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OFFICE HOURS:

MON. - THURS.

07:30 – 15:00

FRIDAYS

07:30 – 14:00

Dear Parents

DRUG AWARENESS WEEK (08 - 12 MAY)

Any substance which is habit forming and has the potential of being abused, is a drug.

Excessive use of a substance which results in the

impairment of an individual's physical, mental or emotional

state of well-being is considered drug abuse.

At Dinwiddie Primary School we, as part of the Life Skills (PSW) and Life Orientation programmes, instil Drug Awareness into our learners. We spend this week as an added

week where our learners discuss, enjoy a quiz time, role play, and / or make posters

concerning drug abuse. This vital topic teaches learners to stay safe as far as substance abuse is concerned.



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Dinwiddie Primary School is to provide a primary educational institution that strives towards academic excellence within the bounds of a safe and secure environment.

We aim to provide development for each pupil to attain his or her own potential and so encourage competent, freethinking, well-adjusted citizens in an ever-changing society.

This will be achieved through quality teaching supported by all stakeholders.

VISION STATEMENT

Dinwiddie Primary School will endeavour to equip all learners with a solid foundation of knowledge and life skills to enable them to realise their goals in becoming successful citizens of the future.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY	
8-12	Drug awareness week
11	Netball vs Alston Primary
12	Chess vs Laerskool Witfield

APPOINTMENTS WITH TEACHERS

Parents are requested to make appointments with teachers through the secretaries. Please note that teachers will only be able to see parents before or after school and not during school time. Once an appointment has been confirmed, kindly keep the appointment.

If for some reason you are unable to keep the appointment, please inform the school as soon as possible.

"MY SCHOOL" CARDS

We would like to encourage parents to register as "MySchool" card supporters. Each time you swipe your "MySchool" card at participating stores, your child's school will benefit from the transaction. To find out more information about the "MySchool" card, kindly ask at a participating store or visit the website at www.myschool.co.za.

ROAD RULES AND ROAD SAFETY

We have noticed that the roads around our school are becoming unsafe. A number of drivers, be they parents, taxis or arranged transport, seem to be creating their own road rules, which is totally unacceptable. Some drivers do not park in the designated parking areas and park illegally in high risk areas, blocking the road for other vehicles whilst they drop their passengers off. This makes the roads around our school unsafe for our learners and other vehicles.

We know that many learners travel to and from school with arranged transport / taxis and that their parents/guardians could be unaware of the hazards their children face or the hazards their transport providers are causing. We therefore ask **all** parents/ guardians to obey road rules and practice common road courtesy, and where applicable, to discuss the matter with the transport providers. **Your co-operation in this regard will be greatly appreciated.**



SCHOOL HOURS

Please be advised that school starts at **07:48** and closes at **14:00**. Latecomers cause disruption in the class, and **if a learner is persistently late, detention will be given to the learner**. If late coming still continues, a meeting with the school Governing Body and the parent/guardian will be held to discuss the matter and further action will be taken.

50th ANNIVERSARY

My school is the best because it has the best teachers, Principals and friends. Being in a school is nice, cool and fun. One day I hope to be Headboy. Happy Birthday Dinwiddie Primary (aka DPS). Happy 50th Birthday. Thank you for everyone for keeping our school the best. – Thebe Mogotsi-Moletsane

LEARNER RESPONSIBILITY

Parents please encourage your children to be more responsible by seeing to it that items required for their daily school routine are packed and ready in time before they leave for school.

It is not school policy to phone parents for items that have been left behind for example, projects, sports kit, etc.

COUNCILLOR CAMP FEEDBACK

When our Dinwiddie family arrived at Serobe Adventure Camp, we met our hardcore facilitators, Beast and Chillibite, who nurtured us through words of wisdom. We all amalgamated to establish, our proud Fish Eagles war cry and created an emblem to remind us who we are. Together we walked through a journey in which we learnt about our strengths and weaknesses. This showed us that we are all authentic and unique in all ways. Amelioration is something we all learnt in factors of our stature as councillors, in matters that involve conflict and in spirituality. We all showed bravery when we Zip-lined across the Vaal River three stories up but I enjoyed the bonfire, where we all sat together and listened to scary stories about the camp. Beast taught us that humility is the key identity in which great leaders live their life, so that is what we pledge to do.

- Thacia Naidoo

My camp experience was one I would never forget. It was amazing and I would never swap it for the world. It was my first camp and I'm glad I went because if I didn't, I was going to be missing out on a great time, on bonding with my fellow councillor friends and learning team work and leadership. Camp brought us all together as one big family and I would not change that. We walked into that bus as individuals and we went home as a family. All these people are my family and I love them. I also learnt that teamwork and leadership is very important and I also learnt to trust my councillor friends that I can now call my Family. So you asked how my camp experience was, well my camp experience was the best.

- Jayda Msomi

A big thank you to Miss Kingsley and Mr Pretorius for making a memorable experience at Serobe Adventures, from Friday the 5th to Sunday the 7th May. Also a huge thank you to Mr Kevin (aka Beast) our fun and funny facilitator, who led us to being a true leader and identifying who we are. We had so much fun. I found it challenging to work with others at first. The whole weekend was packed with many activities but the activity I enjoyed the most was Zip-lining across the Vaal River. We arrived back home safely and very tired. This was really a memorable camp.

- Abigail Harilal

SPORTS ROUND UP

CHESS

Our Intermediate and Senior Chess teams played matches against School of Achievement last week Friday. Well done to the Juniors and Seniors who won their matches. Although our Intermediate team were defeated, they gained valuable experience.

NETBALL

Our u/9 netball team played against Colin Mann Primary School yesterday. We had a very enjoyable day and gained much experience.



Kind regards,

MRS. G. DU PREEZ
PRINCIPAL

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

