

DaVinci Connection

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Dear Lee,

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Extra Curricular Activities - Session 5, Starts April 13

The last round of extra-curricular activities for this year starts on April 13 and runs through May 15. There are lots of interesting activities; some returning based on popularity and some new and exciting offerings!

Please review the [attached form](#) and use page two to register your child(ren).

School Links

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March Madness is Here! Saturday 3/28, 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Looking for a family fun activity tomorrow? Come for our annual March Madness Event!

Come out and support the DaVinci Basketball program and:

- Watch the faculty all-stars take on the players
- See video highlights of each team
- Participate in fun events with great prizes
- Food will be available for purchase
- Admission is free!

Important Dates

4/2 - 4/6 - No School

4/8 - Policy Committee,
3:30 pm

4/13 - HR Com., 4:30 pm

See an informational flyer [here](#).

4/13 - School
Development Com., 6:00
pm

4/16 - K - 3 Art Show,
5:00 pm

4/16 - K - 3 Choir
Concert, 6:00 pm

4/20 - Technology
Committee, 5:00 pm

4/20 - Finance
Committee, 6:00 pm

4/24 - Spring Picture Day

4/27 - Board Meeting,
6:00 pm

4/30 - 4th Grade Music &
5th-8th Grade Choir
Concerts, 6:00 pm

5/7 - PTO Bingo Night,
5:30 pm

5/12 - 6th-8th Grade
Band/Orch Concert, 6:00
pm

5/14 - 6th-8th Grade Art
Show, 5:30 pm

5/14 - Spring Musical,
6:30 pm

5/15 - Spring Musical,
6:30 pm

5/16 - Spring Musical,
11:00 am

5/18-5/22 - Optional
Intersession

5/25 - 5/29 - No School

6/2 - Field Day K-5

6/4 - SPARK Day,
Grades 6-8

6/4 - Battle of the Books,
Grades 6-8, 3:10 pm

6/5 - No School

6/9 - 5th Grade
Band/Orch Concert, 6:00



Optional Intersession Information Coming Soon!

May 18th through May 22nd will be our optional Intersession week. Please keep an eye out for information coming soon along with video teasers by our students and staff!

Do You Have Professional Audio/Visual Experience?

We are urgently seeking assistance with adjusting, fixing or replacing the current audio system we use for every performance and assembly. If you answered "yes" to the question above and are willing to assist us, please contact [Mrs. Fischer](#) at your earliest opportunity. Thank you!

Important Dates - Current Events Calendar

The Current Events Calendar on our website is now up and running again. Also, we have listed all upcoming events in this newsletter (look left!). Be sure to check out all the exciting concerts, shows and activities!

Battle of the Books Results (Grade 3-5)

On Thursday, March 27th, we held the first ever DaVinci Academy Battle of the Books competition. This competition was for students in grades 3 - 5. We had two third grade teams, one fourth grade team and two fifth grade teams. Each team was responsible for reading through a list of 21 books that they

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6/12 - No School

6/12 - Golf Tournament

6/15 - 8th Grade Banquet

6/18 - Last Day of School

8/11 - First Day of
School, Grades 1-8

8/13 - First Day of
School, Kindergarten

received in October. During the competition, they were asked questions about these books and as a team had 30 seconds to come up with the correct response. The students did a fantastic job and demonstrated a great deal of knowledge about the books they had read. The third grade team of Pranav C., Roshni R., Lizzy S., Olive L., and Jasmine R. came out on top, ahead of the other third grade team by 2 points.

All of the students should be congratulated on their participation and the great job they did in the competition!







Talent Show - These Kids Have SKILLS

This week's talent show was a rousing success! The kids and staff were all amazing. See highlights below.















Planning for College? Check Out these Upcoming Classes!

Classes are being offered through South Washington County Community Education at Cottage Grove Middle School on Saturday, April 11, 2015.

(click class title for registration information and sign up)

[Crazy Clever Ways to Pay for College - Starting in Middle School](#)

Applying for federal financial aid and scholarships - that's just the beginning! Did you know that there are 28 other things you can do to significantly reduce the amount you will pay for your child's college education during the college years? Use every strategy

possible to help your child graduate as near to debt free as possible. This class was designed with the help of a certified financial planner, a lawyer, and a private college admissions officer, and is a comprehensive look at clever, creative ways to pay for college. Other parents of high schoolers have called this class "amazing" and "incredibly helpful." Fee is \$39 per person and just \$10 more for each additional family member.

[How to Create Brilliant College & Scholarship Essays](#)

Learn how top applicants use a combination of well-reasoned logic and vividly written stories to create powerful college admission and scholarship application essays. Discover a clever organizational structure that makes room for all of your greatest accomplishments without ever sounding scattered, disorganized, or disjointed. Other students have called this class "amazing" and "revolutionary." This class is also suitable for applicants to law, medical, business, and graduate school. Fee is \$39 per person and just \$10 more for each additional family member.

Presenter: Jeannie Burlowski, a nationally recognized speaker, consultant, and writer on the subjects of brilliance in college, debt-free college completion, strategic career planning for high school and college students, and admission to highly competitive law, medical, business, and graduate schools.

Emergency & Attendance Alerts via



To obtain information regarding DaVinci Academy's emergency messaging system, please click [here](#). This is the most effective way to receive important emergency messages from our school. For now, we are reserving the SchoolMessenger communication system for these two needs: a) emergency/immediate alerts, and b) attendance alerts.

PTO News

See the most recent [PTO newsletter](#) for information.

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