

DaVinci Connection

DATES TO REMEMBER

K-4, 6 Science Fair
Thursday, February 7
3:00-5:00 pm

School Development
Committee
Monday, February 11
4:30 pm

Policies and Procedures
Committee
Monday, February 11
5:00 pm

Compensation Committee
Monday, February 11
6:00 pm

Facilities Committee
Monday, February 11
6:00 pm

Technology Committee
Monday, February 11
6:00 pm

Finance Committee
Monday, February 11
7:30 pm

Enrollment Lottery
Tuesday, February 12
5:00 pm

No School
Thursday, February 14-
Monday, February 18

School Resumes
Tuesday, February 19

School Board Meeting
Monday, February 25
6:00 pm

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

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MID-TERM REPORT REMINDER

(by *Holly Fischer, Instructional Coordinator*)

Last Friday, 3rd-9th grade students brought home a mid-term report. Review it with your child, then sign it and have your child return it to his/her teacher this week.

Teachers requested conferences with some families, and that is noted on your child's mid-term report. Two evenings have been set aside for conferences on Monday, February 11 and Tuesday, February 12, from 3:30-7:30 pm. Scheduling priority will be given to teacher-requested conferences.

Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade teachers sent notes home with their students last Friday as well, indicating whether or not a conference is requested.

If your child's teacher requested a conference, please call the DaVinci Academy office to set up a time.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON AT DAVINCI ACADEMY?

(by *Doug Dinndorf, Communications Committee Chair*)

For those of you who have the opportunity to visit the DaVinci Academy [web site](#), I hope you find the large amount of information to be interesting and informative. If you have not taken a look at our web site, I encourage you to do so. Just about everything you want or need to know about DaVinci Academy is provided there, with a "search" capability to help you quickly find the information you are looking for.

We appreciate the need to keep an open, current line of communication with all our stakeholders. Our web site is a key component of that communication process. We also utilize this bi-weekly *DaVinci Connection* newsletter to supplement stakeholder communications and provide current information on the great things that are going on at

our school. If you have not had an opportunity to take a close look at our newsletter, please do so. We include articles from our school administrators and teachers, a regular "Art and Science Corner" article, and messages from our school board members and committees, in addition to regular updates on various DaVinci Academy activities.

In conjunction with the release of each *DaVinci Connection*, we also publish the PTO's bi-weekly newsletter, *Purely PTO*. It highlights all of the great activities the PTO is involved with at DaVinci Academy and includes opportunities for you to get involved.

In addition to these ongoing and regularly scheduled communication vehicles, we also utilize "special" notices and bulletins as circumstances warrant. They typically come from our School Director, other school administrators, or your school board. I encourage all of you to take special note of those communications, since they typically involve items of key importance.

Your school board and administration take the challenge of quality stakeholder communication very seriously at our school. We have made a conscientious effort to make that communication process the best it can be. If you have any suggestions on how we can make communication even better, I'd be happy to hear from you. You can even [email me](#).

LUNCH BALANCES

We have been checking our records and we have found several lunch accounts with negative balances. Please take a moment to look at [PowerSchool](#) to check your lunch account. If you see your child has a negative balance please send a check or cash to the school office by February 12. If you have any questions, please contact [Stephanie Bacigalupo](#).



SPORTS-FILLED WEEKEND

(by Terry Moffatt, Academic Director)

For many DaVinci Academy students and parents, there were more sports to watch this weekend than the Super Bowl. All of our winter sports teams were active this weekend. The girls' basketball team, under the direction of Ms. Kaiser, played three games and now have their first win under their belts. Mr. Slechta coached the 6th grade boys' basketball team in their three games, one of which was a heartstopping win at the buzzer! The 7th grade boys' basketball team, coached by Mr. Melander, played three hard-fought games in Bloomington.

On Sunday, the DaVinci Academy wrestlers, led by Mr. Eldred, competed at Blaine High School in an open tournament. We had 11 wrestlers participate, and most of them ended up with at least a 2nd or 3rd place finish!

A huge thank you to the coaches of each team for all of the time and energy they put in to working with the players and helping them improve. A second thank you to the parents, who take the time to get their kids to the events and support the teams on the weekends. Finally, thank you to the players on each team for giving their best at every competition. GO DYNAMITE!

ORDER SWEATSHIRTS & T-SHIRTS BY FEBRUARY 8

(by Terry Moffatt, Academic Director)

Many parents and students have asked about the new DaVinci Academy "Dynamite" sweatshirts and t-shirts that have been seen around school and at sporting events. Since quite a few teams participate in competitive events this year, school sweatshirts and t-shirts are a good way for fans to show their support. They are also a great way to show pride in DaVinci Academy all-around!

If you are interested in ordering a sweatshirt (hoodie with hockey lace-ups) or t-shirt, the order form is attached to this newsletter. Please make checks payable to Shannon Mohs, as she is taking care of placing the orders. Drop off the order forms and payment at the front desk, and we will make sure they get to the right place. Please note that the deadline for this order is this Friday, February 8.

Also be aware that these new DaVinci Academy sweatshirts and t-shirts are not part of the uniform so cannot be worn during the school day. Thank you for your support!

PIANO & VIOLIN LESSONS

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

