

Dragon Dispatch

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LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS JUNE 7TH - ALL GRADES DISMISSED AT 11:50

Dear Dilworth Families:

As the 2017-2018 school year comes to a close, I'd like to take a moment to thank our Dilworth staff for their hard work and dedication to our students. From early in the morning to late at night each day, our staff has been collaborating to provide enriched, rigorous experiences for students all year. Thank you for making Dilworth a great place to learn!

At this time of year, too, we honor some of our staff members as they leave Dilworth for other adventures. Please join me in thanking Ms. Deborah Broeker, Ms. Betty Prokey, and Ms. Salina Snipes for their years of service to the Dilworth community and students across the Cupertino School District- they will be retiring this year. Mrs. Marissa Allen, Ms. Mei-Ling Chang, and Mrs. Melissa Reis will also be leaving Dilworth to pursue other opportunities.

We will be welcoming a few new staff members to the Dilworth staff for next year as well. Mr. Steve Greenfield and Ms. Tambrey Snyder will join our teaching staff. Ms. Eva Gens and Ms. Anna Straus will also join Dilworth to teach in our SDC program. Best wishes to all of you for a fantastic summer. Ms. Johnson

MESSAGE FROM HOME AND SCHOOL CLUB

The Dilworth Home and School Club would like to thank all our community for your support this year. With your help, HSC was able to fund music for all primary classes, additional library time and books for the library, art classes for all grades, and much more.

As we look ahead to next year, Home and School Club is already planning our annual Walkaround. We will be doing our fundraising a bit differently, though, and wanted to inform you now, so you can plan. We will be asking for a direct donation of \$200 per student at the beginning of the school year. By obtaining the funds earlier in the school year, it will allow us to better plan for programs to support our students. Your donations in the fall can be applied to Walkaround prizes.

District and Community News



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: THURSDAY, AUGUST 16TH

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.

ARE YOU MOVING THIS SUMMER?

- If you are moving are 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

If you have moved or are moving soon, but still

HSC will be continuing to fund music, art, library, and special programs and events next year. We are also exploring two programs that focus on developing social/emotional skills: SoulShoppe and Recess 101.

Recess 101 (<http://www.recess101.com/>) is a program that focuses on making recess a healthy, fun, and safe. It involves having a coach on campus every day to facilitate and monitor games at recess and lunch. The coach also meets with each class weekly for a 30-minute class to teach a new game and make sure the rules are consistent school-wide. The coach also trains student recess leaders.

SoulShoppe (<http://www.soulshoppe.com/>) is a character education program developed by educators in the East Bay. It involves seven workshops a year with a SoulShoppe trainer for each grade level, teaching students and staff tools for conflict resolution, self-awareness, responsible decision-making and goal setting. This program will also include at least one parent workshop.

PROJECT CORNERSTONE - ABC READERS NEEDED FOR 2018-2019

Thanks to parents at Dilworth, the ABC Reader Program has been a great success this year. This program has parents visit classrooms once a month to read a story and do an activity with a focus on building developmental assets and social skills. This program isn't possible without parent volunteers. If you are interested in joining the team of parents next year, please email Ms. Johnson at johnson_kerstin@cusdk8.org.

MEDICATION IN THE HEALTH OFFICE

If you have stored your child's medication in the school health office, please make arrangements to take it home on the last day of school. Any medication that remains after the close of school will be discarded. If your child is attending summer school and will need the medication during the day, please take it to that school site's main office on the first day of classes. If it will be necessary for your child to receive medication during the school day next year, please pick up the **Medication Authorization** forms at the school office before June 7th.

In order for either prescription or over-the-counter medications to be given at school, both the doctor and the parent must sign the form. When completed, bring the **Medication Authorization** form and medication (in the original container) to the secretaries in the school office. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the district nurse, Janice Leier at leier_janice@cusdk8.org

Yeah!!! It's Summer Reading Time!!

Along with visiting the library on a regular basis, don't forget that there are plenty of books available through the Cupertino Union School District's Overdrive account. Digital books are easy to access and you can "carry" lots of them around – they take up virtually no space on your electronic device. Accessing books in our digital library via Overdrive is free. Students can access the digital library

reside in the CUSD area, don't forget that you need to go to the CUSD Student Assignment office to change your address within 10 days of moving.

TRAFFIC DUTY VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to the many, many parents that helped with traffic duty this school year. We truly appreciate all your support with helping keep our students safe. I look forward to working with you next year. Mrs. Gauthier

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES for 2018-2019

In our school survey, many of you expressed an interest in having more after-school enrichment classes for our students next school year. We are excited to share with you that we will be expanding our offerings and, so far, have scheduled the following for next year: band, volleyball, public speaking and debate, basketball, tennis, soccer, Hindi, and Introduction to STEM. We are working to schedule a few more classes as well. The sign-up information will be available in August on PeachJar.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FUNDRAISER

A former Dilworth Dragon has put together a fundraiser to collect gently used school supplies. He will be sorting donated supplies to give to needy children in the US or overseas. If you have the

and read the books on a computer, a smart phone, or tablet – 24/7. You can access a wide range of books in the digital library - fiction, as well as non-fiction; including science, animals, space, mythology, fairy tales, dinosaurs, rocks and minerals, and much, much more.

Reading is a skill necessary for all areas of success. Reading builds a strong vocabulary and increases general knowledge. Reading stimulates the imagination and expands an understanding of the world. It also helps develop language and listening skills.

Here's how to access the digital library!!

1. Go to cupertino.lib.overdrive.com
2. Use the drop down menu to select Dilworth
3. The User ID is the student's six-digit Student ID number
4. The Password is the student's assigned Google Account password

Additional Information:

- The home page "account" icon allows you to see your bookshelf, which lists the book, you have borrowed and when they are due.
- The "help button" gets you answers to questions you might have about highlighting, definitions, writing notes, etc.
- The "collection" menu lets you see books listed by what is popular or new, etc.
- "Level" lets you see books listed by interest and reading grade levels.
- The "borrow" button will move the book to your bookshelf and is immediately ready to be read in your browser or you can download it on to your device.
- The "sample" button will let you read a sample chapter or two before you commit to checking it out.

If you have any questions or difficulty accessing the digital library this summer, please don't hesitate to contact me at gauthier_susan@cusdk8.org Happy Reading!! Mrs. Gauthier

following lightly used items at home that you are willing to donate, please bring them by the school office before June 7th: backpacks, pencils/ pens/ markers, lunch bags, erasers, sharpeners, notebooks, binders, and art supplies.