



# DaVinci Connection

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Finance Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, October 12  
6:00 pm

Compensation  
Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, October 12  
7:30 pm

School Board Meeting  
Monday, October 17  
6:00 pm

Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Tuesday-Thursday,  
October 18-20

Scholastic Book Fair  
Monday-Thursday,  
October 17-20

No School  
Wednesday-Tuesday,  
October 19-25

School Resumes  
Wednesday, October 26

2nd Grade Meet & Greet  
Thursday, October 27  
5:30 pm

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

<http://davincicharterschool.org/Calendar.aspx>

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## **POLICIES, PROCEDURES, ATTORNEY... SAY WHAT?**

The success of DaVinci Academy depends heavily on having functional committees to carry out key activities. The DaVinci Academy Board of Directors has assigned several of these committees; one of them being the Policies and Procedures Committee.

The purpose of the Policies and Procedures Committee is to document and track current policies and practices, review and recommend changes to existing policies and practices, and draft and recommend new policies and practices as needed. Together, policies and procedures ensure that fundamental organizational processes are performed in a consistent way that also meets the organization's needs.

Committees assigned by the board of directors are chaired by a member of the school board and rely heavily on volunteer participation. Participation by DaVinci Academy parents, stakeholders, and community members is strongly encouraged.

Over the past several months, the Policies and Procedures Committee has been fortunate to have Lee Swearingen, a DaVinci Academy parent, actively participating and working diligently on many initiatives. Lee has been integral in creating a tracking system, as well as reviewing, creating, and updating many policies for our school. In addition, we were able to retain an attorney to review our policies for current legal compliance.

Dedicated volunteers and access to an attorney are essential to this committee and DaVinci Academy's ongoing success. It is important that we maintain this momentum and commitment. Hence, the Policy and Procedures Committee is seeking an attorney and other volunteers to actively participate and assist the committee to realize its purpose and existence.

If you or someone you know is interested in participating, please contact Terri Sheehan, committee chair at [tsheehan@davincicharterschool.org](mailto:tsheehan@davincicharterschool.org) for more details. We will welcome and appreciate your participation.

## **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Please sign up for Parent/Teacher Conferences at the front desk. Conferences are scheduled for:

- October 18 from 4:30-7:30 pm
- October 19 from 3:00-8:00 pm
- October 20 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm

## **FROM THE DESK OF CORY KLABUNDE**

We are coming to the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, and I have a few items to address. First, I would like to remind parents/guardians to complete the "Time and Talent Survey." As of October 10 at 1:00 pm, only 129 people have completed the survey. This is a 28% completion rate of the survey, and I would like to get this to 75% by the end of this week. Please take this short survey of 17 questions as soon as possible; it will only take about 10 minutes. To access the survey, use the following link: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Time\\_and\\_Talent](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Time_and_Talent)

The second item is PowerSchool Parent Access. We have added a link to the school web site to help parents find the parent access page. The link is <http://www.davincicharterschool.org/current-families>. At the bottom left of the page, click on the PowerSchool link and this will take you to the PowerSchool web site to log into your family's account. To go directly to the PowerSchool web site, the address is <https://davinci.powerschool.com/public/>

As an FYI, we are currently working with our technology person to set up an email server that will work with the PowerSchool Email Notification system. Currently, DaVinci Academy uses a Google email system to communicate with everyone; unfortunately, PowerSchool does not allow us to use this online service to notify parents of items used in PowerSchool. If you sign up for any of these notification services while you are in looking at your family's lunch accounts, grades, or attendance, they will not work until we find a solution.

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The PowerSchool system will keep the items you have chosen while we find an email system that works. Thank you for your patience, and we will notify you as soon as we have this set up and working.

Third item – The end of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter is October 18. Please keep checking PowerSchool and communicating with the teachers as we get closer to this date. Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for October 18, 19, and 20. Please stop by the office or call school to set up a time to meet with your child's teachers. I encourage you to meet with your child's elective teachers, too, such as Art, Spanish, Music, or the Physical Education teacher.

Last item – Please remember that school is not in session from Wednesday, October 19-Tuesday, October 25. I hope everyone enjoys this extended break and that the weather will cooperate and allow you to take a short vacation before the snow starts to fall!

## RECESS EQUIPMENT NEEDED

DaVinci Academy needs recess equipment! If you have extra basketballs, volleyballs, jump ropes, soccer balls, or any items that can be used by K-8 students during recess, please consider donating them to the school.



## BOOK FAIR IS OCTOBER 17-20

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most.

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: *encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives.*

Our Scholastic Book Fair theme – "To the Book Fair and Beyond!" – is part of an out-of-this-world reading event that brings to DaVinci Academy a wonderful selection of fun, engaging, and affordable books kids want to read. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they'll get.

Reading is vital to every child's success, and raising kids as readers means getting involved while they're young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent's direct involvement in his/her child's education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair. Hope to see you there!

### Book Fair Hours:

Monday, October 17

8:30-9:15 am

4:00-5:00 pm

Tuesday, October 18

8:30- 9:15 am

During conferences, 4:00-8:00 pm

Wednesday, October 19

During conferences, 3:00-8:00 pm

Thursday, October 20

During conferences, 9:00 am-4:00 pm

The online book fair is currently open! Please visit <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/davinciacademy>

The Moon  
by William Henry Davies



Thy beauty haunts me  
heart and soul,  
Oh, thou fair Moon,  
so close and bright;  
Thy beauty makes me  
like the child  
That cries aloud  
to own thy light:  
The little child  
that lifts each arm  
To press thee  
to her bosom warm.

Though there are birds  
that sing this night  
With thy white beams  
across their throats,  
Let my deep silence  
speak for me  
More than for them their  
sweetest notes:  
Who worships thee  
till music fails,  
Is greater than  
thy nightingales.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 14 - ArtStamps Orders Due

Oct. 18-20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

(Uniform Swap, Scrip Cards for Sale, PTO Provides Food for Teachers)

Oct. 27 - Meet & Greet, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Oct. 31 - "Calling Cards for Soldiers" Campaign Ends

Nov. 3 - Meet & Greet, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Nov. 15 - PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm

Dec. 10 - Marketplace

## VOLUNTEERS OF THE WEEK

Thanks to Lisa King and Andrew Mellick for helping with childcare during our last PTO meeting. We appreciate the time you spent entertaining children. Without your help, many parents would not have been able to attend the meeting.

Wow! Gloria Gustufson is a volunteer who has helped DaVinci Academy in so many ways over the last few years! She is a grandparent of students and helps every week, copying, cutting, pasting, sharpening, hanging...if it ends in 'ing,' Gloria's do'ing' it!

## BOX TOPS "GET FLEECE" WINNER

Congratulations to Noah M. from Ms. Steele's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class. He was the random drawing winner in the September Box Tops Fleece challenge!

A big shout out to Janelle Folska for the outstanding job she does as our Box Tops coordinator. She did a fabulous job with the "Get Fleeced with Box Tops" challenge, coordinating, sorting and separating little square Box Tops.

She even attended Box Tops University this summer to get more great ideas on how to serve the school better by collecting Box Tops for money. September's challenge earned DaVinci Academy about \$600, which we will use to supply needs at school.



## ARTSTAMP ORDER FORMS DUE OCTOBER 14

Did you enjoy the artwork your DaVinci Academy artist brought home last week for ArtStamps? Be sure to get it made into keepsake gifts and share that talent with others. All artwork that gets ordered through ArtStamps will be entered into monthly drawings for "Artist of the Month," with a chance to win a cash prize! Last year, DaVinci Academy's own Anna Trudeau was a nationwide winner. Her framed artwork is on display at school!

## CALLING CARDS FOR SOLDIERS

In October, we are selling calling cards for \$10 that will be sent to military troops stationed abroad, giving them the ability to call home when they have no other means of communication. All proceeds will go toward stamps and greeting cards to mail the calling cards to our troops. Buy a calling card for a soldier! Contact Tammy at [tammy.k.ness@gmail.com](mailto:tammy.k.ness@gmail.com)

## SPIRITWEAR AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Order your long sleeve polo shirts, sweaters, and sweatshirts today! The PTO has Spiritwear items available for order, with the DaVinci Academy logo embroidered on them. All items are red in color, and the logo is white. Get your high-quality Spiritwear in about two weeks. The order form is attached to this email. If you have questions, please contact [daveandemmak@msn.com](mailto:daveandemmak@msn.com).

## LOGO CONTEST WINNER

Tim B. from Ms. Kaiser's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class won the PTO Logo Art Contest during a silent vote at the PTO General Meeting on September 27. Congratulations, Tim! We will start using our new logo in the near future, so be sure to watch for it!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you can help with any of the following opportunities, please contact the chairperson for more information.

- Book Fair check-out (Oct. 17-21): contact Cindy at [srrubin@aol.com](mailto:srrubin@aol.com)
- Meals during Parent/Teacher Conferences (Oct. 18-20): contact Tanya at [ttanner75@yahoo.com](mailto:ttanner75@yahoo.com)
- Uniform Swap (Oct. 17-21): contact Tammy at [tammy.k.ness@gmail.com](mailto:tammy.k.ness@gmail.com)
- Childcare during monthly PTO meetings: contact Dina at [jcbondslave@yahoo.com](mailto:jcbondslave@yahoo.com)