



Dragon Dispatch



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Board of Education - Anjali Kausar, Josephine Lucey, Kristen Lyn, Soma McCandless, Phylis Vogel Superintendent – Wendy Gudalewicz

Traffic Volunteers for the week of Sept. 26 - 30 are from room 17
Traffic Volunteers for the week of Oct. 17 - 20 are from room 16

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 30	Principal’s Coffee 8:30 a.m. in the GLC
Oct. 3	SSC Meeting - 7:45 a.m.
Oct. 6 – 14	Parent Conferences – School Hours 8:30 – 1:10 p.m.
Oct. 13	HSC Meeting – 7:00 p.m. in the GLC
Oct. 21	Staff Learning Day – NO SCHOOL
Oct. 31	Halloween Parade – Time to be determined
Nov. 5	Walkaround – 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Nov. 10	HSC Meeting – 7:00 p.m. in the GLC
Nov. 11	Veterans Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Nov. 21 – 25	Thanksgiving Recess – NO SCHOOL
Nov. 28	Vision Screening (Grades 1, 3 & SDC)
Dec. 2	Report Cards Go Home
Dec. 10	Holiday Book Fair – 12:00 – 4:00
Dec. 12 – 16	Holiday Book Fair – 8:30 – 3:00
Dec. 19 – Jan. 2	Winter Recess – NO SCHOOL
Jan. 3	Students Return to School

Good afternoon, Dilworth families:

What a fantastic week we’ve had! This week we launched our Lucy Calkins/Units of Study Narrative Unit school-wide. It has been great fun watching our students brainstorm important moments and memories as seed ideas for story-writing.

Over the next 8 weeks, our students will spend time every day learning about the craft of writing and writing personal narrative stories. Their Writer’s Workshop time will consist of a targeted mini-lesson with modeling, independent writing time and conferencing with their teacher, and a share-out of student work. You may hear your children talking about small moments and writing across pages. These are common terms in the curriculum and encourage students to make sure the story they choose to tell is focused on a specific “big thing that happened.”

I encourage you to share some stories and experiences of your own with your child and to read books together. One goal of the Writer’s Workshop curriculum is to expose students to well-developed story-telling as well as to identify the techniques used by effective narrative writers. Students will be encouraged to incorporate these lessons, called teaching points, into their own writing.

Stay up to date with what is happening on campus by making sure you are signed up for our Yahoo! blast and please follow us on Twitter at @DilworthDragon! Ms. Johnson

BRINGING LUNCHES/OTHER ITEMS TO THE OFFICE – We need your help reminding your children in the morning about lunch. If you are planning to deliver lunch, please let your child know to come check the cart across from the office at lunchtime. We understand that on occasion, a parent will need to bring a lunch to the office later in the day. Please be sure to inform your child of this plan prior to the start of school. All lunches will need to be placed on the cart across from the office. We will not contact the classroom to inform your child that their lunch has been delivered. This creates an unnecessary interruption during important instruction time. Our policy is that we will email the classroom teacher to let your child know their lunch is here. There is no guarantee that the teacher will see the email prior to your child’s lunch time. Please also remind them that if they’ve forgotten their lunch, they should first check the cart to see whether you’ve brought lunch and, if not, they should go get a hot lunch. Thank you! The office is not responsible for hand delivering your child’s lunch to them. This is the policy for anything you drop off in the office (water bottles, homework, etc.)

CURRICULUM CORNER: MATH PERFORMANCE TASKS

In order for students to fully demonstrate their understanding of math concepts, they will be asked to engage in what we call math performance tasks in the classroom. These are multi-step problems, many connected to real life scenarios, where students must apply mathematical concepts. If you would like to explore some of these tasks with your child, please go to our Parent Live Binder using the link: www.tinyurl.com/cusdparent

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Anshika and Anusha S., who placed 1st nationally in the World Robot Olympiads in Chicago this month! Anshika and Anusha competed with an all girls team, coached by a Lynbrook sophomore. The World Robot Olympiad is a global robotics competition where contestants design, build, and program robots to complete specific challenges. Up next: the world competition in India! We congratulate Anshika and Anusha on their great achievement!!

WALKAROUND 2016 NOVEMBER 5th 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

One of our most special annual events, Walkaround, is coming up on Saturday, November 5th from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. The Walkaround is the Home and School Club's sole fundraiser for the year and a fun family activity!! The money raised at Walkaround helps our Home and School club fund valuable experiences for our students, including art, primary music, tech lab support, math club, and more. Please put the date on your calendar and plan to join us! This year's Walkaround Chairperson is Amy McLeod; thank you, Amy, for coordinating this special event! We need lots of volunteers to make this event a success. If you can help, please use this volunteer link to sign up. <http://signup.com/go/Qg6VxX>

If you have additional questions about Walkaround, please email Amy McLeod at ammcleod01@gmail.com .

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! - Happy Birthday, and thanks, to Annie Y. in room 17. She celebrated her birthday by donating some books to our library for everyone to enjoy. Thanks, Annie.

ROOM 8 DONATIONS

Are there any big floor puzzles around your house that your children are not interested in any more? Do you have any cause & effect toys (toys that make sounds and light up when you hit the button) that your children have outgrown? What about wooden puzzles, dinosaurs flashcards/books, dinosaur toys, easy board games such **Sorry, Caribo**, or any Lego set(s)?

If you have any of the items mentioned above and would like to donate, I would love to have them for my class, Rm. 8. Please email me at bastani_fariba@cusdk8.org or just drop them in my class. My students and I would appreciate it. Thanks in advance for your help, Fariba Bastani – SDC Teacher

2016-2017 REVISED Calendar

September 16, 2016	Staff Learning Day
October 21, 2016	Staff Learning Day
November 11, 2016	Veterans Day
November 21 – 25, 2016	Thanksgiving Recess
December 19, 2016 – January 2, 2017 Return to School on January 3, 2017	Winter Recess
January 16, 2017	Martin Luther King Day
January 27, 2017	Staff Learning Day
February 20 – 24, 2017	Mid Year Recess
April 10 – 14, 2017	Spring Recess
May 8, 2017	Staff Learning Day
May 29, 2017	Memorial Day
June 8, 2017	Last Day of School

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"ENJOY A GUIDED RIDE AT CUPERTINO'S FALL BIKE FEST!"

Next month, bring your whole family for another guided bike tour of Cupertino! Cupertino Safe Routes 2 School in partnership with the Cupertino Bicycle Pedestrian Commission will be hosting its **3rd Annual Fall Bike Fest and Rodeo on October 1st, 2016!** To start the event, the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition and Cupertino staff will lead a modest family bike ride around town for families and kids ages 8 years old and up! The ride will encompass some of Cupertino's bike-friendly infrastructure and safe bike routes and end back at City Hall where the event will culminate in a bicycle and pedestrian safety training and bicycling-themed activities.

Activities will include:

- Delicious Bike-Blended Smoothies
- Stationary Bike Races
- Bicycle Trivia and Prize Give-Away
- Pedestrian & Bike Safety Presentation

Don't forget your bikes and helmets on this fantastic Fall day!

BE SAFE WHILE WALKING AND BIKING TO SCHOOL!

When walking, the safest place to cross is at marked crosswalks and corners. Before you cross, make sure to STOP – LOOK – LISTEN before entering crosswalks or corners. When bicycling, ride on the right side of the road and obey all traffic laws. Always wear a helmet-SNUG fit around your head, ears, and chin, as well as LEVEL and LOW on the forehead, just above the eyebrows.

SCHOOL SAFETY

The Cupertino Union School District believes a safe school environment is essential to learning and allows all students equal access and opportunities in the district's academic and other educational support programs, services and activities.

To support our students, all district schools have discipline policies that promote a positive environment and stress good citizenship. Our schools also have prevention and intervention programs to help students make decisions, solve problems and deal with conflict.

In addition to this, we ensure that schools are prepared in the event of an emergency. The District has a Disaster Preparedness Plan and each school has a disaster plan for student safety. Principals and school staff are prepared to make prompt and responsible decisions in any situation that could threaten the safety of students.

The District encourages families to consider the following to support the school and the safety of their child (ren) at home.

1. Notify the school when phone numbers or emergency contacts have changed. This allows school emergency cards to be changed accordingly.
2. When visiting any of the Cupertino School District campuses during the school day, sign in at the office upon arriving. (This excludes drop off and pick up.)
3. Follow the rules of the road when traveling with your child (ren) to and from school.
4. Always be prepared to stop for pedestrians in residential and school areas.
5. **If your family owns firearms, store them in a safe way, including keeping them locked when not in use and storing ammunition separately. California Law states that an adult is criminally liable if a firearm is stored improperly and a child gains access to the weapon.**
6. Create a home family emergency plan.