



DaVinci Academy

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Important Dates

(subject to change - see
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**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

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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

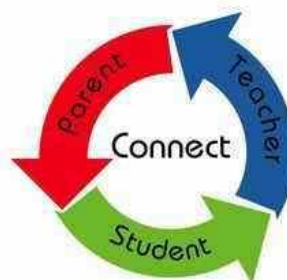
[\(Mrs. Fischer\)](#)

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

Please log in to Bloomz to make a conference time if you have not done so already.



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](#).

12/21-1/2 No School -
Winter Break

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.

Remember to Visit the Book Fair!

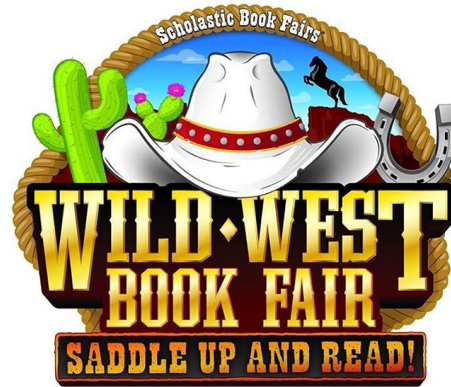
[\(Rachel Brown\)](#)

It's a great opportunity to support the school and our Fabulous Teachers!

In the Mezzanine:

Oct. 16th 12-8 PM

Oct. 17th 8-4 PM



If you miss the fair.

You can order on line

until Oct.20th. At Scholastic.com/fair. Click on "Find a Fair" and use our zip code 55304 to find our book fair.

Free shipping for online orders. Orders will be shipped to the school. Make sure to complete the label including who will receive the shipment (student and teacher name).

Lost & Found

Lost and found items will be displayed on tables in the Atrium during parent-teacher conferences. Remember to label your student(s) belongings.



These are just a few of the many items that have been turned into the lost & found.

DaVinci Den Teacher Wanted

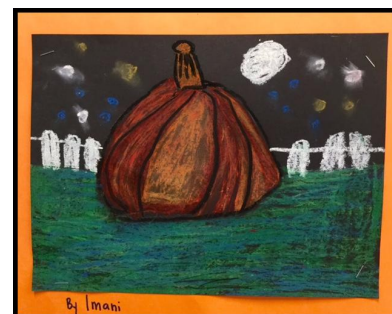
[\(Mrs. Kresh\)](#)

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](#).

Volunteers Needed in the Art Room

[\(Jennifer Kiel\)](#)

If you have interest in supporting the art program at DaVinci Academy,



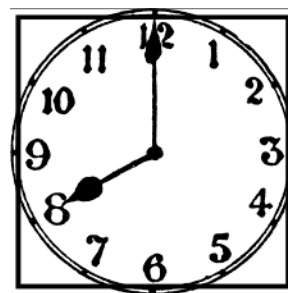
here's your chance! The art department is seeking volunteers (either ongoing or just a few hours) to help both in and out of the art room.

Please email [Jennifer Kiel](#) or stop by the first floor art room during conferences to talk further about this opportunity.



Students Arriving Late

School starts at 8 a.m. sharp. If your child(ren) plans to eat breakfast at school, please have them to school by 7:45 a.m. That will give them 10 minutes to eat and 5 minutes to get to class.



If your child(ren) are arriving late, they need to be signed into the office by an adult.

New Playground Equipment Installation - Help Wanted

Our basketball hoops and musical instruments are ready to be installed on the playground. Can you help dig a few holes and put together some pieces of equipment?

We will be working on this

Tuesday afternoon and would love some extra hands.

Please email [Holly Fischer](#) if you are available around 3:00 on October 17th.



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.



A BIG thank you to those who have donated!

NICE TO KNOW.....

Student Accomplishment

Brendan B was recognized for Team of the Month for Blaine Soccer Club. The Team of the Month is a selection of players, nominated by coaches, that best demonstrated the Blaine Soccer Club value of the month. This month: Enthusiasm.

Way to go Brendan!



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](#).

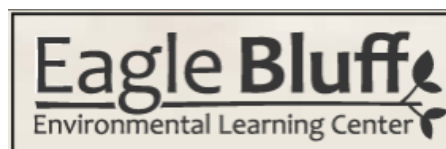


Eagle Bluff Parent Meetings

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

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.

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.

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.

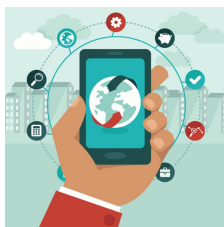
If there is snow on the playground/field and students want to play in it, all students need to wear snow pants and winter boots. If they do not have snow pants and winter boots, they will need to stay on the sidewalk.



- **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**

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.....

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>

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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