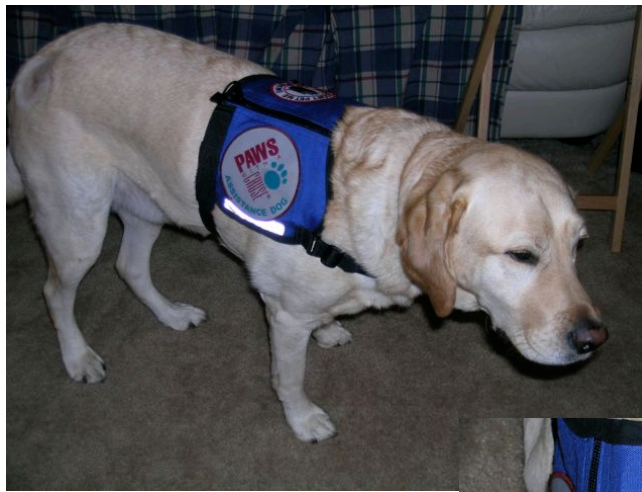


# Kindergarten

MRS.  
DUMAN'S  
CLASS

October 24, 2011



Meet Hughey!



## Our Upcoming Classroom Visitor...

We would like to introduce you to Hughey. He is a certified service dog for one of our classroom families, and he is 5 years old. You may see him soon in our school.

Hughey was born in the Washington State and has 3 sisters and 1 brother, all of them are service dogs and trained by Paws With A Cause [www.pawswithacause.org](http://www.pawswithacause.org). His major role as a service dog is to focus in their home to alert to sounds such as the door bell or knocking, cooking timer, noise from intruders, fire alarms, and carbon monoxide alarms. Also, he works outside the house with them in stores, schools, work, or anywhere else they go. He knows a little sign language such as sit, easy, down, stay, break time, and NO.

When a vest is on Hughey, that means he is working and everyone is not allowed to touch or pet him. It is because he is working and he is trained to be focused.

If your child has any allergies or fears of dogs that you think I should know about, please let me know!

### Some of the Things We Did Last Week

- \* Made pine cone paintings by rolling pine cones in paint and putting them in an oatmeal box and rolling and shaking it
- \* Practiced writing numbers
- \* In handwriting we introduced the letters H, and K. We also practiced their sounds
- \* In writing workshop, we published our first piece. We had a publishing party on Friday and celebrated our hard work. Feel free to read our stories, they are posted on our "Star Authors" board
- \* Introduced the word wall word "love"
- \* Practiced sorting letters
- \* Made leaf rubbings
- \* Practiced our fine motor skills by tearing paper to make "Newspaper N."
- \* Learned about symmetry by making symmetrical leaves with paint and matching two symmetrical sides on snowflakes

### [More About Our Class](#)

You can learn more about weekly classroom activities by going to our class website:

[www.mrsdumansclass.com](http://www.mrsdumansclass.com)

If you need to get in contact with me, my e-mail is:

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### Fun Run

On Friday, we had an assembly to promote our annual Fun Run. The Fun Run is a school fundraiser that helps promote a fun, healthy, and safe atmosphere for all students while maximizing their abilities to raise money for the financial success of their schools.

On November 4, in the afternoon, our class will participate in a run/walk around the track. Students can get pledges from friends and family who want to support them. The early pledge turn-in date is on Halloween, October 31. You should have gotten information about this last Thursday in your child's backpack.

To learn more about the fun run, go to [www.thegetmovincrew.com](http://www.thegetmovincrew.com)

### Dates To Remember:

Tuesday, October 25 - 4-7  
Parent Conferences - I e-mailed those of you that have conferences that night.

Saturday, October 29 - 3-5  
Pittsfield Fall Festival - Come and have some fun, treats, and vote on our classroom pumpkin

### Halloween

We will be having a Halloween Celebration on Monday, October 31 in the afternoon. There will be an all-school parade at 2 PM followed by our classroom party.

You may be hearing from one of our room parents early this week for party donations. If your child is dressing up for Halloween, please send his/her costume to school in the morning in a bag clearly labeled with his/her name. Please do not send any costumes which might be too scary, or any play weapons. We will be changing into costumes around 1:30 and can use parent help at that time. Thanks in advance for all of your support!