

DYNAMITE NEWS

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School Stuff

SPARKS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Friday, September 17 will be our first DaVinci Dynamite monthly celebration. This is a time for us to recognize outstanding work, academic achievements and excellent student leadership. As we do not have a space large enough for the whole school yet, we will split the celebration into three groups.

K-2 will be at 10:00 am
3-5 at 2:00 pm and
6-8 at 3:00 pm

Starting in October, we will be inviting parents to attend these celebrations.

If you have any questions, contact Student Development Coordinator, Brian Hobson at 763-754-6577 ext. 116.

HOMEWORK CLUB 3RD - 8TH GRADE

Homework Club is held Monday - Thursday from 4:15 - 5:15 pm in Room 106 (Ms. Arrowsmith's homeroom). Students who stay for Homework Club must stay in Room 106 until picked up by a parent or guardian.

A snack can be purchased for \$.60 each day. Please indicate on your lunch calendar if you would like your student to have snack at Homework Club.

We are not able to offer Homework Club to students younger than 3rd grade. Parents need to make arrangements for siblings who are not in Homework Club.

SOCCER STARTS THIS WEEK

Kindergarten - 4th grade soccer starts Tuesday, September 14 after school until 5:30 pm at Carrera East Park, a short walk from DaVinci. Students will learn the rules of soccer, practice soccer skills, and play some friendly matches. This group will meet weekly until Tuesday, October 12. Families will need to provide transportation home after soccer. Parents will pick up their students at the park at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$20, paid by Monday, September 13.

5th - 8th grade soccer starts Monday, September 13 from 4:15 pm - 5:30 pm at Carrera East Park. Practices will be held Mondays and Thursdays until October 14. Parents will pick up their students at the park at 5:30 p.m. Friendly matches will be arranged with area teams. The match schedule will be handed out at the first practice. Matches will be held off-site at later times (around 6:15 pm - 6:30 pm). Families will need to provide transportation to and from matches, and home from practice. The cost is \$30, paid by Monday, September 13.

Students may change into black soccer-style shorts after school and continue to wear their red school shirts, or change into red t-shirts that are free of writing.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO FOLLOW

Watch out for information about other upcoming fall activities at DaVinci.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

5th grader, **Will T.**, attended Summer Academy this past summer and took the course entitled, "Nature at the Draw" - a drawing class of items in nature for 4th through 6th graders. One assignment was a group project where each student was to draw a picture using charcoal pencil of an animal which was being endangered by the oil spill. Each student's picture was in the shape of a puzzle piece which fit together with the others, leaving a few blank spaces open. The resulting 10' x 10' mural was entered into juried competition at the Minnesota State Fair and took the Grand Prize. Congratulations Will!

2nd grader **Yekatrina, "Katya," H.** was honored as the Twin Cities Shriner's Hero of the month. An article about her appeared in their newsletter, The Pulse. Here is a brief synopsis: Katya was born in Russia, at 28-weeks gestation. At the age of 3 months an overhead radiator pipe in Katya's hospital room burst and she received 3rd degree burns. Katya's parents adopted her in May 2004 and took her to Gillette Hospital where she had 9 separate surgical procedures to try to correct her hip dysplasia. Then Katya was referred to Dr. Cary Mielke, Assistant Chief of Staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children@Twin Cities who operated on Katya's hip in March 2010. Ms. Groh's 1st grade class was able to keep in contact with Katya via Skype last spring while she recuperated in the hospital, and they helped her get around when she returned to school in a wheel chair. Katya is now up and around like any other second grader. Congratulations, Katya on being honored!

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

ARE YOU IN UNIFORM?

A quick reminder to check the school uniform policies, especially those dealing with sweater styles, colors and shirt tucking. We expect our students to dress according to the uniform policy and will ask them to fix uniform violations at school.

PICTURE ORDERS DUE FRIDAY

Please remember to return your proofs and order forms by Friday, September 17.

PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retakes are Monday, September 20 at 10:30 am.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to DaVinci from October 25-29th. Please check out the wonderful website with times, volunteer options and books you can purchase now if you choose. The goal this year is to raise \$5000 for the school library. Go reading!!

The website is at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/davinciacademy>

COLLECT CAMPBELL'S LABELS

Campbell's Soup Labels are back with better rewards than ever! Please check out the attached brochures for a full explanation of how these small labels can create a big impact at our school!

RED POLO SHIRTS AVAILABLE

The PTO has 17 XL husky Dickies long sleeve polo shirts and 1 size L 12-14 long sleeve shirt. If you are interested in any of these shirts, contact Patti Cross at pat-tianncross@yahoo.com.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

5th - 8th Grade Soccer
Mondays & Thursdays
4:15 pm

K - 4 soccer
Tuesdays
4 pm

Picture Orders Due
Friday, September 17

Picture Retakes
Monday, September 20
10:30 am

School Board Meeting
Monday, September 20
6 pm

“We learn more by
looking for the answer to a question
and not finding it
than we do from
learning the answer itself.”

- Lloyd Alexander

