

Dragon Dispatch

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TRAFFIC DUTY JANUARY 2 - 12 ARE PARENTS FROM ROOM 9

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Last week we had a fantastic assembly with Mr. Kelly Nickel about being a bucket-filler. This metaphor comes from a series of children's books by Carol McCloud focusing on the concepts of resiliency, and is a central focus of the Project Cornerstone character education program. Students and adults alike are encouraged to think about how their actions can bring positivity and happiness to themselves and others and are challenged to fill each other's buckets by:

- Doing random acts of kindness (no matter how small).
- Being forgiving and flexible.
- Asking questions and listening more to each other.
- Remembering that words and actions tell others who you are and what you believe.
- Setting goals and holding yourself accountable.

We finished the assembly with a **simple pledge**:

I hereby promise
To do my best
To fill more buckets
And dip much less

This holiday season is a great time to talk with your children about the concept of bucket filling and bucket dipping. I wish you and your family a joyous holiday vacation! We look forward to seeing your children in the New Year. School starts on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Ms. Johnson

SECOND HARVEST FOOD DRIVE

The Morning Enrichment Students and I would like to thank you for your support with the Second Harvest Food Drive. Your support for those in need is greatly appreciated. Thanks, and Happy Holidays. Mrs. Gauthier and the Morning Enrichment Students.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 18-29 Winter Recess
No School
- Jan. 2 Students Return to School
- Jan. 8 SSC Meeting 7:45
- Jan. 11 HSC Meeting 7:00 GLC
- 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

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

Traffic Volunteers for the week of January 2 - 5 are from Room 9.

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**District and
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BOOKS AND BEYOND COMMUNITY READING PROGRAM

Books and Beyond, Dilworth's school/community reading program, began last Friday. We encourage you to read as a family, as well as individuals. Participants are to record the number of pages read aloud to them, as well as the number they read alone, on a log sheet. Small incentives are given out to each participant at the end of each round. (About every five weeks)

The goal is for each participant to read 3,500 pages by April 13th. Special recognition will be presented to those participants having read 3,500 pages or more.

This is a wonderful program that the whole family can participate in. Parents, be a good role model and let your children see you read. Support your child in this program and be a partner with us in raising children who love to read.

If you have any questions about this program, please feel free to contact me.

Happy Reading!! Mrs. Gauthier

FAMILY GIVING TREE

Dear Dilworth Families,
Thank you for your support with our 3rd grade cause of donating to the Family Giving Tree. With your kindness and support we were able to help over 20 families this holiday season!
With Gratitude,
The 3rd Grade Classes



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: DRAGON CITIZENS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the November 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: positive, hard-worker, happy, respectful of others, rule follower, patient, and kind. Congratulations to: Effie X., Brooklyn B., Jason K., Nusayba Z., Saanvi M., Markel Z., Yash A., Hannah W., Abigail L., Shaurya C., Elise S., Sumana R., Samay S., Kylie L., Richard Z., Rachel L., and Ayush G.

CURRICULUM CORNER: READING AT HOME



Your children can access leveled reading materials at home via two programs: Raz-Kids and NewsELA. Raz-Kids is available for all students on campus. Students can read stories and non-fiction texts at their reading level, record themselves reading out loud, and answer comprehension questions. NewsELA is a daily news site with vetted current event articles at your child's reading level; this program mainly targets 3rd-5th grade students. Please be sure to have your children show you these programs and encourage them to read over vacation!

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. This is a paid position.

OUR LOST & FOUND IS OVERFLOWING

Please visit the Lost and Found near room 17 and claim all misplaced items before our Winter break. All items remaining after Friday, December 15th will be donated to charity.

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.
- **VISITORS ON CAMPUS** - All visitors must stop by the office to sign in and obtain a yellow visitor badge.

