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## Important Dates

1/24 K-2 Concert, 6 pm

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1/30 School Board Mtg,  
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pm

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3:30 pm

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2/20 Finance Committee,  
6:30 pm

## Greetings!

To the left, you will find helpful links to important pages on our website (School Links), and will provide a quick list of upcoming events (Important Dates.)

## NEED TO KNOW.....

## ENROLLMENT DEADLINE JANUARY 31, 2017

As our open enrollment period is in full gear we receive many questions regarding if there is anything they will need to do to confirm their spot for the next school year.

1. If your student(s) are currently attending DaVinci Academy you will not need to do anything. Your student is enrolled for the next school year.
2. If your enrolled student has a sibling who is not attending DaVinci Academy and is interested in starting for the 2017-18 school year, you will need to complete an application on our SchoolMint website. Click here to complete.
3. If you know someone who is interested in DaVinci Academy please share with them our website and our upcoming Information sessions. Our next information session is January 31 at 6:00 pm.

Applications need to be completed by January 31st to be included in the lottery. All new students who have completed an application will hear about their application status shortly after the February 21st lottery.

If you have any further questions regarding enrollment please contact [Nicole Hartfield](#).

## NICE TO KNOW.....

## January Music Concerts & Shuttle

## 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.

### 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

Mark your calendars for an evening of singing and fun! Our elementary winter music concerts are coming next week. Our students will entertain you with singing, dancing, and playing instruments. We are excited to share our musical talent and knowledge with you!

**K-2 Winter Music Concert:** Tuesday, January 24th at 6:00 pm

**3-4 Winter Music Concert:** Thursday, January 26th at 6:00 pm

For both concerts, students should meet in their classrooms at **5:30 pm** wearing nice dress clothing.

**A shuttle bus** from Way of the Shepherd will be available for the K-2 concert only. This service will run from 5:20 pm to 6:00 pm before the concert and for 20 minutes following the end of the concert. You have to get your child to school by 5:30 pm anyway, why not take advantage of the shuttle bus at 5:20 pm and then stay to reserve seats and chat with other families? See the map below for information



## Arabic Classes - Action Required If You Are Interested

We have a teacher interested in teaching beginner and more advanced Arabic language classes during the last 2 sessions of extra-curricular classes. Please email [Holly Fischer](#) if you are interested so that we can determine which class would best suit you.

found! Please label all clothing, outwear and lunch boxes.

(Consider using [NameBubbles](#))

## Employment Positions for Next Year

There are many opportunities for parents to be involved at DaVinci Academy. One way is to apply for one of the open employment positions for next year. Here are some of the non-licensed positions that we are needing people for.

Lunch/Recess Monitors (Part time)  
Food Service Assistant (Part time)  
After School Activities Teachers or assistants (Part time)  
Janitor (Early shift)

We also have several licensed positions available. If you think you might be interested in working at DaVinci Academy, please go to our [employment page](#).

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## Judges Needed!

Mrs. Thom is seeking judges to help with our ZooMS Expo (zoo design challenge) on Feb. 7 and/or our 4th grade Inventors' Fair on Mar. 9. Judges are needed between 12 and 3 on those afternoons. Anyone who does not have a family member competing is encouraged to contact [Mrs. Thom](#) for more information.

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## Enjoy Pizza and Help Build our Playground!

We still have \$140,000 to raise to build our playground and outdoor classrooms for our new school! To help raise funds, the Capital Campaign is sponsoring a school-wide Heggie's Pizza Sales fundraiser. Brochures and order forms will be sent home with all students the week of January 23. Order forms must be returned to classroom teachers on Monday, Feb. 21.

Delivery and distribution of the pizzas will occur at the school on Thursday, March 16, 2017 from 2pm until 6pm.

All funds raised will go toward purchasing playground equipment for the new school. Questions? Please contact [Melanie Persellin](#).

To find out other ways to raise funds check out our [fundraising page](#)!

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## MINNESOTA K-12 Education Subtraction and Credit

As people start getting their materials together to file their income tax forms, it is an appropriate time for schools to remind parents of the Minnesota K-12 Education Subtraction and Credit Programs. The subtractions and credits cover; fees for after school programs, tutoring by qualified instructors, music lessons, field trip expenses, and home computer and educational software, to mention some of the expenses that qualify.

Minnesota has two programs-the K-12 education subtraction and the K-12 education credit-to help families pay expenses related to their child's kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) education. More information about the subtraction and credit programs can be found [HERE](#).

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## Ski Club Permission Slip

[\(Mr. Thompson\)](#)

This club is for 6th, 7th and 8th graders, but If you are a 5th grader who took Physics of H2O during Intersession then you may join as well.

Younger grades may also sign up as long as they have a parent or guardian to chaperone. Simply sign up or contact [Gabe Thompson](#). Each trip is \$40 and includes lift ticket, full rental including a helmet, a lesson if needed, and transportation to and from the ski resort and DaVinci Academy. You will not find a better deal to ski or snowboard anywhere.

[Print permission slip here.](#)

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## Parents needed!

Two volunteers needed for each classroom to support the school's Capital Campaign fundraising efforts for our new school playground and outdoor learning spaces.

### Responsibilities:

- Contact parents about upcoming fundraising events.
- Share ideas between classes via Bloomz



### Optional:

Help to organize a class or grade specific fundraiser. (For example, choose a restaurant that offers a percentage back when members of our school eat there on a specific night. The Capital Campaign committee has a list of options.)

### Qualifications:

- Enthusiastic about DaVinci Academy
- Access to Bloomz
- Willing to make phone calls to other parents

If you are interested, please contact your child's homeroom teacher directly!

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## Why We Track Volunteer Hours



([Lee Swearingen](#))

As a school, we cannot thank you enough for the thousands of hours that are donated to our school each and every year! **But have you ever wondered why we ask you to log or report your volunteer hours?** We, as a school, are required to annually report all volunteer hours to our charter school sponsor, Friends of Education. An accurate accounting of the parent volunteer time helps to quantify parent involvement and commitment to our school. And, almost more importantly, volunteer hours can often times help us obtain additional grant funding!

So, next time you volunteer, whether it is at school, at home, through the PTO, on a committee or as a member of the school board, **please remember to log those hours**. If you are unsure how to do this, check out our volunteer webpage [here](#), especially the *Volunteer Hour Tracking* section, or stop by the front desk. If you have a backlog of hours to enter, feel free to email [Mrs.Anderson](#) with the details (activity and number of hours is all that is needed) and she will update your records accordingly.

We thank you again for all of your time, talents and dedication!

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## DaVinci Academy Book Drive

As you know we are running a book drive to fill our new school with books. The bookshelves are filling up but we still need your help!

