

Dailard School Foundation

a parent teacher collaboration

Activities & Events (A&E) Meeting Agenda October 16, 2025

1. Welcome & Hellos

2. Volunteers = The Heart of It All

- 100% volunteer-run → no A&E without YOU
- Every little bit counts: one event, one shift, or lots of involvement
- No experience needed → just your willingness and maybe your hidden talents
- The most important step in volunteering at Dailard is getting the proper **clearance**:
- Go to the **How You Can Help** tab on the school website, select **Volunteering**, then the **Get Clearance** tab
 - In the meeting today we stressed that clearance is absolutely necessary for all events.
 - A reminder message will come through room parents in the next few days and in Sunday's message from Mr. Wilson
 - Provide a copy of your ID and complete the checklist, application, and code of conduct
 - The district also requires a TB test — this can be easily scheduled with the school nurse
 - On Fridays with Nurse Amy
 - **NEW THIS YEAR**: Clearance is required for all school activities and events

3. Ways to Get Involved

- **Event Chair/Co-Chair** → lead an event with A&E support.
- **Committee Member** → take charge of a specific part (e.g., prizes, food, decorations).
- **Day-of Helpers** → short shifts, big impact (setting up, handing out popsicles, cleaning up).

4. Event Review

Dolphin Pledge Drive (Aug 31 – Sept 30)

- Surpassed \$30,000 goal; raised over \$35,000
- Student rewards: popsicle party completed; slime Mr. Wilson scheduled for Halloween

Fall Dance (Sept 26)

- New DJ received positive feedback
- Theme/decorations worked well with leftover supplies from last year
- Pizza vendor not successful; will consider Brother's or Rockets next year
 - Meeting attendees suggested Brother's Pizza again
- Strong volunteer support contributed to event's success
 - **Dance Safety Suggestions**
 - Designate a volunteer to monitor and prevent students from running in the courtyard (wearing a work vest for visibility)
 - Use cones and caution tape to block off restricted areas

Fall Festival (Oct 25)

- Volunteer requests sent to alumni, Dailard community, 5th graders, teachers, and Patrick Henry Students
- SignUpGenius active; slots are steadily being filled
 - Importantly, petting Zoo requires 4 volunteers at all times (including one adult)
 - Cake Walk volunteers must be organized and ready to manage high activity
 - Slime Station will be canceled if volunteer spots remain unfilled
 - **Slime Station Suggestion**
 - Use pre-made slime with a "mix-in" station instead of making slime from scratch
- 5th graders creating a "Spooky Library" walkthrough
- Decorating and setup scheduled for Friday and Saturday
- Asking for donations at the door (cash or venmo)
 - **Payment & Considerations**
 - Suggestion to share Venmo information in advance to avoid reception issues (note: connectivity has recently improved and @sdusdguest is now available)
 - Reminder to remain mindful of peers currently without pay due to the government shutdown

Veteran's Day Assembly (Nov 7)

- Dailard uniquely recognizes this day with a school-wide assembly
- Large, well-attended community event
- Program includes military band, guest speakers, and refreshments for veterans and families
- RSVP link shared in Sunday message
- Volunteer sign-up link coming soon

Grandfriends & Graham Crackers (Nov 18–20)

- Three-day event with snacks, decorations/crafts, and possible student song performances
- Chair and co-chair still needed
- Schedule distributed:
 - Nov 18: A–F
 - Nov 19: G–N
 - Nov 20: O–Z

Holiday Bazaar (Dec 8–12)

- Art classroom transforms into an affordable gift-filled market
- Students bring a shopping list and cash; parent volunteers assist with budgeting and purchases
- Parent has stepped up to shadow current chair and learn process for next year

Variety Show (Feb 18–19)

- 2–3 day event showcasing student performances and talents
- Volunteer roles focus on behind-the-scenes support: rehearsals, stage setup, and logistics
- Consistently one of the most rewarding events to support
- Returning emcee from last year committed to one night
- Returning co-chair confirmed for this year

Jogathon (Mar 6)

- Largest fundraiser of the year
- Students collect sponsorships from family and friends
- Local businesses frequently support as event sponsors
- Sponsor call-out included in upcoming Sunday message
- Two Gold Sponsors confirmed

- Event requires a large committee; current open roles:
 - Co-Chair
 - Expo (Event Promotion) – Jan 31
 - Assemblies – Jan 30 (moving to Jan 29) & Mar 26 (awards)
 - Fundraising Tracking Co-Chair
 - FundHub Committee Shadow

Multicultural Fair (Apr 10)

- 2nd annual event; highly successful last year
- Features cultural performances and interactive booths
- Dailard families represent a variety of cultures
- Family participation request (cultural representation or acts) to be sent in January
- Committee held kickoff meeting on Oct 15 to begin planning
- Chair is: Sara at info@dailard.org

Spring Social (Apr – Date TBD)

- Parent night out event
- Includes live and online auctions
 - Suggestion to create and raffle large gift baskets assembled by grade
- Current needs:
 - Volunteer to shadow Auction Chair
 - Co-Chair
 - Venue/location suggestions
 - **Venue Suggestions**
 - SDSU Tula Center (may contribute percentage back to SDSU cause of choice)
 - Admiral Baker

5. Wrap-up

- Questions
- Suggestions
 - **Military Volunteer Partnership**
 - Military volunteer units often seek service opportunities; potential to connect with Navy Regents SW and Marine Corps equivalent
 - Some units “adopt a school,” prioritizing support with events, assemblies, campus visits, and beautification projects
 - Goal: secure a Community Liaison from the military for Dailard
 - Dailard military families suggested and expressed interest in helping facilitate this partnership

- **Craft Fair Idea**
 - Proposal for a student craft fair where students create items for the Dailard community to purchase and admire
 - Could be scheduled as a standalone event or incorporated into an existing event (e.g., Open House)

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