

# DaVinci Connection

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Concert  
Tuesday, May 8  
6:00 pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert  
Thursday, May 10  
6:30 pm
- School Development  
Committee  
Monday, May 14  
4:30 pm  
Room 302
- Compensation Committee  
Monday, May 14  
6:00 pm  
Room 302
- Kindergarten Roundup  
Monday, May 14  
6:00-7:30 pm
- Finance Committee  
Monday, May 14  
7:30 pm  
Room 302
- Orchestra, Band, & Choir  
Concert  
Tuesday, May 15  
6:30 pm
- Facilities Committee  
Wednesday, May 16  
6:30 pm  
Room 302
- PTO General Meeting  
Wednesday, May 16  
6:30 pm  
Room 305

Find more upcoming events on the DaVinci Academy home page, or go to the "[Calendar](#)," page for future important dates.

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## REVISED SHIRT COLORS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

**(by Cory Klabunde, School Director)**  
Start shopping now! Beginning in August 2012, 9<sup>th</sup> graders will no longer wear red polo shirts as part of their uniform. At the April 30 school board meeting, new shirt colors were approved for high school students.

The new high school colors will be solid navy blue or white polo shirts. The high school uniform will also include solid navy blue or white crew neck sweatshirts and sweaters, and cardigan sweaters, worn over a polo shirt.

This change was made to recognize high school students and to provide them a distinct identity from the lower grades. Students in K-8 will continue to wear the red polo shirt. All other uniform expectations will remain the same. Have fun shopping!

## FACILITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE

**(by Kami Peterson, Facilities Committee Chair)**

Over the next several months, the Facilities Committee will be heavily involved in planning and executing our next building expansion. The current number of students in the building is 411. For the 2012-13 school year, we expect to start the year with around 425-430 students, and then we expect to add 25-30 students per year, until we begin to graduate students.

The Facilities Committee will look at possible expansion designs for the current location, as well as possible new site locations, and will discuss the pros and cons related to expanding the current site versus a second site. This will include items such as the appropriate grades to have at a second site, transportation for both sites versus one site, parking, and many others.

The committee will examine what facility changes will or may occur and how they will affect us over the next three years, develop a time line of events that must take place for the build out, and develop a communication plan for working with the stakeholders on these important matters. If the decision is to utilize a second site, the Facilities Committee will complete a site expansion application for approval by our authorizer. The committee is also looking for ways to maintain and improve our current building.

As you can see, there is a lot of work to be done, and we welcome you to volunteer with the Facilities Committee. If you have ideas about creative space planning, current school facilities, or general interest in next steps for facilities planning for DaVinci Academy, your participation is needed on this committee. Your help is crucial. We appreciate your investment in the future of your children at DaVinci Academy.

The Facilities Committee's next meeting is Wednesday, May 16, at 6:30 pm. Come help us out (and get your volunteer hours!)

## ART CORNER

**(by Holly Fischer, Instructional Coordinator, & Molly Platisha, Art Teacher)**

DaVinci Academy 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders have been involved in a Grant Program through the Perpich Center for the Arts called ASAP (Arts and Schools as Partners). For eight weeks, an artist in residence named Lori Brink has been coming in and focusing on drawing skills.

## PIANO LESSONS

If your child is interested in taking piano or violin lessons, contact Marsha Emmons at 612-991-0058. She has some lesson times available this summer.

# Purely PTO

DaVinci Academy PTO

May 8, 2012

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 16 – PTO Meeting  
6:30 p.m. (change due to concerts)
- June 14 – All School Dance  
“Back to the 80’s”

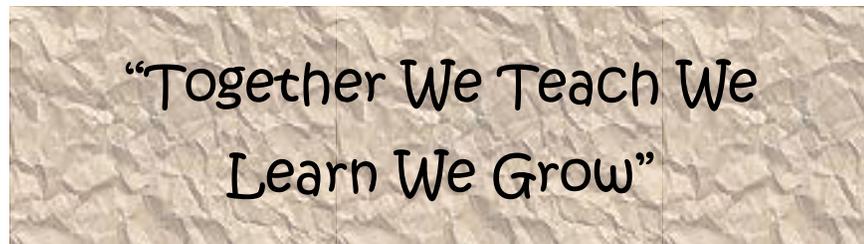
## MAY GUEST SPEAKER

Lindsey Carlson from MADD Minnesota will be presenting a program called The Power of Parents at our next PTO Meeting on Wednesday May 16 at 6:30 p.m. With the arrival of spring comes prom and graduation season, which can

tools and strategies to effectively talk with teens about alcohol.

## DAVINCI BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The PTO is putting together a directory of businesses that DaVinci parents / guardians either own or work at. This is a great tool for all of us to have. If you would like to be featured in it please email [Lee Zimbleman](#) with all of the details.



also be one of the more dangerous times of the year for teens as parties stretch late into the night and opportunities for underage drinking abound. For parents trying to find the right words, or even the right opportunities to have that important conversation with teens about the dangers of underage drinking, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) offers a resource that gives them the tools they need. The Power of Parents: It's Your Influence™ workshop provides an overview of MADD's research-based parent handbook to equip parents and other caring adults with the



## PTO VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Childcare during PTO meeting - May 16
- Chairperson to collect Teracycle products

Please contact [Dina](#) if you are available to help with any of these opportunities.

## BOX TOPS WINNERS

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Congratulations to Ms. Dahlquist's class for bringing in the most BoxTops during the month of April! They will be rewarded with a pizza party. Congratulations also to Jacob M., Alex G. and Faith N., the top 3 individuals to bring in the most BoxTops during the month of April. They will each receive a Spiritwear Polo from the PTO. A huge Thank You goes out to Janell Folska, our fabulous BoxTops coordinator for all of her hard work!

## PTO EMAIL LIST

If you would like to be added to our PTO email distribution list, just click [here!](#)



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DaVinci PTO's mission is to enrich the learning opportunities and environment at DaVinci Academy.