

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 weeks of March 4th-15th are parents from Room 14

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 4 SSC Meeting 7:45 a.m.
Mar. 5 – 8 5th Grade Science Camp
Mar. 14 HSC Meeting – 7:00 – 8:00
Mar. 18 **Staff Learning Day – NO SCHOOL**
Mar. 22 Report Cards Sent Home – 2nd Trimester
Fujitsu Planetarium Family Night
Mar. 29 Principal’s Coffee: CAASPP Testing 8:30-9:30

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome back from vacation! Please join me in congratulating our Teacher of the Year for the 2019-2020 school year- Mrs. Lauren Graham! Thank you for all you do for our students!

Our students and staff got right back to work, launching new reading and writing units, building math skills with performance tasks and standards-based games, and experimenting with coding Spheros and Bee Bots. Family Literacy Night was a wonderful showcase of our students’ passion and enthusiasm for reading and writing. Next week, we will be celebrating the birthday of a great children’s author, Dr. Seuss, with Read Across America Week. Please look below for more information on our daily themes!

To help CuperDoodle in planning after school programming at Dilworth for next fall, please respond to the following quick survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2QS752N>

CAASPP TESTING

As we look ahead to the spring, please keep in mind that the CAASPP testing window for our 3rd-5th grade students runs from April 22nd- May 10th. Please try to avoid scheduling medical or dental appointments during this window. Short-term Independent Study Contracts will be denied for students in 3rd-5th grade during this testing window.



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.

VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL

If you would like to volunteer at Dilworth, you must have completed the following things:

- Volunteer Agreement Form
- Provide TB Test, up-to-date
- Fingerprinting by our district, FORMS ARE IN THE OFFICE.

ENJOY THE FUJITSU PLANETARIUM with DILWORTH!

Please join Dilworth students and families for a private event at the Fujitsu Planetarium on March 22nd, 2019. The first show (6:30-7:30) will be **"Magic Tree House: Space Mission"** and is geared towards students in K-2. The second show (7:45-8:45) will be **"Totality: Explore the Wonder of Eclipses"** and is geared towards students in 3rd-5th. Please plan on arriving 10 minutes before the show of your choice. **An informational order form will be going home in the Friday folder.** Location: Fujitsu Planetarium, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd (Cupertino). Tickets are \$7 and Parking is \$3. Parking passes will be pre-ordered and sent home with tickets in the Friday folder on March 22nd. A description of each show is listed on the De Anza Website: <http://planetarium.deanza.edu>



ANNUAL YEARBOOK

Online ordering is now available for our 2018-2019 school yearbook. The regular price for the yearbook is \$30, which includes two free custom pages. 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, please contact Nicky Sardar at: sardar.nicky@gmail.com or Susan Gauthier at: Gauthier_susan@cusdk8.org.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Zoey C. for her success at the 2019 United States Open Music Competition (USOMC). Zoey placed third, performing "Deserted Ballroom" by William Gillock. Zoey played her beautiful piece at our Terrific Tuesday assembly this week. Congratulations, Zoey, on your accomplishment!

ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR

The annual Science Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10th, 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Participation is optional. Science Fair is a great opportunity for kids to explore scientific ideas, work on their own project and present it to their fellow students and other Dilworth families. We have once again teamed up with Synopsys, so not only will participants receive a participation certificate, ribbon, and sticker, but science display boards will also be provided. Free science display boards may be picked up from the library beginning the week of March 4th.



Enrollment forms are due by Friday, March 22nd. Late forms will not be accepted. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Gauthier at (408) 253- 2850 or at gauthier_susan@cusdk8.org

TRAFFIC SAFETY:

In order to keep our parking lots safe and efficient, please drive into the parking lots and pull ALL THE WAY FORWARD. Stop at the curb and let your children out of the car. Do not exit the car. Your children should have their backpacks ready to go with them in the car. Do not allow your child to cross in front of traffic.

VISITING SCHOOL

ALL VISITORS ON CAMPUS, those entering classrooms as volunteers or meeting with teachers, **MUST** sign in at the office and obtain a visitor's badge when school is in session. For the safety of all, we need to know who is on campus. The only exceptions are student arrival and dismissal times. If you are taking your child out of school for any reason, **ALWAYS** sign your child out from school through the office and back in when he/she returns.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE:

PREVENTING COLD AND FLU

Good health habits can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the flu. Please refer to the steps below to help protect yourself and others from the spread of germs:

1. Stay home when you are sick. This will help prevent spread of your illness to others.
2. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Flu and other serious respiratory illnesses, like respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), whooping

CAMP GALILEO SUMMER CAMP AT DILWORTH

Dilworth Elementary School is excited to announce we will be hosting Camp Galileo (K-5th grades) and Galileo Summer Quest (5th-8th grades) this summer! Camp will run from June 17 to August 2. Campers can choose from four Camp Galileo themes or six Galileo Summer Quest majors, spending the week exploring the depths of the ocean, cooking up new recipes, designing their own virtual world, and much more. Each is designed to empower each camper to realize the change that they can make in the world.



You can read more about each week's theme and register your child at (<https://galileo-camps.com/>).

INFORMATION REGARDING STUDENT ABSENCES IN JUNE

Please see the message below from the Student Assignment Office: Although it may seem very far into the future, some of you may have started considering your summer plans. Those might include pulling your child(ren) out of school prior to the official end of school, and/or missing the first day(s) of the 2019-2020 school year. As a reminder, below are the district policies and practices (based on CUSD Board Policies and practices and California Ed Code), that will be followed. This information was provided in your child(ren)'s Opening Day Packet. *These are followed regardless of the time of year. The District does not support the practice of taking trips/vacations on school days, per CUSD AR 5113.

The District will not hold a student's seat at a school after a 10-day absence, with or without an Independent Study*, without pre-approval due to extenuating circumstances. School site personnel and administration follow state guidelines in determining what is an unexcused, versus an excused, absence. Please keep in mind that informing the teacher and/or school site staff of an impending absence does not make the absence excused. A "Parent Report of Absence" form, found at your school site office, must be completed and approved by the principal. *Requests for Independent Study may be granted provided the student will return to school at least five (5) days prior to the last day of school (AR 6158).

Students who have 10 consecutive days of unexcused absences will be inactivated at the end of the 10th day. The Student Assignment Office at the District Office will then work with families upon their return to confirm residency and school assignment. It is not guaranteed that your child will be placed in the same school and classroom they were in prior to the inactivation.

If any number, up to 10, of the last days of school are missed and unexcused, the child(ren) will not have the ability to make up class work or homework. If any number, up to 10, of the last days of school are missed and unexcused, the child(ren)'s grades may be impacted. We trust this clarifies the District's policies and procedures in regard to end of year unexcused absences.

cough, and severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), are spread by cough, sneezing, or unclean hands.

3. Wash your hands often. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
4. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.
5. Practice other good health habits. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work, or school. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious food.

READER'S WORKSHOP: LEVELED BOOKS

Our reading program this year includes daily mini-lessons in effective reading comprehension techniques as well as devoted time for each student to be reading a wide variety of books at their reading level. Teachers use assessments to determine each child's reading level, based upon the Fountas and Pinnell A-Z leveling system. Many different leveling systems are used nationally (Lexile, Accelerated Reader, Rigby, etc.). If you are buying a book online or checking a book out in the library, and want to know the level, you can go to Scholastic's Book Wizard: <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/bookwizard/>. Students can also read digital books at their level on Raz-Kids.

Read Across America Week

Monday, March 4: The Cat in the Hat Day

Wear a hat!

Tuesday, March 5: One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish

Wear red or blue!

Wednesday, March 6: Wacky Wednesday

Wear mix-matched, backwards, inside out, crazy clothes, crazy hair, etc.

Thursday, March 7: Fox in Socks

Wear crazy socks!

Friday, March 8: Green Eggs and Ham

Wear green!

Win points for your color team by dressing up in Dr. Seuss spirit! Teams who have 60% or more participation each day will a small Dr. Seuss-themed prize!

