

Dragon Dispatch



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LOOKING AHEAD

Aug. 31	Back to School Night K-2 6:15 – 7:00 p.m. 3-5 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Sept. 4	LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL
Sept. 11	SSC Meeting 7:45 a.m. in the office
Sept. 15	STAFF LEARNING DAY – NO SCHOOL

Dear Dilworth Families:

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! We've had a fantastic start to the school year, with our modernization project coming to a close and students, teachers, and families returning to campus with fantastic summer stories to share.

Please join me in welcoming new staff members to our outstanding Dilworth staff. Michael Green joins us to teach our 2nd - 3rd grade SDC class; Savita Badala will be serving as an Instructional Assistant in this class as well. Our Upper Grade PE classes will be taught by Dennis Harting and assisted by Nicole Lilly. Novita Dewi joins us as our Upper Grade Music teacher.

This week was **Expect Respect Week** at Dilworth. Our students and staff spent the week discussing the meaning of respect and what it sounds and looks like throughout a school day. Each day, we encouraged students to be mindful of certain respectful behaviors, including:

- Addressing all adults and peers by name.
- Saying please and thank you.
- Using good manners in class and at the lunch table.
- Giving positive compliments.
- Speaking honestly, using I statements, if a person has hurt your feelings.
- Offering help and support to others.

Coming up next week, we will be focusing on our second Dragon Rule: Be Caring with **Acts of Kindness Week**. Our challenge for the week will be to introduce yourself to someone new and invite them to join you in a game or for lunch every day!

Have a wonderful weekend, Ms. Johnson

VISITORS ON CAMPUS

To ensure student safety, we require that ALL visitors to campus check in at the school office and wear a sticker identifying you as a visitor. If you are on campus without checking in, you will be sent to the office.

For those of you who bring lunch for your children during the school day, please deliver the lunch to the cart outside of the office **prior to 12 PM** and not to your child's classroom. We do not want children walking near the parking lot! If the lunch has not been delivered by 12:15 PM, we will send the child to get hot lunch.

LUNCH YARD DUTY NEEDED

We are looking for a lunch yard duty on the 1st - 5th grade yard on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you are available between 11:45 AM and 1:00 PM on those days and would be interested in this paid position, please let Ms. Johnson know.

PROJECT CORNERSTONE

Project Cornerstone is a local organization committed to ensuring youth in Santa Clara County are surrounded by a supportive community. One of their programs, ABC Reading, involves parents coming to classrooms to read stories about character building and self-esteem. Last year, a group of dedicated parents launched this program in all our classrooms with great success. If you would be interested in learning more about being a reader for this program (the time commitment is about 1 hour per month) please email Ms. Johnson at johnson_kerstin@cusdk8.org.

BOX TOPS

Collecting Box Tops is an easy way to support our school. You can find Box Tops on commonly used items, like Zip Lock Baggies and Lysol wipes. Each Box Top brings 10 cents to our school. You can turn in Box Tops to your child's teacher or the Dilworth school office. Thank you!

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

If your child needs medication in school, please complete the following steps **EACH** school year: Please note: Schools do not provide any medication to students, including over the counter medications (Benadryl, Tylenol, etc.)

- ❖ Each prescription medication should have a **pharmacy label** and all medications should be in the **original box/container**. The label should match the doctor's order.
- ❖ The "*Parent Authorization and Release For The Administration Of Medication At The School*" form must be completed, **front and back**. The blue form must be completed for each medication, including each over-the-counter medication. The parent and the physician must sign this form.
- ❖ For **epinephrine auto injector (Epi-pen)**, the "*Food Allergy Action Plan/Anaphylaxis*" protocol must be completed.
- ❖ All forms and medication need to be placed in a gallon size zip lock bag and labeled with the child's name and grade on the outside.
- ❖ Medication needs to be checked to make sure it does not expire for the duration of the school year.
- ❖ The parent must pick up medications by the last day of the school year or they will be discarded.
- ❖ For **seizure medications** please contact the school nurse. Specific forms are required.

EMERGENCY STUDENT RELEASE INFORMATION

In case of an emergency, we know you want your child and the school to be as prepared as possible. Dilworth has an excellent emergency plan in place. Every classroom has been equipped with first aid and emergency water supplies, as well as other essential equipment. During the school year, we will practice monthly fire drills, in addition to a larger full-scale disaster drill in the fall. Students will learn how to react, where to assemble, and what to expect in an emergency. Information about procedures designed to ensure student safety and reduce parental anxiety in the event of an emergency, will be posted in the dispatch next month. In the meantime, here are some things to note:

- No student will be released until at least 15 minutes after the onset of an emergency or evacuation
- Students will only be released to persons on the student's emergency form. With this in mind, please keep your child's card up to date
- All parents, or designated persons who come for students, may sign out students at the Student Release area near the Strayer parking lot
- We are prepared to care for your child in an emergency situation. If you are not able to reach the school, we will care for the students here. We have a number of people with first aid and CPR training and we will be in communication with various local emergency services

If you have not already done so, please help us by completing the green Student Emergency Release Form and return it to the office now. If you have any questions regarding our emergency preparedness, feel free to contact Susan Gauthier at gauthier_susan@cusdk8.org

DILWORTH EMERGENCY FOOD PACK PROGRAM

Individual student emergency packs are an important part of our school's emergency preparedness plan. If a significant earthquake or other major disaster occurs during school time, you might not be able to pick your child up for quite some time, and having a supply of non-perishable food and water is essential.

We have implemented a convenient, safe, and nutritionally sound way to provide emergency food packs for our students. We carry individual 3-day emergency supply kits that are the most convenient way to provide consistency among our children, as well as ensure adequate nutrition for up to three days without the potential for spoilage. Snack foods provided in homemade kits often have a high salt content that can be thirst provoking and also often lack proper nutritional value. These pre-packaged 3-day kits are hermetically sealed with a shelf life of five years and include the following:

- 6 Emergency Ration Food Bars
- 9 – 4.22 oz. water boxes
- An emergency solar blanket
- A 12-hour emergency bright green light stick
- Bandages

If you are new to Dilworth, an order form was sent home in last week's Friday folder. If you have any questions about this emergency food pack program, please feel free to contact Mrs. Gauthier at gauthier_susan@cusdk8.org

