

# DaVinci Connection

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Scholastic BOGO Book Fair  
Ends on Thursday, June 14

Field Day  
Thursday, June 14

No School  
Friday, June 15

School Board Meeting  
Monday, June 18  
6:00 pm  
Room 305

Last Day of School  
Thursday, June 21

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

## SCHOOL BOARD POSITION NOW OPEN

*(by Terri Sheehan, School Board Chair)*

DaVinci Academy currently has an open school board position we want to fill. Our newest board member, Mr. Lynn Bakken, decided to resign from the board due to an unforeseen employment opportunity. We appreciate Lynn's service on the board and hope future circumstances will allow him to consider school board or committee involvement.

The board opening is an "at large" position, with a term expiring in February 2013. An "at large" position may be filled by a parent, community member, or teacher. Although the board prefers someone with an accounting or legal background to supplement the experience and skills of current board members, we are open to anyone willing to serve on the board.

This open position carries a remaining term of about nine months, rather than the usual three-year term. This is a great opportunity for you to make a shorter-term commitment and gain a better understanding of what's involved in helping direct the future of our great school.

This position will be filled by appointment of the board, rather than via election. On behalf of the entire DaVinci Academy school board, I again encourage you to give board membership serious consideration. Our school is growing and developing, and with that comes a critical need for greater participation by members of the DaVinci Academy community.

We want to fill this position at the June board meeting, at the latest, so we need to hear from you as soon as possible. If you are interested, please contact [Terri Sheehan](#). I will be happy to answer any questions you may have and provide you with a Candidate Questionnaire/Biography form for completion. I look forward to hearing from you.

## ART & SCIENCE CORNER INTERSESSION

*(by Holly Fischer, Instructional Coordinator)*

It was a busy Intercession week with seven classes offered at DaVinci Academy. It would be impossible to cover all of the amazing learning that happened in one newsletter article, but here are a few highlights.

- Bruce the Bug Guy visited Ms. Dick and Ms. Mitchell's class;
- Ms. Hunter's class performed a fabulous mini-musical of *Annie*;
- Ms. Dahlquist's dad showed her art class how to make a stained glass window;
- Mr. Brucker's class got to play drums from Africa after learning about them from DaVinci Academy dad Trent Peterson;
- Ms. Morgan's class challenged their imaginations with a variety of skit performances;
- Mr. Slechta kept his group moving in the hot sun with bicycling, baseball, and disc golf;
- The In-Tents group camped in a downpour and hiked around flooded rivers to get to where they were going.

Excellent learning experience! Thanks for a great Intercession everyone!



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## IT WAS IN-TENTS!

*(by Matthew Brossart, Middle School English Teacher)*

It was a dark and stormy night as we set up our tents. Thirty-five 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders spent a week learning survival skills, fire starting, nature based art, and teamwork.

The students prepared for their big camping trip by organizing into tribes, completing obstacle courses, starting fires, tie-dyeing shirts, making survival bracelets, making maps, identifying plants, and working on team building. We then put those skills to the test with a day at Bunker Hills. The students worked in teams at the park to complete an orienteering course created by an Army Captain and had a great time getting lost.

All of our skills were truly challenged in an enjoyable way in our two days at the scenic Wild River State Park. The students survived setting up tents in a storm, hiking in a storm, playing in a storm, cooking in a storm, and learning how to keep a smile on their face (in a storm). The students would later roast s'mores, go fishing, and play capture the flag at night after the storm calmed. Many students stayed up late into the night in their tents telling stories and getting to know each other. We returned on Friday, and the week culminated with a water balloon Battle Royale.

The teachers and students all agreed it was a great week and would gladly survive together any time. Special thanks to the Whitney family and to all the parents who helped at camp or otherwise.

## PIANO & VIOLIN LESSONS

If your child is interested in taking piano or violin lessons, contact Marsha Emmons at 612-991-0058. Some summer lesson times are available, and summer is a great time to get in the routine of practicing and lessons.



## HOMEWORK CLUB

*(by Remy Dick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher)*

Thanks so much for all of your time and support with Homework Club this year! The students have been productive and used their time wisely, and it has been a great opportunity for them to work toward the completion of their homework with staff assistance.

**The last day of Homework Club will be today, Tuesday, June 12.** All of the students need to have their assignments completed by Thursday, June 14. Thanks for your flexibility and understanding. Please remember that teachers make referrals for Homework Club rather than parents. You will be notified so that you can make accommodations to pick your child up on time.

Thanks for your help in making Homework Club run smoothly. We look forward to offering this service again next year.