



Dragon Dispatch

March 6, 2024

Important Upcoming Dates

Thursday, March 7	Boys' & Girls' Elementary Basketball Games vs. Parents & Staff (12:40 boys' game; 12:50 girls' game)
Friday, March 8	No School – Grading Day
Saturday, March 9, 3:00pm	String Ensemble II/Advanced Guitar/Mariachi Los Dragoncitos performing at Tucson Festival of Books
March 11-15	Spring Break
Tuesday, March 19	Kids Heart Challenge Kickoff Assembly
Wednesday, March 20	No School – Professional Learning Day
Tuesday, March 26	Regional Track and Field Meet for 3 rd -5 th grades
Friday, March 29	No School – Spring Holiday
Tuesday, April 2	State Science Test (AZ Sci) for 5 th and 8 th grades
Tuesday, April 9	State Writing Test (AASA) for 3 rd -8 th grades
Wednesday, April 10	State Oral Reading Fluency Test (AASA) for 3 rd grade Family Engagement Team Meeting at 2:00pm
Friday, April 12 5:30-7:30pm	STEM Night featuring MakeFashion Runway Show
Sunday, April 14	Mariachi Dinner & Concert
Tuesday, April 16	State ELA Test Part 1 (AASA) for 3 rd -8 th grades
Wednesday, April 17	State ELA Test Part 2 (AASA) for 3 rd -8 th grades
Thursday, April 18	State Math Test Part 1 (AASA) for 3 rd -8 th grades
Friday, April 19	State Math Test Part 2 (AASA) for 3 rd -8 th grades

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Parent School Quality Survey

We need your help! TUSD will be sending out the Parent School Quality Survey (SQS) links via email through the parent link every Monday until we reach our goal of 10,000 responses. The email is titled "Reminder - School Survey." We want Drachman to have one of the highest rates of response in TUSD. This is what the email looks like:

Dear TUSD families,

This is a reminder to please participate in our annual School Quality Survey.

We hope that you will take a few minutes to provide us with your thoughts by completing this electronic survey. Please fill out a separate survey for each one of your children who attend a TUSD school. We greatly appreciate your support and look forward to continuing to serve you and all our TUSD Families. Thank you!

TUSD 2024 Parent SQS Web Links by Language

- [Arabic version of School Quality Survey](#)
- [English version of School Quality Survey](#)
- [Kinyarwanda version of School Quality Survey](#)
- [Spanish version of School Quality Survey](#)
- [Swahili version of School Quality Survey](#)
- [Vietnamese version of School Quality Survey](#)

Note that we accidentally sent the previous year's links in the last Dispatch. The links above are the correct links for 2024.

Track and Field Team

All of our 3rd-5th grade students are invited to participate on Drachman's Track and Field Team. We will have a regional meet on March 26 at Cholla High, and a bus will be provided for the event. Please [email Dr. Celaya](#) if you would like for your child to participate. All parents/guardians of participants will need to submit a sports physical and \$3.00 to our front office by March 8th. There will be additional paperwork to submit by March 18th. Dr. Celaya and Mr. Padia will coach the participants during their lunch recesses until the regional meet.

Kids Heart Challenge

Kids Heart Challenge is officially starting today! Students will learn how to have happy and healthy hearts and brains, while raising lifesaving donations to help others with special hearts. Plus, your family can learn the lifesaving skill of Hands-Only CPR in Finn's Mission! Register TODAY on the [American Heart Association website](#) or by downloading the free AHA Schools App for Apple or Android. Students who register early will be recognized at our assembly on March 19! Thank you for supporting our school, the American Heart Association, and this lifesaving program!

State Testing Coming Up!

Save the Date! Our state testing is coming up on the following dates. Please try to schedule appointments and absences outside of these times so that students are able to be present for the tests.

- Tuesday, April 2: State Science Test (AZ Sci) for 5th and 8th grades
- Tuesday, April 9: State Writing Test (AASA) for 3rd-8th grades
- Wednesday, April 10: State Oral Reading Fluency Test (AASA) for 3rd grade
- Tuesday, April 16: State ELA Test Part 1 (AASA) for 3rd-8th grades
- Wednesday, April 17: State ELA Test Part 2 (AASA) for 3rd-8th grades
- Thursday, April 18: State Math Test Part 1 (AASA) for 3rd-8th grades
- Friday, April 19: State Math Test Part 2 (AASA) for 3rd-8th grades

Save the Date: STEM Night & MakeFashion Runway Show

Save the date and be sure to join us for our STEM Curriculum Night on Friday, April 12 from 5:30-7:30pm! We'll have displays of student work, giveaways, a MakeFashion Runway Show featuring student creations and more! Stay tuned for more details!

Soccer Shots for 4th Quarter

Attached is the flyer for the Soccer Shots program that will take place in fourth quarter. Soccer Shots is an outside program offered for Kindergarten through 5th grade after school on campus for a fee. See the flyer for more details.

Guiding Good Choices Class at Family Resource Center

The Menlo Family Resource Center is offering a five-week class for parents and caregivers with children 9-14 years old. Topics include:

- How to promote health and wellbeing during the teen years
- Setting guidelines: how to develop healthy beliefs and clear standards
- Managing conflict how to deal with anger in a positive way
- Avoiding trouble: how to say no, keep your friends, and still have fun
- Involving everyone: how to strengthen family bonds

These classes will take place in person at the Menlo Family Resource Center, located at 1100 W Fresno Street on Wednesdays from March 27 to April 24 from 10am to 12pm. Families who participate will receive:

- Program materials
- A Certificate of Completion
- Gift cards, raffle prizes, and other incentives (valued over \$75) after course completion

To register, [email Theresa Cesare](mailto:Theresa.Cesare@menlofamilyresourcecenter.org) or call her at 520-225-2100.

Mobile Health Program Clinic

Attached is a schedule for the Mobile Health Program, a free clinic for adults and children without health insurance. This program offers prenatal and family medicine clinics and is sponsored by the University of Arizona College of Medicine.

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.

Dragons of the Month for February

We celebrate the following students, who are our Dragons of the Month for February!

Ms. Garlovsky

Luna M.P.

Romeo H.

Ms. Patty &

Ms. Colmenero

Adelynn D.

Ms. Morola

Arthur S.

Kal-El T.

Ms. Muñoz

Koni B.

Kylan H.

Sebastian A.

Ms. Rebecca &

Ms. Elisa

August M.

Ayla Z.

Azalea H.

Khloe G.

Logan S.

Madison P.

Ms. Nye

Max B.

Sinira B.

Ms. Christina

Alysyn D.

Eduardo O.

Ms. Julie

Eduardo S.A.

Ms. M &

Ms. Leilue

Daniel G.

Penelope S.

Aiden C.

Reyna Q.

Mr. Haro

Jazzmine R.

Mia V.

Mr. Evans

A.R.

Cruz S.

Mrs. Barker &

Ms. Chloe

Alba P.

Mohamed H.

Ms. Hemperley

Yanise F.

Ms. Bury

Carlos V.

Laylah E.

Ms. Pardee

A.M.

Riahna S.

Ms. Russell

Jose P.

N.T.A.

Star Dragons are students who go above and beyond in being Responsible and Peaceful and following the 3 C's: Care for Ourselves, Care for Others, and Care for Our Environment.

The Star Dragon for February was Ava M.S. (Mrs. Barker & Ms. Chloe's class).

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.

