

# DYNAMITE NEWS

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## School Stuff

### ABSENT, LATE or LEAVING EARLY?

In case of absence due to illness, call Marcia Bouwman at 763-754-6577 by 9:00 am.

If you bring your child after 9:00 am or take him/her out of school before 4 pm you must check your child in/out at the office.

### VOLUNTEER IN SPANISH

Our Spanish teacher, Laura Kennedy, would love to have help in her classroom. If anyone is interested, please contact her at [lkennedy@davincicharterschool.org](mailto:lkennedy@davincicharterschool.org). Put your high school Spanish to work, or pick a little up!

### LOST AND FOUND

There is a laundry basket full of lost items already at the Front Office. Please be sure to mark your child's belongings. Please check the lost/found items at the Front Office to see if any belong to you.

### FIELD TRIPS

The season of student field trips is upon us. If you desire to accompany your child on a trip you need to have a Background Check run prior. Please ask Marcia Bouwman for this form. Please note, this background review can take 3 – 4 weeks.

### CUB SCOUT NEWS

Thinking about joining? Come check out a meeting! We have our Pack Meeting Tuesday, September 28 at 6:30 pm, all dens are to attend. This will be our first pack meeting. It will be a blast! We have skits, snacks and awards for scouts. Come see what all the talk is about. Want more info? E-mail us at [pack3180@q.com](mailto:pack3180@q.com).

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

A building project never goes exactly as planned. These words were spoken at many facility meetings in the last year. We planned, and planned, and made timelines, and reviewed changes, and planned some more – and yet, it feels we are still knee-deep in construction! Each day we are closer to completion.

The six classrooms in the new middle school wing are being used by students. The rooms still need some finishing touches: sinks, counter installation and window shades. But we felt it was more important to get the students and teachers in these rooms and finish the details when the students were not in the rooms.

The construction that took place in the former gym has been completed and the music room is fully operational. Closet doors will be installed soon on the storage closets. The new media and technology center is still in progress. The computers are up and working and students have been taking the NWEA tests this past week. We will soon be asking for help moving the remaining bookcases and books out of the former library and into the new one. The former library will become the special education room after it is painted and all the bookcases are moved out.

The new hallway which connects the

elementary rooms to the middle school wing will soon be tiled. Because it was newly poured cement the moisture content is tested daily and as soon as it is the right level it will be finished.

The storage room will be finished soon which will allow us to move all the “stuff” out of the trailers that are in the parking area. We know this has been a big inconvenience to have all the construction vehicles plus the storage trailers in our parking lot. Thank you for being patient during the pick-up and drop-off procedures.

The last rooms to be finished will be the gym, locker rooms, Mr. Selecta's office, the kitchen area, and the bathrooms. The facility committee walked through all these spaces yesterday, and even though it looks a mess now, the construction supervisor, tells us that much of it will be completed by mid-October.

Even after everything is completed, it still must pass several inspections. Thank you for your patience during this whole process. We can't wait for it to be finished and to show off the space. We want to make sure everything is perfect before we consider it a construction project that is finished. The next Facility Committee meeting is Tuesday, September 28.

## WEBSITE UPDATE

Our new classrooms and gym are not the only things under construction at DaVinci right now. Those of you visiting our website have seen we are in the process of completing a whole scale reconstruction there as well. We will end up with a website that will enable us to communicate more effectively with you, tell our community more about DaVinci Academy, the great things that are happening here, and keep you abreast of upcoming events.

The whole process is taking longer than we had anticipated, but we are making progress toward completion. In the interim, we will keep you updated on our progress. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at (763)754-6577. We appreciate your patience during this reconstruction process, and are confident you will be happy with the finished product.



## SPARKS ASSEMBLY

The first monthly SPARKS celebration was held this past Friday, September 17. Mr. Hobson introduced the SPARKS program to the students. Next month the first SPARKS students of the month will be chosen.

The following students and classroom accomplishments were celebrated:

September Artists of the Month

Kindergarten: Aidan B.  
First Grade: Logan L.  
Second Grade: Chris G.  
Third Grade: Jack L.  
Fourth Grade: Adam C.  
Fifth Grade: Ryan B.  
Sixth Grade: Brian N.  
Seventh Grade: Emily K.  
Eighth Grade: Nick M.

Kindergarten Highlights:

Learning letters A-O  
Memorizing 12 Mother Goose rhymes

SPARKS stands for:

### Spirit

We respect ourselves and others  
We will make DaVinci a safe place  
We will take care of our school  
We are positive

### Participation

We will try  
If we fail, we will try again

### Academics

We care about our performance  
We will learn

### Responsibility

We will work to the best of our ability  
We will be prepared for classes  
We will focus on our jobs

### Kindness

We are nice to each other  
Bullying is not ok here  
We will help those who need help  
DaVinci is a place for all

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### Picture retakes Monday

September 20  
10:30 am

### School Board Meeting

Monday, September 20  
6 pm

### PTO Meeting

Tuesday September 28  
6:30 pm

**"Patience  
is the companion  
of wisdom."**

- Saint Augustine

## PURELY P.T.O.

### ARTSTAMPS

Has your student designed their one-of-a-kind stamp, yet? These stamps make great Christmas gifts, gifts for grandparents, or a wonderful keepsake for this year in your student's life. Simply have your student create some artwork in the blank rectangle, fill out the order form and return it to your student's teacher. The deadline to return the ArtStamps forms is **Friday, October 15.**



### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Want to get in some of your volunteer hours? Please consider helping at the Scholastic Book Fair. Here is what is needed.

Monday, October 25

Shift 1: 7:30 am – 9 am: 1 spot open  
Shift 2: 4 pm – 6 pm: 2 spots open

Tuesday, October 26

Shift 1, 7:30 am – 9 am: 1 spot open  
Shift 2: 4 pm – 6 pm: 2 spots open

Wednesday, October 27

Shift 1, 7:30 am – 9 am: 1 spot open  
Shift 2: 4 pm – 6 pm: 2 spots open

Thursday, October 28

Shift 1, 7:30 am – 9 am: 2 spots open  
Shift 2: 4 pm – 6 pm: 2 spots open

Friday, October 29

Shift 1, 7:30 am – 9 am: 1 spot open  
Shift 2: 4 pm – 6 pm: 1 spot open

This is an easy and fun way to get in some hours. If you have questions or would like to sign-up, please contact Rachael at [rdburesh@comcast.net](mailto:rdburesh@comcast.net) or call 763-785-2873.

### SPIRITWEAR ORDERS

#### DUE SEPTEMBER 29

Thinking about sweaters, sweatshirts & long sleeve polo shirts? We've got them all, with the school logo embroidered on them in white. We also have windbreakers, fleece jackets & hoodies; and don't forget about winter hats!! Orders typically take 2-3 weeks to deliver after ordering. Checks can be made to DaVinci Academy PTO, please send payment with your order. The order form is attached, just print it and send it with your payment. If you have any questions call Emma Kneeland 763-370-5692.

### 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](mailto:pat-tianncross@yahoo.com).

**PTO MEETING  
general meeting  
Tuesday, September 28  
6:30 pm  
free childcare**