



**DaVinci Academy**  
**OF ARTS AND SCIENCE**  
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## Important Dates

(subject to change - see  
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**3/26 Board Meeting,**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**3/29 Parent Teacher**  
**Conferences**

**3/29, 3/30 & 4/2**  
**NO School**

**4/3 No School, Teacher**  
**Workshop Day**

**4/4 School**  
**Development**  
**Committee Meeting,**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**4/9 Curriculum/Tech**  
**Meeting, 5:00 p.m.**

**4/9 Finance Committee**  
**Meeting, 6:30 p.m.**

**4/11 Policy Committee**  
**Meeting, 3:30 p.m.**

**4/12 Music Concerts**  
**1st Grade, 5:30 p.m.**

## Greetings!

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

**NEED TO KNOW.....**

2nd Grade, 6:45 p.m.

**4/17 PTO Meeting,**  
**6:15 p.m.**

**4/19 Music Concerts**  
3rd Grade, 5:30 p.m.  
4th Gr/5th Gr Choir,  
6:45 p.m.

**4/30 Board Meeting,**  
**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 [here](#) to apply for free or reduced-price meals or to find out more about the food service program.



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## Parent Teacher Conferences, March 29th

Spring conferences are scheduled for Thursday, March 29, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All of the appointments will be scheduled in advance and are optional, unless the parent or teacher specifically requests one.

Look for scheduling information in teacher communications (Bloomz, middle school agenda, or teacher email).

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## Stopping for Buses

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

Every morning at 7:45 a.m. a Kottke's bus stops on Jefferson just outside our parking lot entrance, to pick up a child. More often than not, there is a driver who does not heed the bus's stop signal and drives through it, causing the bus driver to honk. This is just a reminder that in accordance with MN Statute 169.444 when a school bus is stopped and is displaying an "extended stop-signal arm and flashing red lights", every driver must stop their vehicle at least 20-feet away from the school bus. This is a very busy intersection that requires everyone's full attention in the morning. Your help keeping that intersection safe for all is appreciated.



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## New Board

On February 26, the votes were counted, and we have a new school board member. Here is a full list of all of the people who are volunteering their time on our school board. Thank you board members!

Matt Manning - President  
Melanie Persellin - Vice President  
Valerie Slaymaker - Treasurer  
Brian Mueggenberg - Secretary  
Ross Meisner - Board Member  
Andy Wallschlager - Board Member  
Mark Guy - Board Member  
Michelle Ingram - Board Member  
Jane Ahlstrom - Board Member

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## Spring Art Shows and Music Concerts

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



Our spring art shows and music concerts are on their way! Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

**1st Grade Spring Music Concert:** Thursday, April 12th at 5:30 p.m.

**2nd Grade Spring Music Concert:** Thursday, April 12th at 6:45 p.m.

**3rd Grade Spring Music Concert:** Thursday, April 19th at 5:30 p.m.

**4th Grade & 5 Choir Spring Music Concert:** Thursday, April 19th at 6:45 p.m.

**Kindergarten Spring Music Concert:** Wednesday, June 20th (Graduation Ceremony)

The art shows will be in the atrium and students need to be accompanied by an adult to view the works.

Students should meet in their classrooms 30 minutes before the concert to line up and get ready (5:00 p.m. for the 5:30 p.m. concerts and 6:15 p.m. for the 6:45 p.m. concerts). All concerts take place in the Performing Arts Center.

**Concert Attire:**

General Music (grades K-4): nice dress clothing (any color) and dress shoes in which your student can walk and stand comfortably.

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## Intercession - What Is It?

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

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

- Intercession classes run from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and are fee based classes.
- 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.
- Buses will continue to run as scheduled and the DaVinci Den will be open for those families currently enrolled.
- 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.
- There are some classes that have a maximum student count, so it is important to register right away before those spots get filled and the class is closed to additional children.
- Here is a sneak peek at the classes being offered: **Nature Camp, Athletes and Artists, Jump, Slither and Slide, YMCA Camp, Farm Life and Planting, Physical Fun, Let's Make Golf Great Again, Reach For New Heights, Camp Adventure, Dora the Explorer Kindergarten Adventure and The Three Bears Shadow Show.**

Intercession classes will be open for registrations at the beginning of next week and the class offerings will be outlined on our [website](#). Watch for an email with a link. Please contact [Mrs. Fischer](#) if you have any questions about Intercession.

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**HELP WANTED.....**

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## Lunch/Recess Monitors

[\(Julie Kresh\)](#)

We will have an increased need for Lunch/Recess Monitors next year as we are adding to our enrollment. We also need an additional monitor to finish off this year. Now is the time to sign up to help out as spring is approaching - it's much more fun to be outside :) Can you work as a substitute to fill in for others? Can you take the 10:00-1:00 position every day? We are looking for people who want to connect with kids during this very important part of our day. Please contact [Julie Kresh](#) for more information.

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## NICE TO KNOW.....

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## Uniform Exchange

[\(PTO\)](#)

There will be a table set up in the atrium on Thursday, March 29th, during conferences. You will find gently used, dress code compliant items available. If you have any items to contribute, please drop them off in the office next week.

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## Feed the Teachers

[\(Ms. Higgins\)](#)

Teacher Conference Sign Up - Please help provide food for our amazing teachers during conferences. It's a long day for them so they really appreciate it. [Sign up here](#) if you can help.

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## 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!

- Uno

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

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## Food Drive Results

[\(PTO\)](#)

Our school raised 505 pounds of food! That's a great donation! That's enough food for about 420 meals!

A message from CEAP:  
"I hope your students and staff are really proud of their work. Thank you so much for participating in this year's March Food Share Drive!"



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## ONGOING.....

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## 2018-19 Academic Calendar

The 2018-19 academic calendar was approved at the last Board meeting. Click [here](#) to download the calendar. It's also on our [website](#).

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## Lunch Account Balances

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

Parents can always view their child's lunch balance at [SchoolPaymentPortal.com](http://SchoolPaymentPortal.com). To keep the balance positive, one can pay by credit card on the website or bring cash or check to the school office. Please take the time to review your child's account.

If you have any questions, contact [Cassandra Anderson](#), Food Service Lead.

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