

Dragon Dispatch

February 9, 2018



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TRAFFIC DUTY FOR THE DATES OF FEB. 12-16 AND FEB. 26-MAR. 2 ARE PARENTS FROM ROOM 14

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Dilworth Families:

Welcome to February! We had a fantastic week at school, celebrating Ability Awareness Day on Tuesday. Our students took part in activities throughout the day to increase their understanding and empathy towards others with various disabilities. At lunch, we mixed it up, with students eating at mixed grade level tables- the goal being getting to know new people and appreciating each other for our strengths and weaknesses. Ability Awareness Day was a very special experience. We thank all the volunteers who came to lead sessions and Mrs. Alpana Singh for coordinating!



This weekend the Winter Olympics kick-off in Pyeongchang, South Korea. In honor of this international event, we will be having Dilworth Olympics. All students will be sorted into teams based on the colors of the Olympic rings (red, green, yellow, blue and black). Throughout the week, students can earn "Go for the Gold" tickets from any staff member. These tickets may be given to students for noteworthy effort in class, good citizenship, and exemplary behavior, etc. We'll keep track of team points and announce the standings each morning.



Go for the Gold! Ms. Johnson

CAASPP TESTING: APRIL 23RD- MAY 11TH

Our annual state testing for students in 3rd-5th grade will take place this spring. Third and fourth graders will take untimed tests in English-Language Arts and Math; fifth graders will take these exams and a Science test. For those of you interested in learning more about these tests, Ms. Johnson will hold a Principal's Coffee on March 9th from 8:30 AM-9:15 AM in the GLC. In the meantime, you can read more about these assessments on our school website: www.cusdk8.org/dilworth

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 13 Class Photos

Feb. 19-23 **Mid-Year Recess - NO SCHOOL**

Feb. 26-Mar. 2 Scholastic Book Fair - 8:30 - 3:00

Feb. 28 Family Literacy Night 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Mar. 3 CEEF Gala 6:00 p.m.

Mar. 5 SSC Meeting 7:45 a.m.

Mar. 6 Incoming 6th grade Parent Meeting at Miller at 6:00

Mar. 6-9 5th Grade Science Camp

Mar. 8 - HSC Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Mar. 9 - Principal Coffee 8:30 a.m. in the GLC

Mar. 15 Build Engineer Invent Festival - K - 2 - 6:00 - 6:50

3 - 5 - 7:00 - 7:50

Mar. 16 2nd Trimester Report Cards go home

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

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CURRICULUM CORNER: WRITER'S WORKSHOP

Our classes are now in the middle of the third writing unit. At this point in the year, they are working on writing long and strong and taking skills from their mini-lessons and small groups to their writing. You can support your child's writing at home by asking them what they are writing about and what their writing goal for the next day will be. We want them to identify something specific (for example: "I will be working on using embedded transitions" or "I am adding labels to my pictures").

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: DRAGON CITIZENS OF THE MONTH

Please join me in congratulating the following students, who have been recognized by their teachers and/or peers as our January Dragon Citizens of the Month: Elise K., Christopher Z., Kaylee W., Rebecca K., Asher B., Saanvi N., Samantha T., Brian C., Claire H., Abhiram V., Tyler H., Hari W., Harita V., Jiya M., Shanker R., Mihika A., and Akshar A. These students are being honored for their kindness, positivity, helpfulness, respectfulness, care, effort, and ability to follow directions.

WALKING CLUB UPDATE: CONGRATULATIONS 20-MILERS!

As part of our physical education program, many classes do a weekly Walking Club. The following students have put forth great effort to improve their physical fitness and have walked/run 20 miles so far this year: Jeremy Z., Akshay K., Robbie H., Dhruv K., Ethan K., David T., Karthik Y., Markel Z., Adithya Vihaan A., Advay C., and Henry W.



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BOX TOPS

A simple way to support Dilworth is by keeping an eye out for Box Tops. Box Tops can be found on many household items, including Ziploc baggies, Nature Valley granola bars, and General Mills cereals. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents for our school. Please look in your child's folder for a collection sheet and list of participating products.



TRAFFIC TROUBLES

We are having some issues in the Strayer parking lot at pick-up time. Drivers and after-school vans are blocking the school bus access to the parking lot. If your child is picked up by someone other than yourself, please communicate to these drivers that the first half of the Strayer parking lot is for school buses ONLY. The companies we have had difficulty with in particular are KidsKab, Lyft, and Uber.

MILLER 6TH GRADE 2018-19 INFORMATION NIGHT

The 6th grade Information Night for parents of incoming 6th graders will be on March 6th at 6:00 at Miller Middle School. The program will include an overview of transitioning to Miller as well as presentations about the various elective offerings open to new students. This parent-only event is for current 5th grade families only.

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.

2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR STUDENT REGISTRATION

The registration window is from January 22 -February 14, 2018. Dilworth will be accepting registration paperwork between 8:00 - 4:00 in the school office. All students registering for kindergarten must go to their home school to register. Information about registration can be found on the district website at: <https://goo.gl/uckHKR>

DINE-OUT MARCH 13TH AT CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN

- With the Home and School Club's support, we are also able to provide art for students K-5 and music for primary students. You can help our Home and School Club continue to provide this valuable exposure to the visual and performing arts. Please sign up for eScrip and Amazon smile. Please also mark your calendars for a community dine-out night on March 13th at California Pizza Kitchen.

CLASS PHOTOS - Class photos will take place on February 13th. Envelopes to order pictures will be sent home on February 9th. Please be sure to send your child to school that day with their envelope and payment so they can order a class picture.