a valuable time to hear directly from school administration as well as find out where your money is being spent!

Mark your calendar:

- Tuesday, Feb 7, 2012 Wednesday, Mar 14, 2012
Tuesday, Apr 10, 2012 Wednesday, May 9, 2012—NO JUNE MEETING

8TH GRADE PARENTS!!



The 8th grade students have traditionally been promoted from Diablo View Middle School with much **fanfare and celebration**. The 8th Grade Promotion Celebration is an evening event that includes food, games, and dancing. It is a way for us to honor our students' achievements at Diablo View Middle School. This event will be **Wednesday, June 13, 2012**.

The celebration is planned, organized and carried out by the parents of 8th graders. At Camp Diablo View, many of you volunteered to help with the 8th Grade Promotion Celebration however, at this time we are still looking for several more volunteers.

The 8th Grade Promotion Celebration committee is traditionally broken down into subcommittees for decorations, food, games, security, etc. Please consider volunteering to help with any of these subcommittees. If you are interested in more information please call:

Susanne Renner—(925)216-9228—Crenner58@comcast.net
Edie Olson (925)787-7629-edieolson1@mac.com



The Bunny Farm



The garden had a super fall harvest!!! We harvested huge pumpkins, melons, squash and tomatoes. We then planted cauliflower, kale, leeks and broccoli.
 Our recycling has grown to 3,758 bottles and cans! Please remember to recycle at lunch in the Multi-Use Room.



How else can I support my child in their education you ask?

Parents are very powerful in a child's growth and development both educationally and socially.

Here are some ways to support your child during their middle school years:

- Attend Parent Faculty Club meetings
- Keep up on schoolnotes.com Make sure you have your Homelink account set up.
- Check your child's assignment calendar each night and make sure their homework is completed and ready to turn in to the teacher.
- Help your child keep his/her backpack clean and organized.
- Monitor and supervise your child during their free time. This includes after school activities such as computer use, Facebook, cell phones, parties and extra curricular activities. Many of the issues we deal with at school have stemmed from activities that occurred outside the regular school day.

STUDENT COUNCIL

President— Giovy Webb
 Vice President— Cameron Martin
 Secretary/Treasurer— Bryden Connel
 Publicist—Annagail Grant
 6th Rep—Matt Hyland
 6th Rep—Payton Mannie
 The officers and the leadership class attended the CADA Leadership Conference in early October and came home with lots of good ideas. We are also working with the CIA (Character in Action Program) to enhance our student body. I look forward to another great year. *Jennifer Ruff*

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

LINCOLN'S HOLIDAY — Feb. 13, 2012



PRESIDENT'S HOLIDAY— Feb. 20, 2012

SPRING BREAK



April 09-13, 2012

No School