

JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

"Excellence is not a destination, but a continuous journey that never ends"

- Brian Tracy

October 19, 2009

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

On Saturday, October 24, 2009, I was privileged to attend our first UIL academic meet of the year at Bush Middle School. I am proud to announce that Driscoll took Second Place overall. We had numerous first, second, and third place winners. Most of our students placed in the top ten. Congratulations to all of our UIL contestants. Special thanks and congratulations to all of our UIL coaches for your hard work and dedication. Well done!

I am also very proud to say that Driscoll had the best behaved group of students at the meet. Our students were patient, courteous, and attentive to one another.

We could use more competitors, especially in sixth grade. The more students we have competing, the greater the possibility that our students will place higher at the meets. Parents, please encourage your students to become part of the UIL academic team. It is a great opportunity to polish their academic skills, and represent Driscoll. Interested students should contact Linda Pena.

This week, October 26 through October 30 is Red Ribbon Week. The theme for the week is "Drug Free is the Key". There will be activities focused on Drug abuse awareness and prevention. Every student will receive a wrist band that they should wear all week. Students will have special themed dress days as follows:

Tuesday – "Join the Fight Against Drugs" – Cammo Day

Wednesday – "Sock It To Drugs" – Crazy Sock Day

Thursday – "Tie Down Drugs" – Crazy Tie Day

Friday – "Drug Free Red" – Wear Red Day

Its that time of year again!!!! Time for the annual Driscoll coin war....

First period teacher against first period teacher, with the winning class receiving an ultimate prize!

Starting on Oct 19-Oct 28 first period teachers will have collection buckets for students to add their spare change. Pennies add to the classes total and silver and paper subtract. The goal is to sabotage the other first period classes while adding as many pennies as you can to your own classes total. Please, please, please help us by getting your students pumped up about the coin war! Thank you so much for all your support!

This week marks the beginning of the second nine weeks. Report cards will go out on Friday, October 30, 2009.

On Monday, October 26, 2009, there will be a parent meeting at 6:30 p.m. for sixth and seventh grade parents. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sex education topics that will be presented. Sixth and seventh grade parents are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

On Tuesday, October 27, 2009, there will be an Asthma Blowout at Churchill High School. This is a great awareness and information event, with great activities for parents and students. There will be doctors and medical personnel providing information on the proper care and prevention of Asthma.

Thursday, October 29, 2009, there will be a college fair at the Blossom Athletic Center. There will be more than 200 colleges and Universities attending, as well as financial aid sessions. It is not too early to begin thinking about college. The college fair will allow you to see what colleges have to offer, and what it takes to get into college. Please take advantage of this great opportunity.

The end of season "A" Volleyball tournament will be held this Saturday, October 31, 2009 starting at 9:00 a.m. The seventh grade will be at Lopez Middle School, and the Eighth grade will be at Harris Middle School.

Important Reminder – Please report any address or telephone number changes to the Counseling office as soon as possible. Student records must be accurate in case of an emergency.

This week at Driscoll, the following events will be taking place:

Monday, October 26, 2009

2nd Nine Weeks Begins

7 & 8 Sex Ed Parent Mtg. 6:30 p.m.

Driscoll Family Writing Night 6:30 p.m.

Library (invitation only)

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

FB v Jackson Middle School 4:30 p.m.

8-Away/7-Home

Asthma Blow-Out 6:00 p.m. Churchill HS

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

In View Testing-6th Grade

Special Olympics

Blossom Athletic Center

Friday, October 30, 2009

N/A

Have a great week!

Peter A. Martinez

Principal

Driscoll Middle School

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest” - Benjamin Franklin

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VB v Jackson Middle School 4:30 p.m.

8-Home/7-Away

College Night 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 31, 2009

End of Season “A” Volleyball Tournament

8 – Harris/7 - Lopez