



# Dogwood Dolphin Echo

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## From the Administration . . .

As a child, my favorite movie was the The Wizard of Oz . In that story, the main character wanted to return home. Like Dorothy, I feel like I have returned home. I can't thank you enough for the support and encouragement that you provided me in this transition. I am so happy to be able to return to Dogwood after my appointment as Director of Early Childhood and Elementary Education.



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It is my firm belief that children should not be sent out to sell a product. Therefore, we have traditionally had a family donation as the major fundraiser at Dogwood. Whatever you can spare is appreciated. We plan to extend the Promethean Boards into the remaining third through fifth grade rooms to incorporate the most up-to-date and relevant technology. Also, we are working to incorporate lab activities each week in the area of science at each grade level. Because we do not have a true science lab, we are trying to utilize volunteers and fundraiser money to help us engage and encourage students in the area of science, technology, and math.

There is so much going on that I can't even begin to list them. Luckily, we have a wonderful PTA. The Constant Contact site keeps everyone up to date with all of the ongoing programs and activities. Please email your teacher, or contact the office to see how you can be involved. We welcome your time, expertise, and involvement. Together, we will make this the best learning environment for all of the children in the Dogwood community.

Please join the PTA, give as much as you can to our fundraiser, and volunteer your time. We need your time and support.

*Susan Pittman  
Principal*



## From the President . . .

I hope everyone is having a great year so far at Dogwood. I can't believe we are already at the end of the first quarter! Your Dogwood PTA has been busy at work.

Our Dogwood Student Directory is about to go to print! A big thanks to Julie Holloway and Amy Eoff for all of their hard work collecting membership information and directory ads, and creating the directory. This is truly a huge undertaking.

In the month of September, our PTA Hospitality Committee hosted Goodies for Grandparents, which was a huge success! The cafeteria was packed with happy grandparents enjoying donuts with their grandchildren. A special thanks to Tara Teutsch, Malissa Henegar and their Hospitality Committee for organizing a great event!

Our PTA Family Donation Drive kicked off this month as well. As of Monday, October 3rd, 41% of our families have donated a total of \$17,878.86. Our goal is to raise \$35,000, so we are just about half way there. We also have a goal to have 100% participation from Dogwood families. The efforts of the PTA affect every student at Dogwood, so we ask that every family support us. We understand that these are hard economic times for some, so if you can't donate the full suggested amount of \$75.00 per child, please show us your support by donating what you can. The donation drive officially concludes on Friday, October 7th. We will certainly accept donations after the deadline, but for planning purposes, we ask that you send your donation in by the deadline, if possible. Thank you to Stacie Dunham for all of her hard work with the Donation Drive and thank you to all of the families that have donated! We appreciate your support.

Dogwood Families also came together on Saturday, October 1st to help the City of Germantown with a Community Build of the Delta at Dogwood Park. Thanks to all of the families, teachers and staff that helped make this a wonderful community event!

I hope that all of our Dogwood Families and Teachers have a wonderful Fall Break!

*Laura Clausen  
Dogwood PTA President*

**Dogwood  
Book Fair  
Thursday,  
Nov. 3, 2011  
from 4:30-  
8:30 p.m. at  
The Avenue  
at Carriage  
Crossing**

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER . . .

During the month of September, all students learned about the concept of bullying. They understand that a bullying behavior is physical or mental and intended to harm, disturb, annoy, or harass others. Appropriate ways of responding to bullying were discussed. Most importantly, students were encouraged to show respect to others as well as perform acts of kindness.

Parents, let's encourage positive behaviors by

- \* modeling the behavior you would like your child to display
- \* encouraging your child to respect individual differences
- \* displaying empathy towards others

*Mrs. Fitchpatric  
School Counselor*

## YEARBOOK

Dogwood will be producing a 128 page hard copy full color yearbook this year. **Books are pre-purchased and only the number of books ordered are printed and delivered to the students in May.**

Yearbooks are on sale now for **\$40** at <http://www.yearbookforever.com/> which accepts either Paypal or Visa/Mastercard/Discover card/American Express. At this website, you type Dogwood and click Dogwood Elementary in Germantown, TN and then click on Buy Yearbook. This will walk you through the choices including name imprinting on the cover and year in review supplements which are all optional.

The basic price of the book will go up to **\$45** if you order after **November 30, 2011 (extended)**. **The final day to place your order for a yearbook for this year will be January 13, 2012.**

If you have any questions, including did I already purchase my student's yearbook, please email [nancy.yenser@comcast.net](mailto:nancy.yenser@comcast.net). I will be glad to look that information up for you.

**BARNES & NOBLE**  
BOOKSELLERS

**Dogwood Book Fair is Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30-8:30pm at  
Barnes and Noble at The Avenue Carriage Crossing,  
4610 Merchants Park Circle, Suite 52, in Collierville.  
Our ID #:10489649**

**BARNES & NOBLE**  
BOOKSELLERS

Parents, our grade level activities will kick off just after 5:30pm, when Cub Scout Pack #271 will present the colors. Wear your pajamas! There will be a grade level attendance competition again this year.

Scheduled events:

K and 1st grade-story time  
2nd-3rd grade-scavenger hunt  
4th -5th grade-Wii competition

There will be a large station with all the teacher chase. All you have to do is pay for the book, you are with Dogwood-they will have our ID # wish lists books at Barnes and Noble with a teacher of your purchase, or take it with you and Think holidays, they are fast approaching. Books, Junior Girl Scout Troop #10365 will wrap your



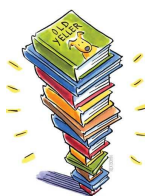
wish lists, filled with books, available for purchasing the ID#10489649 (just tell the cashier handy). Then either leave your purchased sticker inside the book that notifies the have your child give it to their teacher. music or movie they are all great gift ideas. purchases free of charge!

Don't forget, Barnes and Noble Cafe, where there will be lots of sweets, and drinks, including a full Starbucks expresso bar! Did someone say CHEESECAKE??? Be on the lookout for the cheesecake flyers that will come home with your children. You may pre-order a Cheesecake Factory Cheesecake, and pick it up that night at the Barnes and Noble Cafe. They are \$36.00 with a B&N member card, and \$40.00 without one. They are delicious. There will be several flavors to choose from, and they are frozen, so just in time for the holidays! You pay for them when you pick them up. We have a goal to sell 3 cheesecakes per classroom. Those classrooms who meet this goal will be put into a drawing for a special prize for the winning teacher!

**The  
Cheesecake Factory**

Remember, everything you buy, (including food and drinks, and CHEESECAKES), at Barnes and Noble on the evening of November 4, and through November 8, will count towards Dogwood's financial goals, *except the purchase of gift cards, some textbooks, B&N memberships, and e-readers and their accessories.* However, the redemption of a gift card does count, so bring in all those birthday and holiday gift cards you almost forgot about and use 'em up!

Parents, I hope to see you and your children at the bookfair. I know your children will be so excited. For the last 2 years, we have been the #1 Book Fair, ty. This is due to all the wonderful Dogwood have not participated in the past, *then please number 1 in a weak U.S. economy. Every pur-* Dogwood library and teacher classrooms, and past. As you can imagine, with county school directly benefits each and every child that at-faculty. Come join us at the Main Event on Barnes and Noble! The book fair committee members will all be wearing name tags and ready to help you!



Barnes and Noble has hosted in all of Shelby Count-families who have participated in the past. If you *come along with us this year, as we strive to remain chase is valuable.* The book fair directly benefits the has even paid for author visits to Dogwood in the budget cuts, the money we raise at our book fair tends Dogwood Elementary as well as its wonderful Thursday, November 3rd, from 4:30-8:30pm at

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**If you have any photos of your child or your child's class that you would like to share, please send them to Kathleen Kizer at [kckizer@comcast.net](mailto:kckizer@comcast.net)**

## Teacher Feature . . . TOM BOZEMAN



Mr. Bozeman is new to Dogwood Elementary this year. He is teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts, Social Studies and Science. Prior to coming to Dogwood Elementary, Mr. Bozeman taught two years of sixth grade and one year of seventh grade with Shelby County Schools at Mt. Pisgah Middle School. He also taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade for eight years at South Daytona Elementary in South Daytona, Florida.

Mr. Bozeman worked as a youth pastor for 7 years in Daytona Beach, Florida. He relocated to Memphis in 2002 to work with Youth for Christ in a program involving at-risk middle and high school students.

Mr. Bozeman has coached soccer most of his adult life, working with students from 5 years of age through high school. He is currently coaching a high school kickball team and plays in an adult soccer league at the Mike Rose Soccer Complex.

Mr. Bozeman grew up in Irian Jaya, Indonesia, the son of missionaries, in an area known as Cannibal Valley. He attended elementary and middle school in Sentani, Indonesia and high school in Penang, Malaysia. Mr. Bozeman received his Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the University of Central Florida in Orlando. He is Highly Qualified First through Eighth Grade.

Mr. Bozeman is married, has one son, two snakes and a Venus Fly Trap. Mr. Bozeman enjoys the outdoors and has a wide variety of interests and hobbies, including soccer, hunting, sailing, diving, snorkeling, surfing, paragliding, gardening, playing the bass guitar, camping, snow skiing, repelling, fishing, ultimate Frisbee, and water skiing.

Mr. Bozeman is a member of First Evangelical Church where he is involved in children, family and recreational ministries. He really enjoys teaching at Dogwood and is looking forward to a productive and interesting school year.

## Legislative Corner

Effective October 1, 2011, there will be a new Shelby County Board of Education made up of twenty-three members including the current Shelby County Board, the Memphis City School Board and seven members who were appointed by the Shelby County Commission on September 13, 2011. The Settlement Agreement that the County and City School Boards entered into in the recent litigation also gives the County Commission the authority to create thirteen districts in the new unified district as of September 1, 2013. The seven members recently appointed by the Commission include two suburban members, Raphael McInnis of Bartlett, and Venecia Kimbrow of Collierville. The members from the City of Memphis include Kevin Woods, Reginald Porter, Christopher Caldwell, Teresa Jones, and Billy Orgel. There were no representatives from Germantown ap-

pointed by the Commission. There will be an election in August 2012 to fill these seven positions.

At the Germantown Board of Alderman meeting on September 12, 2011, the Aldermen unanimously voted to approve a contract with a consulting firm that will be looking into the possibility of Germantown creating its own municipal school district. The study is due to the city in mid January 2012 and will examine the legal aspects to developing a district, the curriculum that will be employed in such a district, and the financial aspects of running a municipal school district. A member of the group My Germantown Schools addressed the Board encouraging them to pursue municipal districts. The website for this group, mygermantownschoools.com, provides information about the movement to create municipal school districts.

At a Shelby County Board Meeting on August 25, 2011, the Board voted to initiate the rezoning process for County Middle Schools due to the construction of a new building for Collierville Middle School. Based on the information presented at this meeting, it does not appear that the children zoned for Houston Middle School will be affected. The rezoning will primarily affect those children zoned for Collierville and Schilling Middle Schools. However, a permanent rezoning plan has not been adopted. If plans change and it appears Houston Middle School students will be affected, we will notify Dogwood parents about those changes at PTA meetings and/or in the Echo.

Melanie Beckham  
PTA Legislative  
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## Family Donation Drive

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We have an upcoming Dogwood-Pizza Pro Night Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, another great way to support Dogwood.

## Community Coffee Cash for Schools Program









*Drink Community coffee or tea products and earn cash for Dogwood Elementary School!*

Cut out and turn in the UPC labels from Community Coffee tea and coffee products, and send them with your child to school. A Community Coffee tin located at the front desk serves as the collection box.

Our deadline for submission is January 31, 2012!

Any questions? Ask Melissa Cychowski at [ecychowski@comcast.net](mailto:ecychowski@comcast.net)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

-  Friday, October 7 - Family Donation drive ends
-  Week of 10/10 -10/14/11 - Red Ribbon Week
-  Tuesday, October 11 - PTA Board Meeting 9:15am
-  Thursday, October 13 - Pizza Pro night
-  Thursday, October 13 - 4th grade Newcomb Ball Tournament  
9:15am - gym
-  Week of 10/17-10/21/11 - NO SCHOOL Fall Break
-  Tuesday, October 25 - 3rd grade Sock Hop
-  Monday, October 31 - Fall Parties/5th grade Crazy Chemist

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