

Dragon Dispatch

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

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 10 - 14 ARE PARENTS FROM ROOM 1

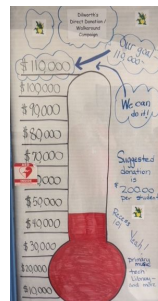
PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to September! Over the past few weeks, I have had the pleasure of visiting all of our classrooms to review our school-wide expectations. Our rules are organized around the four Dragon Rules: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Caring, and Be Responsible. We will continue to review these throughout the year.

Our students and staff have jumped right in to our new curriculum, Reader's Workshop. This week, we have been administering reading assessments to determine student reading levels. One of the goals of our reading program is for students to be reading books that are at their reading level. They'll also be working on reading for meaning- analyzing characters and themes and plot development. You can support this work at home by reading with your child! Please be sure to follow us on Twitter @DilworthDragon so you can see some of the exciting activities your children are engaged in every day. Ms. Johnson

MESSAGE FROM HOME AND SCHOOL CLUB: **DIRECT DONATION**

Thank you to all the families that have already turned in their generous donation to the Dilworth Home and School Club. We have made a good start with respect to the direct donations received to date. We need to get to 100% in order to fully fund all of the activities and programs. If you have not sent in your donation (we are requesting \$200 per student), please do so ASAP.



Don't forget, too, about company matching. Company match is a great way to leverage your donation and further support our school. If you have any questions about donations, please email dilworthhsc@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL - If you would like to volunteer at Dilworth, you must have completed the following things:

- Volunteer Agreement Form
- Provide TB Test, up-to-date
- Fingerprinting by our district, FORMS ARE IN THE OFFICE.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 11 - GrowthMindset
Parent Night- 6:00-7:30 p.m.
GLC

Sept. 21 - Staff Learning Day -
NO SCHOOL

Sept. 25 - Soul Shoppe Parent
Night - 6:00-7:30 p.m. GLC

Sept. 28 - Principal's Coffee
8:30 a.m. in the GLC

Sept. 28 - Family Movie Night
6:00-9:00 p.m. in GLC

Oct. 11 - Individual Class Photos

Oct. 11 -HSC Meeting-7:00 p.m.

District and Community News



LUNCH DELIVERY

If you are bringing lunch for your child, please make sure you deliver it to the cart across from the office. We instruct students to go to this area to pick up lunches, not to meet parents at the benches in front of the school. Please help us ensure student safety by following this procedure. Please be sure your child's first and last name, as well as room number, are written on the lunch box.

VISITING SCHOOL

ALL VISITORS ON CAMPUS, those entering classrooms as volunteers or meeting with teachers, MUST sign in at the office and obtain a visitor's badge when school is in session. For the safety of all, we need to know who is on campus. The only exceptions are student arrival and dismissal times. If you are taking your child out of school for any reason, ALWAYS Sign your child out from school through the office and back in when he/she returns.

PARENT EDUCATION NIGHTS IN SEPTEMBER: GROWTH MINDSET AND SOULSHOPPE

Coming up in September, we'll be hosting two workshops for parents and hope you can attend. Our growth mindset presenter, Dr. Blake Brandes, will hold a parent education night on Tuesday, September 11th from 6 PM- 7 PM. On September 25th, from 6 PM- 7:30 PM, our trainer from SoulShoppe will be here to present their program to parents. Your students will have their first workshop the day before- the theme is "emptying your balloon"- and we would love for you to join us at the parent workshop so you can continue this work at home with your children.



SAVE THE DATE - Annual Walkaround Fundraiser

Save the date: Saturday, November 3rd, from 1:00 - 6:00 pm.

Walkaround is the Home and School Club's major fundraiser for the year. This community spirit-building family-fun one day event is sure to be a crowd pleaser. The theme this year is Countries and Cultures. The money raised at Walkaround, as well as the Direct Donation Campaign, helps our Home and School club fund valuable experiences for our students, including a school-wide art program, primary music classes, tech lab support, library services, assemblies, classroom funding and so much more. Direct Donations already collected will be credited towards Walkaround incentives and awards. Please put the date on your calendar and plan to join us for a fun afternoon of food, silent auction, music and walking with friends and family.

In order for the day to be a success, we need everyone's support. We need parents to help with set up, working the various stations throughout the day that include; incentives, lap card punching, registration, silent auction, snack shack and more. Please consider volunteering for an hour or two during the day. If you can help, please use this volunteer link to sign up. <http://signup.com/go/kYqahJY>

REMINDERS.....

ATTENDANCE:

If your child will be absent, please call 408-253-2850 ext. 6 by 9:00 a.m. to report the absence.

EVERY TUESDAY:

All grades are dismissed at 1:55 p.m. Students should be picked up promptly.

STUDENT DROP-OFF:

Do not drop students off at school before 8:15 a.m., student supervision is not provided until then.

TRAFFIC SAFETY:

We continue to have some difficulties in our parking lots. Please be mindful of following the rules of the road and the following procedures:

- Drive into the parking lots and pull ALL THE WAY FORWARD.
- Stop at the curb and let your children out of the car. You should not exit the car. Your children should have their backpacks ready to go with them in the car.
- Drive safely at a slow speed.
- Do not allow your child to cross in front of traffic.

The parking lots are fairly empty in the morning before 8:25 AM. You can drop your child off as early as 8:15 AM.

Please also stay clear of the Bus Zone. Our school buses need to be able to pull up to the curb in the Strayer Drive parking lot.

CURRICULUM CORNER: MATH PERFORMANCE TASKS

In order for students to fully demonstrate their understanding of math concepts, they are 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

Cornerstone Corner

"Everyone carries an invisible bucket..." – *Have You Filled A Bucket Today?*

This month's ABC book: *Have You Filled a Bucket Today* by Carol McCloud is about expressing daily kindness and appreciation to others. In this lesson, students will learn to use the strong visual imagery of bucket filling as a tool

September
Book: *Have You Filled A Bucket Today?* by Carol McCloud
Asset Focus: Support, Social Competencies
Lesson: *Be A Bucket Filler, Use your lid, Don't dip!*
Next month's book: *Simon's Hook*

and bucket filling language to build friendship skills and campus-wide respect. Video read aloud found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tfu5eUI7VPo>

Goals of the lesson:

- o Teach students the 3 laws of bucket filling:
 - o *Be a bucket filler.*
 - o *Don't dip.*
 - o *Use your lid.*
- o Empower students to intentionally fill their own buckets and the buckets of others with good feelings (warm fuzzies).



After your child has had the lesson in class, ask your child to tell you more about:

- *Bucket fillers*-How can you fill your own bucket and the buckets of others?
- *Bucket dippers*-How can you keep a lid on your bucket? How can you help bucket dippers fill their bucket?

When you "catch" kids modeling positive behaviors...
Notice, Name, and, Celebrate it!



WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL: BOX TOPS AND AMAZONSMILE

Collecting Box Tops is an easy way to support our school. You can find Box Tops on commonly used items, like ZipLock 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.

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