

SCHOOL DISTRICT #29

OCTOBER 2025

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Dear Dufur School District Families and Community,

September 22, 2025

This past Saturday, our community gathered for the annual Jerri Walker DePriest Memorial Endowment Fund Dinner and Auction. While I never had the privilege of meeting Jerri personally, every story I hear about her paints a picture of a woman whose giving spirit, love for Dufur, and care for the youth of our school district continue to inspire us all. Each year, this event reminds me of the extraordinary generosity of our community, the dedicated adult volunteers who make it possible, and the incredible student volunteers who keep everything running smoothly. It is a beautiful reflection of Jerri's legacy, and in today's world, we can all take a lesson from her example: to lead with kindness, to give freely, and to invest in the success of our students.

In that spirit, I am excited to share two new ways to celebrate and stay connected with the Dufur School District. First, we now have a <u>Staff Shout-Out</u> button on our website, where you can recognize any of our outstanding staff members who are going above and beyond. Taking a moment to lift one another up strengthens the culture of care and appreciation that makes Dufur such a special place. Second, we have added a <u>Current Events</u> button where you can easily access the latest news and updates from across the district—all in one convenient spot.

As we move through this school year, I encourage each of us to carry forward the spirit of Jerri Walker DePriest in our daily lives. Together, let's continue to support, encourage, and celebrate our students, staff, and community.

Sincerely,

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2025 DUFUR HOMECOMING

WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

SEPTEMBER 29

- * DRESS UP DAY: HUNTER VS. PREY
- * COURT PRESENTATION & KING CORONATION ASSEMBLY 9:11 AM
- * MID-LEVEL VOLLEYBALL VS. TROUT LAKE-4PM

SEPTEMBER 30

- * DRESS UP DAY: PAJAMA DAY
- * POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL -10:05 AM
- * MID-LEVEL FOOTBALL VS. SWC 6 PM

OCTOBER 1

- * DRESS UP DAY: WILD WEDNESDAY
- * DODGE BALL 10:59 AM

OCTOBER 2

- * DRESS UP DAY: JACK HENDERSON DAY
- * TUFF PUFF VOLLEYBALL 12:42 PM

OCTOBER 3

- * DRESS UP DAY: COLOR WARS
- * HOMECOMING PEP ASSEMBLY 2:00 PM
- * HS FOOTBALL VS. IMBLER 7:00 PM
- * JUNIOR CHEER PERFORMANCE AT HALF-TIME
- * QUEEN CORONATION AT HALF-TIME

OCTOBER 4

- * HOMECOMING PARADE 10 AM
- * HS VOLLEYBALL VS. COUNTRY CHRISTIAN 1 PM
- * HIGH SCHOOL DANCE 8PM



Junior Cheer Camp

The high school cheer team is having a junior cheer camp during Homecoming week. The junior cheerleaders will perform during the high school football game Friday night. If you have questions, contact the Cheer Coach, Kelsey Peterson.

All School Reunion

In conjunction with Homecoming Week, there will be Dufur All-School Reunion, with lots of opportunities to connect with old friends and make some new ones as well!



Mid-Level Fall Sports Photos



Pat Shortt Photography will be here on Thursday, October 2nd, to take individual and mid-level sports team photos. You will be able to view your pictures before ordering. You will receive an email notification when they are ready to view. You can pre-purchase a gift code and save 10% at this link https://regis.viewyour.photos/PY4VPRR4 or with this QR Code.

Beyond October...

Nov 3	Class of 2009
	Krispy Kreme
	Fundraiser begins

Parent/Teacher Nov 4 Conferences

Dufur School Nov 4 **Board Meeting**

Nov 6 Parent/Teacher Conferences

No School for Staff Nov 7 or Students

Nov 10 Veterans Day Assembly

Nov 11 Veterans Day Holiday – No School for Staff or **Students**

Nov 20 Krispy Kreme Fundraiser ends

Nov 24 Fall Break begins for Staff & **Students**

Nov 27 Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov 28 Fall Break ends

Dec 1 Class of 2027 Candy Cane Gram Fundraiser begins

Dec 2 **Dufur School Board Meeting**

Dec 11 Christmas & Holiday Music Program

Dec 12 Staff Development Day - No School for Students

Board of Directors Meeting

School Board Meetings for the 2025-2026 school year will take place on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. The October meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 7th at 5:30 pm. This meeting is open to the public and can also be joined online via Zoom. The Zoom Meeting link, agenda, meeting minutes and video archive can be found on the <u>Board of Directors</u> page on our website.

Library News

The School & Community Library will be hosting Coffee & Cinnamon Buns during their evening hours on Thursday, October 9th.

Elementary families, please remember to fill out and return you child's <u>Library Permission Slip</u> as soon as possible. These forms let us know whether your student has permission to check out DVDs (including PG-13 titles, if allowed) in addition to books.

Without a signed permission slip on file, students will not be able to check out movies from the library. Thank you for helping us keep our library running smoothly and making sure all students can enjoy the resources available. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Tierney, sarah.tierney@dufur.k12.or.us.

5th Grade Field Trip

The Dufur 5th graders will be traveling to The Dalles Mountain Ranch on Friday, October 10th. They will depart the school at 9 am and return at 2:30 pm.

Non-School Days

School will not be in session for staff or students on Monday, October 13th in observation of Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day.

There will be a Staff In-Service day on Friday October 31st. There is no school for students that day.

Fall Sports Senior Recognition

Our senior athletes and their parents will be recognized as the regular seasons approach the end. Our volleyball senior recognition will be held prior to their 5 pm game vs. Lyle/Wishram on October 14th. Our senior football recognition will be immediately before the football game on October 19th when the Rangers will host Pilot Rock beginning at 7 pm.

Picture Retakes

PortraitMasters will be here on October 23rd for picture retakes as well as taking pictures of any students and staff who missed our first picture day of the year.

Advantage Dental Screening

The team from Advantage Dental will be here during October 29th and 30th. They are offering dental screening for students at no cost. Permission slips will be sent home with students.

Academics

The end of our 1st quarter and mid-term of our 1st semester is on October 30th. We will be having parent/teacher conferences in November and grade reports will be sent home to families.

Community Food Pantry

The Food Pantry located at Dufur School is open each Thursday from 4 to 6 pm. All members of the community are welcome when there is a need for food assistance. If you need emergency food assistance, please call the school office at 541-298-5141.

Volunteers Wanted

Dufur School is seeking skilled volunteers to help in the woods and welding shop. Interested individuals should contact Leona Egeland. Volunteers at Dufur School will need to complete paperwork with the school business office prior to volunteering.