

Dragon Dispatch



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LOOKING AHEAD

Sept. 8

Sept. 11

Sept. 15

Family Movie Night in the GLC – 6:00 – 9:00

SSC Meeting 7:45 a.m. in the office

STAFF LEARNING DAY – NO SCHOOL

Dear Dilworth Families:

Welcome to September! It's been quite an exciting few weeks with the solar eclipse, soaring temperatures, and the beginnings of cool fall weather.

On Tuesday, we held our first Terrific Tuesday all-school assembly. Every Tuesday morning, we will meet as a whole school at 8:35 AM in the GLC. On the first Tuesday of the month, it will be a 30-minute assembly where we review school rules, recognize our Dragon Citizens of the Month (a student nominated from each class who demonstrates noteworthy citizenship, responsibility, compassion, and respectfulness), and a sing-a-long. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, we meet briefly for the pledge and announcements and then have Share-a-Teacher, a reading program where teachers swap classes and read a character building story. On the 3rd Tuesday of the month, we'll do a community building activity, like campus cleanup. You are welcome to join us!

This week we focused on our Dragon Rule: Be Safe. For Health and Safety Week, we challenged the students to follow the rules of all of the playground and blacktop games without reminders. Over dinner, we encourage you to ask your children about their favorite game at school and the rules for it. Some other reminders for Health and Safety Week include:

- Follow the rules of the road when walking and biking to school.
- Watch out for other people when you are walking from place to place.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- Be mindful of the words that you use and their impact on others.
- Always stay within the boundaries established by adults.

Next week will be Responsibility Week. We encourage you to have conversations with your children about ways they can develop responsibility at school and home. Our **Challenge for the Week** will be: finish all of your assignments on time and to the best of your ability, both at school and at home. Have a wonderful weekend, Ms. Johnson

DRAGON CITIZENS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the recipients of our first Dragon Citizen of the Month awards: Akshi A., Michael M., Alan G., Jesse X., Riya A., Nikarika R., Shubham D., Dhruv K., Ashley H., Kevin K., Siya A., William L., Abhijay M., Yael B., Srinikash V., Nina P., and Jonas S.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

In order to make sure our parking lots are safe and function efficiently, we need your help. Please adhere to the following procedures when you drop your children off in the morning:

1. Stay IN your car. Your children need to exit from the car on their own.
2. Have your child's backpack and lunch in the car where they can take it with them when they leave. Do not put backpacks in the trunk.
3. Pull all the way forward.
4. Stay out of the bus-loading zone, which is in the front half of the Strayer parking lot. Buses are limited to certain locations for drop off and pick up and need space to enter the lot safely.
5. If you want to walk your child to class or watch your child walk to class, you need to park your car on the street.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UPS

Please remind any after school companies that pick up children of the following information:

- Kindergarten students must be picked up at the classroom. This means the driver must park the car in a parking space or on the street.
- All vans must use the Strayer parking lot. The Tompkins lot is for family vehicles only.
- Drivers must arrive on time to pick up students. K-3 students cannot be told to wait outside unsupervised until 3 PM.

Favorite BOOKS

At the welcome in the GLC on Back to School Night, our teaching staff shared some of their favorite books. Many of you requested a list of these books as inspiration for your family readings. Each newsletter for the next few months, we will share a few of these:

Mrs. Reis: Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae
Mrs. Graham: Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney
Ms. Helmke: The Foot Book by Dr. Seuss
Ms. Venuti: The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt, Frederick by Leo Lionni
Ms. Neely: A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving and The Empty Pot by Demi
Mrs. Kirsh: Bear Town by Frederik Backman and Babcock by Joe Cottonwood
Ms. To: Wonder by Raquel J. Palacio
Ms. Stahl: Peter Rabbit and The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Mrs. Lam: I Love You Through and Through by Bernadette Rossetti Shustak
Mrs. Horner: The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster, Go Dog Go by P.J. Eastman, Harry Potter and Hunger Games.
Ms. Broeker: Pride and Prejudice and The Velveteen Rabbit
Mr. Green: The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
Ms. Lu: Matilda by Roald Dahl.
Mrs. Barkve: Bridge to Terabithia by Kathleen Paterson
Mrs. Mathalikunnel: The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
Ms. Guazelli: Is There Really a Human Race? by the actress Jamie Lee Curtis.
Mrs. Kamath: Elly, My True Story of the Holocaust by Elly Berkovits Gross
Ms. Johnson: The Catcher in the Rye

LUNCH YARD DUTY NEEDED

We are looking for a lunch yard duty on the 1st - 5th grade yard on Tuesdays. 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.

ITEMS NEEDED: PUZZLES, TOYS, AND A COUCH

If, as you clean out your garage or a closet, you come across gently used puzzles, plastic toys, or Legos/building blocks, Room 8 would greatly appreciate them for their students. You can drop off any donations of toys to the school office.

Also, our staff room is in need of a new couch. If you have a couch in good condition that you willing to donate, please send Ms. Johnson an email.

TRAFFIC VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all the parents that volunteer each week to help with Traffic Duty. We greatly appreciate your support in helping to keep everyone safe.

- Volunteers for the week of Sept. 11 - 14 are parents from room 1
- Volunteers for the week of Sept. 18 - 22 are parents from room 2

If you would like to volunteer or need to reschedule a shift you signed up for, please contact Mrs. Gauthier at gauthier_susan@cusdk8.org

BIRTHDAY CLUB

Thank you to all the students that joined our Dilworth Birthday Club. Celebrating your child's birthday by donating a book to our library is a wonderful way to encourage the love and joy of reading. Your \$10.00 donation covers the cost of a hardbound book that will be added to our collection. We are currently in the process of getting all the nameplates and recognitions prepared. Those students that have July, August, and September birthdays will have their recognitions completed very soon. If you have any questions about the birthday club, please contact Mrs. Gauthier at gauthier_susan@cusdk8.org

YEARBOOK

Online ordering is now available for our school yearbook. The regular price for the yearbook will be \$30, which includes 2 free custom pages. TreeRing, our publisher, is offering a 15% discount on purchases made by September 30, so you can order early and save! If you have an account from last year simply login at www.treering.com to place your order. To set up a new account:

Go to www.TreeRing.com/validate

Enter our school's passcode: 1013461755883829

Once you have an account, you will also be able to upload and share photos on our Dilworth TreeRing site. If you have any questions or are interested in helping to create yearbook pages, please contact Nicky Sardar at sardar.nicky@gmail.com