

# DaVinci Connection

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## Dear New DaVinci Family,

Welcome to the DaVinci community, we are very excited to have you join us! We have added you to our email list so that you will begin receiving school wide newsletters and important informational emails. Most of this information will not pertain to you right now but we want you to get used to reading these emails, get a feel for the type of information communicated on a school-wide basis and make sure you are prepared to get important information over the summer.

As school draws to a close (our last day is June 19th) and summer begins, more information will be provided regarding the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year. The first day of school is August 11, and we promise you that it will be here before you know it! You can see the calendar for the 2014-15 school year on our [website](#).

Please be sure to check out the article about the upcoming golf tournament and considering signing up to join us for a day of golf or simply for dinner. It will be a great way to meet some of the staff and supporters of the school.

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.)

If you have any questions about what you read here, about the upcoming school year, or anything about the school, please feel free to call us at 763-754-6577. Welcome to the DaVinci Academy community.

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## Keeping Your Child Safe from Victimization, Community Forum - Thursday, May 29

[Read More Below](#)

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## No School on Fridays during June!

Although the students probably do not need this reminder, there are

6/6 - No School

6/10 - Band/Orchestra  
Concert 6:00 pm

6/13 - No School

6/13 - Golf Tournament

6/19 - Last Day of  
School

no more student school days on Fridays in June. Students are expected to attend Monday through Thursday until the last day of school on June 19th. There is a great deal of learning that still goes on during the last weeks of school. Please make sure your children are in attendance.

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## Spring Concert Series (5th-8th) and Parking Information - 6/3 & 6/10

The concert schedules are as follows:

- Tuesday, 6/3: 5th - 8th Grade Choir Concert
  - 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm (approximate end time)
- Tuesday, 6/10: Band & Orchestra Concert
  - 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm (approximate end time)

Performing students should arrive no later than 5:45 and the gym doors will open at 5:30 pm.

For each of the spring concerts, we will again be providing a shuttle service from The Way of the Shepherd to DaVinci Academy. We encourage you to take advantage of this option as no parking is allowed on the frontage road or in the Aldi parking lot. We have arranged parking with additional neighbors and will have people directing you to available parking.

**Would you like front row seating?** For each concert night, we will need several parent volunteers to assist with parking. As a thank you, each volunteer and their family members will get reserved, front row seating for that evenings performance! If you would like to volunteer, please contact [Mrs. Fischer](#).

Additional parking will be sent out prior to the concert dates.

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## K-5 Field Day - Tuesday 6/3

Tuesday June 3rd will be the much anticipated Field Day for kindergarten through 5th grade! Please read below for all the important details.

When and where: Field day activities will be held at Cararra East Park ([see map here](#)) and parents are welcome to join them there.

**3rd through 5th grade** will be there from 8:30 am to 10:30 am.

**Kindergarten through 2nd grade** will be there from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

Shade tent request: There is very little shade at this park; if any family has a shade tent they would be willing to lend us for the day, we would be very grateful to have just one. Please contact Mrs. Swearingen if you can lend your tent.

Athletic attire allowed: Students will be allowed to wear appropriate athletic attire: knee length shorts, t-shirts. No tank tops t-shirts

with inappropriate logos/writing or short-shorts will be allowed.

Please send: Students should bring a filled water bottle for the day.

Also, please make sure to send sunscreen with your child or apply it before they leave for school. Keep in mind that school staff are not allowed to apply the sunscreen on your child so if they are not old enough to do it appropriately on their own, please do so before they arrive at school.

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## 6-8 Grade Spark Day - Thursday 6/5

Thursday June 5th is the middle school service and fun day! In the morning students will each be performing their chosen service project (music performances, Feed My Starving Children, car wash or park clean-up) and the afternoon will be spent at Zero Gravity for jumping and laser tag. It is sure to be a fun day for everyone!

Students will be eating lunch away from the school so please remember to send a bag lunch with them on Thursday.

Please note, students are required to wear their uniforms on this day as they will be in the community representing the school.

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## Missing Books?

As we draw to the end of the year, we are encouraging all students to look in the rooms, and closets and under beds for books that have been borrowed from classrooms and the school library.

**Please return all books no later than June 12.** A fee will be assessed for all lost or un-returned books. For your convenience a list of outstanding library books was provided to your child last week. This list does not include classroom textbooks or in-class teacher libraries.

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## Lunch Balances

Please be sure to pay any outstanding lunch balances before the last day of school year. Keep in mind that an additional charge will be added for any school lunch taken for the remaining 12 school days. You can check your child's lunch balance through your Powerschool parent portal (for student's in grade 3 and up) or contact Brenda at the front desk.

Thank you for ensuring all fees are taken care of before the last day of school. This is one step you can take to help keep our school in good financial standing!

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## Open Position - Evening Custodian

Recently our evening custodian retired and we are now actively searching for a person to replace him. This person will work an estimated 3 to 4 hours a day on each student contact day (days the students are in school). Duties include (but are not limited to) vacuuming classrooms and hallway carpets, emptying garbage and recycling bins and general clean up. If you are interested, please contact [Ms. Lach](#).

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## 3rd Annual DaVinci Golf Tournament and Dinner Gala Friday, June 13, 2014

Let's raise funds for our school! With the help and support of our parents, administration and Board Members, the Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner Gala has become our major fundraiser. Through this support, we have increased the number of golfers and sponsors each year. We have raised over \$25,000 the first two years and are well on our way to matching the sum this year!

We will be showcasing our student's art and science at the event along with a short presentation highlighting the history of our school! There will be artwork available in the silent auction and raffle along with one week at a timeshare at any of their available locations, flatscreen TV, gift cards, Northern MN resort, Science Museum family memberships, sport tickets, golf items and many, many more prizes. Come bid and/or buy tickets!

CAN YOU HELP by attending the Dinner Gala or golfing, donating a silent auction or raffle item? Asking your employer, family or other contacts to become a sponsor, donate prizes or send golfers or dinner attendees? CAN YOU VOLUNTEER the day of the event?

It is an excellent opportunity to get some hours and have lots of fun! You can volunteer in the morning, afternoon or all day!

Together we can make this happen and raise funds to offer our children unique and encouraging opportunities at our school!!! If you have any questions or want support recruiting sponsors and/or golfers, please feel free to contact parents Mary Walker (763-951-2566) or Jacob Sheck (612-384-2111) or our teachers Megan LeSage or Melissa Kaiser. We are in the home stretch!

A special thank you to our committee members for your work and dedication: Mary Walker, Jacob Sheck, Kadar Ibrahim, Gail Hiatt, Stacy King, Lindsay Altermatt, Melissa Kaiser, Megan LeSage, Dale Lieb and Debra Lach.

For more information or to print out a registration form, please link to our website [here](#).

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## Needed - two small step stools

We are in need of two small step stools for use in our elementary school bathrooms. They must be plastic for easy cleaning, no taller

than 12 inches high and the more colorful the better. If you have any that you are looking to part with, please contact [Mr. Holm](#), our school custodian.

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## Keeping Your Child Safe from Victimization, Community Forum - Thursday, May 29

We have recently been made aware that the trafficking of young people in Anoka County is a growing problem. To our knowledge this has not had an impact at our school, but we believe it is important to share this information with you.

Young people in Anoka County are being trafficked in the sex trade. While few people outside of law enforcement are aware of this problem it is growing rapidly. Parents and guardians can help stop it by learning what they can do to protect their children.

The Anoka County Sheriff's Office and the Anoka-Hennepin School District are partnering to present a free community forum on human trafficking on Thursday, May 29, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at Coon Rapids High School, 2230 Northdale Blvd. It is open to all parents, guardians, and other interested community members.

"Our goal is to get the word out. Parents need to know children are at risk and what they can do to help keep them safe," said Anoka County Sheriff Jim Stuart. He noted that girls as young as age 11 are being victimized.

The forum will include presentations, a panel discussion, pertinent resources, and opportunities for questions to be answered.

For more information call 763-506-1111.

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