

DYNAMITE NEWS

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School Stuff

BRING IN YOUR PENNIES

We are kicking off our Pennies for Patients campaign Monday, February 14, and it will run until February 24. All money raised from this campaign goes directly to the Leukemia/Lymphoma society to assist with research and treatment. The student council will be collecting the donations two times each week and posting totals. After the two weeks, the homerooms who donate the most might receive a movie and popcorn party, or a Dominoes Pizza party. Good luck everyone.

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.

FROM THE CHOIR ROOM

The Green Choir, grades 3-5, will meet this week Wednesday, February 16 at 8:00 a.m. The Orange Choir, grades 6-8, will NOT meet on Friday, February 18. All students who wish to participate in choir must come to the rehearsals. Call or email your questions to:

shunter@davincharterschool.org.

A NOTE ABOUT STREP:

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

DO YOU SEE SPARK AT DAVINCI?

If you happen to visit DaVinci Academy and notice great SPARK behaviors (Spirit, Participation, Academics, Responsibility, and Kindness) please feel free to recognize students showing SPARK with a SPARK ticket. SPARK tickets are usually available from Ms. Bouwman at the front desk or from almost any teacher. All tickets go into the SPARK box and each week we draw 5-7 names for recognition on the SPARK board in the Commons (old cafeteria). Thanks to all student who show SPARK and thanks to all those who recognize SPARK.

BEGINNING SOON

6th - 8th grade Basketball
Intramural and skill building
Begins Tuesday, February 15
- April 12, does not meet February 22, March 15 or April 5; \$30

4th - 5th grade Basketball
Intramural and skill building
Begins Thursday, February 24
- April 14, does not meet March 17 or April 7; \$30

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

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



“Promise me
you'll always
remember:
You're braver
than you believe,
and stronger
than you seem,
and smarter
than you think.”
Christopher Robin
to Pooh

- A. A. Milne

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.

ARTSTAMPS WINNER!

Congratulations to Anna Trudeau! Anna was the runner-up in the 10-12 year-old category of the 2010 National Artistic Achievement Award from ArtStamps. You can view Anna's artwork at <http://www.artstamps.com/gallery.php>.

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.

PTO GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting is
Tuesday, February 22
6:30 p.m.
Free childcare provided

SPAGHETTI DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION!!

Thursday, February 17

Silent Auction: 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Spaghetti Dinner: 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Cost for dinner:

Adults \$6, Children (12 and under) \$3

Please email Tammy Ness at Tammy.K.Ness@gmail.com by Wednesday February 16th. If you have not purchased tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction and still want to come, include in your email the number of tickets you need. Tickets will be held and payment received at the door.

We really need to know in advance how many people plan to come so we can prepare enough food and not have to give smaller portions (like we did during the chili feed) because so many more people came than were planned. We LOVE that DaVinci Academy has such great families that are so dedicated to and actively involved in our children's success in their education! We want to make sure that we provide you with the activities that are rewarding for you and your family as well as successful to the needs of DaVinci.

We are also still looking for volunteers to help during the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction: Serving Food, Serving Drinks, Set-up, Clean-up. Please contact Brenda Kuhn at 763-434-5063.

New Silent Auction Items...

- **Dinner for 2**
with Davinci Director Cory Klabunde and Academic Director Terry Moffatt
- **4 Passes to Bunker Beach**
- **One baseball or softball registration**
for the 2011 season with Soderville Athletic Association
- **One Month of unlimited dance classes**
at the 'nMotion Dance Center in Fridley
- **Jam Hops in Ham Lake - A Birthday Party** for a lucky boy or girl!!
- **Dairy Queen Log Ice Cream Cake**
- **Coffee for dinner**
supplied by Caribou Coffee in Blaine at 105th and 65

MORE AUCTION ITEMS ADDED DAILY!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Pennies for Patients begins
Monday, February 14

Compensation
Ad Hoc Committee
Tuesday, February 15
6:00 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner
& Silent Auction
Thursday, February 17
4:30 – 7 p.m.

No school
Monday and Tuesday
February 21 and 22

Board Meeting
Monday, February 21
6:00 p.m.

Facilities/Technology
Committee
Tuesday, February 22
6 p.m.

K-4 Science Fair
Friday, February 25
Judging during the day
4:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

