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Important Dates

(subject to change - see online calendar)

4/26 Kindergarten Round Up, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

4/30 Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

5/2 School Development Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m.

5/4 Student of the Month Assembly, Spirit Wear Day

5/7 HR/Comp Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m.

5/9 Policy Committee Meeting, 3:30 p.m., SEAC Meeting, 4:30 p.m.

5/14 Curriculum/Tech Committee, 5:00 p.m., Finance Committee,

Greetings!

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

NEED TO KNOW.....

Children's Book Week

DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science is proud to be a 99th anniversary Children's Book Week event host! As part of the longest-running national celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading, over 750 schools, libraries, and bookstores will celebrate Children's Book Week from April 30 to May 6 from coast to coast in all 50 states.

This May marks the 99th anniversary of <u>Children's Book</u> <u>Week</u>. The theme for this year's celebration is "One World, Many Stories."

Voting for the 11th Annual Children's & Teen Choice Book Awards, the only national book award voted on solely by kids & teens, has been in progress since March 1, and many locations will hold group voting in the class, store, or library until May 6, when voting ends.

We are proud to be hosting the following event(s) in celebration of Children's Book Week:

Celebrate Reading Night

- Tuesday, May 1st
- DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science
- 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
- Join us to celebrate reading. Guest readers, crafts, games, books and voting for your favorite book!
 Healthy snacks and refreshments will be provided beginning at 5:30 PM.

6:30 p.m.

5/15 Band & Orchestra Concert

5/17 Middle School Choir Concert

5/21 Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

5/25 No School

5/28 No School

5/29 PTO Meeting, 6:15 p.m.

5/31 Talent Show 4th-8th Grade, 6:00 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 <u>here</u> to apply for free or reduced-price meals or to find out more about the food service program.

Liz Lee Heinecke Visit

- Thursday, May 3rd
- DaVinci Academy Maker Space
- 8:30 AM-11:30 AM
- Liz Lee Heinecke is the author of STEAM Lab for Kids, an art-forward doorway to science, math, technology and engineering—the perfect book to counteract potential summer brain drain. Liz has made it her mission to show kids from three to ninetythree how to have fun playing with science at home.

Children's Book Week is a cornerstone program of Every Child a Reader, a 501(c)(3) literacy charity dedicated to inspiring a lifelong love of reading in children and teens across America. Other national programs include the Children's and Teen Choice Book Awards, Reading Without Walls, the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, in partnership with the Library of Congress, and new to us this year, Get Caught Reading.

Intersession Registration Deadline Friday, April 27th

(Mrs. Fischer)

May 21st-24th is our Spring Intersession. It is completely optional for students to participate, and students who don't sign up for a class will have that time off school.

- Intersession classes run from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and are fee based classes.
- Buses will continue to run as scheduled and the DaVinci Den will be open for those families currently enrolled.
- Most classes cost \$100.00 and this fee includes any field trip costs.
- Students may bring their own lunches, order bag lunches from the kitchen or eat an included lunch on certain field trips.
- Most classes are mixed age classes and have a minimum student count in order to offer the class. We ask families to make a first and second choice when registering.
- The YMCA class, in particular, is looking for more students to participate in this fun camp.
- The Kindergarten: 2 Classes in One class has been cancelled.
- We have a few more openings for the Jump, Slither and Slide class.
- There are a couple classes that have been filled and they are closed to further students. They are:
 - Athletes and Artists
 - Camp Adventure
 - Physical Fun

The class offerings are outlined on our <u>website</u>. Please contact <u>Mrs. Fischer</u>, if you have any questions about Intersession.

Are You Ready?

The 7th Annual DaVinci Academy Golf Tournament is Quickly Approaching!



Please consider joining us for a fun filled, community building, fund raising day in the sun. Money raised this year will help to expand the outdoor classrooms.

The event is held at Majestic Oaks Golf Club in Ham Lake on Friday, June 8th. The fee for individual golfers is \$125 and a foursome is \$425. The fee includes green fees and cart, access to the driving range, golfer goodie bag, dinner, program, and awards.

Not a golfer? No problem! Join us for a social hour, dinner, program, and a raffle. The social hour begins at 5:00 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. followed by a program, awards and a raffle. The cost for the buffet dinner is \$50 per guest.

Please register online HERE by Friday, May 25th.

If you have any questions regarding the golf or the dinner only option, please contact Megan Steinbruckner, Golf Tournament Coordinator, at (763) 754-6577. Thank you for continually supporting DaVinci Academy!

Assembly Day

The next "Student of the Month" assembly is set for Friday, May 4th. Students may wear their spirit wear on assembly days only. If students do not have any Spirit Wear, they must wear their uniform. Pants must follow uniform policyno jeans, jegging, legging, or athletic pants. Look for the Spirit Wear Store to be open on the following days:

- 5/1 Celebrate Reading Night
- 5/15 Band/Orchestra Concert
- 5/17 Middle School Choir Concert













ROUND UP 5:00-7:00 PM

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN AUGUST 2018

VISIT WITH REPRESENTATIVES TO LEARN ABOUT

ACADEMICS ★ TRANSPORTATION★ UNIFORMS ★ FOOD SERVICE ★ SPECIAL EDUCATION ★ VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES ★ AND MORE...

PRESENTATION AT 5:00

WE WILL MEET IN THE PERFORMING ARTS
CENTER AT 5:00 AND DO SOME Q & A.
THEN, WE WILL DISPERSE TO
INFORMATION TABLES AND CLASSROOMS

MEET THE TEACHERS

SEE THE CLASSROOMS AND GET TO KNOW OUR KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM. WE'LL EVEN HAVE A SCHOOL BUS YOU CAN TAKE A RIDE

GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED! MEET WITH AVAILABLE STAFF.
TEACHERS, BOARD MEMBERS AND MENTOR FAMILIES.

THE COMPUTER LAB WILL BE OPEN IF YOU NEED TO COMPLETE YOUR ONLINE REGISTRATION.

Band and Orchestra Concert (Mr. Hebert)

Our concerts are next month on Tuesday, May 15th and they are going to be great! Below are the details you will need:

Report Times:

5/6 grade report at 4:30 pm (5:00 pm concert) 7/8th grade report at 6:30 pm (7:00 pm concert)



Concert Order:

5:00 - 5th grade orchestra

5:15 - 5th grade band

5:30 - 6th grade orchestra

5:45 - 6th grade band

7:00 - 7/8 grade band

7:25 - 7/8 grade orchestra

7:50 - chamber orchestra

Requirements:

All students will attend the concert.

All students will stay for the entirety of their section of the concert and sit in the audience after their performance to support their friends.

Dress Code:

White dress shirt (wrinkle free, no logos or color, button down with collar)

Black dress pants (no leggings or yoga pants and skirts must be appropriate length)

Black dress shoes (no tennis shoes or colors, please try to get some nice shoes)

Black socks

Hats, scarves, ties, suit jackets and vests will not be allowed. We need to look like a team.

If you have any questions, please contact me or visit my website for more information.

Sincerely, Mr. Hebert

Spring Pop Concert

(Mr. Hanson)

Our spring choral concert will be Thursday, May 17th, at 6:00 p.m. in the PAC. Students will meet in the choir room 30 minutes (5:30 p.m.) before the concert begins. Students in grades 6-8 will perform along with teachers and staff for a special finale you won't want to miss!

Concerts are required for all choir students to attend and perform. If you have an family emergency or other excused event (wedding, funeral, major sickness, etc.)

please contact Mr. Hanson ASAP.

All students will wear a white dress shirt, black dress pants or skirt and black dress shoes. No leggings or yoga pants, and skirts must be longer than finger tip length as stated in the uniform policy.

Looking forward to sharing our music with you!

NICE TO KNOW.....

Yearbook

(Ms. Moffatt)

Yearbooks are \$28.00 each. Your child will be bringing home a yearbook order form soon. <u>Order forms are due by Friday</u>, <u>April 27th</u>. Please remember:

- one envelope per child/order.
- cash or check only
- make checks payable to: DaVinci Academy
- Exact amount only <u>the school office does not carry change.</u>

Recycling Champion Award

(Mrs. Anderson)

Once a year, the Anoka County Recycling and Resource Solutions recognizes two schools that have gone above and beyond



in improving or implementing recycling programs. This year DaVinci Academy will be presented with an award for our accomplishments in improving and diverting so much material from the trash stream, especially in the lunchroom organics program. Congratulations DaVinci students and staff for making a big impact on our environment.

School Lunch Hero Day, May 4th

(Mrs.Fischer)

We will be recognizing the wonderful staff who work hard each day to keep our kids fed at lunch and safe on the playground.



Please ask your kids to say a special "Thank You" to the

lunch recess staff on Friday, May 4th.

SEAC Meeting May 9

(Ms. Sallam)

A SEAC (pronounced seek) is an acronym for Special Education Advisory Council, which is a group that provides input on special education issues to its local school district. Its purpose is to advise and advocate, not to decide policy.

DaVinci Academy will hold its second SEAC meeting of the 2017-2018 school year on Wednesday, May 9th from 4:30-5:30 p.m. The discussion topic at the SEAC this time will be "Summer Strategies". There will be light refreshments served.

If you have a student at DaVinci Academy who is on an IEP and receives services, we would love to see you! Please RSVP by emailing your child's case manager. Feel free to direct any questions about this or future SEAC meetings to your child's case manager or to Marwa-Sallam.

ONGOING.....

Games Wanted

(Mrs. Kresh)

The lunch/recess team is looking for new/gently used donations of the following games to be used during indoor recess. Please bring donations to the front desk. Thanks in advance for your help!

- o Uno
- Playing cards
- Mancala
- Connect 4
- Battleship
- Boggle

Lunch Account Balances

(Mrs. Anderson)

Please take the time to review your child's lunch balance

at <u>SchoolPaymentPortal.com</u>. To keep the balance positive, one can pay by credit card on the website or bring cash or check to the school office.

If you have any questions, contact <u>Cassandra Anderson</u>, Food Service Lead.

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