



DaVinci Connection

DATES TO REMEMBER

Art Fair
Thursday, May 3
4:30-6:30 pm

Policies/Procedures
Committee
Monday, May 7
6:00 pm
Room 302

Technology Committee
Monday, May 7
6:00 pm
Room 302

K-2nd Grade Concert
Tuesday, May 8
6:00 pm

3rd-4th 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

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K-5 FIELD DAY PLANNED FOR JUNE 14

(by Mark Slechta, Physical Education Teacher)

It's that time of the year again! As the school year wraps up, we have the chance to celebrate another fun year in PE with the 3rd annual DaVinci Academy Field Day. The field day is scheduled for Thursday, June 14 at Carrera East Park in Blaine. The alternate day will be Monday, June 18.

Students in grades K-5 will participate in a wide variety of events to help showcase the skills and abilities they have learned throughout the year. Students should bring a pair of athletic shoes, water bottle, and any medical supplies (inhaler, etc.) to the field that day.

Grades 3-5 will have their field day from 9:20-11:30 am. Field day for grades K-2 will be from 1:00- 3:15 pm. Families and friends are welcome to attend. Since there are no bleachers, bringing a chair or blanket is highly recommended. Come on down and enjoy a day full of games and fun for everyone!

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

SCIENCE CORNER EGG-CITING SCIENCE IN KINDERGARTEN

(by Holly Fischer, Instructional Coordinator)

The kindergarten classes have once again started their unit on hatching chickens. It's Day 9 of incubation, and I had the opportunity to participate in the candling of some of the eggs. We learned the meaning of the very scientific words: winner, quitter, and yolker, and talked about why eggs can be brown or white. It has to do with the color of a chicken's earlobes – ask the kindergarteners, they'll tell you. The afternoon class got to see movement inside one of the eggs, so we marked it with an X to make sure we check that one again in a few days. If all goes well, there will be two dozen baby chicks hatching right around May 8.



CLAIM YOUR LOST & FOUND ITEMS

DaVinci Academy's Lost & Found is overflowing! Any items left after May 4 will be donated to the Goodwill, so please search through the Lost & Found and claim your items. Hurry...you have three more days!



VOLUNTEER CORNER

(by Lee Swearingen, Volunteer Coordinator)

Office Volunteer Pool ~ The office staff needs several volunteers to come in on a rotating basis to assist with various projects. We need help on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Pick a time that works for you, and we will have projects ready for you to work on. Come in once a week, once a month, or whatever works for you (as long as it is during the school day). Let me know your preference, and we will put you on the schedule.

Art Fair Set Up and Take Down ~ Several volunteers are needed to set up tables and peg boards, and arrange Art Fair submissions during the day on Thursday, May 3. Take down will include removing all art work, tables, and peg boards, after 6:30 pm on May 3.

Friends of DaVinci Golf Tournament Fundraiser

~ The Fundraising Committee has determined it is important for our school to establish a major annual fundraiser in which the community can get involved. We are starting with a golf tournament and dinner on Friday, August 3, 2012, at Majestic Oaks. To help with this endeavor, we need volunteers to procure tee prizes, raffle and silent auction items, golfers, and sponsors. This is a wonderful opportunity for the many parents looking for volunteer activities that can be done at home or in the evenings and on weekends. Please contact Mary Walker, Golf Tournament Coordinator, if you are interested in this opportunity.





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DaVinci Academy PTO

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

GUEST SPEAKER RECAP

Our two guest speakers at last week’s PTO meeting talked about toxic free living. Cynthia

those are also huge red flags that these products are not good for us or our children.

Both Cynthia and Carla recommend doing research and making knowledgeable, informed decisions before buying any kind of products that can be absorbed or inhaled into our bodies.

“Together We Teach We
Learn We Grow”

Ransom, ND from [Cream for a Cause](#) shared that what is going “on” our bodies also goes “in” them. You should always read the labels of the products you buy. A few things to watch for when purchasing skin care products are: preservatives, parabens or silicone. If it is supposed to trap moisture in, it is also trapping in all of the chemicals!

Carla Lemm, from [Norwex](#) has a background in biology and shared with us her knowledge of the toxins that are in everyday cleaning and household products. If a label doesn’t list the product ingredients, that is an immediate red flag. If a product has any of the following words printed on it: Hazardous, Danger, Flammable, or Do Not Dispose in Garbage or Sewer,

DAVINCI BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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

PTO VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Childcare during PTO meeting - May 16
- Teacher Appreciation Breakfast – food preparation and service
- Chairperson to collect Teracycle products

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

PTO ANNUAL SPEND-DOWN

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We have had several great ideas presented for the annual spend-down. With only one meeting remaining this school year, we would love to have your input and suggestions on what to spend PTO money on as we approach the end of the 2011-2012 school year. Funds raised from the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction along with funds from the BoxTops Contest will be going towards this Annual Spend-Down. Join us at the meeting to share your ideas, email [Jill](#) with suggestions, or submit a [Fund Request Form](#)

FACEBOOK

Check out the [DaVinci PTO on Facebook](#). “Like” our page to keep up to date on everything that’s happening!



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