



Dragon Dispatch

March 19, 2024

Important Upcoming Dates

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| 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 |
| Saturday, April 6, 7:00pm | MakeFashion EDU Runway & Gallery at MSA Annex |
| 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 |
| Tuesday, April 23 | Spring Concert for Kindergarten through 3 rd grade |
| Tuesday, May 21 | Last Day of ACE Program |

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No School This Wednesday 3/20 & Next Friday 3/29

Remember that there is no school this Wednesday, March 20, for a staff professional learning day. TUSD schools are also closed next Friday, March 29, for Spring Holiday.

PTG Meeting Next Wednesday 3/27

Our parent teacher group will be meeting next Wednesday at 3pm. All are welcome to join us!

Reminder: 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](#)

STEM Night on April 12

We will be hosting our annual STEM Curriculum Night on Friday, April 12 from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Highlights include:

- STEM activities
- MakeFashion EDU Runway and Gallery Show featuring student-designed and -built light-up fashion items!
- Science Fair project display
- Montessori math giveaway
- Celebration of Drachman's Magnet Merit School of Distinction Award and 2023-2024 Letter Grade

We hope you will join us!

MakeFashion Runway and Gallery Premiere April 6

Our Drachman community is invited to come see the MakeFashion EDU Runway and Gallery on Saturday, April 6 at 7:00pm at the MSA Annex Festival Grounds, located at 267 S. Avenida del Convento. The show will feature students from Drachman Montessori K-8 Magnet School as well as Tully Elementary Magnet School and Hollinger K-8 Dual Language School. (If you can't make it to this event on April 6, our students will also be showcasing their work at the STEM Night on April 12!)

Kids Heart Challenge

Kids Heart Challenge has officially kicked off! If you haven't yet, [register for the Kids Heart Challenge](#) today to join the *Legacy of Lifesavers* and help kids with special hearts. Just for registering, your student will receive the KHC wristband. Plus, it can help their class win the Classroom Challenge – the top participating and top fundraising classes will earn a movie & popcorn party! There are some special incentives as well:

- When we reach our goal and raise \$2,000, Dr. Celaya will be slimed!
 - All students who complete Finn's Mission will get to pour slime on Dr. Celaya!
- When we reach our WOW goal and raise \$2,500, you will be able to vote on two staff members to be able to slime!
 - The top 3 fundraising students will get to pour the slime on these teachers!
- When we reach our participation goal of having 100 students registered, we will celebrate with a glowstick party!

You and your student can open their "[Virtual Envelope](#)" to meet the Heart Heroes and see the cool thank-you gifts your student can earn. Be sure to talk with your student about their favorite Heart Hero and heart healthy message from today's kick-off!

The American Heart Association is excited to extend their work with the NFL to support improving health outcomes at home and beyond through Hands-Only CPR education. Students that complete the Finn's Mission learning module will earn an entry for two tickets to Super Bowl LIX in 2025, and our school will be entered to receive a \$10,000 fitness equipment makeover for every 18 completed Finn's Missions. Thank you for supporting our school and the American Heart Association! Together, we are saving lives!

Save the Date for Spring Concert on April 23!

Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grade will be performing their Spring Concert on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. (This concert will include all K-3 students who participate in music class.)

Reminder: 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

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 March

Ms. Garlovsky
Amethyst B.
Andrew H.

Ms. Patty &
Ms. Colmenero
Elias Y.

Ms. Morola
Ivan J.L.
Jose M.P.

Ms. Rebecca &
Ms. Elisa
Camellia M.
Corbin W.
Keen M.
Khloe G.

Ms. Muñoz
Carlos B.
Xzaidrian S.

Ms. Nye
Isabella L.M.
Jose C.N.

Ms. Christina
Juliette V.
Maggie T.
S.W.

Ms. Julie
Ryan T.

Ms. M &
Ms. Leilue
A.L.
Ezekiel L.
Cobi T.
Grace M.

Mr. Haro
Madina H.
Olivia N.C.

Mr. Evans
Joseph N.
Mia T.

Mrs. Barker &
Ms. Chloe
Arturo B.G.
Margaret M.
Naomi H.S.

Ms. Hemperley
Mariya G.

Ms. Bury
D.H.
Mariah T.
Ms. Pardee
Leonardo O.T.
S.L.

Ms. Russell
Angelina M.
J.H.

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 Dragons for March are:

Margaret M.
Giovanni F.G.

Emiliano L.M.
Gael M.N.

Jose P.

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.

