



# Dragon Dispatch



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## District and Community News

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Oct. 23 – 27	Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 31	Halloween Parade at 8:45
Nov. 4	Walkaround 1:00 – 6:00
Nov. 6	SSC Meeting 7:45 a.m.
Nov. 9	HSC Meeting 7:00
Nov. 10	<b>VETERANS DAY – NO SCHOOL</b>
Nov. 16	Vision Screening (Grades K, 2, 5 & SDC)
Nov. 20 – 24	<b>THANKSGIVING RECESS – NO SCHOOL</b>

Greetings Dilworth families:

Thank you for joining us in parent-teacher conferences over the past two weeks.

This week marked the launch of our second writing unit. Depending on the grade level, students may be working on writing how-to books, scientific observations, or persuasive speeches and essays. Please spend some time asking your children what they are working on in writer’s workshop. For those of you with Kinder-2nd graders, reading scientific magazines, how-to books, manuals, cookbooks, and user guides will help your children by exposing them to non-fiction writing in those genres. For 3rd-5th graders, listening to speeches and reading editorials and newspaper articles together and discussing what the author/speaker does well would be beneficial.

Next week we will be honoring **Red Ribbon Week**. Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign held each year at schools across the country. During the week, our students will be pledging to live a healthy lifestyle and stay drug free. **Please have your child wear red on Tuesday.**

As the weather gets cooler and the sun rises a little later, we are noticing more and more students arriving late to school. School starts at 8:30 AM. This means students must be at their class, ready to learn, by 8:30 AM. Please plan accordingly so that your child does not arrive late. Being late causes disruption to the classroom and causes your child to miss important instruction.

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Ms. Johnson

### **PROJECT CORNERSTONE CORNER**

Many thanks to our Project Cornerstone coordinator, Jeannie Chan, and our ever-growing group of Project Cornerstone readers for their participation in this important program.

This month’s ABC book: “Giraffes Can’t Dance” by Giles Andreae tells the story of Gerald the giraffe who is able to dance to his own tune when he gets some encouraging words from an unlikely friend. During the lesson with our parent volunteer readers, students will be learning about:

- The power of positive thinking and affirmations for themselves and others.
- How supporting others is a great way to fill your own bucket.
- That trying something new, while scary, can be invigorating and motivating too!

You can support the lessons in this story at home by encouraging your child to learn something new and praising their efforts to improve with practice.

## **STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS**

World Robot Olympiad:

One of our 5th graders, Snehil K., participated in the National Finals of the World Robot Championship a few weeks ago. His team placed first! Congratulations, Snehil! He and his teammates will be heading to Costa Rica in November for the International tournament.

## **DIWALI DANCE FESTIVAL:**

A few weekends, a group of Dilworth students performed at the annual Diwali Festival at Memorial Park. Their group name is "Dragons Dil Se" - Dragons from the heart. Thank you, Arnav K., Rayna S., Bharath P., Anushka D., Shaurya C., Ragni P., Apurva V., Sia C., Ria S., and Chaitanya T. for your hard work and wonderful message through dance.

## **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 week of Oct. 23rd - 27 are from room 3**

**Traffic Volunteers for the week of Oct. 30 - Nov. 3 are from room 4**

## **Volunteers Needed**

Walkaround, our only school-wide fundraiser, CANNOT happen without parent volunteers. We need 154 volunteers to make the day a success. As of this morning, we only have 54 people offering to help. Please, if you have not yet signed up for a shift, do so today. Go to: <http://signup.com/go/HAvSVJK> to select a shift. Questions, contact Mrs. Gauthier at [gauthier\\_susan@cusdk8.org](mailto:gauthier_susan@cusdk8.org)

## **SOME WALKAROUND NEWS: WALKAROUND ON NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.**

- **Silent Auction:** We look forward to seeing you at Walkaround on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please come check out our Silent Auction booth. The wonderful Dilworth staff has offered many silent auction items this year. (Please see link below & the flyer in your child's Friday folder)
- <https://docs.google.com/a/cusdk8.org/document/d/1bDt2ulFjuU4WCxYyuXTmACTEQ3E2rbK79E2LUJe8Qnw/edit?usp=sharing>
- The children enjoy doing fun activities and/or being treated to lunch or treat with the Dilworth staff. Please stop by the Silent Auction booth to bid & create special memories for your child. This year, the starting bid for each item is set at \$50.00. You can bid as high as you want in increments of \$10 or higher above \$50. The family with the highest bid on bidding sheet at the closing time wins. The Silent Auction team thanks you for supporting Dilworth Home & School Club, which supports all Dilworth students.
- **Book Donation Request:** If you have gently used or new books (kids or general topics) that you no longer need, please consider donating it to our Walkaround book sale drive. You can have your child drop off the books at the school office. Girl Scout troops will sell the books to raise money for the school.

## **RED RIBBON WEEK**

We will observe national Red Ribbon Week October 23 through October 27. During the week, students will receive Red Ribbon incentives such as red ribbons, pencils, and dog tags with Drug-Free messages. On Tuesday, October 24, we are asking students to wear red clothing. During this week, we will explore our life-long commitment to a drug-free, healthy, safe lifestyle. Teachers will discuss Red Ribbon themes in each grade level, and students will read and discuss literature selections designed to strengthen self-esteem, values, and confidence. You can support this teaching with family discussions about health, safety, and values. A strong value system and parental support can empower students to make positive choices rather than be influenced by peer pressure.

