

# Dragon Dispatch

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## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Welcome back! It has been a fantastic start to the school year.

As we start this school year, I want to thank all of you for your ongoing support and commitment to our children and their academic and social/emotional growth. We will be in our third year of Writer's Workshop and are excited to launch Reader's Workshop with leveled libraries in each classroom. We will continue to integrate critical thinking and problem solving opportunities with the Common Core-aligned curriculum in math and science. In addition, this year we are bringing two fantastic programs to campus- SoulShoppe and Recess 101- to provide ongoing instruction and support to our students in conflict resolution, self-advocacy, and collaboration skills.

Please join me in welcoming new staff members to the Dilworth family! To our teaching staff, we welcome Steve Greenfield (5<sup>th</sup> Grade), Celine Ho (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade), Andrea Miller (1<sup>st</sup> Grade), Sarah Barmazel (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade), Tambrey Snyder (Kindergarten), Anna Straus (TK-1 SDC), Eva Gens (2-3 SDC), and Ryan Mendez (Upper Grade PE). Nadia Navai will be our Speech and Language Pathologist and Coach Jeremiah will be our Recess 101 coach.

This Thursday, we welcomed Dr. Blake Brandes to our campus for assemblies on growth mindset. In his message, he encouraged students to see mistakes as opportunities and to challenge themselves to set goals and strive to be focused and fearless when trying to learn something new. We'll be reinforcing these concepts all year long in our classrooms.

Have a wonderful weekend. I hope to see some of you at the CEEF 5K Run!

Ms. Johnson

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Aug. 30 - Back-to-School Night  
Grades 3-5 - 6:15-7:00 p.m.  
Grades K-2 - 7:15-8:00 p.m.  
Sept. 7 - Principal's Coffee  
8:30 a.m. in the GLC  
Sept. 11 - Soul Shoppe Parent  
Night - 6:00-7:30 p.m. GLC  
Sept. 25 - Soul Shoppe Parent  
Night - 6:00-7:30 p.m. GLC  
Sept. 28 - Principal's Coffee  
8:30 a.m. in the GLC  
Sept. 28 - Family Movie Night  
6:00-9:00 p.m. in GLC

## **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.

**VISITORS ON CAMPUS** - To ensure student safety, we require that ALL visitors to campus check in at the school office and wear a yellow sticker identifying you as a visitor. If you are on campus without checking in, you will be sent to the office.

For those of you who bring lunch for your children during the school day, please deliver the lunch to the cart outside of the office **prior to 12 PM** and not to your child's classroom. If you would like to touch base with your child while delivering, please meet them right in front of the school office. We do not want children walking near the parking lot! If the lunch has not been delivered by 12:15 PM, we will send the child to get hot lunch.

**AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UPS** - We've had some difficulties with after-school pick-ups so far this school year. Please make sure your child and your child's teacher know where they are to go after school. Please also make sure that the contact information for any drivers or companies picking up your child is clearly listed on the enrollment card. If a person or organization is not listed on the enrollment card, your child will not be dismissed to them.

**PARENT EDUCATION NIGHTS IN SEPTEMBER: GROWTH MINDSET AND SOULSHOPPE**

Coming up in September, we'll be hosting two workshops for parents and hope you can attend. Our growth mindset presenter, Dr. Blake Brandes, will hold a parent education night on Tuesday, September 11th from 6 PM- 7 PM. On September 25th, from 6 PM- 7:30 PM, our trainer from SoulShoppe will be here to present their program to parents. Your students will have their first workshop the day before- the theme is "emptying your balloon"- and we would love for you to join us at the parent workshop so you can continue this work at home with your children.

**PROJECT CORNERSTONE** - Project Cornerstone is a local organization committed to ensuring youth in Santa Clara County are surrounded by a supportive community. One of their programs, ABC Reading, involves parents coming to classrooms to read stories about character building and self-esteem. We are looking for parent readers- especially in Kindergarten and 1st grade- and a parent to volunteer to be our coordinator next year. The first meeting is on Wednesday, September 5th at 8:30 AM in Room 25. If you would be interested in learning more about being a reader for this program (the time commitment is about 1 hour per month) please email Ms. Johnson at [johnson\\_kerstin@cusdk8.org](mailto:johnson_kerstin@cusdk8.org) or Ms. Chan at [jeannie.sk@yahoo.com](mailto:jeannie.sk@yahoo.com).

**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.

**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.

**WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL: BOX TOPS AND AMAZONSMILE**

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. AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)) is a website operated by Amazon that allows customers to shop and have 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases donated to a selected charitable organization, like the Dilworth Home and School Club.

