

DYNAMITE NEWS

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School Stuff

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

We recently wrapped up our Pennies For Patients fund raising campaign to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma society. We raised \$1,348.69 and all of this goes to the L and L society to help treat and research childhood diseases. The top fund raising classroom was Ms. Hartinger's 8th grade and they will receive a free pizza party donated by Dominoes Pizza.

Thanks you to all who donated to this cause.

ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

Kindergarten

Amelia O.-Torn Paper Owl

First Grade

Ruby B.- Scaredy Cat in Watercolor

Second Grade

Zennon K., Scratch Art Insect

Third Grade

Dessa K., Story Quilt

Fourth Grade

Carter A., Chinese Scroll

Fifth Grade

Madeline M., Koi Fish Drawing

Sixth Grade

Anna T., Bag Drawing in Charcoal

Seventh Grade

Steivan R., Sketchbook Drawing

Eighth Grade

Olivia B., Musical Expression Painting



DAVINCI STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE EMPTY BOWLS PROJECT

The January Intercession with Ms. Beil was more than just making ceramic bowls and sculptures. Each student in the class made a bowl to donate to The Empty Bowls Project. The Empty Bowls Project, is an international effort to fight hunger, and was started in the fall of 1990 by two potters in Michigan to help raise money for a Thanksgiving fund drive for a local food bank. Since then the idea has spread around the United States and all over the world. In every location, each year artists and their friends create handmade bowls and donate them to the Empty Bowls Project. Then these same volunteers serve a simple meal of soup or pasta, bread, & water. Guests choose a bowl to use that day and to keep as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. In exchange for the meal and the bowl, the guest gives a minimum donation. All proceeds go to a hunger-fighting organization. This year the Hopkins Center for the Arts in Hopkins held the event on March 15 and raised funds for the community food shelf. DaVinci students donated a total of 23 bowls. A special thanks to the eighth grade students who finished glazing the bowls so that they could be donated to the event.

Artist Jan Elftmann returns to DaVinci Academy

Jan Elftmann has returned to work with fifth grade students to build art machine sculptures out of recycled objects. Art and science are intertwined to bring home instructional goals. Students will build sculptures while reviewing the elements and principles of design. Using simple machines, motion, and electricity in their sculptures, students will review concepts taught in science this year.

Ms. Elftmann has a B.F.A. in sculpture from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, and has been a professional artist and educator since 1986. She has taught art classes at Walker Art Center and the Science Museum of Minnesota. Her work has been exhibited locally, nationally, and internationally. You may see her Holy Circle car parked at school since she is the curator of the annual ArtCar Parade in Minneapolis.

The residency is provided thru an ASAP grant from the Perpich Center for Arts Education and lasts for five weeks.



FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Save the date! Here are the dates of the spring music concerts. Please save the dates so all students are able to be a part of the performance. We are also looking for accompanists for each evening. If you're interested or have any questions, email shunter@davincicharterschool.org.

Thursday, May 19: Grades K-2
Tuesday, May 24: Grades 3-4
Thursday, May 26: Orchestra, Band, Green Choir, Orange Choir

SPRING ACTIVITIES

Below is a list of the upcoming after school activities. See the attached registration form for more information. Registration and payment may be turned into the school office.

Disc Golf, 5th – 8th grade

Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 10 – June 2 with offsite trips on May 19, 26 and June 2, \$25

Spanish Club, 4th – 8th grade

Fridays, April 15 – June 3, \$15

Move to the Beat : Dance, 3rd – 8th grade

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, April 12 – June 8, \$25

Friendship Bracelets, 5th – 8th grade

Tuesdays, April 12 - May 31, \$15

Lego Club, 3rd – 5th grade

Thursdays, May 12 – June 9

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

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

CRAFTS CLUB

For students in grades 1 – 3

If you like making crafts and enjoy learning new things, this class will offer you a variety of different crafts to make and take. We will be meeting on Tuesdays after school in the art room until 5:30 p.m. Materials and snack are included in the class fee.

Session 1 – 5 classes

March 22, 29 and April 5, 12, 19
Cost \$50

Session 2 – 5 classes

May 10, 17, 24, 31 and June 7 Cost \$50.

ART STUDIO

For students in grades 4 – 8

This class is for students looking for new opportunities to challenge their creativity and art skills. We will be meeting on Mondays after school in the art room until 5:30 p.m. Materials and snack are included in the class fee.

Session 1 – 5 classes

March 21, 28 and April 4, 11, 18 Cost: \$50

Session 2 – 5 classes

May 9, 16, 23, and June 6, 13
Cost: \$50

Contact Laurie Beil, DaVinci Art Instructor to sign up! Call me at school or email me at lbeil@davincicharterschool.org.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

PTO General Meeting

Tuesday, March 22
6:30 p.m.

Lunch Menus Due

Monday, March 28

Facilities/ Technology Committee

Monday, March 28
6:00 p.m.

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READ-A-THON

The read-a-thon ended March 18. Please bring in all of your pledges and reading logs. We look forward to letting you know how well our students did in next week's newsletter!

PTO MEETING

There is a General meeting on Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. There WILL NOT be child care.