

# DYNAMITE NEWS

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## School Stuff

A note from our school board:

### **FAMILIES MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT DAVINCI ACADEMY!**

On October 15, 25 and 26 we held parent/teacher conferences. We are extremely pleased to report that 96% of our families came to meet with their teachers! This is an amazing turnout, and again affirms one of the attributes that sets DaVinci Academy apart. Family involvement is a key component in a child's success at school. DaVinci Academy is blessed with families who are actively involved in our mission to deliver a quality educational experience to our children. We applaud you for your commitment to make a real difference in your child's education, and look forward to seeing you again at the next parent/teacher conferences in April.

### **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Don't forget that numerous after school activities are starting this week for all grades. The activities include basketball, theater, Lego and robotics, school newspaper and writers club, and science club. See the attached flyer for further details and to register.

### **BACK PARKING LOT CLOSED DURING RECESS**

For the safety of our students outside at recess, the DaVinci parking lot is closed to moving vehicles from 11:40 - 1:00 pm every school day. Parking on the south side of the building is available all day.

### **REGISTER FOR REQUIRED INTERSESSION**

Remember, because of the delayed start of school, the January 3 - 7 intersession is mandatory. There is no cost to parents, but students must register by Wednesday, December 8.

Any activity with less than 10 students will be cancelled. Those students will be asked to choose another activity. The size of the classes will be cut off at 25, so if there is a session your child really wants, sign up quickly.

Kindergarten students will stay with their own teacher. Students in Grades 1 - 2 need to choose 2 activities (one for the morning and one for the afternoon).

Read through the sign-up sheet carefully - there are some other activities that are half day as well. Each student, except half-day kindergarteners, must participate in a full day of school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Terry Moffat [tmoffat@davincicharterschool.org](mailto:tmoffat@davincicharterschool.org) or Brian Hobson [bhobson@davincicharterschool.org](mailto:bhobson@davincicharterschool.org).

### **HAVE FUN LEARNING MATH**

Looking for a fun computer activity to keep your students busy, but still learning? [IXL.com](http://www.ixl.com) is a math program aligned with Minnesota State Standards. Students earn medals as they master skills. There is a monthly subscription fee, but students are able to do 20 free questions each day. There is a great parent side to the program as well, and the paid subscription provides detailed reports on student's proficiency and skills practiced. [www.ixl.com](http://www.ixl.com)

### **HOLIDAY PROGRAM DRESS CODE REMINDER**

Don't forget that students performing with their classrooms should wear holiday attire. Girls can earn extra credit for wearing skirts, which must extend below the knee. Boys can earn extra credit for wearing a tie. Students performing in the band, orchestra and choirs must wear white tops and black bottoms. On the nights of Dec. 7th & 9th students need to be at school by 7:00 p.m. They will go to their classrooms. On the night of the band/choir concert, Dec 14, students should be at school at 6:45 p.m.

### **FREE INFLUENZA VACCINATION**

Children's and Kohl's Cares for Kids are offering several free in-store influenza vaccination clinics in December. Kids and adults can get vaccinated via shot or nasal mist. The clinics are as follows:

Apple Valley: 4 - 8 pm on Dec. 2 and 3;  
10 am - 2 pm on Dec. 4

Blaine: 4 - 8 pm on Dec. 2 and 3;  
10 am - 2 pm on Dec. 4

Maplewood: 4 - 8 pm on Dec. 2

Owatonna: 4 - 8 pm on Dec. 3;  
10 am - 2 pm on Dec. 4

Rosedale: 4 - 8 pm on Dec. 2 and 3;  
10 am - 2 pm on Dec. 4

### **FAMILY DOWNHILL SKI CLUB**

Are you and your family downhill ski enthusiasts? Would you like to hit the slopes or maybe relax in the chalet? Would you like to get the children interested in this fun winter activity? If so, this is the group for you. Join us for one or two fun-filled days at area ski slopes. We will plan trips and car pools, and with enough interest, get group rates. We would like to plan our first outing over the holiday break so don't wait. Please e-mail Tracey Cramer-Kelly at [tcramerkelly@msn.com](mailto:tcramerkelly@msn.com) if you are interested.

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Sixth grader, **Connor S.**, and fifth grader, **Natalie S.**, along with their fellow junior varsity TEAM DC team members of Premier Karate/Andover, took First Place in the Mega Team TKD Traditional Form competition at the Professional Karate Studios (PKS) Karate Tournament, held at Fridley High School on Sunday, November 14. Natalie received her first individual trophy by placing 4th in her belt division (high-yellow), performing the Do-San Traditional Form. At a previous competition held in September at Cooper High School in Hopkins, MN, Connor earned his first individual trophy by placing 4th in his belt division (Blue), performing the Jhoon-Gun Traditional Form. Congratulations Connor and Natalie!

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

## GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts will meet Wednesday, December 1 at 4:15 – 5:45 pm. For more information, contact Mrs. Busch at 763-913-9715.

“Some people give time,  
some money,  
some their skills  
and connections,  
some literally give their  
life's blood.  
But everyone  
has something to give.”

-Barbara Bush

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**K-2 Holiday Music Concert**  
Tuesday, December 7  
7:30 pm  
students to arrive at 7 pm

**Grades 3 - 4  
Holiday Music Concert**  
Thursday, December 9,  
7:30 pm  
students to arrive at 7 pm

**Grades 5 - 8  
Science Fair**  
Friday, December 10

Judging will take place throughout the school day

The science exhibits will then be open from 4:30—6:00 pm for students and parents.

**Band, Orchestra  
and Choir Concert**  
Tuesday, December 14  
7:30 pm, see the letter sent home with your student for details

**PTO General Meeting**  
The next PTO general meeting will be Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30 pm

## PURELY P.T.O.

You are invited to  
the 3rd Annual DaVinci Holiday Marketplace!!!

When: Saturday, December 4

Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Place: 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!

