

# DaVinci Connection

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Art Fair  
Monday-Thursday,  
May 13-16  
3:00-4:30 pm

Band, Orchestra, and Choir  
Concert  
Tuesday, May 14  
6:30 pm

Special Education Advisory  
Council  
Thursday, May 16  
5:30 pm

Optional Intersession  
Monday-Friday, May 20-24

School Board Meeting  
Monday, May 20  
6:00 pm

No School  
Monday-Friday, May 27-31

School Resumes  
Monday, June 3

Field Day  
Tuesday, June 4

NWEA Testing  
Monday-Thursday, June 3-6

Communications Committee  
Tuesday, June 4  
5:00 pm

No School  
Friday, June 7

School Carnival  
Friday, June 7  
5:00-7:00 pm

All-School Dance  
Friday, June 7  
6:00-8:00 pm

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENTS...**

**(by Caroline Carritt, Special Education Director)**

This Thursday, May 16, Bonnie Jean Smith will bring an understanding of how to use the IEP (Individualized Education Program) to make sure your child is making meaningful progress. This workshop will explore skills parents can use to become more effective advocates for their child. Come learn these skills, which include: understanding your child's disability, knowing your school district, knowing your rights and responsibilities, using clear and effective communication, understanding the special education process, and knowing the dispute resolution option.

"Use the IEP to Help Your Child: Skills for Effective Parent Advocacy"

Presenter: Bonnie Jean Smith, Advocate, PACER Center

DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science  
Thursday, May 16

5:30-6:00 pm (Dinner)

6:00-8:00 pm (Program)

All are invited! Please RSVP to Mary ([mneebwalker@yahoo.com](mailto:mneebwalker@yahoo.com)) or Caroline ([ccarritt@davincicharterschool.org](mailto:ccarritt@davincicharterschool.org)).

## **SATURDAY CLEAN-UP DAYS**

DaVinci Academy has two more evening or weekend volunteer opportunities for this year.

We are in need of at least five individuals to help clear out a storage room and move everything into the gym. This activity will start at 3:30 pm on the last day of school, Thursday, June 20. If we have enough assistance, it should be completed by 5:30 pm.

We are calling on all volunteers, young and not-so-young to join us on Saturday, June 29 for a school wide spring clean-up day! We will be tackling a wide variety of tasks depending on the number of volunteers we have. Our current list of projects includes activities such as:

- ♦ Wash windows inside and out
- ♦ Scrub corner between wall and floor
- ♦ Removing stuff from walls in halls and classrooms
- ♦ Wash, prep, and paint walls
- ♦ Clean outdoor windowsills and metal edging
- ♦ Power wash garbage cans
- ♦ Dusting book shelves and furniture
- ♦ Wipe lockers (inside, out and tops)
- ♦ Garden/lawn work
- ♦ Repaint games in parking lot
- ♦ Organize storage areas

The day will start at 8:30 am and end when we are done. Lunch will be provided. This is a fabulous way to get some last minute volunteer hours in for the year! As this will be a work day with a lot of things going on, we ask that you leave at home any children who have not yet completed fourth grade.

If you can help with either of these projects please contact Lee Swearingen.

## **SCIENCE CORNER**

**(by Holly Fischer, Instructional Coordinator)**

After 21 days of incubation, chicks have arrived in kindergarten! The classes patiently waited while learning about what happens inside the chicken egg and happily witnessed three chicks emerge last week. Ms. LeSage and Ms. Dahlquist supplemented with some store bought chicks to increase the brood -- and make it easier to share during observations. I got to get back into the kindergarten room and do "Big Kid Science" with the half day kids. We opened up the eggs that didn't hatch to see what was inside. The kids did a great job taking it seriously and making determinations about what might have happened to those failed eggs. Students will spend the next week watching the chicks grow and will then send them off to the Severson Farm.





# Da Vinci Academy OF ARTS AND SCIENCE



## ART CORNER

(by Holly Fischer, Instructional Coordinator)

Congratulations to these April "Artists of the Month," who were recognized at last week's 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade assembly:

5<sup>th</sup> grade - Sandy W.  
7<sup>th</sup> grade - Claire S.  
8<sup>th</sup> grade - Sarah P.  
9<sup>th</sup> grade - Sarah J.

## TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS

Please make your end of the day arrangements with your child(ren) before the school day begins to avoid confusion and errors. In order to maintain safety and consistency for our students and reduce the amount of interruptions to the classrooms at the end of the day, we will NOT be accepting any transportation changes to the office after 2:00. Thank you.

The 2012-13 Art Fair will be take place May 13-16, with a "gallery style" feel. Work will be displayed from 3:00-4:30 pm each day, and families are welcome to go through the gallery before and after the May 14 choir and band concert.

