

DYNAMITE NEWS

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School Stuff

3RD ANNUAL DAVINCI ART FAIR

The fair takes place on Thursday, May 12. The K-3rd grade event is from 4:00-5:00 p.m. The 4th – 8th grade event is from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Also, if you are available to set up the show on Wednesday, May 11th, I could really use the help. You could be assigned to hang your child's grade level or help with any grade. We will be starting to hang at 9am. You can help an hour or all day, whatever time you have. The more volunteers we have, the quicker the show goes up.

SUBMISSION DATE: Just a reminder that the projects are due on Tuesday, May 10 no later than 4:30 pm. Please turn them into your student's home-room teacher.

SIZE LIMITATIONS: The flat work should be 16"x22" or less. Please punch holes in the top corners for easy hanging. There is no size limit on sculptures. Attach a name tag and include an artist statement and the project is complete. The artist statement should be attached with a paper clip but not taped because I want to display them with the work for others to see.

JUDGING OPTION: All students are required to participate at our school (K-8). If your child is in 5th – 8th grade, remember to talk about the judging option. There is a box in the lower right corner to check if they want to be part of this process. Check the Art Fair Flyer attached for more information.

PICK-UP: And finally, expect to pick up your child's work on Friday. Because our new gym is in constant use, we won't be able to keep the show up after Thursday.

KARATE SCHEDULE

Due to the Art Fair taking place in the gym on Thursday May 12, Karate scheduled for that day has been rescheduled to Wednesday, May 11th.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework club will recommence on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning the week of May 9th. In order to stay for homework club, students must have an invitation from a teacher and specific work to complete or practice. Homework club runs until 5:15 pm.

THANK YOU, CUB SCOUTS!

Thank you to our Cub Scouts for building two fine projects for DaVinci Academy. The donation of the wood duck house and the sand bag toss game will be a great addition to our school. The wood duck house will be placed in a tree within the water holding pond and the sand bag toss game will be available for use during recess time.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Disc Golf (5th – 8th grade, \$25) and Lego Club (3rd – 5th grade, \$15) are due to begin on Tuesday, May 10 and Thursday, May 12, respectively. **We are short on registrations for these two activities.** The activities will only run if there are at least 10 paid participants in each group. The decision to run or cancel these activities will be determined on Tuesday, May 10 at 3:45 pm. After school activities taking place on Music Concert days (May 19, 24, and 26) will run as scheduled unless the activity is canceled due to low enrollment. If you would like to register your student for either of these activities, please contact Ms. Bouwman at the DaVinci Academy office.

YARD SALE!!

Project Global Hope (PGH) is a non-profit founded by one of our DaVinci families. This organization works in Ghana, West Africa to help impoverished children and families. You can learn more about their work by visiting www.projectglobalhope.org.

PGH is holding a fundraiser garage sale and they are looking for donations of sports/fitness equipment and bikes. All donations are tax deductible and receipts will be provided upon request. Please contact us to arrange pick up or drop off of your items via email at kamille@projectglobalhope.org or call/text at 612-599-7437.

Then come shop the sale Saturday May 14, 8-5, at 12842 Mankato Street NE, Blaine (just off Radisson Road, minutes from the school). Email - kamille@projectglobalhope.org Call or text 612-599-7437

THE SURVEY IS COMING!

Keep an eye on your e-mail messages. Thursday, May 12, you will be receiving this year's edition of the Family Survey (formerly known as the Parent Survey). It provides you the opportunity to give us important feedback on the job we are doing in educating your children. Your participation is critical to the administration, our school board and your children, because it helps us assess what is working well, where we can improve and what you feel is important as we grow and enhance our school. This year we are asking for one survey response per family. We hope to hear from everyone!



PTO MEETING REMINDER May 17th Free childcare and snacks

FUND RAISERS

Did you know that you can help our school by surfing the internet? Go to <http://www.goodsearch.com/> and register DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science (Blaine, MN) and then use that as your search engine and they will send us money for every search you do! It's that easy!

BOXTOP COMPETITION

Mrs. Mannella's class won the BoxTops competition and had an ice cream party before school was let out for break. Way to go!

TEACHER APPRECIATION

It was National Teacher Appreciation Week last week (May 2-6). Since we were out of school, the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast will be held on May 10th at 7:30 a.m. for all teachers and staff in the cafeteria. We appreciate all the hard work and dedication of the DaVinci Academy teachers!

UNIFORM SWAP

PTO will have a table set up for Uniform Swap on Tuesday May 10th during Kindergarten Roundup.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Tammy Ness and Emma Kneeland for helping with the Uniform Swap.

FACEBOOK

Follow your DaVinci PTO on Facebook and keep up with everything that is going on at <http://www.Facebook.com/DaVinci.PTO>

READ-A-THON

Read-a-thon books were delivered to the students before spring break. If your child didn't get theirs or you have any questions or need something exchanged please contact Dina Lantzer at DinaLantzer@yahoo.com

Most Pledges collected by one student - Mark Ness in Mrs. Mannella's 1st Grade Class - \$200

Most Read by one student - Emma Bouwman in Ms. Lilja's 3rd Grade Class - 6,648 minutes

Most Participation - Ms. Dahlquist's Kindergarten Class - 78%

Classroom that read the most minutes - Mrs. Nelson's 5th Grade Class - 27,123 minutes

Classroom that collected the most pledges - Ms. Steele's 1st Grade Class - \$1,229.34

Total minutes read by the whole school - 201,208 minutes

Total pledges brought in by the whole school - \$9,448.67

The PTO will be giving the school 2 indoor, mobile basketball hoops and some additional iPads with the money that was raised from the Read-a-thon.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The PTO supplies a monthly treat for the teachers' lounge. If you are interested in signing up, please email Tammy at tammy.k.ness@gmail.com.

The teacher appreciation breakfast is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10. If you would like to help set-up, serve or prepare food, please email Dina at jcbondslave@yahoo.com.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**High School
Ad hoc Committee**
Monday, May 9
5:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Finance Committee
Monday, May 9
8:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

**Teacher Appreciation
Breakfast**
May 10

Communications Committee
Tuesday, May 10
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Kindergarten Roundup
Tuesday, May 10
6:00 p.m.

Family Survey
Thursday, May 12

DaVinci Art Fair
May 12
4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

PTO General Meeting
Tuesday, May 17

*"For everything you have missed,
you have gained something else,
and for everything you gain,
you lose something else."*

—Ralph Waldo Emerson