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Holiday Elves — Thursday, December 1st

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Don't look now but the holidays are sneaking up on us!

Why not let the kids help tackle the shopping list? At the annual Due West Holiday Elves Workshop, kids will have the opportunity to make inexpensive gifts for loved ones or just make and take a craft for themselves. We'll be making hand-carved candles, handprint ornaments, checkbook covers, duct tape wallets, and thumbprint cards. The workshop is held after school on Thursday, December 1st from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Santa will be visiting from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm and the fifth graders will be selling baked goodies. Our lively Due West chorus will also be performing to really give us a jump start on the holiday season. Please accompany your child to the workshop.



Yearbook

**CAPTURE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL MEMORIES THIS YEAR!
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE LOWER PRICE AND
PRE-ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!**

Yearbooks are on sale now at the discounted rate of \$26.00 per book.
This offer is valid through Thursday December 1st.

The order form is available at the end of this newsletter and at www.duewestpta.com/yearbook.
The price will increase to \$30.00 per book after December 1st

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!!

If you have photos from school activities, family events or classroom activities you can email them to Suzanne Beall at yearbook@duewestpta.com
Please note that only photos in .jpg format can be accepted.

Pioneer Pride:

- P - Practice good manners
- R - Respect all people and property
- I - Invest in a great Attitude
- D - Do the right thing
- E - Exercise safe behavior

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Save The Date:

November 2011:	
Wed. 16th	Grandparents Lunch K, 1st, 2nd
Thurs. 17th	Grandparents Lunch 3rd, 4th, 5th
Mon. - Fri 21st-25th	3rd Graders Performance 11:50 am– 12:20 Thanksgiving Holiday's No School
December 2011:	
Thurs. 1st	(3 pm to 5 pm) Holiday Elves Workshop Art Show
Thurs. 8th	Chorus Concert
Tues. 13th	(5 pm to 8 pm) Chick-Fil-A Night
Tues. 20th	(5 pm to 8 pm) Tacky Sweater Skate Night at Sparkles
Fri.-Mon. 23rd-Jan. 9th	Teachers Luncheon Winter Holiday Break—No school

Save The Date:

Coming up in 2012	
January 2012	Moe's Night Pizza and Bingo Science Fair
February 2012	PTA meeting; 2nd Grade Perform Chick-Fil-A Night Teacher Appreciation Week Family Dance
March 2012	Sparkles Night Shane's Night Book Fair Cultural Arts Day

Principal's Note

Principal Peggy Fleming

I can't believe that it is November already! The school year is flying by. It was wonderful seeing so many of you at the Due West Dash and during Conference Week. In this Thanksgiving season, I am so thankful to be in such a great community with such wonderful students and families! The AYP report that just came out shows how great the students are performing in the classroom, but there are so many other activities such as the Reflections entries, the fourth and fifth grade performances, the Accelerated Reader

Celebration, and the chorus performances that showcase the many diverse talents the students have.

An exciting new adventure is starting at Due West Elementary. The Due West Elementary School Foundation is beginning! This organization will work to enhance the learning experiences that are available to all students and to provide additional resources to teachers so that students can reach their fullest potential. More information will be coming home after the first of the year. We are very excited about the potential for providing additional support especially in the area of science and classroom technology. The Foundation and the PTA will be working closely together to benefit all Due West students.

As we head into a very busy season, I would like to wish each and every member of the Due West family safe and happy holidays. I hope that you have time to relax and enjoy family and friends. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Grandparent lunches, the Holiday Elves activities, and the holiday parties. Thank you for the opportunity to work with your children each day. The entire Due West staff wishes you all the best, and we look forward to a productive and successful 2012!



PTA President's Note

President Tara Leggett

Greetings Due West Families!

Well we made it through October! The inaugural Due West Dash was a HUGE success and earned us a profit of nearly \$7900. We could not have done it without your support and the support of our community partners. Conference week and book fair was a busy time and, again, because of our awesome families and staff, we managed to keep up with all the activities that week. A big thank you to the room parents for a great job decorating the homeroom doors for Drug Free Awareness Week.

As we move into November we will be planning activities for the rest of 2011. Where has the time gone? We know everyone is very busy this time of year, and we are going to hold one large holiday event on December 1st. This will incorporate Holiday Elves, Bake Sale, Spirit Sales, Art Show hosted by Mrs. Kaufman and Choral Performance hosted by Mr. Duff. We are hoping this will enable you to enjoy class time with your individual students the rest of December. Please watch for information in Thursday folders and also check your enews and the PTA website.

If I haven't said enough, I am truly GRATEFUL for each and every one of our students, parents and staff. We truly do have the best little school on earth and I am so blessed to be a part of it.

Sincerely,

Tara Leggett

Due West PTA President

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.
--William Arthur Ward



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Due West Dash

With well over 300 race participants, and the help and support of many companies and community volunteers, the Due West Dash was a great success! We would like to thank all of the race and health and safety fair contributors. Congratulations to the 5k Overall Winners—Tyler Lloyd and Michelle Fleming. Other race winners are listed below along with our thanks to our great supporters.

5K Results – Male

- Overall: Tyler Lloyd
- 10 and under: Matt Wyman, Zach Lowe, Mark Ravenscraft
- 11-14: Finn Ahlberg, Josh Smith
- 20-29: Tyler Lloyd, Wes Anderson, Brad Fleming
- 30-39: Alan Davis, Brent Poythress, Cory Follis
- Masters Overall: Mike Dalton
- 40-49: Steve Crook, Johnny Morris, Bryan Hughes
- 50-59: Rick Rean, Mark Holston, Phil Anderson
- 60-69: Peter Hilbig

5K Results-Female

- Overall: Michelle Fleming
- 10 and under: Maddy Ravenscraft, Cassidy Mueller, Haley Price
- 11-14: Trinity Pominvilla, Jadya Sethna, Hannah Johnson
- 20-29: Courtney Hicks, Kayla Hentschel, Michelle Leuftgen
- 30-39: Kirsten Perla, Sheri Smith, Kristen Sellier
- 40-49: Carla Sethna, Melissa Nohr, Dalia Wyman
- 50-59: Rita Chew, Kathryn Tucker, Sherry Baker

1K Results

- Boys: Chris Canter, Nolan Canter, Stephen
- Girls: Emma Dalton, Grace, Maggie Austin

BIG THANK YOU!

to our race supporters and health and safety fair participants:

- Warrior Pride Fitness
- Cobb EMC
- Pope Hardwood Flooring Inc.
- Children’s Dental Center PC (Brookstone)
- Big Peach Running Co.
- LGE Community Credit Union
- Due West United Methodist Church
- Marietta Pizza Company
- Yogli Mogli
- Chick-Fil-A
- Brunswick Zone XL
- Nature’s Corner
- Daily Grind
- Singleton Orthodontics
- Cobb County Safe Kids
- Great Harvest Breads

PTA Committee Focus

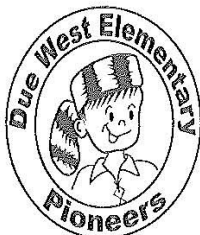
Mixed Bags Fundraiser

DUE WEST PTA IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE MIXED BAG DESIGNS IS NOW AVAILABLE

ONLINE

Simply go to www.mixedbagdesigns.com, enter your order, and pay for it and it will be shipped directly to you. Upon checkout, type **66631** in the “School/ Fundraiser ID#” field. Please be sure to enter the student’s name that referred you to this fundraiser in the “Referred By” field for them to receive credit. Due West PTA will receive 40% of all online sales. Thank you for your continued support of our school.





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DUE WEST ELEMENTARY
2011-2012 YEARBOOK PRESALE

**CAPTURE YOUR CHILD'S MEMORIES
WITH THE 2011-2012 YEARBOOK**

RESERVE YOUR COPY NOW!

COST: \$26.00 PER BOOK

(Yearbooks will be distributed during the final week of school)

**By ordering now you can save \$4.00, and we can guarantee
you a copy of this years Yearbook.**

Please send in your Check or Money Order only!

Please no cash!

Make check's payable to: Due West PTA.

Send in your order form and payment in an envelope marked "Yearbook."

Please return to your Child's teacher by: Thursday, December 1st, 2011.

After December 1st, the cost will be \$30.00

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Child's Name: _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

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of Yearbooks ordered: _____ x \$26.00 = _____ Check # _____

If you have any questions, please contact: Suzanne Beall 770-363-1895