

# DYNAMITE NEWS

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## School Stuff

### YEARBOOK ORDERS DUE

Yearbook order forms were handed out last week. The deadline for ordering yearbooks is this Thursday, May 26.

### APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR

We have had some accidents in the hallways due to students wearing flip-flops to school. Flip-flops are NOT an approved part of the student uniform and students should not be wearing them during the school day. Also, students should not be wearing shoes with high heels. These are just not safe or appropriate for school. If students come to school with flip-flops or inappropriate footwear, parents will be contacted to bring in appropriate shoes. Thank you.

### MILK OFFERINGS TO CHANGE

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 requires schools to offer two low-fat milk options starting in the 2011-12 school year. The low-fat options must be consistent with the new Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which recommends that persons over two years of age consume fat-free or 1% milk. Starting next school year, DaVinci Academy will serve skim, 1%, and fat-free chocolate milk. This year we offer skim, 2% and fat-free chocolate.

### MAY ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

Kindergarten: Matt W, bicycle drawing  
First grade: Cierra G, alphabet in crayon  
Second grade: Simon B, photomontage  
Third grade: Avaree S, fluorescent painting  
Fourth Grade: Cora B, castle drawing  
Fifth grade: Andrea F, sketchbook drawing  
Sixth grade: Kaleigh S, ribbon drawing  
Seventh grade: Marissa R, value drawing  
Eighth grade: Parker N, clay sculpture

### STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Fifth grader, Teagan N., participated in the Mathnasium Triathlon on May 14th. Congratulations Teagan for taking third place!

On Friday, May 20, Katya H. in second grade was honored by Shriner's Hospital with the Rainbow of Hope Award. Recipients of this award are chosen based on their attitude and positive outlook on life despite the challenges they live with each day. Congratulations, Katya!

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

### FAMILY SEVERE WEATHER PLAN

Is your family prepared for a severe weather emergency? From the weather channel, here is just one resource that can help you and your family develop a plan just in case.

<http://www.origin.weather.com/outlook/wxready/articles/id-32>

### STREP

We have had quite a few students with strep again. Please ensure that you keep your child home for at least 24 hours after they start medication and when they are fever free for at least 24 hours.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**June Lunch Menus Due**  
Tuesday, May 24

**Grades 3-4  
Music Concert**  
Tuesday, May 24  
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Facilities/Technology  
Committee**  
Wednesday, May 25  
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Band, Choir, and  
Orchestra Concert**  
Thursday, May 26  
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**No School**  
Monday, May 30

**Milkcap Contest**  
Monday, June 6 through  
Friday, June 17

**End of Year Dance**  
Saturday, June 11  
6 – 8 p.m.





## MILKCAP CONTEST

In honor of June being dairy month, DaVinci Academy will have a milkcap contest for two weeks, Monday, June 6 – Friday, June 17. The class that collects the most points will win ice cream treats that Friday afternoon.

We will collect Kemps milkcaps and proof of purchases, Land O'Lakes milkcaps, and Milk Moolah milkcaps and proof of purchases.

This year we have collected 3,000 Kemps milkcaps already. But we have collected only 1,000 Land O'Lakes and even less Milk Moolah caps. Since we need at least 2,000 caps per brand to redeem the caps, we especially need Land O'Lakes and Milk Moolah caps. Therefore, for this contest, classes will be credited one point for every Kemps milkcap that they collect, but they will be credited two points for every Land O'Lakes or Milk Moolah cap that they collect.

To make sure your student's class gets credited for the milkcaps he or she brings, ask your student to deposit the milkcaps in the collection bag that will be sitting in a milk crate outside his or her homeroom classroom door.

Thanks for helping our school to keep MOOVING forward!

## GOODSEARCH

We have something new and exciting we'd like to share with you! It's the new DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science toolbar - once added to Internet Explorer or Firefox, each time you shop at more than 1,600 stores (from Amazon to Zazzle!) a percentage of your purchase will automatically be donated to DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science - at no cost to you (and you may even save money as the toolbar provides coupons and deals as well!). The toolbar also has a search box and each time you search the Internet, about a penny is donated to DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science. <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/davinci-academy-of-arts-and-science>

And please pass this along to all of your friends. The two minutes it takes to add this toolbar to your browser can make a lifetime of difference!

Get the toolbar NOW! <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/davinci-academy-of-arts-and-science>

## SCRAPBOOKING

We are looking for help with a PTO Scrapbook. If you are interested, please contact Dina Lantzer at [DinaLantzer@yahoo.com](mailto:DinaLantzer@yahoo.com)

## CALLING ALL BASKETS!

The DaVinci PTO is in need of large baskets to be donated for next year's Silent Auction. As the garage sale season is upon us, this is the time to find them! If you are a bargain hunter, we are calling upon your assistance! If you have baskets to donate, please contact Jill Mechelke at [jmechelke@live.com](mailto:jmechelke@live.com).

## FACEBOOK

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

## LOOKING AHEAD

Thanks to everyone who came to the last PTO meeting of the school year. We voted and approved to partner with the school to help finance the 'Star Lab' to come to DaVinci Academy next year! We had a lot of newcomers with a ton of new ideas for things DaVinci needs in coordination with our fundraising efforts! Thank you all for coming and giving us input. We look forward to serving you and working with you to strengthen and improve an already awesome school!

## SAVE THE DATE

K-8 Dance

Saturday, June 11 from 6-8 p.m.

Free Admission!!!

"It is better to be  
prepared for an opportunity  
and not have one than to  
have an opportunity  
and not be prepared."

~Whitney M. Young, Jr.