



# DaVinci Connection

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Policy Meeting Cancelled  
Tuesday, September 6

6th-8th Grade Meet & Greet  
Thursday, September 8  
5:30-7:30 pm

Picture Order Forms Due  
Friday, September 9

Picture Retake Day  
Friday, September 9

4th Grade Field Trip to  
Springbrook Nature Center  
Friday, September 9

You can also find  
upcoming events on the  
DaVinci Home Page or go  
to the calendar page for  
future important dates

[http://  
davincicharterschool.org/  
Calendar.aspx](http://davincicharterschool.org/Calendar.aspx)

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## HOMEWORK CLUB

We look forward to offering Homework Club again this year! It will begin on Thursday, September 8.

**Who:** 2nd - 8th grade students may be invited to participate in Homework Club. Please note that 2nd grade is added this year; in the past, 3rd grade was the base-line grade.

**What:** Homework Club gives students a chance to catch up on their missing assignments. Please remember that parents *do not* choose to send their child to Homework Club; teachers will make the decision as to when students report to Homework Club if they have missing assignments. You will be notified by email or phone from your child's homeroom teacher (at least one day prior to Homework Club) to ensure that it works with your schedule and that you will be able to pick your child up on time.

**When:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:15-5:15 pm

**Where:** In the Spanish room (#305). Please come to the room to pick up your child each day. The staff on duty will update you on your child's progress (what assignments are completed and what assignments your child may need to continue working on outside of school). Also, please be on time to pick up your child; two or more late pick ups will result in a fee charged by the school.

**Why:** Homework Club gives students an opportunity to work with staff members to complete their work. The staff will help them develop organizational skills and learn to manage their time efficiently. Also, feel free to send your child to school with an extra snack so he/she can enjoy it while they dive into their homework. Students will be able to purchase a small snack and juice box (for 60 cents) at the beginning of Homework Club, if they would like to do so.

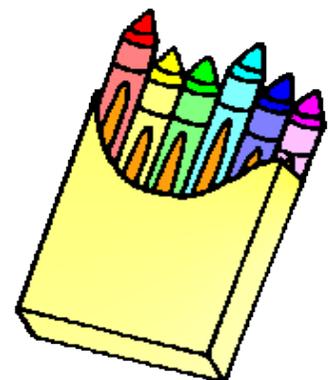
Please contact Ms. Dick with questions regarding Homework Club at [rdick@davincicharterschool.org](mailto:rdick@davincicharterschool.org).

## BREAKFAST SURVEY – EXTENDED

MDE Food and Nutrition would like to know if there is enough interest in offering a breakfast option to DaVinci Academy students. Please visit [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FNS\\_Breakfast](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FNS_Breakfast) to take a short survey regarding your interest in breakfast being offered to our students. Due to the lack of responses, the survey has been extended to Wednesday, September 14. Please take a few minutes to give us your opinion! If you have any questions, contact Stephanie Bacigalupo in the office.

“We could learn a lot  
from crayons;  
some are sharp,  
some are pretty,  
some are dull,  
while others bright,  
some have weird names,  
but they all have  
learned to live together  
in the same box.”

~unknown





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## PICTURE FORMS DUE

### & RETAKES - SEPTEMBER 9

If you would like to order school photos, please turn in the order form (with payment) to your child's teacher by Friday, September 9. Make sure the proofs are attached. Picture retake day is also September 9. If you would like a retake of your child's photo, please bring your picture order form on September 9, and write "RETAKE" on the form. Turn the order form into your child's teacher. We will also take pictures of any students who missed the August picture day.

## DAVINCI ACADEMY STUDENTS GIVE TO NEEDY CHILDREN

DaVinci Academy 5th graders Cassie T. and Natalie F. held a garage sale this past summer. These generous girls then used the profits to purchase 15 book bags and school supplies for People Serving People, Inc. (PSP). PSP serves homeless children and their families and provides new opportunities for healthy, stable family life. To read the article [click here](#).

## MOVING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help move items from one semi trailer to another. We will combine both semi trailers into one unit, so we can move the trailers from the parking lot. This project is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, at 5 pm, and it will take about an hour. If you are able to help, please contact Cory Klabunde [cklabunde@davincicharterschool.org](mailto:cklabunde@davincicharterschool.org)

## LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please contact Stephanie Severson [sseverson@davincicharterschool.org](mailto:sseverson@davincicharterschool.org) if you are able to help in the library.

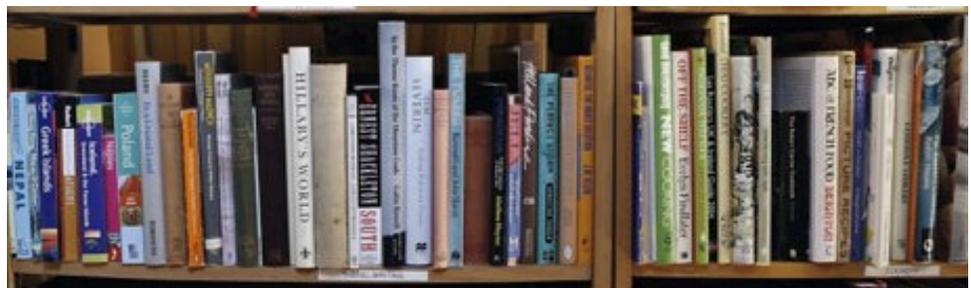
## SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS KEEP YOU INFORMED

The DaVinci Academy School Board meets monthly, generally on the 3rd Monday at 6 pm, in the school's common area. Find a complete calendar of 2011-12 board and committee meetings on our web site at [www.davincicharterschool.org](http://www.davincicharterschool.org).

Your school board, which consists of two DaVinci Academy teachers, three DaVinci Academy parents, and two community members, deals with the major issues and challenges facing our school. Stakeholder attendance at board meetings has generally been very sparse. However, you can and should keep abreast of what is happening at board meetings, because decisions made there directly impact the future of our school and the educational experience your children receive.

On the Friday before each board meeting, an agenda for the upcoming Monday's meeting is posted on our web site. We encourage you to review that agenda and, if an item interests you, make an effort to attend the meeting. Minutes of all board meetings are also posted on our web site. You will find them there after the minutes have received board approval, which happens at the following month's board meeting.

All are welcome at DaVinci Academy board meetings. If you are unable to attend, follow the proceedings via the agendas and minutes posted online. You owe it to yourself, your children, the administration, teachers, and staff who work so hard at our school, to stay involved in what's happening at DaVinci Academy.





# PTO Place

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 8 - Meet and Greet, 6th, 7th, & 8th Grades
- Sept. 12 - Students Start Designing Art Stamps
- Sept. 14 - Scrip Card Order Due
- Sept. 20 - PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm  
(pick up your Scrip Cards)
- Sept. 22 - Meet and Greet, 1st Grade
- Sept. 26 - Art Stamp Orders Go Home
- Sept. 30 - Box Top Challenge Ends
- Sept. 30 - PTO Art Logo Contest Ends
- Oct. 6 - Meet and Greet, 4th and 5th Grades
- Oct. 10 - Art Stamps Orders Due

## FUN AND COOL OFFER

At a school like DaVinci Academy, we are bound to have a number of artists. Mrs. Greeninger does a fantastic job of displaying some of the artwork that comes out of her classes in school. How would you like to be able to display it at home with frameable prints or have one-of-a-kind gifts for your friends and family? In September, your children will be creating their masterpieces in class with their fabulous art teacher, and sometime before the first of October, they will bring their unique creation home on an 8x11 "Art Stamps" order form. Their piece of work can then be turned into frameable prints, unique gifts, stationery, and even real U.S. postage stamps! Simply return the filled out order form to school before the October 10 deadline to receive your product before the holidays.

## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

We need just one more person to help with childcare at our September 8 Meet and Greet! The Meet & Greet is for students in 6th-8th grade, who will not need much supervision. However, they may have younger siblings who need to be watched. We are looking for someone to either supervise them outside on the playground or playing a game, or supervise inside with a movie or games (will be provided). We could also use some help setting up before and cleaning up after the Meet and Greet. Please email Dina Lantzer at [JCBondslave@yahoo.com](mailto:JCBondslave@yahoo.com) if you are able to help.

## PTO VOLUNTEERS OF THE WEEK

Without help from all of our volunteers, DaVinci Academy would not be as awesome as it is! We would like to recognize a few volunteers that helped make this last week so successful! Mike and Krista Brandt were our super ambitious couple that did childcare for the Kindergarten Meet and Greet! They were there early to help set up, and stayed to clean up. They also kept the children distracted and safely entertained while the parents were able to meet each other and visit! Thank you!

Remember those basketball hoops the PTO purchased for the school with Read-a-Thon money? Thanks to Jeff Barrows and Dave Kneeland for putting them together! I know the kids appreciate it as much as the administration.

We also want to thank Tammy Ness, Chad Holm (custodian), Mr. Cauley, and Ms. Berth for taking personal time to help clean out and organize the storage room. It had become quite cluttered but looks neat and organized now! Thank you!

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Spring Lake Park, Blaine, Mounds View Fire Department offers free in-home safety evaluations that you can use to make your home safer and more secure? Take an online quiz on a wide range of home safety issues during a guided room-by-room virtual home tour. Get your home safety score and then sign up online for the in-home safety evaluation at [www.homesafetychallenge.org](http://www.homesafetychallenge.org)

## WHAT'S THE BUZZ ABOUT?

Have you heard the buzz about Scrip cards yet? These are easy to use gift cards that you can use for everyday needs as well as gifts. Use them to buy groceries and gas, for trips to Target and Sam's Club; you can even use them to treat Mom to dinner at your favorite restaurant! It's super easy and a great way to budget! Get started by sending your order to [mark.b.ness@gmail.com](mailto:mark.b.ness@gmail.com) by Wednesday, September 14 with store name and dollar amount wanted. Then pay for your cards when you pick them up on Tuesday, September 20, before or after the PTO meeting. View a complete list of stores at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)