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Food Service Program

Current Lunch prices -
including milk

Hot, Alt. or Emergency
Lunch:

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

Greetings!

To the left, you will find helpful links to important pages on our website (School Links).

NEED TO KNOW.....

(Grades K-5) Field Day June 6

When: Tuesday, June 6th
Grades K through 2: 8:30 am - 10:45 am
Grades 3 through 5: 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Where: Carrara East Park - 13129 Eldorado St., Blaine MN

Things to know:

- Students will be allowed to wear appropriate athletic attire: knee length shorts and t-shirts. No tank tops t-shirts with inappropriate logos/writing or short-shorts will be allowed.
- This is a non-uniform day for the kindergartners through fifth grade.
- Please send a water bottle and sun screen for your student.
- Parents are welcome to join us.

DaVinci Den Registration Open for Part-Time Users

([Julie Kresh](#))

We have space for approximately 15 students in our DaVinci Den program. You can find more information about the program on our [website](#) but some important details are listed below:

- The DaVinci Den will be open each school day from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the rate of \$15 per day.
- DaVinci Den students may still participate in extra curricular activities. On those days, the DaVinci Den fee will be reduced to \$10.00.
- During the school year, the DaVinci Den will be open for select school-release days from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm, at the rate of \$40.00 per day.



DaVinci Den

\$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.

PTO News

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

Label All Apparel

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

(Consider using NameBubbles)

This fee will include any scheduled field trips. A calendar of these days will be published before the start of the school year.

- The current student maximum is 60. We will continue to evaluate the student limit based on family needs and available staff. A wait list of interested families will be kept if registrations exceed the current limit.
- Payments will be due by the first day of each month. No refunds will be made for cancellations or student absences.
- An annual registration fee of \$20 per child, with a maximum of \$40 per family, must be paid to ensure placement into the program.
- Information regarding the specifics of the program will be communicated once your child is officially enrolled.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN TO ALL FAMILIES,
CLICK [HERE](#) TO SIGN UP**

2017-2018 Busing Contract - Action Required!

([Holly Fischer](#))

Every student who will be riding the bus to and from school next year needs to be signed up to do so. **The deadline for signing up is July 1, 2017.**

Contact [Holly Fischer](#) if you need the busing contract email.

Thank you to those families who have already submitted their contract.

Chipotle Fundraiser

Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support DaVinci Academy. Come in to the Chipotle at **10450 Baltimore Street NE Suite 100** in Blaine on **Monday, June 12th** between **5:00pm and 9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to our school!





[Printable Flyer](#)

Annual Family Survey

([Debra Lach](#))

Annually, the DaVinci Academy School Board asks parents/legal guardians to complete our Family Survey. You will receive a separate link in the next day or so. Your participation in the survey is very important. We use it to assess your perception of the job we are doing, what is working well, and what warrants our attention. We are striving for 100% response rate in order to understand the needs of the school community. Thank you in advance for taking the time to give us feedback.

End of the Year Food Service Balance

([Lee Swearingen](#))

Parents are expected to fund their child's food service account monthly to maintain a positive balance at all times. However, all balances, positive and negative, will roll over to the next school year.

Parents of students who will not be returning next year will need to pay off all negative balances or, for a positive balance, request a refund or balance transfer to a remaining student.

If you have any questions, want to set purchase restrictions or discuss end of the year issues, please contact Mrs. Anderson or Mrs. Swearingen (foodservice@davincicharterschool.org).

Click [HERE](#) for monthly menus.

For more information on the food service program or to apply for free or reduced price meals, please see our [website](#). This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



We Need You for the Big Move!

([Holly Fischer](#))

Are you as excited about the new school as we are?! In order for us get from here to there, we are going to need your help.

Next Thursday or Friday, we will connect by email with each person who has indicated an interest in volunteering by signing up through HelpCounter.

If you already have a HelpCounter account, sign up using the [Home Access Link](#) and update your volunteer interest form.

If you do NOT have a HelpCounter account, please use the [New Volunteer Link](#) and you can indicate your interests during the sign up process.

Priority Volunteer Activities

Last Day of School/Classroom Pack Up on 6/15

Blaine Location Clean Up & Small Repairs on 6/16, 6/19 & 6/20

New Furniture Inventory any day 7/11 to 7/14

New School Computer Lab Set Up any day 7/25 to 8/4

New School Set Up Day on 7/25

New School Set Up Day Meal Donation on 7/25

Playground Build on 8/4 & 8/5

Back to School Night Mentor Families on 8/10

Parking Lot Safety 8/15 to 8/30

Bus Riders 8/15 to 8/25

Breakfast Supervision August & September

Thank you for your time and effort!

If you have any questions on these activities or using HelpCounter, please contact [Lee Swearingen](#).

Classroom Placement Reminder

[\(Terry Moffatt\)](#)

It is school policy that **we do not accept parent requests for particular teachers or classmates**. Teachers work very diligently to place all students in a classroom which will be beneficial to their needs and learning styles.

The staff regards the annual assignment of students to classrooms to be a very important process and task. Many hours are spent weighing and considering a number of factors to create a classroom where each student can learn and thrive. Factors considered in recommending a classroom include:

- a balance of boys and girls
- a range of academic abilities
- special needs
- social and emotional development
- learning styles

Final approval of class lists rests with the Academic Director. Parents/students are informed who their child (ren)'s new teacher(s) will be at the annual Open House on Thursday, August 10.

Area Summer Food Programs

- National Hunger Hotline at 1-866-3-Hungry or 1-877-8-HAMBRE. It's a free call, available in both English and Spanish, and is available from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eastern Time.
 - Call the 2-1-1 Hotline or from cell phones - metro area: 651-291-0211, outstate: 800-543-7709, TTY: 651-291-8440.
 - go to the [National Hunger Hotline](#)
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NICE TO KNOW.....

Ruth Thom - 2017 Outstanding Educator Award!

Ruth Thom has been named a regional honoree in the WEM Foundation's 2017 Outstanding Educator Awards Program!

Ms. Thom is being honored with an Academic Challenge Coach Award, which recognizes teachers who are exemplary coaches of student teams that participate and compete in academic challenges approved by the Minnesota Academic League Council.

Click [here](#) to read more about Ruth and her work at DaVinci Academy.

Congratulations Ruth!!

The 6th Annual DaVinci Academy Golf Tournament is FULL!

Thank you to everyone who signed up, and a special thanks to our generous sponsors!

There is still room for dinner guests. [Register online](#) soon to guarantee a spot!

If you're registered to golf, you'll receive an email next week with all the details for the event. Please contact [Melissa Barrows](#) if you have any questions.

We look forward to a great event June 9th at Majestic Oaks.

Summer Beginning Reading Programs

Learn to Read! Alphabet Skills Phonics Sight Words Comprehension Love of Reading

MINNESOTA CENTER for Reading Research
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
Driven to Discover™

Beginning Reading Programs

Offered this Summer in
Blaine, Brooklyn Park & Shoreview

Program for 4-Year-Olds & Entering Kindergartners
In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read. Children learn letter recognition, beginning phonics, and easy sight words. Your child will learn to read simple words and short sentences and will be excited about books and reading. The program features wonderful books and engaging games and activities and is taught by a skilled and enthusiastic teacher.

Programs for Entering 1st-5th Graders
In these programs, students develop strong phonics and decoding skills, build sight vocabulary, learn to read more fluently and rapidly, and develop strong comprehension skills. Your child will become a more confident student, enjoy reading more, and develop the lifelong habit of reading for pleasure.

For More Information or to Register
CALL (800) 715-1498
Mon.-Fri. 7am-4pm, Sat. 7am-6pm and Sun. 9am-5pm
Please see reverse side for class schedule

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[Printable Flyer](#)

ONGOING NEWS.....

Gently Used Toy Donations

([Holly Fischer](#))

Were you thinking of having a garage sale this summer but are feeling overwhelmed by the task? Well, have we got an opportunity for you! We are looking for craft items, board games, card games and all other fun, gently used toys to be donated to our new after school program the DaVinci Den. If you have items that would keep our kiddos occupied after school and you would be willing to bring them in we would appreciate the gift. Thank You!



Reminder - Middle School Uniform Change August 2017 to Navy Blue Polo Shirts

Starting next August, middle school students (grade 6-8) will be wearing navy blue polo shirts instead of the current red polo shirts. This will be one more way of giving middle school students their own identity and distinguish them from the K-5th students. Start shopping the sale racks now! Sears is closing stores in Minnesota and deep discounts may be available.



The rest of the uniform policy remains the same.

Employment Opportunities

DaVinci Academy has several licensed and non-licensed employment positions available for the upcoming school year. If you or someone you know would be interested, check out our [employment web page](#).



Do you know a high school or college student who likes working with kids and is looking for after school employment? The DaVinci Den, our after school care program, needs several After School Program Teacher Assistants starting in August and this could be a perfect opportunity for them! Interested individuals should apply online through our [employment application webpage](#).

DaVinci Academy Book Drive

As you know we are running a book drive to fill our new school with books. We are almost ready to box up the shelves for the second time! Thanks to all of the people that have dropped off books. Keep filling it up!



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