

DYNAMITE NEWS

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School Stuff

SEEKING BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

DaVinci's school board is seeking a community member to serve the remainder of a one year term. A community member is anyone who lives near our school, or who has interest in serving, but is not a teacher or a parent/guardian of a student in our school. A community member could be a grandparent or relative of a student. This position is to be appointed by the board and has been vacant since June 2009. If you are interested in nominating someone for this position, or you would like to submit your name for consideration, please send a letter to Terri Sheehan, Board Chair at tsheehan@davincicharterschool.org.

Spark Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following SPARK students of the month:

Adam T. — K—Ms. Dahlquist
Madeline S. — K—Ms. Fischer AM
Devin B.—K— Ms. Fischer PM
Tim B. - 1—Ms. Groh
Andra G.—1—Ms. Groh
Aimee G.—1—Ms. Steele
Simon B.—2—Ms. Dick
Andrew B.—2—Ms. Kaiser
Olivia T.—3—Ms. Morgan
Kyle N.—3— Ms. Lilja
Claire Y.—4—Ms. Berth
Faith B.—4—Mr. Cauley
Evan M.—5—Ms. Nelson
Casey F.—5—Ms. Arrowsmith
Emma N. —6—Ms. Zwonitzer
Anna M. -7- Mr. Melander
Angel A.—8—Ms. Hartinger

Thanks for showing great SPARK!

BUSSING EXPENSE

State transportation funding does not cover all the cost for DaVinci Academy's bus costs. A family contribution of \$250.00 can be made one-time annually, or spread out on a quarterly or monthly basis. Contributions can be mailed to the school or dropped off at the school's office.

PICK UP / DROP OFF

To continuously improve the school pick up and drop off procedure, please remember a few tips. If you are going into the school at the beginning or the end of the day, please park in a designated parking spot so that your vehicle does not block the flow of those staying in their cars. Follow the directions of the teachers in the parking lot. Please use the back, parking lot entrance as the front entrance is reserved for the buses in the morning and after school. By following these tips, we can improve and streamline the pick up and drop off procedure for all.

FIND LOST ITEMS

Please look for "Lost and Found" items on the tables in the cafeteria area during Conferences.

REQUIRED JANUARY INTERSESSION

Our January intersession offerings will be finalized soon. Remember, January 3 – 7 is our required intersession week. Students will have many great, fun, and interesting choices. Busing and lunch will run as normal during this week, but each student will spend the week attending an intersession class learning about a subject of interest and interacting with different students and teachers. Keep an eye on your e-mail inbox for the January intersession offerings.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher conferences are still available on Monday and Tuesday, October 25 and 26 from 4:30 – 7 pm. To sign up for the conferences, please call Marcia Bouwman.

From the Desk of Cory Klabunde:

A few weeks ago I received a \$1,228 check from Target, representing their annual payment to DaVinci Academy under their "Take Charge of Education" program. Target utilizes this program to donate 1% of purchases made by anyone enrolled in the program that has designated DaVinci Academy as their recipient of this donation.

These funds can be used for anything our school needs, which gives us great flexibility in putting these funds to use. This is the second check we have received from Target, bringing their total donations to DaVinci Academy to \$2,404 over the past two years.

DaVinci Academy currently has only 23 people enrolled in the program. I thank all of them for their participation because doing so is making a difference for our children. As you can see, the donation numbers can add up quickly! With our growing school and parent community, we should be able to substantially increase our number of participants, which translate to increased donations by Target to our school. Parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors can all participate.

Please visit www.Target.com/tcoe to learn more about "Take Care of Education". Get your Target REDcard (you choose either a Target credit or check card), designate DaVinci Academy (School ID No. 149783) as your school under the program, and all your Target purchases will begin benefiting our school. It's a great way for all of us to raise funds that go directly to helping us serve the needs of our children.

CUB SCOUTS SELL WREATHS

The Cub Scout pack at DaVinci is selling wreaths from Mickman's. If you'd like to buy one, contact a Cub Scout at pack3180@q.com. The wreath fundraiser is our only fundraiser for the year, and we need your help!! We have different types of Wreaths, Garlands, & Living Trees. We also have holiday gifts - this is how you can send a boxed wreath or tree to a loved one far away. Contact a scout today!!

WATCH FOR NEW ACTIVITIES

Keep your e-mail eyes open for the late fall/winter activities listing which will be sent soon.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Kellan B. is a Purple Belt at PKS in Blaine. Saturday, October 9 Kellan competed in the Diamond National Karate Tournament. He placed 2nd in Sparring (Boys 10-11 Purple Belts), he was a finalist in Forms, and his team, PKS Mega Team, placed 5th. Diamond National's is the only National Karate Tournament held in Minnesota. Congratulations, Kellan!

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

"Excellence is not a singular act, but a habit. You are what you repeatedly do."

~ Shaquille O'Neal

SPELLING BEE WINNERS

The spelling bee was a huge success. Over 125 students participated from Grades 1—8. All of the students who tried should be congratulated!

First Grade
Winner: Aimee G.

Second Grade
Winner: Allika P.

Third Grade
Winner: Max W.

Fourth Grade
Winner: Furaha A.

Fifth Grade
Winner: Matthew N.

Sixth Grade
Winner: Quinn S.

Seventh Grade
Winner: Aiden B.

Eighth Grade
Winner: Angelica P.

PURELY P.T.O.

DON'T FORGET THE STAMPS

ArtStamp artwork and order forms are due at the school office no later than Tuesday, October 26. If you have any questions please contact Julia Redding at mattandjulia@q.com.

BUY BOOKS TO EARN BOOKS

The Scholastic Book Fair will run from Monday, October 25 - Friday, October 29. You may purchase books from 7:30 - 9:00 am every morning. Stop by to purchase books from 4:00 - 8:00 pm on Monday and Tuesday evening, or from 4:00 - 6:00 pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All money made will go towards books for the DaVinci school library.

THANKS!

A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers who brought food for the Teacher Conferences last week. Thank you so much.

COLLECTING CAMPBELLS

Great job to everyone who has been bringing in their Campbell's soup labels over the past few months! Don't forget, UPC's on your kids' Goldfish snacks and Spaghettio's can also be collected for the Labels for Education campaign along with many more products! Check out the attached Campbell's Products and Label Collection Sheets. These are an easy way to submit all your UPC labels in one fell swoop! For more information, check out the website:

www.labelsforeducation.com

PTO GENERAL MEETING CHILDCARE NEEDED

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 rdbu-resh@comcast.net.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

(by appointment)

Monday, October 25
Tuesday, October 26

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Monday, October 25
through Friday, October 29

ARTSTAMPS DUE

Tuesday, October 26

PTO GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, November 9
6:30 PM





Done Right Food School News -- Nov 2010

"Healthy Food, Healthy Message"

EAT BREAKFAST EVERY DAY

Students who eat breakfast have been found to have increased test scores, fewer nurse's office visits, improved classroom behavior, attentiveness and performance, decreased absences and tardiness, and the list goes on. Study after study shows it. Students who start their day with breakfast say they feel good, are happy, and are more alert throughout the school day. Students who don't eat breakfast say they feel bad, tired, and bored throughout the school day. It's that simple.

Many of our schools offer breakfast items every day. Breakfast starts first thing in the morning, usually when the first bus arrives, and usually ends a few minutes before the start of the school day. The price that each school charges students for a full paid breakfast varies, while free or reduced price breakfasts are available at no cost.

Our hunt is always on for delicious and nutritious, as well as affordable foods that meet our *Healthy Menu Guidelines*. Please feel free to contact DRF with ideas, comments, or questions. In the meantime, **EAT BREAKFAST!!!**

THINK COLORFUL!

We're off to a good start following our *DRF Healthy Menu Guidelines* when planning menus that are aligned with the intent of local school wellness policies. Our guidelines state specific types of healthy foods that are served every day, such as fresh green leafy salads, fresh vegetables, fresh fruits, and more.

Vegetables include fresh lettuce blends, spinach, carrots, celery, broccoli, cauliflower, cucumbers, and cherry tomatoes. Vegetables also include legumes, or dry beans and peas, like kidney, great northern, black, and refried beans. Fruits include apples, oranges, bananas, grapes, and melon. With the Minnesota winter here, the term "seasonal" always applies --- just be assured we're working on continuing to get good quality fresh produce items.

When we think about vegetables and fruits --- **THINK COLORFUL** --- especially dark green and orange. For people who eat about 2,000 calories daily, their intake should include a total of 2 ½ cups of vegetables and 2 cups of fruits every day. So, start thinking --- and **EATING COLORFUL** --- with fresh vegetables and fruits.

OUR DONE RIGHT FOOD COMMITMENT --- HEALTHY FOOD, HEALTHY MESSAGE

DRF follows our own *Healthy Menu Guidelines* when planning menus that offer great food for students at school. Menus are aligned with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, health education curriculum, and school wellness policies. Our guidelines state specific types of healthy, wholesome foods that are popular with students and are served every day in school.

For more information, contact us:
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