

# DYNAMITE NEWS

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## School Stuff

### LUNCH AND RECESS

Here is a helpful explanation of how our students' recess and lunch schedule was developed.

When organizing the schedule this year, the staff struggled to balance the time needed for academics with the time our students need to eat lunch and enjoy some recess. With that in mind, the staff believe that 20 minutes for lunch and 20 minutes for recess is a reasonable amount of time.

In the first weeks, it was noticed that a lot of food was going into the garbage. In response to this, a new procedure was developed. The first 15 minutes of lunch time is a social lunch in which students may visit with their peers while enjoying their lunch. The last five minutes of lunch before recess is a time for quiet eating. To signal this time we turn off some of the lights in the cafeteria and one adult gives the "five minute warning". As a result of this procedure we have noticed our students eating more and throwing less away.

We are looking forward to our new larger lunch space in the new gym.

### STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

If your student is up to something that you would like to share with everyone (theatre, awards, etc.), let us know.

### CUB SCOUT NEWS

Thinking about joining? Come check out a meeting! We have our Pack Meeting Tuesday, September 28 at 6:30 pm, all dens are to attend. This will be our first pack meeting. It will be a blast! We have skits, snacks and awards for scouts. Come see what all the talk is about. Want more info? E-mail us at [pack3180@q.com](mailto:pack3180@q.com).



### BUG CLUB

Learn about insects! Start your own collection! Grades 4 - 8 can hang out in Mr. Cauley's room on Thursdays from 4 - 5 pm. There is a \$15 fee and space limited to the first 20 students. The club is open this Thursday and lasts until the first frost.

## HOW SPARK HONOREES ARE CHOSEN

Some questions have come up about how the SPARK honorees are selected. So here is an explanation.

For the K - 5<sup>th</sup> graders, there are SPARK students of the week and SPARK students of the month.

The students of the week are chosen as follows: Any adult in the school building may give SPARK tickets to any K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade student for showing a SPARK behavior. Those adults include teachers in the classrooms, any adults in the hallways, on the playground, at lunch, etc. When a student receives a SPARK ticket they place it in the red SPARK box by Ms. Bouwman's desk. From this box each week we will randomly select 5 - 10 students to recognize on our SPARK bulletin board. Students in Grades 6-8 have their own incentive program, but may still receive SPARK tickets.

SPARK students of the month are a bit different. These will be K - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who have shown SPARK all month: Spirit, Participation, Academics, Responsibility and Kindness. Generally one student per homeroom will be chosen, but that could vary. The students are chosen at the homeroom teachers' discretion. Parents of Student of the Month honorees will be invited to the celebration.

During the monthly Dynamite All School Celebration, Mr. Hobson will first recognize the students of the month. They will get front row seats, a certificate, a small prize, and a chance to play the game of the month against teachers and parents.

Mr. Hobson will also recognize all those students who received SPARK tickets during the month.

## ARTSTAMPS

Correction: Please return your Art-Stamps by Tuesday, October 26th.

## SPIRITWEAR ORDERS DUE SEPTEMBER 29

Thinking about sweaters, sweat-shirts & long sleeve polo shirts? We've got them all, with the school logo embroidered on them in white. We also have windbreakers, fleece jackets & hoodies; and don't forget about winter hats!! Orders typically take 2-3 weeks to deliver after ordering. Checks can be made to DaVinci Academy PTO, please send payment with your order. The order form is attached, just print it and send it with your payment. If you have any questions call Emma Kneeland 763-370-5692

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Want to get in some volunteer hours? Please consider helping at the Scholastic Book Fair. There are shifts on Monday, October 25 – Friday, October 29. The shifts are 7:30 am – 9 am or 4 pm – 6 pm. This is an easy and fun way to get in some hours. If you have questions or would like to sign-up, please contact Rachael at [rdburesh@comcast.net](mailto:rdburesh@comcast.net) or call 763-785-2873.

## PTO MEETING

General Meeting  
Tuesday, September 28  
6:30 pm  
free childcare

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

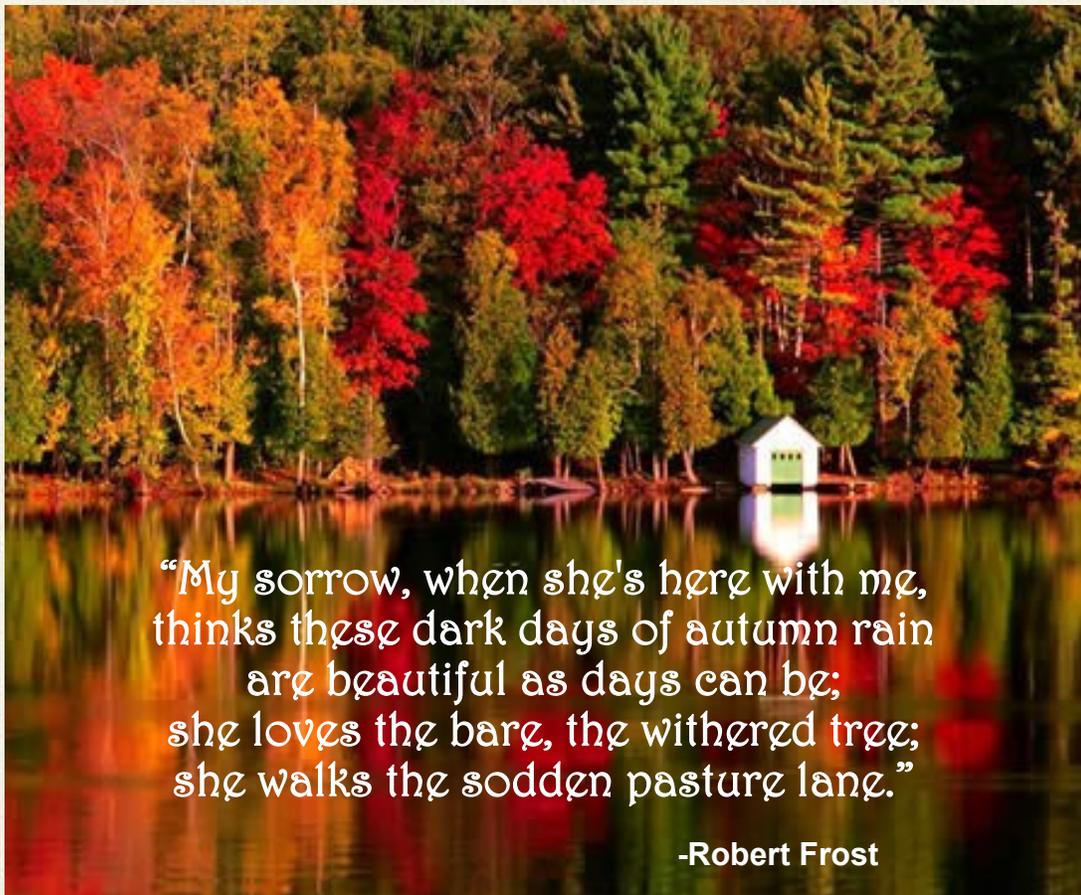
**Outreach Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 28  
5:00 pm

**Facilities Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 28  
6:00 pm

**Cub Scout Pack Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 28  
6:30 pm

**PTO Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 28  
6:30 pm

**Spiritwear Orders Due  
September 29**



“My sorrow, when she's here with me,  
thinks these dark days of autumn rain  
are beautiful as days can be;  
she loves the bare, the withered tree;  
she walks the sodden pasture lane.”

-Robert Frost

