

# Dragon Dispatch

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**TRAFFIC DUTY FOR MAY 14 - 17 ARE PARENTS FROM ROOM 28**  
**TRAFFIC DUTY FOR MAY 21 - 25 ARE PARENTS FROM 3**

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Summer vacation is approaching quickly and this next month is going to be a busy one at Dilworth. We look forward to seeing you at many of our fun events, including International Tasting Night on Thursday, May 10th, Open House on Thursday, 17th, Field Day on Tuesday, June 5th and the Talent Show on Wednesday, June 6th.

Before we head out for summer vacation, we would like to make sure we have the most updated contact information for your family. If your email or cell phone numbers have changed, please come by the office to provide us with the updated information.

If you would like to provide information that will help our staff in the placement of your child for next year, forms are available in the office. Our staff spends a great deal of time and thought putting together balanced classes and appreciates your input.

Our last day of school is June 7<sup>th</sup>. Students will be dismissed at 11:50 a.m. During the last week of school, classes will be finishing up assessments and activities and celebrating their school year. This is an important, special time and we would like for all students to be in attendance. If your family is planning to leave early, please come to the school office to fill out the Absence Verification Form. Please keep in mind that vacations are unexcused absences. Ms. Johnson

**ARE YOU MOVING THIS SUMMER?** - If you are moving and your child(ren) will **NOT** attend Dilworth Elementary School next year, please let the office know ASAP. This will help us in planning next year's classes. You can email Ms. Cuen at [cuen\\_clarinda@cusdk8.org](mailto:cuen_clarinda@cusdk8.org).

If you have moved or are moving soon, but still reside in the CUSD area, don't forget you need to go to the CUSD Student Assignment office to change your address within 10 days of moving.

**ATTENDANCE AND SUMMER TRIPS** - It is the time of year when families are starting to plan summer trips, excursions, and moves. ***Students are expected to be in school on June 7th and picked up at 11:50 a.m.*** If families leave before the end of the school year, families may be subject to unexcused absences and potentially, truancy letters (3 or more unexcused absences) at the end of the school year. Final report cards will not be provided until the last day of school to allow for an accurate reflection of grades and attendance.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

May 12 - Spring Book Fair-GLC

12:00-4:00

May 14-17 -Spring Book Fair-GLC 8:30-3:00

May 17 -Open House 6:00-7:00

May 17 -Spring Book Fair-GLC

5:30-7:30

May 18 - Staff Learning Day - NO SCHOOL

May 28 - Memorial Day -NO SCHOOL

June 4 - SSC Meeting 7:45 a.m.

June 7 - Last Day of School - Dismissal at 11:50 a.m.

**District and Community News**



## **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 SPOTLIGHT** - Over the weekend of April 28th and 29th, four of our very own Dilworth Dragons participated in The Tech Museum's annual Tech Challenge. This program invites teams of students to use the engineering design process to solve a real-world problem and participants spend months collaborating on their design. Congratulations to Haritha V., Hiran V., Nilesh C., and Sachit G. for their outstanding performance. Their team, called the Tech Wizards, won the Best Teamwork Award!

**PARENT WORKSHOP** - Cupertino Union School District would like to invite you to our EdTech Parent Education event featuring Deputy District Attorney Angela Alvarado, who will discuss digital safety and your child.

Knowing how to navigate the digital media landscape is challenging. Come listen and learn what you should be discussing with your child about the online world, how to help keep them safe when using technology, and tips for guiding children to become smart, ethical producers of technology.

Angela is an expert in the areas of digital safety and the law. As a Community Prosecutor for Santa Clara County, Angela has educated thousands of parents, students, and educators on the current trends in technology, the potential dangers, and best practices. Please join us for an informative evening where you will walk away with useful and practical strategies to manage media in your family, more knowledge about media laws and partnering with your child to become a safe citizen of the virtual world.

Date/Time: May 15, 2018, 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

Location: Nimitz Elementary, [545 Cheyenne Drive, Sunnyvale](#)

Space is limited, [RSVP HERE](#).

### **PROJECT CORNERSTONE CORNER**

This month's ABC book: "Thank You, Mr. Falker" by Patricia Polacco is an autobiographical book about a struggling student. At age 5 she goes to school to learn to read. By fifth grade, she still can't read and continues to be bullied by other students. She is a wonderful artist and is encouraged and supported by her family. Finally, when she gets to fifth grade her teacher, Mr. Falker, works with her to discover her unique keys to learning. This is a story about a family's love, a girl's pain and what happens when an adult believes in a child's potential to learn.

Goals of lesson:

- Celebrate student's heroes.
- Recognize teachers as UPstanders and their efforts to create a caring school climate.
- Identify personal strengths to help overcome difficulties.
- Build empathy for students with learning challenges.
- Generate ways to be UPstanders when faced with cyberbullying.

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when they perceive that adults in the community value youth (Developmental Asset #7). Here are some ways to build this asset: Spend time with young people. (Not just your own child, but all young people.) Listen and take seriously what they have to say. Seek out young people and solicit their feedback. Let them know their presence and participation are appreciated. Questions to ask your child: Overall, do you feel our community values children and young people? Why or why not? How do people in the community show they love and appreciate you? Which adults help you feel empowered and valuable? Why? When you "catch" kids OR adults modeling positive behaviors... Notice, Name it, and Celebrate it!

### **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.

### **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.

**SCHOLASTIC OPEN HOUSE BOOK FAIR**

**Saturday May 12th - 12noon – 4:00pm**

**Monday May 14th - 17th - 8:00am – 3:00pm**

**Thursday May 17th - 5:30 - 7:30pm**

The Scholastic Open House Book Fair is next week and we are very excited about sharing the joy of reading. We invite your entire family to participate by visiting us during book fair week. 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 during our Saturday community event on May 12th from noon – 4:00 pm, as well as during the evening of Open House beginning at 5:30.

The Teacher Wish Bags are back so if you are looking for a nice year-end gift for your child’s teacher, stop by and make a selection from the books in their wish bag. All donations will include a nameplate recognizing you and your child’s donation Thank you in advance for helping to make our students lifelong readers - we couldn’t do it without you. Happy Reading!! Mrs. Gauthier

**BOOKS AND BEYOND**

The Books and Beyond reading program has ended and participation incentives and awards for achieving the reading goal of 3,500 pages have been distributed to the students. A total of 1,987,682 pages were read. Congratulations to all our amazing readers!! Mrs. Gauthier

**FIELD DAY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

On Tuesday, June 5th from 9:00-12:00, we will be holding our annual school-wide Field Day. During this fun event, students will rotate between a variety of activities with their big/little buddies. We need your help to make this day a success! If you can volunteer to help run a station, please sign up using the link below:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B4DADA629ABF49-dilworth1](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B4DADA629ABF49-dilworth1)

**2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR**

August 16, First Day of School, 8:30 a.m.

September 3, Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

September 21, Staff Learning Day - NO SCHOOL

October 15, Staff Learning Day - NO SCHOOL

November 12, Veterans’ Day - NO SCHOOL

November 19 - 23, Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL

December 24 - January 4, Winter Recess - NO SCHOOL

January 21, MLK Day - NO SCHOOL

February 18 - 22, Mid Year Recess - NO SCHOOL

March 18, Staff Learning Day - NO SCHOOL

April 15 - 19, Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

May 27, Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL

June 7, Last Day of School

**SHOES FOR SAFETY**

Students are expected to wear comfortable and closed toe shoes on a daily basis to actively participate in morning recess, lunch recess, and PE instruction.

**STUDENT RESTROOMS**

Adults are not permitted to use the student restrooms for both privacy and safety reasons. When you are on campus please remember to use the adult restrooms located in the office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

The student store is still selling the green Dilworth water bottles for \$8.00.

**LOST AND FOUND**

Please check or ask your children to check the lost and found cart near room 17 for any items that are missing. Any items left at the end of the school year will be donated.

**NO SCHOOL**

Please note there will be no school on Friday, May 18 and Monday, May 28.

**CHILDREN’S DISCOVERY MUSEUM**

The Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose is offering a promotion. Please print the following card and bring it to the admissions desk to get:

<https://www.cdm.org/my-net-work-deal-card-result/?staffNameRhea%20Kamath>