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Greetings!

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Town Council Meeting

(Debra Lach)

The DaVinci Academy proposal to build in Ham Lake is on the agenda for the Ham Lake Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 25th. This is an important step toward final approval to build. We encourage all parents and interested parties to attend the meeting to show strong support for the new building project.

Time: 6:00, April 25

Place: Ham Lake City Hall

15544 Central Ave NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304

Thank You Volunteers

This week and next week we are celebrating our volunteers. 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.

Important Dates

4/22 Spring Picture Day

4/26 Grade K-2 Art Show,
5:00 pm

4/26 Grade K-2 Music
Concert, 6:00 pm

4/28 - 4/29 No School

5/5 PTO Bingo Night, 6:00-
8:00 pm

5/12 Grades 3 & 4 Music
Concert, 5:30 pm

5/12 Spring Musical, 6 pm

5/16 School Board Meeting,
6 pm

5/18 Grades 6-8 Art Show,
5:30 pm

Food Service Program

Current Lunch prices -
including milk

Hot, Alt. or Emergency
Lunch:

- Full Pay = \$3.50;
- Free/Reduced =

Anyone who has volunteered this year, whether it was for 30 minutes or 30 hours is invited to stop in the school office and pick up some treats and a wonderful custom made DaVinci Academy key chain! If you cannot make it in and would like a key chain, let [Mrs. Swearingen](#) know which one you prefer and we will send it home with your child!



Also to express our thanks, we are sharing a short video that we prepared a couple years ago. It shows what our volunteers mean to us and is so fun to watch! 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

Delay Use of Silent Dismissal Mobile App

The Silent Dismissal mobile app requires some updates that are expected to be worked on over this coming weekend. Until further notice, please do not rely on the mobile app. Once we can review and confirm the update works as expected, we will let you know when it is available to use again.

Please access the program through the full website if you need to make changes.

K-2 Art Show and Music Concert

\$0.00

Vegetarian Lunch:

- Full-pay = \$4.50;
- Reduced-price = \$0.40;
- Free = \$0.00

A La Carte Items -charged to ALL students:

- Milk-only = \$0.50;
- Pre-Ordered Extra slice of pizza = \$1.50,
- Emergency meals = \$3.50
- Extra Entree (Grade 6-8 only) = \$1.50

Current Breakfast Price:

- Full-pay = \$1.75
- Kindergarten = \$0.00
- Reduced-price = \$0.00
- Free = \$0.00

Go [here](#) to apply for free or reduced-price meals or to find out more about the food service program.

Emergency & Attendance Alerts via



To sign up for emergency messaging, [click here](#).

This program is used for:

- a) emergency/immediate alerts, b) school closings, and c) attendance alerts.

Contact [Mrs. Bacigalupo](#) for information

Tuesday, April 26th 5:00pm You are invited to view and celebrate the masterpieces created by DaVinci Academy's K-2 Artists! Come take a walk through the gallery-style exhibition in the halls of DaVinci Academy with plenty of time before their music concert, which follows at 6:00. Artists will be showcasing some pieces created in art class during the 2015-16 school year. (They are not required to create a piece outside of school).

Teacher Appreciation Week - May 2-6

Now is the time to show your DaVinci Academy teachers how much you appreciate them. During the week of May 2nd - 6th we will be planning special things for the teachers to show them how important they are to us. But, students and parents can get involved by remembering the teachers as well. Please take some time to tell your teachers how special they are during this year's teacher appreciation week.

If you need some inspiration, check out the following suggestions.

Monday-Words From The Heart Day: Simple thank you notes, pictures, words of encouragement.

Tuesday-Love From the Oven Day: Anything food related.

Wednesday-Specialist Surprise Day: This day will be devoted to our specialist teachers (Gym, Music, Spanish, Art, RTI, Special Education, Gifted and Talented) Send a note or a treat-whatever you wish.

Thursday-Book Dedication Day: Have your child donate a favorite book to the teacher (new or gently used) with a simple message on the inside.

Friday-Favorite Things Day: Surprise your teacher with one of their favorite things.

Golf Tournament Fundraising

PTO News

Link [here](#) to the PTO website or download the most recent [newsletter](#) (dated April 2016) for recent information.

Label All Apparel

Help reduce our lost and found! Please label all clothing, outwear and lunch boxes.

(Consider using [NameBubbles](#) - enter code DAAS15 and 20% of your order will be donated to DaVinci Academy).

Hey Parents! Thank you so much for your efforts in getting your kids to help bring in Dollars for DaVinci this year! It was a huge success. We are still in need of some high quality, fabulous prizes for our raffle which brings in a lot of money for our school. Does your family hold season tickets for the Minnesota Vikings, or Minnesota Twins? Would you be willing to donate one of the games to the Golf Tournament? We are also looking for new golf apparel, and gift cards (suggested minimum retail value of \$20-25). Please contact [Lindsey Altermatt](#) if you have an item that you think would be a great fit for the Golf Tournament. Thank you in advance for making the 5th annual Golf tournament such a success!

Individualized/Group Basketball Instruction

Coach Slechta is offering individualized and group basketball instruction for interested children and adults, kindergarten on up. Please print and complete the attached [sign-up form](#).

Spring Instrumental Concert

(Mike Hebert)

INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT	
5/6TH @ 5:00PM & 7/8TH @ 7:00PM	THURSDAY, MAY 19TH

When is the concert?

Our spring band/orchestra concert is on Thursday, May 19th. 5th and 6th grade students will perform starting at 5:00 pm. 7th, 8th, Jazz Band, and Chamber Orchestra will start at 7:00 pm.

How long will my child need to stay?

All students will be expected to stay for the entire concert in order to complete a listening assignment of the other groups performing. This will count as half of their concert participation score.

What is the dress code?

5th and 6th grade will wear white dress tops (boys need a button up shirt) and black dress bottoms with black dress shoes.

7th and 8th grade will wear ALL BLACK with black dress shoes. Boys need a black button up shirt. Girls need long skirts or dress pants. Leggings/yoga pants are NOT acceptable.

How will I help at home?

Our musicians need to learn their music at home. Rehearsals are used for learning everything that's happening around them. We cannot use rehearsal time to only figure out individual parts. Require your child to put in the hours at home so they come prepared and confident to class.

Where can I find more information?

I have posted our concert songs and lesson assignments on my classroom website listed below. Feel free to contact me with ANY questions, comments, concerns, suggestions, fun stories, etc.

PTO News

(PTO Newsletter link is in the side column)

Come join us for Family Bingo Night!

Thursday May 5th 6-8 P.M.

\$1.00 Bingo Cards, Cotton Candy & Popcorn

\$2.00 Bouncy House & Dunk Tank

\$5.00 1 Hot Dog and/or Brat, 2 Chips, 2 Drinks (Pop/Soda)

Carnival Games & 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](#) or visit [sign-up genius](#) to register to help!

Print a [Bingo Night Flyer](#) here.

