

DOWDS SCHOOL



December '09 NEWSLETTER

I would like to send out a sincere thanks to all of our families who were able to participate in our November parent teacher conferences. We had 98% attendance. If you have any questions during the school year, please feel free to contact the office to schedule a conference with your child's teacher.

The next few weeks are an important stretch of time as we move into the second half of the second nine weeks. The end of the first semester is January 15th. Please try to keep your child's school routines and schedule as we approach the holiday season.

Also, I want to send out a special thank you to all of the families and PTO for their help with our annual Fall Fundraiser. We had over 200 students sell at least one item and 100 students sold 10 or more items and had a chance to have a limo/lunch ride. In these tough economic times your support is greatly appreciated for the students of Dowds!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a safe and Happy New Year. During the year if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (419) 342-4641 or email at walker.paul@shelbyk12.org

Yours in Education,
Mr. Walker

PTO News

PTO is finishing up its annual fall fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who helped us with this. The kids did a super job selling this year. Every classroom had at least 50% participation. All classes will be given a class party at a later date. Our top sellers were: 1st Place: Katlynn Taylor, 2nd Place: Anthony McElwain & 3rd Place: Brayden Moyer. Congratulations to all of you! Also, our "Souper Wrapper" was very well attended and made a profit of about \$200. Thanks to everyone who helped with it and those who made desserts. We will not have a PTO meeting in December. Here's wishing every family a very Happy Holiday Season! Hope to see you at our January 12th meeting @ 6:30.

Dowds students R.A.H. and earn PAW Awards



Dowds Elementary students are working like dogs to earn their PAW Awards. The PAWS TO READ program is a school wide reading initiative to increase the amount of independent reading time for our students. Each week students are required to meet their grade level reading goal to earn a paw sticker. (Every week, parents will be required to sign off that the child has done their independent reading at home). After three weeks of earning paw stickers, students receive a PAWS Charm Award to wear on their backpack. At the end of the year school assembly, students who earned 8 out of 10 possible PAWS will receive a Top Reader Dog Tag. We want everyone to be a TOP DAWG Reader!!!!

Winter Music Program

On December 8th at 7:00, our first and second graders will be performing in our winter music program at the Shelby Middle School.



Closing and Delay Info!!!

Tune in to the following stations about school delays and closings:
• WMAN 1400, WVNO 106,
OR WYHT 105.3

Reminder:
EARLY RELEASE
December 9th 1:30

**Dowds Raises \$1500
for Helpline!!!**

This past month our students raised \$1500 dollars to purchase groceries during our school wide community Christmas shopping trip. We want to thank all of the chaperones who were able to take the time to accompany our students on the trip. Also, thanks to our staff committee who worked diligently behind the scenes to help make this a success. This will help out many of the families in need during the holiday season.

Winter Break
December 23rd-January 3rd
School Resumes January 4th