

Dragon Dispatch



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Board of Education – Liang Chao, Anjali Kausar, Kristen Lyn, Soma McCandless, Phyllis Vogel

Traffic Volunteers for the week May 22 - 26 are from room 3
Traffic Volunteers for the week of May 30 – June 2 are from room 2

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 23	Volunteer Ice Cream Social – 2:15 – 3:15 in the GLC
May 29	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
June 1	Band Performance – 7:00 – 8:00 in the GLC
June 5	SSC – 7:45 a.m.
June 8	Last Day of School Dismissal at 11:50 a.m.

Dear Dilworth Families:

Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who have made this year's Staff Appreciation Week wonderful. We have loved all the surprises, thoughtful gifts, and yummy treats throughout the week, as well as the hugs and kind words from parents and students alike.

In the spring, our staff selects a teacher as our school site's Teacher of the Year. This year we honor Diana Kirsh as our Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Kirsh was recognized at the School Board Meeting on May 9th. Congratulations to Mrs. Kirsh! Thank you for all that you continue to do to teach and guide our students.

Please follow us on Twitter (@DilworthDragon) for updates on the amazing work of our students and staff! Ms. Johnson

LIBRARY REMINDERS

- May 22 - 26 - last week for checking out books
- May 30 - June 2 - all library materials are due

Please note that any lost or damaged library materials will need to be paid for. Report cards will be held until library accounts are cleared. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Gauthier at gauthier_susan@cusdk8.org

STUDENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

A very big thank you to the over 200 students that have participated in our Students Helping Students Volunteer Program. These 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students graciously volunteered their time to either be a Kindergarten Lunch Helper, a Puddle Jumper, a Help Desk volunteer, a Library Leader, or a member of our Go Green Recycling crew. Volunteering their time and energy has been a great way to reinforce the importance and value of their community service. All of us have benefited from their efforts, and we greatly appreciate their support. Participating students will be receiving invitations to a "thank you" pizza party to be held on June 1st, at noon. I look forward to working with a new group of volunteers next year. Thanks, Mrs. Gauthier

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

The School Site Council is responsible for bringing together representatives of the Dilworth Community to continually assess and improve our school. The main focus of the SSC is to support and strengthen the core academic program, and is comprised of school staff and parent representatives. The SSC provides valuable input on the School Based Coordinated Plan (SBCP) on a yearly basis. The Council meets monthly on Monday mornings, with all meetings open to the public. If you are interested in serving on the School Site Council please contact Ms. Johnson or Mrs. Gauthier.

SUPPORT WITH TRAFFIC FLOW

In our last Dispatch, we talked about how you can help our parking lots function better in the mornings. We also need your help with the traffic on the streets around campus. We have been receiving reports of drivers excessively speeding, talking on cell phones and not paying attention to pedestrian traffic, and cars stopping for long periods of time on the road. Please be mindful of the children and families traveling to school and work on our roads. We can all get to our destinations safely and in a timely manner if we adhere to the rules of the road.

CURRICULUM CORNER: MATH PROBLEM SOLVING

Part of the Common Core State Standards for math are the eight mathematical practices.

These are:

- Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
- Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
- Model with mathematics.
- Use appropriate tools strategically.
- Attend to precision.
- Look for and make use of structure.

We reinforce these practices in our classrooms through performance tasks, word problems, and critical thinking challenges. If you would like to learn more about the math program in Cupertino and see some performance tasks you can work on with your child, please go to our Parent Live Binder: www.tinyurl.com/cusdparent

This winter/spring, many of our Dilworth students have participated in math competitions. We commend all of the participants for their efforts on these exams and competitions!

Congratulations to the following students, who placed nationally on the Math Kangaroo competition: Iris W., Amy T., Michael T., Josi W., Jeffrey B., Ashley H., Calvin Z., Snehil K., Vineeth Y., Anish B., and Krish A. We also honor Patrick H. for his success, winning a Top 4 Team Award at the Pi Math Contest National Final Round! This spring, our 4th and 5th grade Math Club students have also competed in MathLeague.org and Math Olympiads exams!

DISTRICT NEWS – Elementary

3RD ANNUAL "RUN FOR GREAT SCHOOLS" 5K AND FUN RUN

As the school year comes to a close, please join CEEF in celebrating the beginning of the school year on Saturday, August 26th, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. for our 3rd Annual "Run for Great Schools" 5K and Fun Run!

Run, walk, or cheer on your favorite run/team on a fun course that crosses the Don Burnett Bridge. All net proceeds from the event will benefit the "[Music Unites: One Note at a Time](#)" campaign for district-wide TK-8th grade music for the 18,000 + students of CUSD.

Online registration for the "Run for Great Schools" 5K and Fun Run is now available and closes on August 24th at 12 Midnight. On-site registration will be available on the day of the race, August 26th, from 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. only.

