

DYNAMITE NEWS

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NO SCHOOL

Remember, there is no school the entire week of Thanksgiving, Monday, November 22 – Friday, November 26.

School Stuff

PIANISTS NEEDED

Pianists are needed to rehearse with the classrooms and choirs and then play at the performances. The performances are on Tuesday, December 7, Thursday, December 9 and Tuesday, December 14. If you are interested in playing a part or have any questions, please email Mrs. Hunter at shunter@davincicharterschool.org.

TIMELY ACTIVITIES PICK UP

Home Work Club is being well used this year and we are glad to see so many students taking advantage of the opportunity to get extra help and get their work completed. We want to remind everyone that Home Work Club runs from 4:00 to 5:15 pm. Students should be picked up from DaVinci no later than 5:15 pm.

SPARK THIS WEEK

The next All School Celebrations will be held on Thursday, November 18 at 2:00 pm for PM K and 1st -5th graders and on Friday at 9:15 am for 6th - 8th graders. Both celebrations will be held in the gym and families are invited to attend.

LOCKER CLEANERS NEEDED

DaVinci Academy needs your assistance with cleaning the inside of the lockers. Come by the school at your convenience and we will get you started. If you have any questions, please contact Marcia Bouwman at mbouwman@davincicharterschool.org.

From the desk of Cory Klabunde Construction update

Over the last four months, DaVinci Academy has almost doubled its building space. We have added six new classrooms, a gym with a large stage, a new music room, a larger kitchen, changing rooms in the gym, several offices, and a large storage area. We have also remodeled existing space, adding a large special education classroom, a new media center/computer lab, a music room, and staff lounge. This large construction project is winding down and the majority of the work is completed. Currently contractors are in the building performing a "punch list". These are items that still need to be finished or items that need to be corrected before the general contractor and owner will sign off for the final payments.

The DaVinci Academy Facilities Committee has been and will continue to meet about facility needs. We still have a small amount of our construction budget to use for construction items. We are in the process of possibly adding a forty-foot horizontal climbing wall, stage lighting for concerts and plays, and some smaller items for the building and grounds.

The students have been able to utilize the new gym for physical education. Students also have used the gym for lunch. The larger space for lunch has really been nice for everyone. We have been able to spread the tables out and the students and staff have more room to move around each table. One hundred sixty lockers have been moved into the building for the students in grades six through eight. We are hoping that they will be able to use these lockers after Thanksgiving break. These lockers have been in storage for over two years and need a good cleaning before students will be able to use them. We are looking for volunteers to help clean the lockers. If the cleaning is done sooner than Thanksgiving, students will be able to use them sooner.

If you have been in the parking lot recently, all of the semi-trailers are gone and it is amazing how much space they took up over the last four months! Next week the parking lot will have its last cleaning.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone for their patience during the construction project. Everyone-- parents, students, staff and visitors -- have been fantastic!!

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Ava I. passed the ISI skating level of Delta and is now beginning Freestyle 1. Great job, Ava!

Isaac F. took first place in forms and sparring in his division at the Andy Wallen Taekwondo Tournament in Osseo on Saturday, November 6. Isaac is a green belt at the World Taekwondo Academy in Coon Rapids.

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

SPELLING BEE RESULTS

The finals for the spelling bee were held last week and the results are:

First and Second Grade

Winner: Allika P.

Runner Up: Aimee Gess

Third and Fourth Grade

Winner: Max W.

Runner Up: Furaha A.

Fifth - Eighth Grade

Winner: Aidan B.

Runner Up: Matthew N.

Aidan B. will now go on to the regional spelling bee in March to represent DaVinci Academy. Congratulations to all of the participants!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

No School

November 22, through
November 26

K-2 Holiday Music Concert

Tuesday, December 7
7:30 pm

Grades 3 - 4

Holiday Music Concert
Thursday, December 9
7:30 pm

Grades 5 - 8 Science Fair
December 10

Band, Orchestra and Choir Music Concert

Tuesday, December 14
7:30 pm

PURELY P.T.O.

You are invited
to the 3rd Annual
DaVinci Holiday Marketplace

Saturday, December 4
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
DaVinci Academy

The holidays will be here before we know it, so beat the rush!
Register for great door prizes and enjoy tasty food, all while you get your holiday shopping done - you can't do all that in a mall!

Our vendors this year include: art work proudly made by DaVinci students, hand-painted crafts, Simply Fun, Norwex, Mary Kay, American Girl accessories, Pampered Chef and a whole lot more!

