



Dragon Dispatch



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Traffic Volunteers for the week of Oct. 17 - 20 are from room 16
Traffic Volunteers for the week of Oct. 24 - 28 are from room 15

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 6 - 14	Parent Conferences - School Hours 8:30 - 1:10 p.m.
Oct. 13	HSC Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the GLC
Oct. 21	Staff Learning Day - NO SCHOOL
Oct. 31	Halloween Parade - 8:45 a.m.
Nov. 5	Walkaround - 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Nov. 7	SSC Meeting - 7:45 a.m.
Nov. 10	HSC Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the GLC
Nov. 11	Veterans Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL
Nov. 21 - 25	Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL
Nov. 28	Vision Screening (Grades 1, 3 & SDC)
Dec. 2	Report Cards Go Home
Dec. 10	Holiday Book Fair - 12:00 - 4:00
Dec. 12 - 16	Holiday Book Fair - 8:30 - 3:00
Dec. 19 - Jan. 2	Winter Recess - NO SCHOOL
Jan. 3	Students Return to School

Good afternoon, Dilworth families:

Welcome to fall! As the weather got colder this week, I was reminded of all of the fun festivities coming up this fall and winter. From our Halloween Parade to Walkaround, the next month will be busy with events! Please be sure to put November 5th on your family calendar and plan to join us for Walkaround!!

Starting this week and through next Friday, 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 some academic and social/emotional/behavioral goals for the year. School will be dismissed every day at 1:10 PM. We look forward to seeing you for these meetings over the next week! Ms. Johnson

CURRICULUM CORNER: HANDS-ON SCIENCE

Our science curriculum, FOSS, encourages students to engage in hands-on science experiments. Each trimester student's focus on a different science unit, learning the scientific method along with content information. This fall, our science units are: Trees for Kindergarten, Air & Weather for 1st Grade, Pebbles, Sand, and Silt for 2nd Grade, Sun, Moon, and Stars for 3rd Grade, Solid Earth for 4th Grade, and Water Planet for 5th Grade. If you would like to learn more about the curriculum, please visit the FOSS website:

www.fossweb.com

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Snehil K., whose team placed first in our regional World Robot Olympiad competition. Snehil traveled with his team to the nationals in Chicago in September, where they placed 6th! This competition, with the theme of "Rap the Scrap," challenged students to design and program a robot responsive to complicated commands with the goal of creating innovative solutions to reduce, recycle, and manage waste.

WALKAROUND IS NEARLY HERE.

If you can help, please use this link to sign up. <http://signup.com/go/Qg6VxX> We need parents to help with lap card punching and set up, as well as many other fun tasks. Please consider donating one hour of your time on November 5th to help make our fundraising event a success.

BROWNIE TROOP 60257 IS HELPING AT WALKAROUND

Do you have some books that are in need of a new home? Donate these books for the annual Walkaround Book Sale, organized by the hard working third graders of Brownie Troop 60257. All proceeds go directly to Dilworth. Any and all books are wanted, for the old or young! Bring your donations to the GLC or office. Donations will be accepted until November 3rd. Thanks for your help!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday, and thanks to Aarna A. in room 1 and Aryaman S. in room 3. They have each celebrated their birthday by donating books to our library for everyone to enjoy. Thanks, Aarna and Aryaman.

ROOM 8 DONATIONS

Are there any big floor puzzles around your house that your children are not interested in any more? Do you have any cause & effect toys (toys that make sounds and light up when you hit the button) that your children have outgrown? What about wooden puzzles, dinosaurs flashcards/books, dinosaur toys, easy board games such **Sorry, Caribo**, or any Lego set(s)?

If you have any of the items mentioned above and would like to donate, I would love to have them for my class, Rm. 8. Please email me at bastani_fariba@cusdk8.org or just drop them in my class. My students and I would appreciate it. Thanks in advance for your help, Fariba Bastani – SDC Teacher

DISTRICT NEWS SECTION - Vol. 3 - 2016-2017 - Elementary School

SCHOOL SAFETY

The Cupertino Union School District believes a safe school environment is essential to learning and allows all students equal access and opportunities in the district's academic and other educational support programs, services and activities.

To support our students, all district schools have discipline policies that promote a positive environment and stress good citizenship. Our schools also have prevention and intervention programs to help students make decisions, solve problems and deal with conflict.

In addition to this, we ensure that schools are prepared in the event of an emergency. The District has a Disaster Preparedness Plan and each school has a disaster plan for student safety. Principals and school staff are prepared to make prompt and responsible decisions in any situation that could threaten the safety of students.

The District encourages families to consider the following to support the school and the safety of their child (ren) at home.

1. Notify the school when phone numbers or emergency contacts have changed. This allows school emergency cards to be changed accordingly.
2. When visiting any of the Cupertino School District campuses during the school day, sign in at the office upon arriving. (This excludes drop off and pick up.)
3. Follow the rules of the road when traveling with your child (ren) to and from school.
4. Always be prepared to stop for pedestrians in residential and school areas.
5. **If your family owns firearms, store them in a safe way, including keeping them locked when not in use and storing ammunition separately. California Law states that an adult is criminally liable if a firearm is stored improperly and a child gains access to the weapon.**
6. Create a home family emergency plan.

OCTOBER 19: LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY

Location: Monta Vista High School Theater: 21840 McClellan Rd, Cupertino, CA

Time: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Presenter: David Gray, Manager for the State Council on Developmental Disabilities

David Gray, Manager for the State Council on Developmental Disabilities will discuss the process of how programs, policies, and resources are arranged to deliver services to people with disabilities at the school program, regional center, state and federal levels. In an open dialog format, David will demonstrate how a family can begin advocating for the best quality services for people with developmental disabilities at a pace that best meets the family's needs.

BE SAFE WHILE WALKING AND BIKING TO SCHOOL!

When walking, the safest place to cross is at marked crosswalks and corners. Before you cross, make sure to STOP – LOOK – LISTEN before entering crosswalks or corners. When bicycling, ride on the right side of the road and obey all traffic laws. Always wear a helmet-SNUG fit around your head, ears, and chin, as well as LEVEL and LOW on the forehead, just above the eyebrows.

