



Dragon Dispatch



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Traffic Volunteers for the week May 9 - 12 are from room 5
Traffic Volunteers for the week of May 15 – May 19 are from room 4

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 8	Staff Learning Day – NO SCHOOL
May 11	International Tasting Night 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
May 11	HSC 7:00 p.m. in GLC
May 13	Spring Book Fair 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
May 15 – 19	Spring Book Fair 8:30 – 3:00 p.m.
May 18	Spring Book Fair 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
May 18	Open House 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
May 29	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
June 8	Last Day of School Dismissal at 11:50 a.m.

Dear Dilworth Families:

As summer approaches, we would like to remind you of important dates and attendance policies:

- Attendance continues to be important until the last day of school. Please review our attendance requirements before planning trips and vacations.
- If you would like to provide input that will help with the placement of your child for next year, a parental input form is available in the school office. Requests for teachers are not accepted.
- The first day of school for next school year is Monday, August 14th. Students are expected to be in attendance on the first day of school.
- If your child will not be returning to Dilworth in the fall, please email our office (cuen_clarinda@cusdk8.org) by June 8th. If you end up moving over the summer, please notify Student Assignment.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Students are expected to be in attendance on the first day of school. If a student is absent on the first day of school, the parent/guardian must contact the school as soon as possible to report the reason for the absence. Extended family vacation/ travel are considered as unexcused absences. Students who have an unexcused absence on the first day of school will need to re-enroll, and we cannot guarantee placement at the current school site.

ABSENCES DUE TO FAMILY TRAVEL AND VACATIONS

The District does not support the practice of taking trips/vacations on school days. Absences due to family trips are unexcused unless the absence is pre-arranged and a short-term independent study contract has been approved. Short-term independent study contracts shall be approved on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the criteria in Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6158. Absences for a family vacation more than ten days in a school year will not be excused.

SHORT-TERM INDEPENDENT STUDY DURING TRAVEL

- If a family must schedule a vacation or trip during the school year, parents may request a Short-Term Independent Study, provided the student will return to school at least five (5) days before the last day of school.
- Requests must be made at least ten (10) school days in advance of the planned absence
- Student must be in attendance at their assigned school for at least three (3) weeks before the commencement of the independent study
- Absences for this purpose must be for a minimum of five (5) school days and a maximum of ten (10) school days per school year and shall not occur during the Spring assessment period
- Student assignments under short-term independent study contracts are due on the first school day immediately following the student's return to school.

Please follow us on Twitter (@DilworthDragon) for updates on the amazing work of our students and staff! See you at International Tasting Night! Ms. Johnson

TRAFFIC CONCERNS

We continue to have some difficulty in our parking lots, particularly in the morning. We need your help to make sure the traffic flows smoothly and safely every day. Please adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Pull all the way forward so there is space for other cars.
2. Make sure your child has everything ready so they can exit the car quickly.
3. Do NOT leave your car. If your child needs help to get out of the car, please plan ahead and park in a parking spot.
4. After your child exits the car, please pull out of the parking lot. Do not stay and watch them walk down the hallway. This has been an issue in the Tompkins parking lot. If you want to watch your child walk to class, please plan ahead and park and walk them into school.

We also have had some reports from staff and families that drivers are driving too fast, on Tompkins, in particular. Please be mindful of the speed limit signs and keep your eyes on the road.

CURRICULUM CORNER: READING WITH YOUR CHILDREN

Reading every day is an important part of every child's academic development. We encourage you to support this by reading with your child or by having family reading time where everyone is reading a book or magazine of their own. With the Common Core State Standards, we want students to be analyzing their reading deeply. Some questions you can ask your child about their reading are:

1. What do you think the character is feeling? How do you know?
2. What was the main idea? What details helped you decide that was the main idea?
3. Why do you think the author chose that setting?
4. If you were the character, what would you have done differently?
5. How did the author organize the story/article? Did this help you as a reader?
6. Did the problem in the story get solved? If so, how?

You will notice these questions go beyond stating the beginning, middle, and end of a story or telling the characters and setting. We want students to begin making inferences and identifying evidence to support their answer.

SPRING SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!

SATURDAY MAY 13TH 12:00 – 4:00PM

MONDAY MAY 15TH – FRIDAY MAY 19TH 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Special Hours on Thursday, May 18th 5:30 - 7:00 PM

We need volunteers to help at the book fair during lunchtime. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Working at the book fair is fun and easy, as well as a great way to earn a free paperback book valued at \$8.99 or less for each day you volunteer. This is an adults only position and if you can help, please sign up using this link:

<http://signup.com/go/LWNhrEn>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

We would like to wish Sruthi in room 7 and Sreyes in room 6, a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY, as well as thank them for their generous donation to our library. In celebration of their birthdays, they have donated books to our library for all of us to enjoy. Thanks so much, Sruthi and Shreyas.

BOOKS AND BEYOND

Congratulations to everyone that participated in Books and Beyond. Our students recorded well over a million pages read in just over 16 weeks. Well deserved participation incentives and free books were distributed last week.

INTERNATIONAL TASTING NIGHT

PLEASE JOIN THE DILWORTH COMMUNITY FOR DELICIOUS INTERNATIONAL FOOD AND WONDERFUL COMPANY.

WHEN: Thursday, May 11th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

- **Be sure to bring a dish of food for 10 - 15 people.**
- **Please label the ingredients of your food.**
- **Cold drinks will be sold by our Girl Scouts.**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

