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Important Dates

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

**10/16 & 10/17 Parent-
Teacher Conferences**

10/16-10/20 No School

**10/24 PTO Meeting
6:15 p.m.**

**10/30 Board Meeting
6 p.m.**

**11/10 Last Day of
Session 1
Extracurricular**

**11/16 Last Day of
Trimester 1**

11/17 No School

11/20-11/24 No School

Greetings!

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

NEED TO KNOW.....

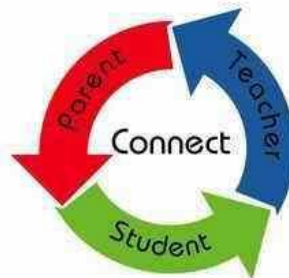
Fall Conferences - October 16 & 17

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

We will be holding parent/teacher conferences on Monday October 16 from 12-8 p.m. and Tuesday, October 17 from 8-4 p.m. There is no school for students those days.

Here is what you need to know:

Teachers in grades K-5 will have their conference schedule on Bloomz. They will be 15 minute conferences with a 5 minute break in between.



Most of the teachers have already made that conference schedule available to parents, so watch for emails from your teacher.

Teachers in grades 6-8 and specialists will be holding drop in conferences. For specialist teachers, you can come in any time from 12-8 p.m. on Monday and 8-4 p.m. on Tuesday. For middle school core teachers, you will want to avoid the hours of 5-6:30 p.m. on Monday and 9-10:15 a.m. on Tuesday. Those hours are reserved for teacher-requested group conferences.

If you have any questions about conferences, or if you need a language interpreter for your conference, you can call your child's teacher or [Holly Fischer](#).

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;
- 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.

Book Fair!

([Rachel Brown](#))

It is officially October.. and that means it's almost time for the book fair!



Just a reminder that the book fair will be in the Mezzanine on the second floor during conferences.

October 16th 12-8 p.m.

October 17th 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

There will be a board up at the fair called Teachers Wish List. This is a great way to show love to our teachers by buying a book so classroom libraries can be refreshed. It still benefits the library as well by earning Scholastic Dollars. It's a double win!

When you check out with your purchase you will have an opportunity to round up and donate to All for Books which increases our spending allowance for the library. And The Scholastic Possible Fund matches every All for Books donation up to \$1 Million in books, distributing them to organizations such as the Kids in Need foundation, Reader to Reader Inc. and the National Center for Families and Learning. Another double win!

Outdoor Attire Reminder

([Mr. Eldred](#))

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

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

- 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

2018-19 Enrollment is Now Open

We are now accepting applications for the 2018-19

school year for students who would like to attend DaVinci Academy for grades Kindergarten through 8th grade.

All new students who are interested and not currently enrolled at DaVinci Academy, including siblings, must complete an application. Applications are due by January 31, 2018 to be included in the enrollment lottery for the 2018-19 school year.

To complete an application for the next school year click [here](#). Click on the Online Enrollment. Sign up through our new online enrollment system and then complete and submit the application.

Our next Information Session for prospective families is Tuesday Oct 24 at 6:00 p.m. Information Sessions are for those who may be interested in attending DaVinci Academy.

Please feel free to share this information with your family or friends.

Eagle Bluff Parent Meetings

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

The traditional middle school three day field trip to Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center is scheduled for December 18-20.

This will be our first ever winter trip and we are excited about the opportunities the winter season will provide. Students will be able to participate in the tree top ropes course as well as snowshoeing, cross country skiing and winter survival.

All parents must attend an informational meeting regarding Eagle Bluff -- even if their children have attended other trips. The meetings are scheduled for Monday October 16 at 11:30 AM and 7:00 PM, Tuesday October 17 at 7:30 AM and Wednesday October 25 at 7:00 PM.

Chaperone applications will be available at the meeting.

DaVinci Den Teacher Wanted

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

The DaVinci Den is looking for a college age student or

older to join the team from 2:45-6:00 each day. If you or someone you know may be interested please contact Program Coordinator, [Julie Kresh](#), and/or apply on our [website](#).

Makerspace Needs Tools

([Terry Moffatt](#))

The Makerspace is starting to come together and



we have even had a couple classes of students try it out. We don't need a lot of supplies right now, but one need that we have is for hand tools such as hammers, screwdrivers, pliers, wire cutters, needle-nose pliers, etc. If you have any extra tools laying around and you would like to donate them to a great cause, please bring them in to Terry Moffatt.

We are also always looking for old technology (phones, computers, cameras, small appliances, etc.) that students would be able to take apart. Any donations of tools or old technology are welcome.



High School Plans for 8th Grade Parents

([Ms. Moffatt](#))

Although we are just getting underway for this school year, it is not too early to start thinking about high school. Very few school districts offer open enrollment, but for those that do, the application period is from December 1-January 15. If you are interested in continuing at a charter school, there are a couple of options as well as private schools.

If you would like to know more about specific schools or programs, or just have general questions about the whole high school process for your child, please feel free to schedule an appointment to come and see [Terry Moffatt](#).



NICE TO KNOW.....

Lunch Room SPARK

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

Because of our size DaVinci Academy is no longer having a monthly pizza Friday. Instead, each grade is given an opportunity to earn their very own pizza Friday for that month by showing SPARK in the cafeteria. Only one or two grades per month will earn a pizza day.

For the month of September, 5th grade has shown amazing SPARK in the lunch room. They use appropriate volume levels, clean up after themselves and place all the contents of their tray in the proper waste bins. (Trash, Recycling and Organics)

WTG 5th grade! A letter will be sent home soon explaining how to purchase pizza. October 26th will be your PIZZA day.

PTO Providing Teacher/Staff Meals During Conferences

[\(Jess Kuhn\)](#)

If you are available and willing to help provide a meal for

the teachers and staff during Parent-Teacher Conferences, please sign up using the link below. Let's keep our teachers well fed!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d44aba823a3f58-fall2>

Free Silent Dismissal App

The app developer has agreed to make the Silent Dismissal app free to DaVinci Families this year. Using the app allows you to dismiss your child to your car when you are in the parking lot - saving our fingers and phones from freezing in the winter. We would love for all families who pick up students to take us up on this offer and download the app. When you do, please email Holly Fischer and let me know what kind of phone you have. That way, I can enable the app for you. It will not work until this process has been completed.



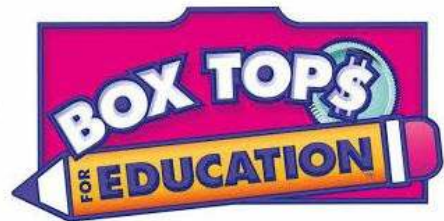
Thank you so much!

ONGOING NEWS.....

Box Top Contest

We are having a box top contest until **Monday October 23rd.**

Remember to write the teacher's name on the sheet or bag.



The top 3 class rooms will each win a pizza party!

Review Our School Policies

Please review the [School Policies and Procedures](#) annually as they are subject to change. The policies and procedures can be found on our website under Our School.

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