

DRAGONFLY DIGEST

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GO TEAMS!



What a match! Our first ever after school basketball game was a fast paced, riveting, and extremely close competition that went into overtime. You won't want to miss the upcoming games! Great job players!

PRIORITY OPEN ENROLLMENT CONTINUES

The 2012/2013 Priority Open Enrollment will be continuing through Wednesday, February 15th at 12:00 noon. If you have a NEW student to enroll at DMCS for the coming school year, please make sure to turn in your Enrollment Checklist before 12:00pm on 2/15. Checklists turned in after that cut off will not be considered in the first selection. If there are more applicants than available space, students will be placed by a random, public lottery. If you have friends, neighbors or coworkers interested in enrolling their children, please advise them of the February deadline.

IMPORTANT MEETING TUESDAY

We urge you to attend the joint meeting of the DMCS PTO and Dragonfly Dinner and Auction Committee this Tuesday January 31st in Room 2. This is our school's largest fundraiser of the year and it's important that everyone help out so we can make this year's event more enjoyable and profitable than ever. This event makes possible many of the things we all appreciate about our school. We need you to make it happen!

DMCS Events

Now - noon, February 15

Priority Open Enrollment

Tuesday, January 31

Dragonfly Dinner and Auction
Planning Meeting

6:00 pm in Room 2

Tuesday, February 7

DMCS Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, February 9

Science Fair

Friday, February 10

Middle School Dance

5:00 to 8:00 pm

Tuesday, February 14

Valentine's Day

School spirit day - wear pink, purple
and/or red

Monday, February 20

Presidents' Day

School closed

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Ms. Lesley would like to thank Janet and Jason Keiter for donating games to the classroom and Melissa Green for giving us craft materials. She'd also like to acknowledge Zachary Hodel, Jersey Mauddi, Rayleigh Morrow, Delaney Mayer, and Ozma Bryant for their excellent progress with sight words! She would also like to welcome her new student, Makari.

Ms. Linda would like to share her respect and admiration for an act of courage from Elias-the-Lion-Hearted-Gutierrez.

Ms. Linda would like to share her appreciation for her Golden Book Making group, who embody the Project Based Learning methods of self-directed, inquisitive, bold exploration. You GO, young scholars and artists!

Ms. Carolyn would like to acknowledge our talented basketball teams and their dedicated coaches. She also appreciates Isabella Valine for the fine job she did in class this past week.

ATTENTION SCIENCE FAIR ENTRANTS

Please come to the DMCS office for a science fair presentation board. We have boards for everyone who is participating in this year's fair.

4/5 RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

The students from Room 2 have been studying endangered animals. Meanwhile Room 4 has been learning about photosynthesis. Recently the two classrooms had a chance to share what they had learned with each other. Room 4 created PowerPoint presentations focusing on an endangered animal, why the animal is endangered, and what we can do to help them. Room 4 students followed by class presenting their findings on photosynthesis.

FYI: Once again we are hoping for donations of flat screen monitors



BOOSTER SEATS

We are hoping for a donation of ten gently used or new booster seats. We would love to have them on Monday, January 30th. Please consider donating any recent models that you have that are no longer in use. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our school needs help with the following things:

- We urgently need people willing to deliver donation request letters to businesses in Dixon, Vacaville and Davis. The letters have been created and are in the school office. Please see Carolyn if you can help with delivery.
- Volunteer paper cutters
- Daily Lunch Cashier Volunteer
- Office Assistance - filing, phones, computers
- A volunteer to coordinate monthly campus clean up and beautification days
- Woodworkers willing to create items for our Family Math Night
- Volunteers to help with the Middle School Dance on February 10th. We need chaperones and people willing to make and or serve food.
- Weekly Update of the School Marquee
- Volunteers willing to help with the Dragonfly Dinner and Auction. Please come to the meeting on Tuesday night! This is a fun way to complete volunteer hours and it makes good things possible for our classrooms!
- Sorting and putting away books in the library daily from 8:00am to noon
- Volunteer to repair the Physical Education equipment cart
- Coaches for after school sports programs

DMCS SITE COUNCIL BALLOT

Dixon Montessori Charter School has been recruiting for a parent or community volunteer to fill a vacant seat on the school's Site Council. The School Site Council is an elected group of parents, community members, teachers, and staff working together to improve our school's educational programs. Parent, Greg Scott, has volunteered to serve.

Please Vote for one candidate:

_____ Greg Scott

_____ (write in candidate)

Please return to the office no later that 4:00pm on Wednesday, February 1, 2012.

What Are They Doing Now?

Perhaps you noticed flags, sayings, or students chanting "Go Team China," "Vive la France," "Born in the USA" or "God save the queen" on our campus this week. It's because our entire staff has been involved in a variety of activities aimed at building teamwork, providing suggestions for making DMCS a better place and engaging in acts of extreme kindness. And of course there has been a healthy competition to emerge as the kindest, most creative and impressive team.

Many of our students have joined in the fun and have become the ardent cheerleaders of their classroom teachers. So meet Teams China, France, USA and Britain! While we will be scaling back on the pace of these activities, but we do expect to here from our teams from time to time between now and May. Who knows what they will come up with next.



This afternoon our four teams participated in a joint community service and school service project. It was a pledge drive to assist students with Autism attend summer camp and to build the Sensory Room at our own school. At last count the staff had gained \$1,681 in pledges and we expect this amount to grow as additional pledges trickle in!

Team China upper right, Team France lower right, Team Britain upper left, Team USA lower left

Our Week At DMCS



Just how much sugar is in that soda? A nutritionist from Kaiser Permanente had the students of Room Five explore that question this week. The students measured the amount of sugar in different types of soda to learn how much sugar they actually consume when drinking this popular beverage.

Treat others kindly and behave with integrity was part of the message that assembly speaker, Wil Casen, shared with our students during the character assemblies on Monday.

A Half Time Show provided an entertaining intermission at Thursday's basketball game. The spirit team (pictured below) showed us their moves with a great dance routine.



It's official! Friday, February 10th will be a DMCS Middle School Spirit Day. The fun will begin with a flag football game held during an extended lunch recess. Sixth and Seventh Graders want to play? Sign up sheets will be posted soon. A dance will be held in the DMCS Multipurpose room from 5:00 to 8:00pm. Advance ticket sales start on February 3rd. Save some money and purchase an advance tickets for \$3.00. Tickets can also be

purchased at the door for \$5.00. We are looking for chaperones, food servers, and people willing to help with baked goods and beverages. The dance is limited to students enrolled in the 6th and 7th grade classes at Dixon Montessori. Please e-mail Carolyn at cpfister@dixonmontessori.org if you would like to assist.

One of our school's talented dance teams performed a spirited routine on Tuesday right before lunch for an appreciative Kindergarten through Third Grade audience.



MADISON MCKEE - SERVING OUR SENIORS

Madison McKee was singing at the Senior Center with the Dixon Montessori Charter School Choir when she noticed that some of the senior citizens looked cold. With winter coming, Madi thought it would be nice if they had some scarves. Madi took the initiative and finger knit 20

scarves for the seniors. Then Madi and her grandparents went to the Senior Center and delivered the scarves. Madi said the seniors were "tickled" and she thought it made their day. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and community spirit Madi!