

# DYNAMITE NEWS

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## School Stuff

### MCA TESTING

MCA Testing continues this week. Below is the schedule we will be following:

#### Tuesday, April 19

9:30—11:00 and 2:00 – 3:00 Math

#### Wednesday, April 20

9:30—11:00 Math

#### Thursday, April 21

Make up for math and reading throughout the day, as needed.

Please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep during testing and has a nutritious breakfast.

### K – 2 MINI FIELD DAY

Tuesday, April 19. Unfortunately the weather is not cooperating for our mini-field day. We are going to plan B which is a movie in the gym. Students should still bring a bag lunch as we will have a picnic in the gym after the movie.

### APRIL'S ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

- K - Elliott Z., Imagination Drawing
- 1 - Sophia M., Drawing Dancers
- 2 - Rishi R., Starry Night Painting
- 3 - Ayden G., Jigsaw Horse Sponge Painting
- 4 - Samra C., Chinese Sumi'e Painting
- 5 - Natalie S., Sketchbook Drawing
- 6 - Merry B., Stormy Weather Painting
- 7 - Serena F., Close-up Acrylic Painting
- 8 - Danielle B., Sketchbook Drawing

### THANK YOU, GIRL SCOUTS!

On Monday April 4, Girl Scout Troop 15075 cleaned the grounds of the school and collected 4 bags of trash. The girls who attend DaVinci in this troop are second-graders Audrey J., Grace S., and Lexi I. Thank you Girl Scout troop 15075 and leader Ashley Ullom for helping to keep the DaVinci Academy grounds clean!

### STUDENT SAFETY

We no longer include the full last name of students in our newsletter to protect our students' privacy. The newsletters are available online and we do not have the ability to place a password protection on our newsletters at this time. Therefore, using just the last initial is a way to recognize our students in the newsletter without exposing them to online hazards.

### YARD SALE!! DONATIONS AND BARGAIN HUNTERS WANTED!

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:kamille@projectglobalhope.org) Call or text 612-599-7437

### DAVINCI'S KID CARE CLUB

There is a group in our school made up of parents and their children called DaVinci's Kid Care Club. The purpose of Kid Care club is to provide volunteer opportunities for kids. The DaVinci club has done the following things so far: made Valentine cards for seniors, volunteered at Harbor Lights clothes closet in Minneapolis, packed food at Feed my Starving Children in Coon Rapids, and fed the homeless at a shelter in downtown Minneapolis. The group is on the go. If you would like to be part of the group please call or email Eleanor Thomas at (763)443-0958 or [etatga45@hotmail.com](mailto:etatga45@hotmail.com).



### CUB SCOUT FOOD DRIVE

Pack 180 is participating in the "Scouting for Food" drive this year. There is a food collection box near the office. Please bring an item or two to donate. All items collected will be donated in Anoka County.

### 3RD ANNUAL DAVINCI ART FAIR

The fair takes place on Thursday, May 12 from 4-6:30 p.m. Entries are due at the end of the day on Tuesday, May 10. All students are to participate. Information was sent home with students last week. For more information, contact Ms. Laurie Beil.

### STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

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





## READ-A-THON

Books should be delivered to students by Thursday, April 21st. Thanks again for all of the hard work from students and volunteers who made this fundraiser a great success!

## PTO MEETING REMINDER

Tuesday April 19th

- \* Free childcare!
- \* Free dessert!
- \* Get connected!
- \* Make new friends!
- \* Counts towards volunteer hours!

Agenda: School Dance, Movie Night, Teacher Appreciation

## BOXTOPS CONTEST EXTENDED

The deadline to bring in all of your boxtops is now Wednesday, April 20, so get them in before it's too late!

## FACEBOOK

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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jcbondslave@yahoo.com).

We are looking for someone to do daycare at the April 19 and May 17 PTO meetings. If interested, please email Patti Cross at [pat-tianncross@yahoo.com](mailto:pat-tianncross@yahoo.com).

Thanks to everyone who brought in food during the teacher conferences, it was very much appreciated!

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### MCA Testing

April 19 – April 21

### School Board Meeting

Monday, April 18  
6:00 p.m.

### PTO General Meeting

Tuesday, April 19  
6:30 p.m.

### Lunch Menus Due

Thursday, April 21

### No School

Friday, April 22 – Friday, April 29

### Facilities/Technology Committee

Tuesday, April 26  
6:00 p.m.

### Intersession

May 2-6

### Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

May 10

### DaVinci Art Fair

May 12

"Never regard study as a duty, but as the enviable opportunity to learn to know the liberating influence of beauty in the realm of the spirit for your own personal joy and to the profit of the community to which your later work belongs."

~ Albert Einstein