

DYNAMITE NEWS

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School Stuff

CHANGES TO HOMEWORK CLUB

Beginning the week of March 21, we are implementing the following changes to Homework Club:

- Homework club will now be offered only Tuesdays and Thursdays until 5:15 p.m.
- Students must have homework and a teacher invitation (Homework Club Ticket) to attend homework club.
- Students must be picked up no later than 5:15. If students are picked up late, they will not be invited to attend homework club.
- We will notify families of those who are invited to attend Homework Club at least one day in advance.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

REMINDER ABOUT STREP

Strep remains contagious 36-48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment. Being that strep is spreading so widely throughout school, we strongly encourage parents to keep their children home for 2-3 days after starting antibiotics.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

The DaVinci Kids Care Club completed its first project, making 75 Valentine's Day cards for seniors. The club members put in four long hours making the cards. The fun-filled day brought smiles to not only the seniors receiving the cards, but also to the members who participated in making them. If you and your family would like to get involved in volunteering with DaVinci Kids Care Club, please contact Eleanor Thomas at etatiga45@hotmail.com for upcoming volunteer opportunities.

REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

On Saturday, February 26, five of our students participated in the regional science fair at St. Cloud. The participating students were: Paul S. and Connor S., Grade 6; Brandon P. and Owen R., Grade 7; and Jude S., Grade 8.

Jude received Honorable Mention, Paul and Connor received a Merit Award, and Brandon and Owen were awarded a Certificate of Excellence and will be going on to the State Competition in March.

Congratulations!

NINTH GRADE ANNOUNCEMENT

At the School Board meeting held on Monday, February 21, 2011, the high school planning committee submitted a proposal to the school board that ninth grade be added for the 2012-13 school year. The school board voted to add ninth grade in the 2012-13 school year barring unforeseen circumstances. The high school planning committee is now working on hiring a high school planning consultant, to help design and implement a high school that fulfills the mission of DaVinci Academy.

PURELY P.T.O.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS DUE

Please see the attached PTO Nomination forms and job descriptions. Please return your nomination to the front desk by Friday, March 11. Any questions, please contact Rachael at rdburesh@comcast.net.

2000 MILKCAPS

Congratulations, DaVinci. We collected 2,000 Kemps milkcaps. That means \$100 for our school!

COKE REWARDS

Codes can be found under plastic caps, on the interior of cardboard packaging, as well as on the bottom of shrink wrap packaging. Each code is worth 3-25 points.

Different packages of Coca-Cola products carry different point values. Please note that not all Coca-Cola products and package sizes participate in the My Coke Rewards for Schools program.

Points can be donated two ways:

1. Bring the caps/codes to the school, where a coordinator will enter them.
2. Enter them yourself by registering as a member on the Coke Rewards site. Sign up is easy at mycokerewards.com with a click on the "Register Now" button in the upper right hand corner. As a member, you can see the products the school has on its wish list, as well as the cumulative progress.

*"The doors
we open and
close each day
decide the lives
we live."*

-Flora Whittemore



MARCH 1 FAMILY READ-IN

As part of our read-a-thon kickoff, we will be holding a Family Read-In on Tuesday, March 1 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. As this happens to be Dr. Seuss' birthday, we will be celebrating with special guest readers, time for individual family reading, snacks, and some fun family time. This is a family event so everyone is invited but all children must come with at least one adult. The read-a-thon will run until the middle of March.

DAVINCI STUDENTS IN CAPITOL ART SHOW 2011

Students statewide have been selected to have their artwork on display in the State Capitol from Sunday, February 27—Saturday, March 12 in honor of Youth Art Month, a nationwide celebration of the importance of visual art education. DaVinci students Samantha Bickford, grade five, and Erin Fortman, grade three, will be honored by having their work on display.

SENATOR VISIT

On March 4, 2011 Senator Pam Wolf will be visiting DaVinci Academy for about 45 minutes to tour our facility. The Senator will also visit with staff and discuss our successes.

KINDERGARTEN—FOURTH GRADE SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS:

2nd Grade:

1st Place—Addie C.
2nd Place—Katya H.

3rd Grade:

1st Place—Kylie N.
2nd Place—Avaere S.

4th Grade:

1st Place—Jayden T. & Ashley P.
2nd Place—Reese K.

Overall Winners:

1st Place—Jayden T. & Ashley P.
2nd Place—Kylie N.

People's Choice Award:

Faith B. & Grace S.

ACCELERATED READING

Accelerated Reading's goal is to motivate students to increase their reading comprehension and reading levels. DaVinci Academy encourages students to take quizzes on books that they read independently, with their teacher in school, and on books that you may read together at home. During the quiz, one of the questions asks students if the book was the *best* they ever read, a very good book, an OK book, or not very good book. Based on these answers a top 10 favorite books of DaVinci Academy students has been generated. The top 10 books for the school year so far are:

1. The Sea of Monsters
Rick Riordan
2. Little House in the Big Woods
Laura Ingalls Wilder
3. Holes
Louis Sachar
4. The Bremen-town Musicians
Ruth B. Gross
5. The Three Silly Cowboys
Deborah Eaton
6. Duck on a Bike
David Shannon
7. Tigers at Twilight
Mary Pope Osborne
8. Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
J.K. Rowling
9. The Last Olympian
Rick Riordan
10. Hate the Cat
Sharon Creech

Would you like to view your child's bookshelf based on quizzes they've completed? Log-in to <https://Hosted78.renlearn.com/2556008/HomeConnect> and use the correct username and password to see your personalized information. Your child should know their sign-in information, or contact their reading teacher for sign-in information. If you'd like to receive emails showing your student's quiz or test results, click the Email Setup link in Renaissance Home Connect and add homeconnectautodelivery@renlearnrp.com to your address book.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Read-a-Thon

Feb 28—March 18

Family Read-In

March 1
6:00—8:00 pm.

Finance Committee

Monday, March 7
6:00 p.m.

Policies/Procedures Committee

Monday, March 7
7:30 p.m.

Communications Committee

Tuesday, March 8
6:00 p.m.

High School Ad Hoc Committee

Tuesday, March 8
7:00 p.m.

Compensation Ad Hoc

Tuesday, March 14
6:00 p.m.

No School
March 14-18

Board Meeting

Monday, March 21
6:00 p.m.

Facilities/Technology Committee

Tuesday, March 29
6 p.m.

