

SCHOOL DISTRICT #29 OCTOBER 2026

Dufur School Website: www.dufur.k12.or.us

October is National Bullying Prevention Month



National Bullying Prevention Month (NBPM) is a campaign founded in 2006 by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center. The campaign is held during the month of October and connects communities around the world to help prevent bullying. It is more important than ever to join together in creating a world that is kinder, more accepting, and more inclusive. Take action at school, at home, in your neighborhood, at a local business, or in your workplace to show that you care about kids being safe at school, online, and in the community.

Pacer.org

Thank you, Dufur Community!

A heartfelt thank you to the **Dufur community, staff, and students** for your incredible help and continued support of the annual **Jerri Walker DePriest Dinner & Auction.** Your generosity, hard work, and community spirit made this year's event a tremendous success! Together we raised **nearly $70,000!** We are so grateful to everyone who donated, volunteered, attended, and helped make the evening possible. Than you for continuing to show up for our community and support this special event!



School Pictures

Portrait Masters Photography will be here on Thursday, October 1st to take individual student photos. Students will bring home order envelopes for parents who want to purchase pictures, or you can place your order using this link: Portrait Masters on-line order site.

The photographers will also be here during the morning of October 28th for picture retakes and to offer another opportunity for students to have pictures taken if they missed the first day. If your child needs retakes, please be sure that you return the original photos to the photographer.

Board of Directors Meeting

The regular October meeting of the Dufur School District Board of Directors will be held on **Tuesday, October 6th 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 Board of Directors page on our website.

No School Days

Friday, October 2nd is a Staff Development Day. School will not be in session for students.

School will not be in session for students or staff on Monday, October 12th in observance of Columbus Day.

October 30th is a non-school day for all staff and students.

Senior Parent/FAFSA Night

Seniors and their parents are invited to attend a parent meeting on October 5th at 6:00 PM. We will be reviewing a timeline with important dates, graduation requirements, and scholarship information. Following the meeting we will provide help with any FAFSA questions parents and families may have.

Blood Drive

The Dufur ASB and Red Cross are partnering to hold a blood drive at Dufur School. It will take place on October 6th, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 pm. To make an appointment to donate blood please call 1-800-733-2726 or visit RedCrossBlood.org, and enter DufurHS to schedule an appointment.

Dental Screening

Advantage Dental will be here for student dental screening on October 27th. Parents should watch for students to bring home permission forms. Students with signed permission forms will be able to participate.

Ranger Athletics

Our Football, Volleyball and Fall Cheer seasons are in full swing. Here are a few dates to remember.

- October 13th-17th is Homecoming Week!
- October 14th is 8th Grade Night for mid-level volleyball
- October 15th is Senior Recognition Night for high school volleyball
- October 20th is 8th Grade Night for mid-level football.
- October 30th is Senior Night for high school football and cheer.

Grade checks will be run every Monday, or the first school day of the week. Students, parents and coaches will be notified of failing grades. The student will complete a grade check form, and submit it to the Athletic Directo to verify eligibility.

Help Wanted: Afterschool Instructor

We are looking for an Afterschool Instructor for our Afterschool Program. If this is something you are interested in, please see the full job posting on SchoolSpring.

The afterschool program signup forms were sent home during the week of September 21st with students. If you did not get a form but are interested in having your child participate, please contact Rayana Lepinski.

Beyond

October...

Nov 3	Dufur School District Board of Directors Meeting
Nov 5	Semester 1 Mid-Term, End of 1st Quarter for Elementary and Mid-Level Electives
Nov 6	Staff Inservice—No School for Students
Nov 10	Veterans Day Assembly
Nov 10	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov 11	Veterans Day Holiday—No School for Students and Staff
Nov 12	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Break begins
Nov 26	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Nov 27	Thanksgiving Break ends
Dec 1	Dufur School District Board of Directors Meeting
Dec 4	End of Mid-Level Trimester 1 Electives
Dec 11	Staff Development Day—No School for Students
Dec 18	Early Release at 1 PM for Students

2026 Dufur Ranger Homecoming

This year's Homecoming celebrations will take place during the week of October 13th through the 17th. The theme selected this year is "Board Games." Students and staff are encouraged to show their school spirit by dressing up each day. This year's dress up days are:



Tuesday—ROLL Out of Bed (Pajama Day)

Wednesday—What Do you Meme? (Meme Day)

Thursday—Double or Nothing (Twin Day)

Friday—Twister (Color Wars for High School and Middle School)

- Freshmen: White
- Sophomores: Black
- Juniors: Red
- Seniors: Red, Black, and White
- 6th Grade: White
- 7th Grade: Black
- 8th Grade: Red
- Elementary Red, Black, and White

Homecoming Athletics:

⇒ High school volleyball at SWCHS on the 13th, and hosting Trout Lake/Glenwood on the 15th

⇒ High school football will host Lyle/Klickitat on the 16th

⇒ Middle school volleyball will be hosting Klickwood on the 14th

GO RANGERS!

Watch our website for more Homecoming information!

Elementary Clothing Closet

Our elementary clothing closet could use some replenishment. Donations of new or gently used sweats, leggings, or athletic pants for both boys and girls in all sizes would be greatly appreciated. Socks and underwear for boys of all sizes would also be helpful. Donations can be left in the front office. Thanks!

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 at 541-298-5141.

Stay Connected

Here are a few tools available for parents that will help you stay up-to-date with what is happening at Dufur School. The school website, www.dufur.k12.or.us, is the place to look for the most current news. Your ParentVue account will allow you to view your child's schedule, grades, attendance and more. You can email staff and report absences there as well. Finally, you can download the Dufur School app to your smart device. Visit the App Store or Google Play and search Dufur School. Here you can see the breakfast and lunch menu and all the latest news!

Community Library Survey

If you are interested in giving feedback about the Dufur Community Library program, please complete this survey and return it to the School Library.

DUFUR COMMUNITY LIBRARY SURVEY

Please share how you use the library in Dufur, Oregon and help us understand how we can improve the library to better meet our community's needs.

Are you a resident of Dufur, Oregon?
- o Yes
- o No

How often do you visit the Dufur Library?
- o Weekly
- o Monthly
- o Rarely
- o Never

What barriers prevent you from using the library more?
- o Limited hours
- o Lack of awareness of services
- o Difficulty finding materials
- o Transportation
- o The need to go through school security to access the library
- o Other

What times/days are you most likely to use the library in Dufur?
- o Weekday Mornings
- o Weekday Mid-day
- o Weekday Evenings
- o Weekend Mornings
- o Weekend Mid-day
- o Weekend Evenings

Which library services do you use most?
- o Books/print materials
- o Computer/internet
- o Wi-fi
- o Programs/events
- o Children's Services
- o Study/quiet space
- o Other

How do you usually hear about library services or events?
- o Library website
- o Social media
- o Flyers/posters
- o Word of mouth
- o School/community groups

What types of materials are you looking for but can't find?
- o Specific books/ Authors
- o Large print
- o DVDs/Media
- o Local history/genealogy
- o Adult fiction
- o Non-fiction
- o Other

How can we improve the Dufur Library to better meet your needs?

What is your age group?
- o Under 18
- o 18-29
- o 30-49
- o 50-64
- o Over 65
- o Prefer not to say

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- o Other

How satisfied are you with the library hours and availability?

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Please return completed surveys to Dufur Library or Tina Coleman (member of County Library Board)!

Skiles Pumpkin Patch

One of the great fall traditions for Dufur elementary students is the annual walking field trips to Shawn and Peggy Skiles's Pumpkin Patch! Preschool through 5th grade students get to experience this local treasure.

This year's visits will be during October 6th, 7th and 8th. See the schedule below and watch for more information from your child's classroom teacher.

October 6th:

- Mrs. Miller's 2nd Grade Class
- Mr. Bales's 1st and 2nd Grade Class
- Ms. Dawkin's 3rd Grade Class
- Ms. Cleaver's 3rd Grade Class

October 7th:

- Mrs. Gibson's Kindergarten Class
- Mrs. Odell's 4th Grade Class
- Mr. Engle's 5th Grade Class

October 8th:

- Ms. Kelsey's Preschool Class
- Ms. Katie's Preschool Class
- Mrs. Bales's 1st Grade Class
- Mr. Talley's 5th Grade Class



Ranger Athletics

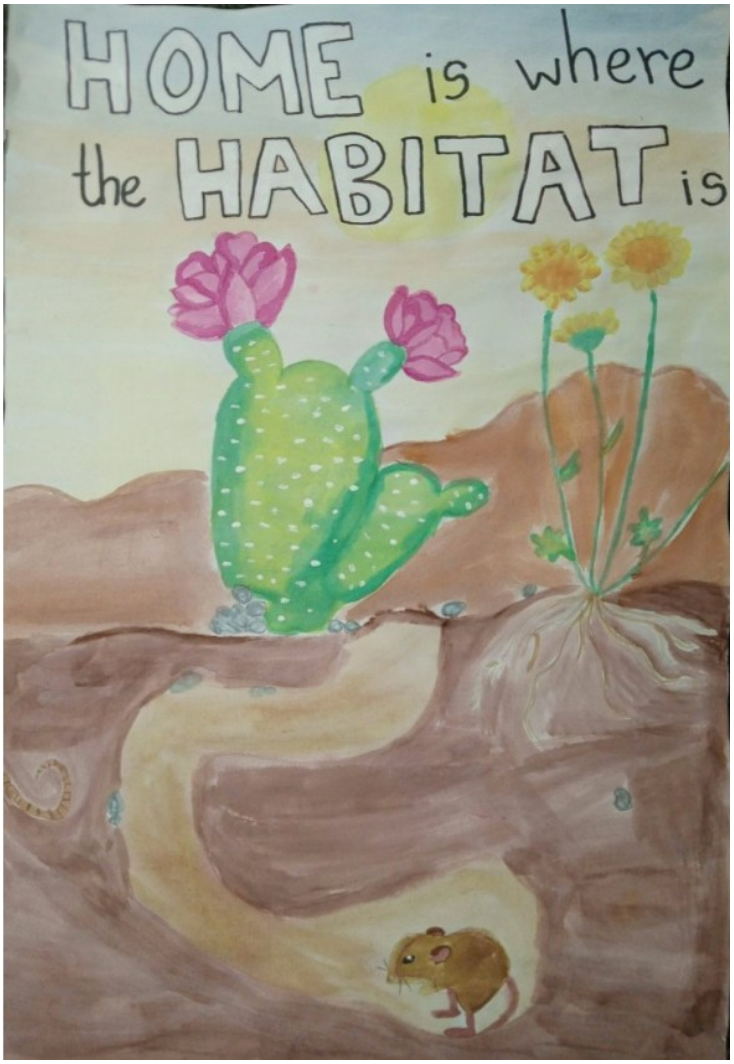
The high school girls basketball program is in search of an Assistant Coach. See below for details!



Poster Contest Winner

Daisy Proctor was just awarded $100 for her poster in the 2025 NACD (National Association of Conservation Districts) Stewardship Poster Contest! This annual poster contest gives K-12 students an opportunity to share their talents and a stewardship message, and a chance to have their artwork displayed nationally. The contest begins at the local Conservation District level, and advances to the state and national levels. She won $25 for first place in the grades 7-9 category at the Wasco Co. level, $50 for first place at the state of Oregon level, and $100 for third place in her age category at the National level! You can view her poster on the Wasco County SWCD website at: **https://www.wascoswcd.org/2025-national-poster-contest-winners-announced**.

Congratulations Daisy!



Invention Convention

Wasco County 4-H launched the Invention Convention project in middle school last week at Dufur School District and St. Mary's Academy. Students are thinking about inventions that could improve their lives and learning how things are made! They are working with Mrs. Hertel's 7th grade students.





