



DaVinci Academy

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Important Dates

(subject to change - see
[online calendar](#))

**2/7 Policy Committee
Meeting, 3:30 p.m.**

**2/8 Giants in the Sky
Performance,
6:30 p.m.**

**2/9 Giants in the Sky
Performance,
6:30 p.m.**

**2/12 Pizza Pick Up,
4:15 - 7:15 p.m.**

2/19 - 2/23 No School

**2/26 Enrollment
Lottery, 5:00 p.m.**

**2/26 Annual Board
Meeting, 6:00 p.m.**

**4/12 1st Grade Music
Concert, 5:30 p.m.
2nd Grade Music
Concert, 6:45 p.m.**

Greetings!

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

NEED TO KNOW.....

2018-19 Academic Calendar

The 2018-19 academic calendar was approved at the last Board meeting. Click [here](#) to download the calendar, it's also on our [website](#).

Giants in the Sky

Join us for the first theater performance in our Performing Arts Center (PAC). The cast and crew are excited to show you how hard they have been working.



Performances are at 6:30 p.m. on

Thursday, February 8 and Friday, February 9. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students.

4/19 3rd Grade Music
Concert, 5:30 p.m.
4th Grade Music & 5th
Grade Choir Concert,
6:45 p.m.

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 = \$0.50;
- 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.

Extracurricular Class Extension

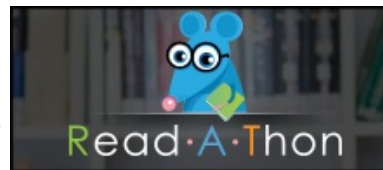
([Mrs. Fischer](#))

The following classes will run for 1 extra day on **Monday, February 26th**, to make up for the weather cancellation on Monday, January 22.

- Bend, Balance and Breathe
- Mr. Kim's Taekwondo
- Magic School Bus Arts & Crafts
- Keyboarding

Read-A-Thon

Calling All Readers!



The PTO is proud to announce their Inaugural Read-A-Thon to raise money for our school. All funds raised goes directly towards DaVinci Academy in many ways - including new books for our library!

The fundraiser will run from February 5-16. Watch your student's backpack and the PTO Facebook page for more information.

CLOSINGS/ WEATHER OR EMERGENCY

Emergency school closings due to severe weather, or any other reason, are posted on the school's website, major news station websites and emergency postings, and announced via School Messenger texts and/or phone calls.

On news channels and websites, we are listed as DaVinci Academy.

PLEASE NOTE THAT our schedule is SEPARATE from Anoka-Hennepin ISD or any other school district.

The decision to close school will usually be made before 6:00 a.m. on the day in question. Families will be contacted through School Messenger.

If you have any question as to whether the school is in session that day, check the school's website, major news station websites and emergency listing, before contacting

the school office.

Robo Calls

There have been a few instances recently that have required us to send out a message during the school day; cancellation of after school activities or late bus, etc.

When a voice message is left on your phone it is important that you listen to it as multiple calls to the office asking why we called jams the phone lines during an already busy time.

Thank you.

HELP WANTED.....

New Family Orientation
[\(Mrs. Fischer\)](#)

We are looking for Ambassador Families to help welcome new families to the New Family Orientation on Saturday, April 7th. Would you be willing to come and answer questions from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.?

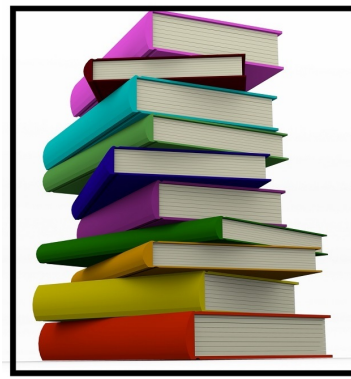
There are lots of things we do "the Davinci way" that we can share with new families, for example, community bus stops, "Student of the Month" assemblies, middle school weekly agendas or lower school Bloomz pages, Silent Dismissal, and the list goes on.

If new parents know that there is someone they can call with questions, it will make their assimilation into our program that much easier.

Please contact [Mrs. Fischer](#) if you would like to volunteer as an Ambassador Family.

Help Wanted - Organize Books

We are looking for a person who loves to organize, to inventory classroom sets of books. Minimal proficiency in data entry into a spreadsheet and an ability to count are the only things required for this important job.



Please contact [Mrs. Fischer](#) for more details.

Volunteers Needed

([Ms. Higgins](#))

Date: Monday, February 12



Location: DaVinci Academy Cafeteria

We need volunteers to help on the Heggies pizza delivery day. The first set of volunteers will help set up and organize the pizzas. The second set of volunteers will help pass out pizzas and clean up.

Click [here](#) to sign up.

If you are able to volunteer, we ask that your student(s) do not help during this busy time.

NICE TO KNOW.....



Eagle Bluff

[\(Ms. Gross\)](#)



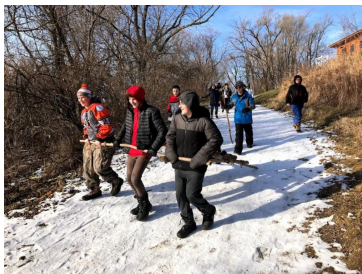
Right before the beginning of winter break, the middle

school students and teachers went on their annual three-day trip to the Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center in rural southeastern Minnesota.

Students loved the hands-on learning experiences of the Eagle Bluff classes. Going in the winter rather than summer meant that the class offerings were unique to this time of year. Some classes included "Winter Survival", "Animal Signs", and "Pioneer Life". Students also experienced the ever-popular "Tree Tops" ropes courses (gloves were a must!). Luck was on our side as the weather cooperated; the weather was chilly enough to make the indoors (and the campfire) feel cozy, but not bitterly cold.

Thank you to all who chaperoned and to Stephanie Severson for organizing the trip.

Our next trip will be August of 2018.



Future City

[\(Profe Lenny\)](#)

On Saturday, January 20th, our Future City teams went to the Minnesota Future City

Competition at the Dakota County Technical College (DCTC). We had three awesome middle school teams representing DaVinci Academy; Fovopolis, Futuropolis, and Tomorrow Central.



The students in this enrichment class had to create a model city, a presentation, and an essay based on this year's challenge which was "The Age-Friendly City". Students were asked to identify an issue that older people have and engineer two innovative solutions, so elders can remain active and independent.

As our first year in the competition, students learned different parts of the engineering process, how to work in groups on a long term project, as well as foster their knowledge of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM).



ONGOING.....

Free Silent Dismissal App

Thank you to everyone who has already installed the Silent Dismissal app. This helps tremendously at car line - especially in these temps! If you are not using the app for dismissal yet, please consider emailing [Nicole Hartfield](mailto:Nicole.Hartfield) to get it set up on your phone.



Thank you from Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Eldred, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Nguyen, Mrs. Troy and Mr. Hanson

Lunch Account Balances

[\(Mrs. Anderson\)](#)

Parents can always view their child's lunch balance at SchoolPaymentPortal.com. To keep the balance positive, one can pay by credit card on the website or bring cash or check to the school office. Please take the time to review your child's account.

If you have any questions, contact [Cassandra Anderson](#), Food Service Lead.

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