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Greetings!

To the left, you will find helpful links that will take you directly to the articles you want to read (Table of Contents), to important pages on our website (School Links), and will provide a quick list of upcoming events (Important Dates.)

Silent Dismissal - Action Required

On Monday March 21st, we will begin using our new end of day release program called Silent Dismissal. As of this morning, only 36 parents have even logged in to the program. It is imperative that you review and confirm your child's information.

Regardless of how your child gets home each night, every family has steps to take before Monday, March 21st:

(step-by-step directions with screen shots can be viewed [here](#))

One. Set up a parent access account by going to the site <http://davinci.sdcs28.com/>. Use the numbers and letters associated with your child's account listed at the top left corner of the sheet sent home last Monday (for example 155-dPeR34g72Z).

We have pre-loaded information that was either provided during back-to-school registration or based on current information known by the teachers. Your student information will look like this:

Students						
	First Name	Last Name	Car ID	Status	Today	
	Samuel	Fischer	108	Normal Dismissal	Carpool	

Important Dates

3/14 Curriculum/Tech Com,
4:00 pm

3/14 Finance Com,
6:00 pm

3/19 March Madness, 11 am

3/21 School Board Meeting,
6 pm

3/22 4th Grade Inventors'
Fair, 1 pm - 2 pm

3/28 Parent/Teacher Conf,
12 pm - 8 pm

4/4 HR/Compensation Com,
4:30 pm

4/4 School Dev Com, 5:30
pm

4/6 Policy Com, 3:30 pm

Food Service Program

Current Lunch prices -
including milk

Hot, Alt. or Emergency
Lunch:


- Full Pay = \$3.50;
- Free/Reduced =

Two. Click on the pencil on the right hand side of the student information to review your information. (Note: "Carpool" stands for parent pick-up). First, set your default selection for Monday through Friday. Second, select alternate dismissal plans; this allows you to easily change dismissal plans in the future (e.g. for extracurricular activities).

Three. Cut out the car tags and place one in each vehicle used to pick up your child from school. If you carpool with another family, you will need to hang both tags or write both numbers on the tag given to you. Extra car tags can be requested from [Mrs. Fischer](#).

Four. If you want to use the phone app, download and pay for it through your phone app provider. The name of the app is "Silent Dismissal".

Starting on Monday, March 21st, your child will be sent home from school based only on the selections that are set through the parent access on Silent Dismissal.

For any day or week that you need to adjust your child's end of day directions for the current day only, log in to your account **prior to 2:45 pm** and select the  to the left of the child's name and select the desired dismissal. This includes changes for extra-curricular activities, travel home with friends, or any change in the pre-set directions.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact [Mrs. Fischer](#).

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Davinci Academy school board election was held on Monday, February 22. The election results were:

\$0.00

Vegetarian Lunch:

- Full-pay = \$4.50;
- Reduced-price = \$0.40;
- Free = \$0.00

A La Carte Items -charged to ALL students:

- Milk-only = \$0.50;
- Pre-Ordered Extra slice of pizza = \$1.50,
- Emergency meals = \$3.50
- Extra Entree (Grade 6-8 only) = \$1.50

Current Breakfast Price:

- Full-pay = \$1.75
- Kindergarten = \$0.00
- Reduced-price = \$0.00
- Free = \$0.00

Go [here](#) to apply for free or reduced-price meals or to find out more about the food service program.

Emergency &

Attendance Alerts via



To sign up for emergency messaging, [click here](#) .

This program is used for:

- a) emergency/immediate alerts,
- b) school closings,
- and c) attendance alerts.

Contact [Mrs. Bacigalupo](#) for information

1. Parent seat: Mark Guy, parent

2. At-Large seat: Ross Meisner, parent

3. Community seat: Valerie Slaymaker, community member

Board members took their seats at the February 22 school board meeting. Board officer elections were held during the meeting. The table below is our current school board officers and members:

SEAT	ROLE	TERM (Feb.)	NAME	POSITION
A	Teacher	2014-2017	Erin Nelson	
B	Teacher	2015-2018	Nicole Brown	
C	Community	2015-2018	Rachel Engstom	
D	Parent	2016-2019	* Mark Guy	
E	Community	2016-2019	*Valerie Slaymaker	Treasurer
F	Parent	2014-2017	Andy Wallschlaeger	
G	Parent	2014-2017	Melanie Persellin	Secretary
H	At-Large	2016-2019	* Ross Meisner	President
I	At-Large	2015-2018	Matt Manning	Vice President

Food Service Reminders

([Lee Swearingen](#))

Lactose free milk is available for students who are lactose intolerant. To request lactose free milk, you need only complete [this form](#) and return it to the school office. Please note, the school is not required to make available any other substitutions, such as juice or soy milk, based solely on lactose intolerance. However, you do have the right to request a special diet for your child; please review the Special Diet Statements found on the [School Forms](#) page or contact [Mrs. Swearingen](#) directly for more information on special diet requests.

Soda and energy drinks are not allowed during the school day, including during lunch time and after-school activities.

Review your child's food service balance and transactions, or even fund their account, through [schoolpaymentportal.com](#).

PTO News

Link [here](#) to the PTO website or download the most recent [newsletter](#) (dated March 2016) for recent information.

Label All Apparel

Help reduce our lost and found! Please label all clothing, outwear and lunch boxes.

(Consider using [NameBubbles](#) - enter code DAAS15 and 20% of your order will be donated to DaVinci Academy).

Use zip code 55434 to find our school.

A la carte items are now available for students in 6th through 8th grade. Most items are \$0.50 each (juice, cereal, bagels & cream cheese, etc). If you do not want your child to purchase these types of items, please discuss this with them or contact Mrs. Swearingen to put a restriction on their account. Want to see what your child has been purchasing? See the paragraph above regarding schoolpaymentportal.com.

Mark Your Calendar - Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3/28

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, March 28th from 12:00-8:00 p.m. This week, teachers will be requesting conferences from families. Next week, we will open up the conference times to parents.

Kindergarten through fifth grade teachers will schedule conferences through their Bloomz sites.

Starting next Monday, conferences with the Middle school, specialist and resource teachers can be scheduled through the office as we have done in the past. Please call the office at the beginning of next week to reserve a conference time with those teachers.

You are invited to the 4th Grade Inventors' Fair!

Tues. March 22, 1:00-2:00 in the gym.

Stop by and be amazed at the creativity and originality of our 4th grade classes!

Additional judges are still needed-contact [Mrs. Thom](#) for more information.

Outdoor Clothing Requirements

([Mr. Eldred](#))

At this time of year, the temperature outside can really fluctuate. Listed below are what students should be wearing outside during recess depending on the temperature.

- 60 degrees or higher - short/long sleeve shirts
- 46 to 59 degrees - light jacket/hooded sweatshirts
- 45 degrees or lower - winter coat, hats and gloves
- Snow pants and boots required when there is snow

If there is snow on the playground/field and students want to play in it, they need to wear snow pants and winter boots. If they do not have snow pants and winter boots, they will be required to stay on the blacktop area.

If students bring jackets outside for recess, we will request that they wear their jackets or at least wrap it around their waist. We do not want jackets lying around the playground because they tend to get left behind and end up in the lost and found. It is also strongly recommended that you label all of your child's outdoor wear, including sweatshirts and sweaters, with their name.

Extra Curricular Classes

([Holly Fischer](#))

You can view class descriptions [here](#) and find activity specific forms through the links below (click on linked activity names).

Most activities will run from April 11 through May 13 (some exceptions apply, see class descriptions for details). If you would like to register your child for any of the activities, please fill out this [Sign-Up Form](#) and return it with payment to the front desk. If you are registering for a class that is offered by an outside provider, please fill out the same sign-up sheet but payment will be made directly to the outside provider. See links below for details. **The deadline to sign up is Friday, April 1.**

Activities

[ABACUS Club](#)

Keyboarding

Writing Club

Crafts

Spring Planting

[Young Rembrandts](#)

Mad Science	North Metro TV
Nerd Club	Creative Journalling
Fishing	Science Club
Golf Squad	Chess Club
Spring Arts & Crafts	Fun Fridays

IMPORTANT REMINDER - All of these activities start at 3:15 pm and end at 4:15 pm (except ABACUS Club). Only students enrolled for an extra-curricular activity can stay after school. Unattended siblings are not permitted to remain at school and wait until 4:15 pm to be picked up. Teachers, Coaches and Activity Teachers are not available to supervise non-participating siblings. Please do not request that they do so. Also, parents are required to pick up participating children no later than 4:20 pm. Repeated lateness will result in removal from the class.

Minimum participating requirement - All of these classes will have a minimum number of required students needed in order to run. If the minimum numbers are not reached, your money will be refunded.

Outside Providers: Some classes will require additional sign-up steps. ABACUS Club, Golf Squad, Young Rembrandts and Mad Science all have online registration. Please follow the registration instructions listed in the information links above and also return the DaVinci Academy Session 4 [sign-up form](#) so we know who will be attending.

TaeKwonDo instruction is ongoing and interested parents can contact the TaeKwonDo Center directly with questions. Master Kim's email address is kimstkd@gmail.com.

Questions regarding extra-curricular activities should be directed to [Holly Fischer](#).

Join Us for March Madness

March Madness is back at DaVinci Academy! Join us on Saturday, March 19 at 11 a.m. Come and experience some great basketball, watch a student versus teacher/alumni exhibition game, and take part in some fun events for the fans too. This is the annual end-of-the-year celebration to put a wrap on the 2015-

2016 season.

Come early, stay late, and just enjoy what these kids have been doing all season. In between each set of games there will be contests for awesome prizes. Anyone who is there is eligible to win!

See the attached [flyer](#) for all the details. If you have questions about this, please contact [Mr. Slechta](#).



PTO News

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