

# Dragon Dispatch

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## ***TRAFFIC DUTY FOR APRIL 23 - MAY 4 ARE PARENTS FROM ROOM 26***

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to Spring! When we return from vacation, our Student Council will be sponsoring a **Green Dragon Week in honor of Earth Day**. Please join us in spending the week talking about conservation efforts and the importance of taking care of our planet!

Each year, school sites have the opportunity to recognize a parent volunteer who has given their time to support the students and staff at Dilworth in an exemplary way. I am delighted to announce that our Parent Volunteer of the Year is Amy McLeod! Amy has supported our school as our Walkaround Chair for many years and is a dedicated parent volunteer, frequently joining classes on field trips and helping in our classrooms. Amy will be honored at the April 24th School Board Meeting at Nimitz Elementary. Please join me in thanking her for her countless hours of dedication to Dilworth!

Thank you for your thoughtful responses to the School Site Council's annual survey. We appreciate your input. One area of ongoing concern is our traffic. After Spring Break, I will be putting together a traffic task force to discuss these concerns with district and city officials. If you would like to join this group, please let me know. Best wishes to all of you for a fun Spring Break!  
Ms. Johnson

**2017 -2018 YEARBOOK** - Reminder: Now is the time to order a yearbook—our ordering and personalization deadline is coming up on April 15th! The yearbook price is \$30, for a full-color 76-page book, which includes 2 free pages that you can customize with your own special photos and memories. This year ordering is online only. If you have an account from last year, simply login at [www.treering.com](http://www.treering.com) to place your order. To set up a new account:

1. Go to [www.TreeRing.com/validate](http://www.TreeRing.com/validate)
2. Enter our school's passcode: 1013461755883829

If you have any questions, please contact Nicky Sardar at [sardar.nicky@gmail.com](mailto:sardar.nicky@gmail.com)

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

April 16-20 - **SPRING BREAK**  
April 23-May 11 - CAASPP Testing Period  
April 25 - 2018-19 New Kinder Meeting 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - GLC  
April 26 - Science Fair 6:00-7:00 In the GLC  
April 27 - Fujitsu Planetarium K-2 -6:30-7:30; 3-5 -8:00-9:00  
May 2 - Parent Workshop in GLC 6:30 -8:00, [SIGN UP HERE](#) .

**District and Community News**



### **THANK YOU, from the School Site Council**

We would like to thank you for your participation in the Parent Survey. The SSC members will carefully review the scored and open-ended results and incorporate what we have learned into the School Plan for next year, as appropriate. A copy of the survey results will be available in the office at the end of April, if you are interested in viewing them.

## **CAASPP TESTING: APRIL 23rd- May 11th**

Our annual state testing for students in 3rd-5th grade will take place after Spring Break. Third and fourth graders will take untimed tests in English-Language Arts and Math; fifth graders will take these exams, as well as a Science test. Short-term independent study contracts will not be approved during these weeks for students in grades 3-5. Please try to avoid scheduling medical or dental appointments during school hours for this time period as well. You can read more about these assessments on our school website: [www.cusdk8.org/dilworth](http://www.cusdk8.org/dilworth). You can help your child prepare for this testing period by making sure your child is:



- Getting a good night's sleep each night.
- Eating a full, healthy breakfast every morning.
- Arriving to school on time each day.
- Reading a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction material.

## **PARENT WORKSHOP: HOW TO GET YOUR KIDS TO LISTEN**

Come spend a fun evening learning some new tricks and tips for dealing with kids who won't listen to you! Mary Eschen is a popular local parenting educator as well as a Life and Parenting Coach. Her entertaining style and energy will put you back in the driver's seat with some new ideas on how to parent. You will walk out of the event with techniques you can put to use right away!

Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018

6:30pm – 8:00pm

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

## **DARE TO CARE**

Last Friday, our fantastic 5th grade teachers and students hosted the annual Dare to Care event. This event is an annual tradition where our 5th graders design activities and sell homemade goods to raise funds for a charitable cause. This year's Dare to Care was an incredible success, with \$900.88 being raised in less than an hour! These funds will be donated to the Sonoma County School District to directly support families that were affected by the North Bay fires this past fall. To assist with the overwhelming tasks of rebuilding schools and providing a safe and healing space for children, SCOE is coordinating donations and support to the local schools. Thank you to all of you who participated in Dare to Care and especially to our 5th graders for their hard work and innovation!

## **INTERNATIONAL TASTING NIGHT - THURSDAY, May 10th from 6:00 -7:00 PM**

Each spring at Dilworth, we have a community event called International Tasting Night. This is a fun evening where families and staff can bring foods from their culture to share. It is a great time to try some new foods, enjoy some favorite dishes, and socialize with other members of the Dilworth community. If you would like to share a dish, please bring enough for about 15 people and make sure the ingredients are clearly labeled. Cold drinks will be sold by our Girl Scouts! Hope to see you there!

## **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.

### **TRAFFIC SAFETY:**

We continue to have some difficulties in our parking lots. Please be mindful of following the rules of the road and the following procedures:

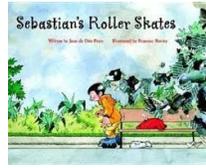
- Drive into the parking lots and pull ALL THE WAY FORWARD.
- Stop at the curb and let your children out of the car. You should not exit the car. Your children should have their backpacks ready to go with them in the car.
- Drive safely at a slow speed.
- Do not allow your child to cross in front of traffic.

The parking lots are fairly empty in the morning before 8:25 AM. You can drop your child off as early as 8:15 AM.

Please also stay clear of the Bus Zone. Our school buses need to be able to pull up to the curb in the Strayer Drive parking lot.

## **PROJECT CORNERSTONE CORNER**

In this month's ABC book: "Sebastian's Roller Skates" by Joan de Déu Prats, Sebastian gains confidence while practicing a new physical activity: roller-skating! His newly developed confidence empowers him to speak up and participate more fully in other areas of his life as well. This book shows how physical activity, perseverance, and hard work can bring about great leaps of confidence and skill.



To reinforce this lesson at home, you can ask your child:

- What dreams do you have for your future?
- Which mentors or role models who have a strong purpose in life do you admire? Why?
- If you could do one thing with your life, what would it be?

Here are some tips that might help your child focus in on a sense of purpose:

1. Cut down on television, computer, and telephone time to give your child time to develop her or his interests.
2. Model having a sense of purpose. Do the things that matter to you.
3. Compare passion lists. Have family members each write down five things they're passionate about and then talk about them.
4. Model using positive self-talk and turn mud thoughts into clear thoughts.

When you "catch" kids modeling positive behaviors...Notice, Name it, and Celebrate it!

## **CEEF MUSIC CAMPAIGN**

Cupertino Educational Endowment Foundation (CEEF), donated more than \$17 million to CUSD educational programs since 1984, has embarked on a campaign to raise \$150,000 to support Music Education for grades TK-8. Funds will provide new instruments (many are more than 30 years old!), sheet music and music teacher training, as well as repair instruments, which are currently not funded by the district, school PTA/PTOs and foundations, and booster clubs. Please consider [supporting this important campaign](#).

Great music transcends styles, language, culture and even time itself. Great music touches us in ways that words can't. Hans Christian Andersen, a man made famous by the written word, had to admit, "Where words fail, music speaks."... Studies have shown that students who participate in music education tend to show improvement in their math skills...Music can also be a way for students to learn the values of hard work, teamwork, persistence, and humility. - Darin Ishimatsu, music teacher at Hyde Middle School.

## **NO GLASS CONTAINERS PLEASE**

Please do not send student lunches in glass containers. They are a safety hazard when they are dropped and broken during lunch. We appreciate your help in keeping all of our students safe and our campus free of broken glass.

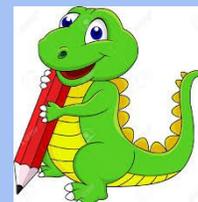
## **CURRICULUM CORNER: WRITER'S WORKSHOP**

Our students and teachers will be launching their fifth unit in our Writer's Workshop curriculum when we return from vacation. Grade levels will be engaging in the following writing themes:

- Kindergarten: Persuasive Writing of All Kinds
- First Grade: From Scenes to Series: Writing Fiction
- Second Grade: Writing About Reading
- Third Grade: Once Upon a Time: Adapting and Writing Fairy Tales
- Fourth Grade: Journalism
- Fifth Grade: The Lens of History: Research Reports

By talking to your child about their writing and sharing examples of written work in the given genre, you can support their ongoing growth as a writer.

A great strategy for developing writing skills is to engage in shared writing. Teachers will be doing this with students during



mini-lessons, but you can also do some shared writing as a family.