

DYNAMITE NEWS

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School Stuff

DAVINCI GIRLS SOCCER GAME

Come and cheer on the 5th - 8th grade DaVinci Academy Girls Soccer team on Tuesday, October 5 at 6:15 pm. They will be playing Blaine at the National Sports Center in Blaine on Field F4. **Go, Dynamite!**



SIGN-UP FOR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher conferences will be available from 9 am - 12:15 pm and 1 - 5 pm on Friday, October 15. Appointments will also be available on Monday and Tuesday, October 25 and 26 from 4:30 - 7 pm. To sign up for the conferences, please call either Marcia Bouwman or Stephanie Bacigalupo, or stop by the front desk so that they can schedule you.

HELP SET UP THE NEW LIBRARY

To set up the new library, 10 - 20 volunteer are needed on Wednesday, October 6 from 4:30 - 8 pm. Volunteers will be moving bookshelves, books and lockers, and setting up the new library. If you are able to help, please contact Mr. Klabunde at cklabunde@davincicharterschool.org.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

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

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Last week the construction crew was sheet rocking and taping the new bathrooms, kitchen and kitchen storage area. This week they will start tiling the bathrooms and painting the walls. The metal dividers for the bathroom stalls are scheduled to be installed during the week of October 18.

Starting October 14, the construction crew plans to move the current kitchen to the new kitchen. The new kitchen will have an environmentally-friendly dishwasher! In keeping with that environmentally friendly trend, over the next several months, students will start using plastic plates instead of the Styrofoam plates currently being used. At the start of the school year the students began to use metal silverware at lunch, instead of the plastic silverware provided the previous years.

The construction crew started painting the stage, then will paint the main gym. The basketball hoops and the center curtain are scheduled to be installed during the week of October 11. The week of October 18, the gym floor is scheduled to be installed.

The project is coming to the end stages. The projected end date for construction is Friday, October 22.

SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES
Picture retakes are being handed out this week and need to be returned by Wednesday, Oct 13th.



SPELLING BEE

Classroom spelling bees are about to begin!



The spelling bee is optional, with student sign-up taking place on Monday, October 4. The classroom spelling bees will take place during the school day starting on Thursday, October, 7 and going through Monday, October, 11. Any student can participate - the more the better!

The winners of the classroom spelling bee will then participate in an all-school spelling bee. This will take place the first week in November. We will have one winner for Grades 1 - 3 and another for Grades 4 - 8. The winner from Grades 4 - 8 will then be eligible to go on to represent the school at the Regional spelling bee held in March. The Regional spelling bee is only for students in Grades 4 - 8.

If your child is interested in participating, please help them study the word list that came home on Friday. If you would like higher word lists to study, please let Academic Director, Terry Moffatt know and she will get them to you. Happy spelling!

SINGAPORE MATH IN THE NEWS
Checkout the link below for a great article from the *NY Times* last week, about Singapore Math.

http://www.nytimes.com/2010/10/01/education/01math.html?_r=2&scp=1&sq=&st=nyt

WE NEED CHAIRS

The PTO is looking for two folks to each chair one of these fundraisers: Food Perspectives and Terracycle.

Food Perspectives offers cost-efficient consumer research by developing novel recruiting approaches, such as donating a portion of test incentive payments to non-profit organizations. As the chair, you will input recruits' information and be the contact person between Food Perspectives and the school. Estimated commitment time is 2-4 hours a month.

Terracycle Brigades are national programs where the school earns cash for trash, such as juice pouches, candy wrappers, cereal bags, etc. As the chair, you would investigate and sign the school up for various brigades. You would then inform the school body about the products to be collected and provide receptacles to collect them. You would gather the collected items and mail them to Terracycle and maintain communications between Terracycle and the school. For more information see <http://www.terracycle.net/brigades?showall=true>. Estimated time commitment is 2-5 hours a month.

If you are interested please contact Rachael Buresh at rdburesh@comcast.net.

LIKE TO COOK?

Please consider making a crockpot meal or providing a salad of any type to feed our fabulous staff during the all-day Parent/Teacher conferences on Friday, October 15. Please contact Rachael via e-mail with the food you would like to donate at rdburesh@comcast.net. We would like 5-6 crockpot meals and 4-5 different types of salad so e-mail soon as these will fill up.

PTO GENERAL MEETING

The next PTO General Meeting will be a combo meeting for October and November and will be held **Tuesday, November 9 at DaVinci at 6:30 pm**. There is no childcare at this time, so if you or someone you know may be interested in helping, contact rdburesh@comcast.net.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

DAVINCI GIRLS SOCCER GAME

Tuesday, October 5th
6:15 PM

PTO GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, November 9
6:30 PM

SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES DUE

Wednesday, October 13

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

(by appointment)

Friday, October 15
Monday, October 25
Tuesday, October 26



"The sweet calm sunshine of October, now
Warms the low spot; upon its grassy mold
The purple oak-leaf falls; the birchen bough
drops its bright spoil like arrow-heads of gold."

- William Cullen Bryant