

Dragon Dispatch

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TRAFFIC DUTY FOR APRIL 2 - 13 ARE PARENTS FROM ROOM 17

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the third trimester! Our students and staff enjoyed the spring sunshine this week. In this final trimester of the school year, our students will continue to work on developing fluency and mastery of grade level standards, as well as their critical thinking and collaboration skills. A great resource for understanding more about the Common Core State Standards is the Department of Education website: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/cc/>.

You can continue to support your child's growth at home by:

- Encouraging your child to read a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction texts.
- Making sure your child arrives at school on time. School starts at 8:30 AM!
- Having conversations about current events, your work, and what your child is learning in class.
- Experiencing new places and adventures together- visit a museum, go for a hike, watch a documentary, etc.

Next Friday, April 6th, I will be hosting a Principal's Coffee for K-2 parents. Our focus will be ways that you can promote literacy at home. Ms. Johnson

2017 -2018 YEARBOOK

Reminder: Now is the time to order a yearbook—our ordering and personalization deadline is coming up on April 15th! The yearbook price is \$30, for a full-color 76-page book, which includes 2 free pages that you can customize with your own special photos and memories. This year ordering is online only. If you have an account from last year, simply login at www.treering.com to place your order. To set up a new account:

1. Go to www.TreeRing.com/validate
2. Enter our school's passcode: 1013461755883829

If you have any questions, please contact Nicky Sardar at sardar.nicky@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2 - SSC Meeting 7:45 a.m.
April 3 - Dine-Out Chipotle at Westgate 4:00-8:00
April 6 - Principal Coffee 8:30
April 12 - HSC Meeting 7:00
April 13 - Spring Photos 8:30
April 16-20 - **SPRING BREAK**
April 25 - 2018-19 New Kinder Meeting 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - GLC
April 26 - Science Fair in the GLC- 6:00-7:00
April 27 -Fujitsu Planetarium

District and Community News



THANK YOU, from the School Site Council

We would like to thank you for your participation in the Parent Survey. The SSC members will carefully review the scored and open-ended results and incorporate what we have learned into the School Plan for next year, as appropriate. A copy of the survey results will be available in the office at the end of April, if you are interested in viewing them.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Providing your children with a healthy diet, plenty of rest, and adequate exercise will help them in countless ways. Some general reminders:

- School-aged children need between 9-11 hours of sleep each night.
- When your child is sick with a fever, please keep them home until they are fever-free for at least 24 hours.
- Spend time each day outdoors engaged in active play.
- Provide a well-balanced, nutritious diet with limited snacks. Make sure your child eats breakfast and drinks plenty of water throughout the day!
- Have a technology-free family dinner or evening at least once a week.
- Involve your child in doing one or more chores a day (folding laundry, tidying up toys, hanging clothes, unpacking groceries, setting the table etc).

For more information about healthy lifestyles, please visit the Dairy Council of California's webpage:
<https://www.healthyeating.org/>

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: DANCE

Earlier in March, one of our very own Dilworth Fifth Grade Dragons, Annie L., competed in the International Showstopper Dance Competition in San Mateo. Annie won first place and a platinum trophy in the 9-10 Juniors category, performing a solo, "Blossom in the Flute," in the folklore category. She also won first place championship in the Junior Performance Advanced Group, performing a group dance called "Cheerful Girls." Annie will be competing at the national level in July. Congratulations, Annie!

PROJECT CORNERSTONE CORNER

This month's ABC book - "How Do I Stand In Your Shoes?" by Susan DeBell, Ph.D - is a story about a girl named Miranda who has no patience for the other students in her class. She just doesn't understand why they can't be as smart and talented as she is, until she learns to start walking in their shoes. Some goals of the lesson (taught by amazing parent volunteers) include:

- Empower students to notice, name, and understand feelings or difficulties of others.
- Express and receive empathy from each other.
- Use the tools of bucket filling and the law of the lid to understand and care about others.
- Empathize with those that have received mean and hurtful messages digitally.

At home, you may want to discuss this story with your children and consider using the following empathy building tools to reinforce this lesson:

1. Listen without interrupting. Say, "Hmmm. What happened next?"
2. Listen to the tone of the words we use (verbally and in writing!).

Enjoy the Fujitsu Planetarium with Dilworth!

Please join Dilworth students and families for a private event at the Fujitsu Planetarium on Friday, April 27th!

The first show 6:30-7:30pm) will be "The Little Star That Could" and is geared towards students in K - 2nd.

The second show (8-9pm) will be "Saturn, Jewel of the Heavens" and is geared towards students in 3rd-5th.

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 04/27. A description of each show is listed on the De Anza Website:

<http://planetarium.deanza.edu>

If you have any questions please contact Vani Anantha @ vani_anantha@yahoo.com

DARE TO CARE

The 5th graders will be hosting the much awaited Dare to Care event that supports the Sonoma County fire victims. It will be held on April 5th at lunchtime. Food and activities will range from \$.25 to \$5.00. We hope to see you there. Don't forget to bring your money.

3. Look at and watch people's body language.
4. Notice, name, and confirm the feelings.

And, remember, when you "catch" kids modeling positive behaviors... Notice, Name it and Celebrate it!

COMMUNITY DINE OUT NIGHT

Please join us at Chipotle at 1645 Saratoga Ave, Suite 10 in San Jose on Tuesday, April 3rd between 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Enjoy a great meal with family and friends to celebrate a Terrific Tuesday. Simply mention Dilworth by presenting the flyer that is going home in the Friday folder. This offer will donate 50% of the proceeds to the Dilworth Home and School Club.

CAASPP TESTING: APRIL 23RD- MAY 11TH

Our annual state testing for students in 3rd-5th grade will take place this spring. Third and fourth graders will take untimed tests in English-Language Arts and Math; fifth graders will take these exams as well as a Science test. **Short-term independent study contracts will not be approved during these weeks for students in grades 3-5. Please try to avoid scheduling medical or dental appointments during school hours for this time period as well.** You can read more about these assessments on our school website: www.cusdk8.org/dilworth

You can help your child prepare for this testing period by making sure your child is:



- Getting a good night's sleep each night.
- Eating a full, healthy breakfast every morning.
- Arriving to school on time each day.
- Reading a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction material.

Forgotten Items Drop Off Procedure

The office staff will not interrupt classroom instruction to notify students of forgotten items. An email will be sent to your child's teacher to notify them that the items are in the office. Parents may not interrupt or visit the classroom to drop items off during the school day.

*Help your student make an evening and morning checklist. Post the list by the door they use each morning. This will help the student double check they have everything they need for the day. Remember to add band instruments and eyeglasses to the list! Beginning the day as stress free as possible is a positive way to start the day. School age children are able to help fill their water bottle, pack their lunch, pack their backpack, and organize their schoolwork. Developing these important life skills will help them to be prepared and organized throughout their lifetime!

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.

VISITORS ON CAMPUS:

All visitors must stop by the office to sign in and obtain a yellow visitor badge.

TRAFFIC SAFETY:

We continue to have some difficulties in our parking lots. Please be mindful of following the rules of the road and the following procedures:

- Drive into the parking lots and pull ALL THE WAY FORWARD.
- Stop at the curb and let your children out of the car. You should not exit the car. Your children should have their backpacks ready to go with them in the car.
- Drive safely at a slow speed.
- Do not allow your child to cross in front of traffic.

The parking lots are fairly empty in the morning before 8:25 AM. You can drop your child off as early as 8:15 AM.

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.

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Nelson S. Dilworth Elementary School Home School Club. Come in to the Chipotle at **1645 Saratoga Ave Ste 10** in San Jose on **Tuesday, April 3rd** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Nelson S. Dilworth Elementary School Home School Club.



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

Attention Dilworth Students!

Please come to the 5th graders'
annual...

Dare to Care Event

Supporting Sonoma Fire Victims

When: Thursday, April 5th
12:00 PM- 12:45 PM

Bring some money to buy goods
and play games.

Some booths this year include: Bake Sale,
Arcade Games, Arts and Crafts station,
Photo Booth, Juice Stand, and Sports
Games.