

Dragon Dispatch

December 14, 2018



Dilworth Elementary School
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Board of Education: Liang Chao, Anjali Kausar, Kristen Lyn, Soma McCandless, Phyllis Vogel **Superintendent:** Dr. Craig Baker

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 January 14 - 22 are parents from room 9

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 17-21 Scholastic Book Fair – 8:00 – 3:00
- Dec. 24–Jan.4 **WINTER RECESS – NO SCHOOL**
- Jan. 7 Students Return to School
- Jan. 10 HSC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 11 Family Movie Night 6:00-9:00 GLC
- Jan. 14 SSC Meeting 7:45 a.m.
- Jan. 21 **MLK DAY – NO SCHOOL**
- Jan. 22 Hearing Screening (Grades 1, 2, 5 & SDC)
- Jan. 31 Science Night GLC (Science In Wonderland)
 - K – 2 – 6:00 – 6:45
 - 3 – 5 – 6:45 – 7:30

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Dilworth Families:

As we prepare for another winter vacation, I wanted to take an opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support of your children, our school, and our greater community. The 3rd graders' Family Giving Tree presents were delivered on Tuesday and our Second Harvest Food Bank collection bins in the office are getting full (we're still accepting donations though!). The Student Council Camp Fire Penny Drive jars are filling up as well, warming our hearts with your generosity.

Best wishes to all of you for a terrific holiday season,
Ms. Johnson

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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.

OUR LOST AND FOUND IS OVERFLOWING:

Please visit the Lost and Found in Room 18 (across from the office) and claim all misplaced items. Items will be ready to check starting on 12-17 until 12-20 at noon.

SCHOLASTIC HOLIDAY BOOK FAIR

December 17 – 21 from 8:00am – 3:00pm

The Scholastic Holiday Book Fair is next week. Come visit the bookfair and get some holiday shopping done. Books make the best gifts! Your child will be able to purchase books during their classroom library time or at lunchtime, and you are invited to come in either during regular school hours or before or after school. We need some help with the book fair so the students can come in during lunchtime. If you can help from noon – 12:30, please sign us using this link: <http://signup.com/login/entry/327020616542228030>

Thank you in advance for helping to make our students lifelong readers – we couldn't do it without you. Happy Holidays!
Mrs. Gauthier

HOLIDAY BOOK FAIR RAFFLE

We are raffling off a gift bag full of fun books and trinkets. The books include titles for all grade levels. The value of this gift bag is \$75.00. The cost for a raffle ticket is a bag of food to be donated to the Second Harvest Good Drive. Raffle tickets and the food donation bins are located in the library. Please let Mrs. Gauthier know if you have any questions.

CUSD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year for **Kindergarten** and **new** students is underway. The **priority registration window** runs through February 14, 2019. Online registration **must be** done before completing the registration process. If you have a Kindergartener to register (or know a family in your neighborhood who does), please sign up for a 30-minute appointment at the Dilworth School Office:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4DADA629ABF49-kindergarten3>

Paperwork you **must** bring to the registration appointment:

1. Print out of online registration
2. Student's birth certificate or passport
3. Student's immunization records
4. Current lease agreement
5. Parent Photo ID (Driver's license or passport)

STEAM INITIATIVE with CEEF

Based on community feedback through surveys, committee meetings, school site visits, and CUSD Board of Education conversations, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics) has emerged as a focus for the District. With a focus on STEAM across the district, we hope to provide personalized learning experiences for all students through the power of learning by doing: making, tinkering, and engineering to develop skilled and

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.

ANNUAL YEARBOOK

Online ordering is now available for our 2018-2019 school yearbook. The regular price for the yearbook is \$30, which includes two free custom pages. 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

resilient designers, creators and decision makers who will innovate and contribute to positive change.

At Dilworth, we have spent some time at our last few staff meetings engaging in STEAM activities and beginning to discuss how to increase opportunities for collaboration, innovation, and creativity across content areas school-wide. Many of our classes have been learning coding, with some completing cross-curricular activities with BeeBots and Spheros. It's been terrific to see our students' excitement as they worked in teams to design and implement their vision for their robots! We are excited to continue this journey.

As many of you may know, Cupertino Educational Endowment Foundation (CEEF) has been a significant partner and a critical fundraising arm of the District for 35 years. CEEF has granted more than \$17 million to support our schools and students. CEEF and CUSD are excited about our plans to continue raising funds for CUSD in support of teaching and learning, with a specific focus on this district-wide STEAM Initiative to benefit all 25 CUSD schools.

CUSD STUDENT DESIGN CHALLENGE: SHARE YOUR KINDNESS!

The Challenge:

Capacity for empathy is like a muscle. The more you practice, the more compassion grows! We want to encourage our community to be more caring and focus on the common good by growing kindness. How might we encourage kindness throughout the day, week, year, on-going habit etc.? Design a way to share kindness with others. You can share kindness in your home, classroom, school, local community, and/or the greater community.

Spirit of the Challenge:

The challenge is open-ended so that you can put your unique skills and abilities to use to spread kindness to others. Your design should be something that inspires people to share kindness. A store-bought design is not what we are looking for. We really want your unique ideas and creativity to be evident in your design.

How to Share Your Design:

Work with your parents to help you send a picture with description and/or short video (2 minutes maximum) that describes your kindness design and how it works. Show it in action so that others can be inspired by your design. **Please note:** Your parents will need to give full permission for you to submit your work. Also,



DIGITAL LIBRARY/ eBOOKS

The Cupertino Union School district has a wonderful digital library that all students have access to. We have an informational flyer explaining how to access this library 24/7. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Mrs. Gauthier [ebook brochure](#)

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.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: DEBATE TOURNAMENT

One of our very own 5th graders, Samay S., participated in the Rose Institute Debate Tournament last weekend in Los Gatos. Samay participated in the Cold Reading category and received 1st place. Congratulations, Samay, for this achievement!

CUSD will showcase designs on the district website and at other CUSD events. **Submit your designs to:** <http://bit.ly/CUSDisKind>

Ages: This CUSD Student Design Challenge is for any current K-8 CUSD student.

Deadline: February 1, 2019

Showcase: Designs will be showcased on the district website on February 14, 2019. Your designs may be adopted by our schools so that we can take kindness to new heights!

Resources for Inspiration:

<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/>
<https://thegreatkindnesschallenge.com/>
<https://www.doinggoodtogether.org/bhf/30daykindnesschallenge/>

DRAGONCARE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

We are excited to announce that, starting on January 7th, we will be offering a comprehensive after school program at Dilworth Elementary School called DragonCare. This program, managed by Communication Academy and in partnership with CuperDoodle, will run from 2:30 PM-6:30 PM Monday-Friday. DragonCare will take place in Rooms 25 and 26 at Dilworth and include high quality care and enrichment for students. The Dragon Care team will be available at the Holiday Book Fair after school on Tuesday and

before school on Wednesday to answer any questions you may have. Flyers with additional information will be in the Friday folder. To register, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/DilworthDragonCare>.

We will also continue to offer additional enrichment classes on campus, including chess, band, Hindi, and sports classes. For those, you will continue to go to PeachJar for information and sign-up.

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.

