

DYNAMITE NEWS

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School Stuff

SPRING ACTIVITIES

Don't forget to sign up for the upcoming spring after-school activities. See the registration form at the end of this newsletter for more information. Registration and payment may be turned into the school office.

AFTER SCHOOL ART

The Craft Club (grades 1 – 3) is full. However, there are spots open for the Art Studio (grades 4 – 8). The cost is \$10 per session. To sign up, contact Laurie Beil, DaVinci Art Instructor at beil@davincicharterschool.org

ACCOMPANISTS NEEDED

Accompanists are needed for the music programs the following evenings. If you are interested or have any questions, please email shunter@davincicharterschool.org.

- Thursday, May 19:** Grades K-2
- Tuesday, May 24:** Grades 3-4
- Thursday, May 26:** Orchestra, Band, Green Choir, Orange Choir

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

2011-2012 Kindergarten enrollment packets are due. Please bring into office for Marcia.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Three more volunteers needed for April 1st to help with Vision Screenings. Email or call Marcia. Grades to be checked K-2-5-7 only.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

William R. competed at the Minnesota State Gymnastics meet on March 19. William had a great season and increased his All Around competition score 10%. The Jam Hops level 4 boys gymnastics team took home 1st place in the state championship. Congratulations, William!



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

MCA TESTING

MCA Testing will begin on April 12 and continue through April 21. We are asking that all students in third through eighth grades have nutritious meals and get adequate amounts of sleep. It has been proven that students who do have these do better when testing. Specific dates for testing will go out soon.

ARTSTAMPS FAVORITE

Congratulations to **Claire Y.** for being chosen as the April ArtStamp Favorite. The judges selected the artwork based on creativity, artistic achievement, correlation to the theme and age group.

Dates To Remember

Finance Committee
Monday, April 4
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Policies/Procedures Committee
Monday, April 4



DAVINCI THEATER

DaVinci is holding its very first theater production entitled "The Wolf was Framed." Students from 4th to 8th grade are involved in this crazy production about the Big Bad Wolf being taken to trial for his crimes against the various nursery rhyme and fairy tale characters. Performances start at 7:00 p.m. on both Tuesday, April 5 and Wednesday, April 6. Tickets can be purchased from the main office or at the door for \$3.00/adult and \$1.00/child.



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Through our authorizer, Friends of Education, we have been given a great opportunity for staff development. Unfortunately, this will take place on April 8, which meant to be a parent conference day. We are going to change conference times to add an extra evening to accommodate. So conferences will be held on:

- **April 11, 4:30 – 7:30**
- **April 12, 4:30 – 7:30**
- **April 14, 4:30 – 7:30**

Please call the front desk to schedule conferences

READ-A-THON UPDATE

The minutes and pledges are being tallied! Please bring in any minute logs or pledges that are still out there as soon as possible. Did your student make their wish list? Remember, the students get to spend half of their pledge money on books from Usborne Books for themselves. A portion of the remaining pledges brought in will be used to purchase school equipment. The students that have participated in the read-a-thon by bringing in pledges are voting and we should know soon what they have chosen!

BOXTOP COMPETITION

Watch for Boxtop info coming home as the classroom competition has started! Remember to save those box-tops and send them in with your students - please make sure they are labeled with your child's name and classroom so they get credit for them!

PTO MEETINGS

Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month for the PTO general meeting, have your say and get involved! Remember that PTO time also counts as volunteer time so remember to sign the volunteer log!

FACEBOOK

Follow your DaVinci PTO on Facebook and keep up with everything that is going on!

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

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.

We are looking for people to make food for the parent-teacher conferences on April 8, 11 and 12. If you would like to help, please email Patti at pat-tianncross@yahoo.com.

The spring uniform swap will be during conferences and we are looking for helpers. If interested, please email Patti at pat-tianncross@yahoo.com.

MILK MOOLA

A big THANK YOU to Mark Ness for agreeing to chair this new collection fundraiser!



"No winter
lasts forever;
no spring
skips its turn."

~Hal Borland





DaVinci Academy of Arts and Sciences

Spring Activities 2011

Activity/event	Description	Days/times	Fee	Advisor
Disc Golf 5 th -8 th Grade	Practice disc throwing techniques and control and get the chance to travel to several area Disc Golf Courses. We will meet at DaVinci for practices and families are responsible to transport students for disc golf outings on May 19, 26 and June 2. Maximum 25 students	Tuesdays and Thursdays May 10 – June 2 with offsite trips on May 19, 26 and June 2	\$25	Mr. Slechta
4 th -8 th Spanish Club (spring)	Love to learn Spanish – Join us on Fridays to build skills and have fun speaking and learning Spanish.	Fridays April 15 – June 3	\$15	Ms. Kennedy
3 rd – 8 th Move to the Beat : Dance	Learn various dance styles while getting a good workout. Max 20 students	Tuesdays and Wednesdays April 12 – June 8	\$25	Ms. Berth
Friendship Bracelets 5-8	Learn some of the many techniques and make friendship bracelets.	Tuesdays April 12 - May 31	\$15	Ms. Hartinger
Lego Club 3-5	The chance to build a Lego Robot and learn how to program the robot to perform for the group. Max 25 students	Thursdays May 12 – June 9	\$15	Parent/ Middle School Students

Please enclose payment with the registration form and return both to Marcia Bouwman in the DaVinci Academy office.

Student name: _____ Grade _____

Activity 1: _____ Fee _____

Activity 2: _____ Fee _____

Total _____

Those activities without 10 paid student participants will not take place. A count will be determined the day before the first meeting of each activity.

All after school activities will conclude at 5:30 unless otherwise noted. Except for special scheduling considerations, activities are only held when school is in session (example: no activities during school breaks, teacher inservice days or intersessions). All fees are non-refundable after the first day of the activity.