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4/14 - Curriculum
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4/14 - Finance
Committee, 6:30 pm

4/17-21 - No School

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 that will provide a quick list of upcoming events (Important Dates.)

As always, we welcome your feedback.

Thank You Volunteers

As you may know, this week is identified as National Volunteer Appreciation Week. It is with sincere appreciation that we thank you for volunteering at DaVinci Academy this school year. The thoughtful generosity of your time and energy means the world to us. We would not be the school that we are without all of our fabulous volunteers.

During this week, we recognized volunteers through the following:

- Treats and a small gift for any volunteer that stops in at the school office
- A Bruegger's gift card will be given to one person who volunteers at school each day this week
- All individuals who have volunteered this year will be included in a random drawing for over 15 prizes

Also to express our thanks, we have put together a short video to show you all that you mean to us! Click [here](#) to view it. We hope you enjoy it and realize the sincerity of our appreciation.

Sincerely,

The Staff & Students of DaVinci Academy of Arts & Science

MCA Time Again

It is that time of year again - MCA testing time!

Grades 3 through 8, Reading MCA: April 14 - 16 (Monday through Wednesday). This test is a pencil and paper test.

4/22 - School
Resumes

4/23 - Author Visit,
Soman Chainani

4/25 - Spring School
Photos

4/28-5/2 - MCA Math
Assessment

4/28 - School Board
Meeting, 6:00 pm

Grades 3 through 8, Math MCA: April 28 - May 2 (Monday through Friday). This test is on the computer.

Grades 5 and 8 Science MCA: These will take place in May. We will provide additional information when the test draws closer.

There are many ways that parents can help during testing time. Make sure that your children are getting plenty of sleep on the nights before a test. A good hearty breakfast will help them stay focused during testing. You can read the [MCA Parent Fact Sheet](#) from the Minnesota Department of Education. For more information please click [here](#).

Teachers will take care to limit the amount of homework given during testing so that students may have the afternoons to relax. If you have any questions about testing, please contact [Terry Moffatt](#).

Reminder About After School Supervision

We have had a number of students staying after school to wait for siblings who are participating in extra-curricular activities. Please remember that no student should be staying after school unless they are registered for an after-school activity, attending the YMCA program or arrangements have been made with a teacher or staff member. Students who are found to be unsupervised will be asked to call their parents for transportation home.

Continental Math League

This year, for the first time, students from DaVinci Academy participated in the Continental Math League. This is a national competition in which students complete tests that involve analytical reasoning capabilities and computational skills. There were five tests throughout the year for grades 4 - 8 and three tests for grades 2 - 3. Over 50 students participated in the competition.

This was a very successful first year of Continental Math League. Our second grade team scored in the top 12% of all teams and the third grade team scored in the top 9%. We also had two students who received the National Medal from CML for maintaining perfect scores. This was no small feat!

Third Grader Elliot Z.

18,000 third graders
participated this year;
2,200 were from Minnesota.
40 third graders maintained
a perfect score;
11 were from Minnesota.



Seventh Grader Ethan Z.



5,000 seventh graders participated this year; 300 were from Minnesota. 9 seventh graders maintained a perfect score and Ethan was the only one from Minnesota!

Congratulations to all of the participants!
Second grade



Front: Gracie K, Layton P, Brandt B, Connor S, Brandt B

Back: Roshni R, Mahati R, Arushi S, Pranav C, Andrew H, Jasmine R

Not pictured: Aarushi M



Top Scorers:
Jasmine R, Mahati R,
Arushi S, Brandt B

Third Grade



Front: Matthew W, Thomas B,
Sam B, Rhea B

Back: AJ Lange, Elliott Z, Aidan
B, Rylan P, Akua A, Kriti J

Not pictured: Jadon S



Top Scorers:
Elliott Z, Matthew W,
Aidan B, Rylan P

Fourth Grade



Front: Jac C, Jaya B, Josiah L,
Saanjhi S

Back: Isaac F, Isaac S, Aubrey
V, Afia Z, Reema I



Top Scorers:
Aubrey V, Reema I,
Josiah L

Fifth Grade



Front: Tom B, Rahul B, Andrew
B, Rishi R

Back: Liam B, Natalie B,
Janessa B, Riley K, Chase B



Top Scorers:
Natalie B, Riley K,
Liam B, Rishi R

Middle School



Sixth Grade:
Boatema A, Sandy W,
Max W, Nana Ayden G



Seventh Grade:
Maaz M, Ethan Z, Claire Y



Eighth Grade:
Will T, Samantha B, Durowaa A,
Nathan P, Darin C

4-8: Author Visit - April 23

Soman Chainani, author of the New York Times bestselling series, "The School for Good and Evil," is coming to DaVinci Academy on Wednesday, April 23! The series is an epic journey into a dazzling new world, where the only way out of a fairy tale is to live through one. The author visit, geared for grades 4-8, will take place at 9:15 am on April 23. See the [attached flyer](#) for more information and for a book order form. Please contact [Stephanie Severson](#) with questions.

Spring Pictures and Non Uniform Day (Action Required)

Lifetouch Studios will be here on Friday April 25 to take spring pictures of our students. Flyers were sent home with students earlier this week. If you did not receive one, you can [click here](#) to see the sign-up flyer or pick one up at the school office. You have the option to select one of nine backgrounds.

Please note this is the only day spring pictures will be taken. There will not be a make-up or retake option.

Students will be permitted to wear non-uniform clothing to school on picture day. Keep in mind that all clothing should be modest; no tank tops, spaghetti straps, or short skirts or short shorts, etc. Shirts should be free from writing and no hats are allowed to be worn in school. Hats, however, may be worn for the picture and then

returned to their locker.

ACTION - Please complete the [form](#) selecting the desired background and return it to the school office by Thursday, April 24. No money is required at this time.

HR/Compensation Committee - Moving Forward Behind the Scenes

by [Dale Lieb](#), HR/Compensation Committee Chair

All of us appreciate that the success of any school is highly dependent on the quality of its people - administrators, teachers, and staff. At DaVinci Academy, we are fortunate to have a very talented, dedicated group of people who are constantly focused on delivering a quality learning experience for our children. Attracting and retaining these education professionals is a challenge we take very seriously, and that is why the work of our HR/Compensation Committee is so important. The committee is made up of school board members, parents, administrative staff, and teachers. We welcome Kyle Vonderharr, our newest parent committee member, and more participants to help in these efforts, and are grateful for those who currently participate.

[Read More](#)

K-8: Purely PTO

Check out the current PTO newsletter [here](#)!

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