

# Dragon Dispatch

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***TRAFFIC VOLUNTEERS FOR THE DATES OF JAN. 16 - 25 ARE PARENTS FROM ROOM 12***

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Dear Dilworth Families:

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2018. I hope you enjoyed the holiday vacation. I spent the time with family in Los Angeles and even worked on a Rose Parade float!

We have many exciting events on campus in the coming weeks that we hope you can attend. Next Thursday evening we are hosting a Family Science Night: Cutting Edge: Paper Science. Please come join our staff and Lynbrook high school volunteers in the GLC (6:00-6:45 for Kinder-2nd and 6:45-7:30 for 3rd-5th) to explore the properties of paper! These events are a great opportunity for you to teach and learn with your children.

Coming up on Friday, February 2nd, I will be hosting a Principal's Coffee in the GLC from 8:30 AM- 9:15 AM for 4th and 5th grade parents. The topic will be Middle School Math Placement; I will share with you the process and pathways as well as samples of the assessments. If you aren't able to attend, but would like information, please visit the math section of our school website.

Ms. Johnson

## **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: DRAGON CITIZENS OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to the December honorees of our Dragon Citizens of the Month. These are students who exemplify our Dragon Rules: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be Caring. Teachers and fellow classmates elected these students for the honor. Some of the words used to describe them are: patient, kind, responsible, supportive, bucket filler, friend, and respectful. Congratulations to: Jackie H., Pranav K., Shivank M., Hannah W., Mukund B., Emmy L., Evan S., Andrew R., Vivi J., Sia C., Arnav K., Kavin V., Alessandra W., Samuel B., Colin C., Sanaa G., and Telin L.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Jan. 15 **MLK Day - No School**

Jan. 18 Science Night GLC  
K-2 6:00 - 6:45  
3rd-5th 6:45 - 7:30

Jan. 23 Hearing Screening  
Grades 1, 2, 5 & SDC

Jan. 26 **Staff Learning Day - No School**

Feb. 5 SSC Meeting 7:45 a.m.

Feb. 6 Ability Awareness

Feb. 8 HSC Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 13 Class Photos

Feb. 19-23 **Mid-Year Recess - NO SCHOOL**

Feb. 26-Mar. 2 Scholastic Book Fair - 8:30 - 3:00

Feb. 28 Family Literacy Night  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

## **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, please contact Mrs. Gauthier at [gauthier\\_susan@cusdk8.org](mailto:gauthier_susan@cusdk8.org)

Traffic Volunteers for the dates of January 16 - 25 are from room 12.

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## **PROJECT CORNERSTONE NEWS**

This month our fantastic parent volunteer readers will be reading When Sophie Gets Angry- Really, Really Angry by Molly Bang. This story is about a young girl who becomes very angry one day and how she releases her anger. The focus of the lessons will be on understanding emotion and brainstorming productive, healthy ways to calm ourselves and respond in difficult situations. You can support this work at home by:

- Sharing strategies you use to calm yourself when you are stressed or upset.
- Role play responding to challenging situations.
- Read some other stories on similar topics recommended by Project Cornerstone, like: Zen Shorts, Cool Down and Work Through Anger, Grandfather Gandhi, Sometimes I'm Bambaloo, and What is a Thought?
- Teach your child how to use I messages to express their feelings and needs.

## **SCRIPPS SPELLING BEE**

Congratulations to all our 1st - 5th grade students that participated in the Scripps Spelling Bee. These students have spent many months studying in preparation for the classroom bee, as well as the school-wide bee. The following students represented their class in the school-wide bee! Kaeyun T., Jason K., Jeffrey B., Niyati R., Julia S., Amolika S., Ankit R., Lexie C., Adella J., Johnathan K., Aditya R., Vasisht K., Ariel B., David T.

After 31 Rounds, Johnathan K ., in room 16, was declared the winner. He will take part in the written semi-final Spelling Bee at the Lawrence Hall of Science later next month. Congratulations and best of luck, Johnathan!

## **2017-2018 YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST (5TH GRADE ONLY)**

Instructions on how to enter the annual yearbook cover contest went home on Friday, Dec. 15th. If your child is interested in entering the cover contest and does not have a guideline sheet, please remind him/her to swing by the library to pick one up. Entries are due by January 26th. Any questions, please contact Nicky Sardar at sardar.nicky@gmail.com or Mrs. Gauthier at gauthier\_susan@cusdk8.org

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE: THE IMPORTANCE OF FREQUENT HAND-WASHING**

Frequent hand washing can reduce school absences. Scientists estimate that up to 80% of infections are spread through poor hand hygiene. That means a simple step—hand washing—is the top way to stay healthy and avoid missing school. Teach your child to **wash properly**. They should wet their hands, lather with soap and wash for 20 seconds. It takes about this long to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice. They should **wash their hands often, especially before eating**. Soap and water work best. If they aren't available, they can use a hand sanitizer.

## **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.

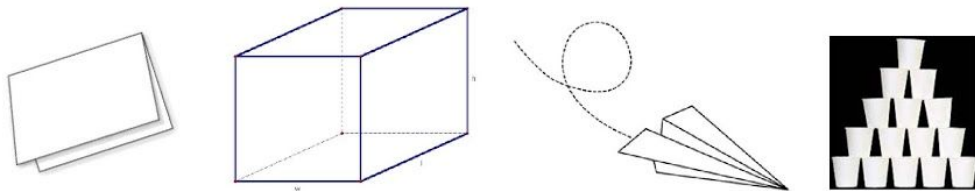
**Volunteers Needed!** Our annual Ability Awareness Day is February 6th. This 15-year tradition is a day-long program for all students to learn about disabilities. This day is not possible without your help. All volunteers are provided with a script and the materials you would need for each activity. We hope you can give some time to help our students increase awareness about different disabilities and appreciate everyone's unique qualities. Please contact me with any questions, concerns or clarification.

Here is the link for you to sign up to volunteer.  
<http://signup.com/go/bNPKRUU>

All grades have two sessions: 8:30 to 10:00 and 10:30 to 12:00. Sessions are listed under teacher names. 4th/5th graders also have Wheel chair sessions from 12:40 to 1:40.

Thank you for Volunteering,  
Sincerely, *Alpana Singh*  
Em: [singh\\_alpana@cusdk8.org](mailto:singh_alpana@cusdk8.org)

# Cutting Edge Science



## Family Science Night

is Thursday, January 18th in the Dilworth G.L.C.

**Get ready to explore the cool properties of a simple sheet of paper. Build a tall tower, create a paper cup chariot, make a 'surprise' card for a special somebody, compare the surface areas of different shapes, and design a marble time tracker. You'll never see paper the same way again!**

### TIME:

6:00p.m. – 6:45p.m. K – 2nd Grade Students and Families

6:45p.m. – 7:30p.m. 3rd – 5th Grade Students and Families  
***\$10 suggested donation per family at the door to cover the expenses of the program***