



Dragon Dispatch

January 9, 2024

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, January 15	No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Wednesday, January 24	No School – Staff Professional Learning Day
Wednesday, February 7, 2:00pm	Family Engagement Team Meeting
Thursday & Friday, February 8-9	Half Days – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday & Friday, February 22-23	No School – Rodeo Break
Wednesday, February 28, 2:45pm	School Site Council Meeting

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No School Monday, January 15!

This is a reminder that there is no school this upcoming Monday, January 15 in honor of Martin Luther King Day. Enjoy the long weekend!

Student Enrichment Classes through the Family Resource Centers

TUSD's Family Resource Centers have just started offering Student Enrichment Classes to all TUSD students. The classes as well as the needed materials are free. To find out more about the offerings and how to register, please check out the [Family Resource Center newsletter](#).

Congratulations to Mr. Chuy!

We send out congratulations to our long-time custodian, Chuy Yucupicio! Mr. Chuy was inducted into The Tejano Roots Hall of Fame and Museum in the category of Bass Guitar. Mr. Chuy plays with the Tucson-based Norteño band Los Hermanos Cuatro. Way to go, Mr. Chuy!

Thank You!

Thanks go out to everyone who donated to our clothing and toiletry drive in December! We were able to donate all the items collected to the organization [Youth On Their Own](#).

Choose Drachman's Montessori Middle School Experience!

We have been sharing a series of articles describing some of the things that set Drachman's Montessori Middle School program apart from other middle school programs. In the previous pieces, we shared why:

Integrated curriculum themes and staying with the same teacher throughout the day lead to deeper learning, and

Cooperative and project-based learning, integral in Montessori middle school, leads to better learning outcomes for students.

This time, we'll tell you more about how:

Continuity and consistency help early adolescents during a time of significant change.

One benefit to remaining at Drachman Montessori for middle school is the consistency. As you likely know, adolescence (particularly early adolescence) is a time of tremendous change for middle school students: physical, intellectual, emotional. Students benefit from the consistency of staying in the same environment as their elementary years, deferring the need to navigate the transition of moving schools until their brains have moved through the most dramatic period of change. (Did you know that the degree of brain development that occurs during early adolescence is second only to that of the first year of life?!)

Reminder: Yearbooks Available to Purchase

Yearbooks for this school year are on sale now! They cost \$10 each. If you have any questions, please [email Ms. Amanda Laub](#) or [email Ms. Tenaya Rosmaier](#), who are coordinating the yearbook.

Reminder: Non-Perishable Food, Hygiene Items Needed

We maintain a non-perishable food and hygiene pantry here at Drachman. We are continuously accepting donations of non-perishable food items (for example: canned foods, nuts, dried fruits and vegetables, nut butters, grains such as pasta and rice, jerky, granola and protein bars, cereal and oats) and hygiene items. We would love to see the pantry cabinets full thanks to the generosity of our community, so we can support all of our community members.

Drachman Montessori K-8 Magnet nurtures the whole child, helps students discover their cosmic task and role as citizens of the world, and guides students to achieve individual excellence.

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