

DaVinci Connection

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Important Dates

Dear Lee,

To the left, you will find helpful links that will take you directly to the articles you want to read (Table of Contents), to important pages on our website (School Links), and will provide a quick list of upcoming events (Important Dates.)

Spring Picture Day - 4/24

Lifetouch Studios will be here on Friday April 24 to take spring pictures of our students.

Flyers were sent home with students last week. Select your favorite background and return on Picture Day. If you did not see the paper copy, you can also view your background options in this [flyer](#) and then print make your selection on the [reply form](#).

Make Picture Day easy with these tips from Lifetouch School Portraits:

- * Choose clothing with solid colors or simple patterns.
- * Avoid clothing with slogans and logos.
- * Long-sleeved shirts are best.

Students will be permitted to wear non-uniform clothing to school on picture day in accordance with certain guidelines. Please review with your students that all clothing should be modest; no tank tops, spaghetti straps, no short skirts or short shorts, etc. Shirts should not have inappropriate writing or words and no hats are allowed to be worn in school. Hats, however, may be worn for the picture and then returned to their locker. This is the only day spring pictures will be taken. There will not be a make-up or retake option.

New Staff Member

Please welcome our new afternoon Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Jaye DePew! She will be assisting us (and you!) with all things related to the front office in the afternoon, such as transportation changes, fee payments, illness or injury and enrollment questions. You will be able to contact Mrs. DePew and Mrs. Gerard (our morning Administrative Assistant) through one single email address: School_Office@davincicharterschool.org.

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
pm

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



Intersession Registrations Due 4/27 (Middle School Students Needed!)

Classes have been set for our optional Intersession in May and we've got some great activities planned for that week!

It will be an all day program this year and we will offer busing and hot lunches as we do every day. The Y Care program ([information here](#)) is still an option for those families who need after school care.

Select this link to access all the needed information, forms and videos through this Google Drive link or select the form links below.

[Google Drive - General Information, Sign-up Forms & Videos Link](#)

You will find:

- a [General Information sheet](#) that tells you more details about the program,
- a [Class Summary sheet](#) that walks you through the various activities offered in each class,
- a [Registration sheet](#) which needs to be turned in to the

- office no later than Monday, April 27th, and
- check out teacher created informational [videos](#) about the classes.

If you are new to DaVinci, know that these Intersession classes are optional and are offered to mixed age groups at an additional cost to each family. All classes are priced at \$100.00 per child (which includes field trip fees) except for The Intersession That Rocks which is \$175; they will be taking an overnight trip to Duluth. Regular classes will not be held that week, so if you choose not to register your child for an Intersession class, they will have the week off school.

Please contact [Mrs. Fischer](#) with any questions.

For Families of Eighth Graders

There are a few things that we'd like you to be aware of and hopefully put on your calendar.

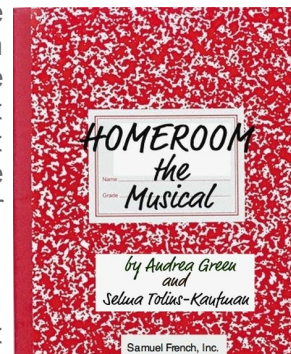
Banquet: Monday, June 15 at 5:30 is the eighth grade banquet. We will have a potluck in the gym and an awards presentation. More details to follow -- would love a couple of parents who could volunteer to help with details! Contact [Mrs. Brown](#) (science) if you'd like to be part of this event.

Legacy Gift: Each year the graduating class leaves a gift for DaVinci and the future students. We ask that you think about your experience you have had here at DaVinci Academy and donate in the name of your family. The eighth graders have an idea for their gift, but I don't think they are ready to announce it yet. Checks can be made out to DaVinci Academy and should be turned in to Mr. Melander. Last year's eighth graders raised \$600 and purchased the new round picnic tables -- let's see if we can beat their total!

Slideshow: Mrs. Severson puts together a slideshow for the graduating class. Please send a pre-school/kindergarten picture to [Mrs. Severson](#). I'm also looking for any pictures you have of DaVinci events over the years.

Spring Musical - 5/14 & 5/15

The spring musical, Homeroom, will be performed on May 14 and 15 at 6:30 pm and May 16 at 11:00 am. Students have been rehearsing for many weeks and can't wait to perform. You will be amazed at the talent that our school has! Tickets are sold at the door; \$3 for adults, \$1 for students.



Speaking of musicals, are you a parent that is looking for a way to volunteer and

serve the school? I'm interested in putting together a booster committee that would serve the theater department, and perhaps more. The boosters would run concessions, publicity, and generally support the events that continue to grow at our school. Interested? Email [Mrs. Severson](#) and I'll figure out a meeting time.

(5th-7th graders) Leo's Club - Community Service Organization

Mark the Date!! Thursday, May 5th, at 6pm, in room 302 there will be an informational meeting for students who will be in middle school next year who are interested in learning more about Leo's Club. This is a free community service organization under the Blaine Lion's Club. We plan to officially start the program during the 2015-16 school year with a few volunteer opportunities available this summer. Members will volunteer for one service activity per month. Service activities might include Feed My Starving Children, making toys/blankets for Humane Society animals, or playing games with seniors at a local nursing home. This is a great opportunity to build your child's community awareness and service skills as well as portfolio for scholarship opportunities. Please contact [Cara Franklin](#) for more information.

Important Dates - Current Events Calendar

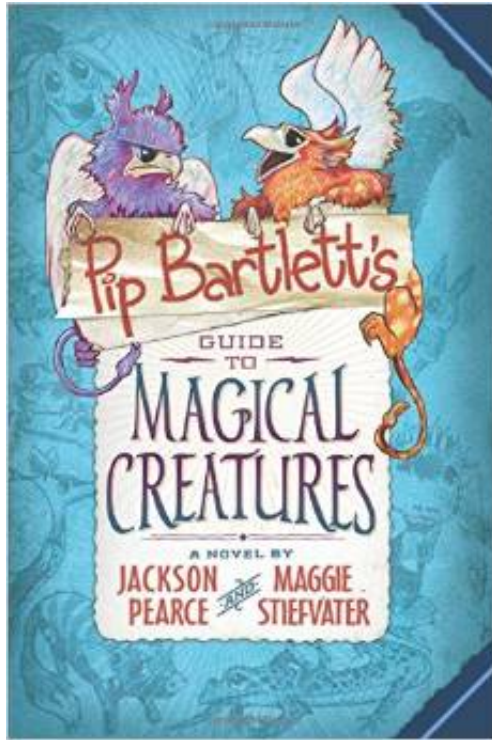
The Current Events Calendar on our website is now up and running again. Also, we have listed all upcoming events in this newsletter (look left!). Be sure to check out all the exciting concerts, shows and activities!

Upcoming Authors Visit

Our last author event for this year is very exciting. Jackson Pearce and Maggie Steifvater, traditionally young adult authors, have teamed up for an exciting new middle grade novel. [Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures](#) will be published on April 28, 2015.

On May 8 at 12:20 the authors will be speaking to DaVinci Academy second through eighth graders. We would like to invite the community to also attend this event. This is the third author event of this year, and the past two have proven to be very inspiring to the students, and we would love to share this event with you.

Book orders will be passed out in class and sent home with students. Any student who orders a book will be able to have it personally autographed prior to the event.



Volunteer Needs

Welding Assistance - We need someone with welding experience and tools to re-attach a wheel back on to a lunch room table.

If you can help with this project, please contact [Mrs. Swearingen](#). Thank you for your consideration!

Community Corner



Car Pool Request - Do you live in the Blaine area near 109th Ave by BeBops Sports Bar? Would you be interested in car-pooling with another DaVinci family? If you are interested, please email [Mrs. Swearingen](#) for more information.

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.

Help design a **new PTO Logo!** Logo contest entries are due by May 1st and will be voted on at Family Bingo Night! See attached [flyer](#) for more details and contest rules.

You can also view and sign up for upcoming PTO events through Sign-Up Genius. The current activities for which you can register are:

- Music Department Bake Sale 4/30 - [Sign-Up Here!](#)
- Family Bingo Night 5/7 - [Sign-Up Here!](#)



Family
BINGO
Night

Come join us for Family Bingo Night!
Thursday May 7th 6-8 P.M.

\$1.00 Bingo Cards

\$1.00 Tickets for
Bouncy House, Cotton Candy, Carnival Games,
Pop Corn and the very popular Dunk Tank.

Mancetti's Pizza \$2.50 a slice

Scavenger Hunt & Prizes

A big thank you to the teachers who are volunteering
to go in the dunk tank!!!

We are looking for volunteers to help out with this fun event.
If you can help out, please email Amy Block
amylblock@yahoo.com or visit
www.signupgenius.com/boi/20F0D44ABA823A3F58-Family



Hosted by the DaVinci PTO

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