



# Dragon Dispatch



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## District and Community News

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Nov. 20 – 24

Nov. 29

Dec. 1

Dec. 9

Dec. 11 – 15

Dec. 18 – Jan. 1

Jan. 2

### **THANKSGIVING RECESS – NO SCHOOL**

Individual Make-up Photos – GLC 8:30 – 9:30

Report Cards Go Home

Holiday Book Fair – 12:00 – 4:00

Holiday Book Fair – 8:30 – 3:00

Winter Recess

Students Return to School

Dear Dilworth Families:

On December 1st, the first trimester report card will be sent home. This is a great time to review with your child their academic and social/emotional goals for the school year, keeping in mind that we are encouraging our students to strive for ongoing growth towards their personal best. Grade level scores are indicated by a 3 or a /.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER:**

- Use the report card to talk to your child about learning. Talk to them about what they've been learning and what they see as a next step.
- Provide opportunities for your child to build and demonstrate initiative and responsibilities. This will transfer to the classroom and learning. In your home it could be as simple as feeding a pet or hanging up their towels in the bathroom. We don't want to do for our children what they can do for themselves. We want them to learn: they are capable!
- Establish and follow a routine. This provides security and establishes daily expectations. When and where homework is completed and a consistent bedtime are examples of daily routine. In the classroom this transfers to easier transitions, a comfort as the day evolves and, of course, the learning process.

As we head out on Thanksgiving vacation next week, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for their hard work and dedication. They provide an amazing environment each day for students to learn, and I am thankful to work beside them and all of you! Ms. Johnson

### **TRAFFIC CONCERNS: TOMPKINS DRIVE**

We are continuing to have problems with drivers on Tompkins Drive. Some of the concerns include:

- Drivers creating two lanes heading in the westward direction during drop off and pick-up.
- Drivers blocking our neighbors' driveways and double-parking.
- Drivers moving too fast down the road. The speed limit in a school zone is 25 mph.
- Drivers dropping children off in the street, causing them to cross in front of cars to enter campus.

These driving practices are causing additional traffic, are unsafe, and may result in traffic violations. Please consider arriving at school slightly earlier (the parking lot is not busy between 8:15 AM-8:25 AM) so you and your child will have a smooth start to the school day.

If you use the Tompkins parking lot to pick up or drop off your children, please remember this is a DRIVE THRU lane only. You are not allowed to leave your car. If you want to pick your child up at the classroom, you must park and walk on to campus. Please communicate this to any after school drivers as we have had some difficulties with drivers leaving their vans to pick Kindergarteners from the classrooms. Abandoned cars clog the drive-thru lane and cause a traffic jam. We need to all work together to help our streets and parking lots be safe and efficient.

### **YARD DUTY HELP NEEDED**

We are in need of lunch yard duties on Tuesday. If you are available from 11:45-1:00 on Tuesday and would be willing to help students at our 1st-5th grade lunch tables, please send Ms. Johnson an email at [johnson\\_kerstin@cusdk8.org](mailto:johnson_kerstin@cusdk8.org). This is a paid position.

### **CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED**

We are in need of some clothes for our Nurse's Room. These items are used if a student gets wet or needs to change their clothes during the school day. If you have any clean, gently used shirts, sweatshirts, or pants you would be willing to donate to school we would appreciate it. We need all sizes, but the sizes for 3rd-5th graders especially are needed.

### **PROJECT CORNERSTONE CORNER**

This month's ABC book: "Big" by Coleen Paratore encourages students to become BIG people. The author defines BIG as being bright, imaginative, healthy, helpful and valuable members of society. Some goals of the lesson with our parent volunteer include:

- Encouraging students to take small steps to achieve BIG outcomes at home, school and community.
- Internalizing intrinsic rewards of doing things for the right reasons - Being an UPstander.
- Performing intentional acts of caring for others.
- Understanding that everyone can be BIG in their own way.

You can reinforce these lessons at home by discussing with your child ways they (and your family) can be BIG and make a difference at home, at school, in our community, and in the world.

### **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 Nov. 27 - Dec. 1 are from room 6**
- **Traffic Volunteers for the week of Dec. 4 - Dec. 8 are from room 7**

### **SECOND HARVEST FOOD DRIVE**

The Morning Enrichment students are organizing the annual holiday food drive. We will be working with the Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties, a private non-profit organization that collects and distributes more than 26 million pounds of food each year to low-income children, adults, and seniors.

We will have food donation bins located in the library and the front office. Biodegradable donation bags are going home in the Friday folder. Please fill the bag and have your child bring it to school. Our goal is to collect 2,500 pounds of food. Items that are needed the most include; powdered milk, peanut butter, baby formula, cereal, and canned meals - like chili, stews, and pastas. **Please do not send in anything that is in a glass container.**

We thank you and look forward to your support.

Mrs. Gauthier and the Morning Enrichment students

### **Scholastic Holiday Book Fair**

The Scholastic Holiday Book Fair is scheduled for the week of Dec. 11th - 15th, and includes a special early bird shopping day on Saturday, Dec. 9th, from noon - 4pm. If you are available to help with the book fair, please sign up using this link <http://signup.com/go/jMHZqsE>

We need some parents to help at noon so the students can come in during lunchtime to make purchases. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Thanks, Mrs. Gauthier

