

DYNAMITE NEWS

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School Stuff

REGISTER FOR INTERSESSION BY WEDNESDAY

Kindergarteners will stay with their own teachers, but all other students must register by Wednesday, December 8.

Make sure to sign up for a full day of activities. All students in grades 1 – 2 need to register for two half-day activities. Third graders need to read carefully, because some options available to them are full-day, and some are half-day activities.

Any activity with less than 10 students will be cancelled. Those students will be registered for their second choice. The size of the classes will be cut off at 25, so if more than 25 register, there will be a lottery to decide class enrollment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Terry Moffat at tmoffatt@davincicharterschool.org or Brian Hobson bhobson@davincicharterschool.org

GOOD SHIRTS, GOOD PRICE

Though DaVinci Academy does not endorse clothing companies, several DaVinci families have said that they have been pleased with the quality and price of the shirts they purchased at a company called Senavera, www.senaverauniforms.com, 901-756-7854.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM DRESS CODE

Don't forget that students performing with their classrooms should wear holiday attire. Girls can earn extra credit for wearing skirts, which must extend below the knee. Boys can earn extra credit for wearing a tie. Students performing in the band, orchestra and choirs must wear white tops and black bottoms. Again, extra credit can be earned by girls wearing skirts and by boys wearing ties.

WEB PRESENCE

In our September 20 DaVinci Dynamite Newsletter we updated you on the reconstruction of the school website. That process is continuing and we expect to have a fully functional website in early January. However, in the absence of a fully functional website, we are pleased to advise you that a new informational page is available at www.davincicharterschool.org. It includes links to enrollment information, the staff directory, our school calendar and Gradebook Wizard. Check it out!

FAMILY DOWNHILL SKI CLUB

Are you and your family downhill ski enthusiasts? Would you like to hit the slopes or maybe relax in the chalet? Would you like to get the children interested in this fun winter activity? If so, this is the group for you. Join us for one or two fun-filled days at area ski slopes. We will plan trips and car pools, and with enough interest, get group rates. We would like to plan our first outing over the holiday break so don't wait. Please e-mail Tracey Cramer-Kelly at tcramerkelly@msn.com if you are interested.

Looking for a fun computer activity to keep your students busy, but still learning? IXL.com is a math program aligned with Minnesota State Standards. Students earn medals as they master skills. There is a monthly subscription fee, but students are able to do 20 free questions each day. There is a great parent side to the program as well, and the paid subscription provides detailed reports on student's proficiency and skills practiced. www.ixl.com

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

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

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITY PICK-UP

Please be aware of ending times for after-school activities. We have a large number of students who are not being picked up on time. Students who are consistently picked up late may be removed from participating in after-school activities.

"Since time is
the one immaterial
object which we
cannot influence--neither speed up
nor slow down,
add to nor diminish--
it is an imponderably valuable gift."
-Maya Angelou

HAVE FUN LEARNING MATH



GENERAL MEETING

The next PTO general meeting will be Tuesday, January 25 at 6:30 pm with free childcare. Please take the time to come to this important meeting as we will discuss the PTO Officer openings that will be voted on in April.

FOOD PERSPECTIVES

Like to try different food items? Love to give your opinion? Please consider signing up for Food Perspectives. This is a very easy and delicious way to raise funds for DaVinci. Please contact Denise at goddessdenise107@msn.com with your questions or to get started. Thank you for supporting DaVinci!

TERRACYCLING

Please see the attached flyer for information on our fundraiser, Terracycling. There are numerous used household items that you can send to DaVinci to help raise money for our school rather than putting those items into the trash. The attached flyer lists what items DaVinci is collecting and how much our school earns for each item.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

K-2 Holiday Music Concert

Tuesday, December 7
7:30 pm

students to arrive at 7 pm

Grades 3 - 4

Holiday Music Concert

Thursday, December 9,
7:30 pm

students to arrive at 7 pm

Grades 5 - 8

Science Fair

Friday, December 10

Band, Orchestra and Choir Concert

Tuesday, December 14
7:30 pm, see the letter sent home
with your student for details

PTO General Meeting

The next PTO general meeting will
be Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30 pm

