

DYNAMITE NEWS

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School Stuff

A Message From Terri Sheehan, DaVinci Academy Board of Directors Chair Dale Lieb Joins DaVinci Academy Board

For many months, we have been looking to add another community representative to the DaVinci Academy School Board. I am happy to report that this position has now been filled.

Dale Lieb, a friend and neighbor of our current community representative, Doug Dinndorf, was elected to our board at its May 16 meeting. Dale is a 1974 graduate of St. Mary's University, in Winona, with a BA in Business Administration and Modern Languages. In 1976, he also received an MBA in Marketing from the University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Business.

Dale comes to the board with substantial experience in financial and operating management, customer relations, marketing, and risk management. He is a thirty-three year employee of CHS, Inc., a large grain/energy agribusiness company in St. Paul.

Dale looks forward to utilizing his business skills and experience to help DaVinci Academy accomplish their mission and achieve continued success. Please join me in welcoming Dale to our board.

DaVinci Academy Earns School Finance Award For Fiscal Year 2010

Those of you who have followed the financial condition of our school appreciate the great job our school board, in particular our Finance Committee, and our administration have done in prudently managing our funds and controlling expenses. Now the Minnesota Department of Education also recognizes the great job we have done!

In a letter from Brenda Cassellius, Minnesota's Education Commissioner, she recognized DaVinci Academy for timely submission of state-mandated financial and reporting documents and financial statements. She also noted our strong, positive fund balances, our demonstrated fiscal policies and procedures, and our personnel training.

Only 62 of 149 charter schools received this recognition. Congratulations to our school board and our administration on a job well done!

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

For the second year in a row, Sydney B is grand champion of the "Kids' Que" BBQ contest at the MN in May BBQ competition in Faribault, on May 21 in the age category, 7-10. She cooked a cheese-filled "juicy-lucy" hamburger. Great job, Sydney!

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Milkcap Contest

Monday, June 6
through Friday, June 17

Finance Committee

Monday, June 6
6 – 8 p.m.

Policies/Procedures Committee

Monday, June 6
7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Rescheduled: Facilities/Technology Committee

Wednesday, June 7
7:00 p.m.

End of Year Dance

Saturday, June 11
6 – 8 p.m.

HEAD LICE CONCERN

We have had cases of head lice in multiple grades this spring. Please check your children and notify the school if you discover any signs of lice. This will ensure that we can continue to communicate with parents and hopefully prevent the spread of lice.

"I've learned that people will
forget what you said, people
will forget what you did,
but people will never forget
how you made them feel."

-Maya Angelou



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 on 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 door.

Thanks for helping our school to keep MOOVING forward!

SCRAPBOOKING

We are looking for help with a PTO Scrapbook. If you are interested, please contact Dina Lantzer at DinaLantzer@yahoo.com

CAMPBELL'S LABELS

The PTO is looking for a new Campbell's Labels Coordinator. As a coordinator, you'll be responsible for managing and coordinating the collection process for our school. A coordinator's responsibility includes promoting our school's collection and coordinating the submission of proofs of purchase for redemption. You'll also have the honor of "redeeming" these points for FREE merchandise for our school. Time spent counts towards your volunteer hours, and it can all be done from the comfort of your home! If you're interested, please contact Jill at jmechelke@live.com.

ALL-SCHOOL DANCE

Don't miss this end of the year celebration sponsored by the DaVinci PTO, Saturday, June 11 from 6-8 p.m. **Free Admission!** ALL ages welcome – please no drop-offs Get ready for a groovy night of '60's fun with dancing, face painting, and more! Snacks and favors will be available for purchase Volunteers are needed for set-up and clean-up. Contact Miss Dahlquist at ndahlquist@davinchicharterschool.org

SPIRITWEAR

LAST ORDER OF THE YEAR

Get a jump on next year, order your DaVinci clothing now!! The PTO will be submitting the last order of the year on June 2nd, orders are due by 4pm. Order form, with check payable to DaVinci Academy PTO, should be submitted to the office. Questions? Contact davean-demmak@msn.com

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 PTO - 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 PTO. [http://](http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/davinci-academy-of-arts-and-science)

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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!

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CALLING ALL BASKETS!

The DaVinci Academy 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.