

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 SEPT. 24 - 28 ARE PARENTS FROM ROOM 2
VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 16-19 ARE PARENTS FROM ROOM 3

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you to those of you who joined me for the Principal's Coffee last week about Reader's Workshop! Coming up on Friday, September 28th from 8:30 AM-9:30 AM is our next Principal's Coffee. The topic of this coffee is "Portrait of a Graduate," a discussion that will be taking place at all schools in CUSD to aide our school board in their strategic planning.

Starting on October 4th, we will be holding our annual goal setting conferences. The purpose of these parent-teacher conferences is to discuss your child's progress and set academic and social/emotional/behavioral goals for the year. School will be dismissed at 1:10 PM from Thursday, October 4th- Friday, October 12th. You can help ensure a productive parent-teacher conference by talking to your child about school beforehand, asking them if there are areas they feel they need to grow and what their favorite subjects are. During the conference, you may want to ask the following questions:

- What are my child's strongest and weakest subjects?
- Is my child working up to his/her ability? What areas for growth does he/she need to focus on this trimester?
- How is my child's participation in class?
- How is my child getting along with classmates? How does he/she work collaboratively?
- What can we do at home to support my child's learning?

Please be sure to follow us on Twitter @DilworthDragon so you can see some of the exciting activities your children are engaged in every day. Ms. Johnson

ANNUAL WALKAROUND FUNDRAISER

We still need volunteers to help with Walkaround scheduled for Saturday, November 3rd from 1:00 PM-6:00PM. Our theme this year is Countries and Cultures. 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/kYqahJY>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 21 - Staff Learning Day -
NO SCHOOL

Sept. 25 - Soul Shoppe Parent Night - 6:00-7:30 p.m. GLC

Sept. 27 - Free lunch today by Student Nutrition Services

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

Oct. 4-12 -Dismissal 1:10/daily Parent-Teacher Conferences

Oct. 11 - Individual Class Photos

Oct. 11 -HSC Meeting-7:00 p.m.

District and Community News





Dilworth Dragons

Come have lunch on us!

On Thursday 9/27, Student Nutrition Services will be offering lunch at no charge to all the students of Dilworth Elementary School. Send your student to school and let us pay for their lunch.



LIBRARY NEWS

The library is now open and it's been so much fun to meet all our new friends, as well as reconnect with our returning ones.

Your child will visit our library once a week with his/her class. The library is also open at recess. We will spend the next few weeks reviewing library procedures and expectations. We will discuss the value of appreciating and caring for all books. We will focus on the fact that books are considered fragile and are treasures that we want to keep safe for everyone to enjoy. Lastly, conversations will be had that remind the children that there are simple things they can do to help preserve the shelf life of a book. Some examples include;

- Always having clean hands when reading a book.
- Never eating or drinking when reading books.
- Storing books in a clean, safe, dry location when not in use.
- Never writing or drawing in a library book.

If you have any questions regarding library procedures, please don't hesitate to contact me. I encourage you to spend time reading with your child everyday. It is a special treat for both you and your child. Happy Reading!! Mrs. Gauthier

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 15% discount on purchases made by September 30, 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

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: DRAGON CITIZENS OF THE MONTH

Each month we honor one student per class who exemplifies our four Dragon Rules: Be Safe, Be Caring, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible. Please join us in congratulating the recipients of our August awards: Risha Kalani, Medha Ganesh Kumar, Sophia Peng, William Liao, Samarth Raghavendra, Philip Jordan, Nidhi Kashyap, Rebecca Kim, Nusayba Zameer, Vivienne Jordan, Michele Myers, Karthik Vakkalanka, Yash Agrawal, Jacey Tseng, Theresa Xu, Kritika Kanali, Johnny Karabats, Ankita Balakrishnan, and Prisha Bhanusahali.

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.

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.

PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT ON SEPTEMBER 25th: SOULSHOPPE

Want to know what you can do if your kids get teased or bullied? Have you ever wondered how to help your kids communicate effectively instead of taking their feelings out on their siblings or you, or how to stop challenging behaviors before they start? Soul Shoppe is here to help!

Soul Shoppe's mission is to create big-hearted bully-free schools where every child is "free to be" themselves, where kids show compassion, empathy and respect. We deliver year-round in-school programs that help students and teachers make problem-solving fun and help students learn better, get along better, and take care of their feelings and problems on their own! At a Soul Shoppe Parent Workshop, we will share the tools we teach to children at school, and some very effective secret parent tips to ensure that your home and school are places where children actively contribute to a positive environment, and can independently resolve conflicts. The Parent Workshop will focus on the following:

- Why kids bully, tease and take feelings out on each other, and how to help them stop themselves and help each other.
- How to solve conflicts at home respectfully and effectively.
- Simple things you can do each day to help your children behave better and feel more connected to you.
- How to reinforce positive lessons your child is learning in Soul Shoppe at home.
- Basics for having more powerful relationships with your spouse/partner, children, boss, peers, friends... Everyone!

CURRICULUM CORNER: WRITER'S WORKSHOP

Our Kindergarten-5th grade classes are currently working on their first writing unit- narrative writing. In their writing, we are encouraging students to write long and strong with voice. Teachers utilize daily mini-lessons to read mentor texts, teach writing craft moves, and do shared writing. Most classes are now working on revising one of their pieces. You can support your child at home by writing stories together and talking about how you would add detail and voice in your writing. Reading together and pointing out what techniques authors use to make their stories come to life is helpful as well.

Grade Level	Reading Unit	Writing Unit
Kinder	We Are Readers	Launching the Writing Workshop
First	Building Good Reading Habits	Small Moments
Second	Reading Growth Spurt	Lessons from the Masters
Third	Building a Reading Life	Crafting True Stories
Fourth	Interpreting Characters	Writing Realistic Fiction
Fifth	Book Clubs: Analyzing Themes	Narrative Craft

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.

DILWORTH BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

Thanks to all that have joined the Birthday Book Club. It's such a great way to celebrate your child's birthday and encourage the love of reading. Your \$10.00 donation covers the cost of a hardbound book that will be added to our library collection. Each birthday book will include a special nameplate recognizing the child and his/her birthday. A thank you is also printed in the school newsletter recognizing the child's special day and their gift to the school library. If you would like to participate in the Birthday Book Club, send in your \$10.00 donation (cash or check payable to Dilworth School) and include the following information – Your child's name and his/her birthday. Our August, September, and October birthdays will be recognized very soon. Thanks, Mrs. Gauthier

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. You should 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.