

Dragon Dispatch

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TRAFFIC VOLUNTEERS - Thank you to all the parents that volunteer each week to help with Traffic Duty. We greatly appreciate your support in helping to keep everyone safe. If you would like to volunteer or need to reschedule a shift you signed up for at Back to School Night, please contact Mrs. Gauthier at gauthier_susan@cusdk8.org

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 22-26 ARE PARENTS FROM ROOM 3
VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 29 - NOV 2 ARE PARENTS FROM ROOM 4

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Dilworth Families:

We've had another fantastic two weeks at Dilworth with goal-setting conferences, field trips, end of writing unit celebrations, and our Walkaround kick-off assembly. We are all looking forward to the Walkaround on November 3rd!

We will be holding our annual disaster drill on November 9th. This year, we will be simulating an earthquake, practicing Duck, Cover, and Hold as well as our safe evacuation procedures. These important annual practice drills ensure that our students and staff are well prepared for emergency scenarios. Your child will learn about the procedures for the drill from their classroom teacher. We anticipate the drill to last about one hour. That evening, you may want to debrief with your child and discuss your household procedures in the event of a fire, earthquake, or other emergency.

Ms. Johnson

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Halloween is fast approaching! On Wednesday, October 31st at 1 PM we will hold our annual Halloween Parade on the blacktop. Parents are welcome to attend. Please make sure your child's costume is safe and school-appropriate. Outfits that are scary or violent are not allowed at school; toy weapons, masks that completely cover your face, and fake blood are not allowed. Students are welcome to wear their costume to school that day. Please make sure, though, that they have comfortable shoes and a layer underneath in case they want to take off their costume for recess/lunch. If your child will not be participating in Halloween events, please let your child's teacher know so they can prepare alternate activities.

ANNUAL WALKAROUND FUNDRAISER

We still need volunteers to help with Walkaround, scheduled for Saturday, November 3rd. This community spirit-building family-fun one day fundraising event is sure to be a crowd pleaser. If you can help, please use this volunteer link to sign up: <http://signup.com/go/kYqahJ>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 31 - Halloween Parade at 1:00 p.m. on the blacktop.
Nov. 3 - Walkaround 1:00 -6:00
Nov. 12 - Veterans Day- **NO SCHOOL**
Nov. 19 - 23 - **THANKSGIVING RECESS - NO SCHOOL**
Dec. 4 - Vision Screening (Grades K, 2, 5 & SDC)
Dec. 7 - 1st Trimester Report Cards go home

District and Community News



REMINDERS.....

ATTENDANCE:

If your child will be absent, please call 408-253-2850 ext. 6 by 9:00 a.m. to report the absence.

EVERY TUESDAY:

All grades are dismissed at 1:55 p.m. Students should be picked up promptly.

STUDENT DROP-OFF:

Do not drop students off at school before 8:15 a.m., student supervision is not provided until then.

WALKAROUND DONATIONS NEEDED

We need the following for snacks at the Walkaround:

- Small individual bags of chips
- Water bottles
- Gatorade bottles
- Juice boxes
- Soda

PARENT WORKSHOP: SCREEN TIME BATTLES: HOW TO WIN THEM

Come spend a fun evening learning some new tricks and tips for dealing with screen time issues! Mary Eschen is a popular local parenting educator, as well as a Life and Parenting Coach. Her entertaining style and energy will put you back in the driver's seat with some new ideas on how to set reasonable electronic limits based on age, what types of parent controls to use and what to do when things get out of control.

Thursday, November 15, 2018

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Location: GLC

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

CURRICULUM CORNER: READER'S WORKSHOP

Our students and teachers have had a great time with the first unit of Reader's Workshop. During this unit, students have worked on building their reading stamina and becoming more aware of their reading skills and behaviors. They have also learned about their reading level (ask your child what their level is!) and how to pick a just right book. The second unit of Reader's Workshop for most grade levels focus on non-fiction texts. You can support their learning at home by reading non-fiction, informational books together and pointing out the text features authors use to support a reader's understanding (graphs and charts, for example). If you would like to read more about this curriculum, you can go to the Teacher's College webpage:

<https://readingandwritingproject.org/>

ANNUAL YEARBOOK 2018-2019

Online ordering is now available for our 2018-2019 school yearbook. The regular price for the yearbook will be \$30, which includes two free custom pages. TreeRing, our publisher, is offering a 10% discount on purchases made by October 31st, so you can order early and save! If you have an account from last year, simply log in at www.treering.com to place your order. To set up a new account log on to www.TreeRing.com/validate and enter our school's passcode 1013461755883829. Once you have an account, you will also be able to upload and share photos on our Dilworth TreeRing site. If you have any questions or are interested in helping to create yearbook pages, please contact Nicky Sardar at sardar.nicky@gmail.com.

PROJECT CORNERSTONE: SIMON'S HOOK

This month's ABC book: "Simon's Hook" by Karen Burnett is a colorful story that compares teases to fishing hooks and tells the tale of how the fish learned not to bite. The lesson gives students five strategies to use to avoid taking the bait:

1. Do little or nothing—don't react!
2. Pretend to agree with the hook.
3. Change the subject or distract.
4. Laugh at the hook and make a joke of it.
5. Stay away from the hooks and swim in another part of the sea—go do something else!

TRAFFIC SAFETY:

Morning drop-off continues to be a bit hectic. Here are a few suggestions to help keep the traffic flowing smoothly and safely include:

- Try to come before 8:27 AM. The parking lot isn't full until then.
- Volunteer for Traffic Duty! The more adults helping in the parking lot, the better.
- Pull ALL the way forward. Please do not pause to watch your child walk down the hallway.
- If possible, have your child's backpack in the car with them so they can exit independently.
- Do not allow our child to exit in the middle of the parking lot and cross in front of traffic.

Please also stay clear of the Bus Zone. Our school buses need to be able to pull up to the curb in the Strayer Drive parking lot.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

As you know, the fall weather will bring with it cold and flu season. We'd like to provide a few friendly reminders that will help us all stay as healthy as possible. If your child has thrown up or had a fever, they are not to be sent to school for 24 hours. We do not want students coming to school sick. Students must be fever-free (with no medicine) for 24 hours before returning to school.

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL: BOX TOPS

Collecting Box Tops is an easy way to support our school. You can find Box Tops on commonly used items, like ZipLock Baggies and Lysol wipes. Each Box Top brings 10 cents to our school. You can turn in Box Tops to your child's teacher or the Dilworth school office.