



# Dragon Dispatch

April 2, 2024

## Important Upcoming Dates

Saturday, April 6, 8:00am-3:00pm	Citywide Elementary Track Meet
Saturday, April 6, 7:00pm	MakeFashion EDU Runway & Gallery at MSA Annex
Tuesday, April 9	State Writing Test (AASA) for 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grades
Wednesday, April 10	State Oral Reading Fluency Test (AASA) for 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade Family Engagement Team Meeting at 2:00pm
Friday, April 12, 5:30-7:30pm	STEM Night featuring MakeFashion Runway Show
Saturday, April 13, 4:00pm	Mariachi Performance at Kennedy Park
Sunday, April 14, 3:00pm	Mariachi Dinner & Concert
Tuesday, April 16	State ELA Test Part 1 (AASA) for 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grades
Wednesday, April 17	State ELA Test Part 2 (AASA) for 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grades
Thursday, April 18	State Math Test Part 1 (AASA) for 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grades
Friday, April 19	State Math Test Part 2 (AASA) for 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grades
Tuesday, April 23, 6:00pm	Spring Concert for Kindergarten through 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade (Students must arrive by 5:45pm)
Tuesday, May 21	Last Day of ACE Program
Wednesday, May 22	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion

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## Citywide Elementary Track Meet

The following students, who participated in last week's Track and Field Meet, have qualified for the City Track and Field Meet at Saguaro High School this Saturday, April 6. The meet starts at 8:00am and runs until around 3:00pm. Congratulations on qualifying, and good luck Dragons!

Axel Beltran	Oliver Mackley	Jazmine Robles
Tonalli Bustamante	Juliet McDonald	Elias Rodriguez
Vicente Canez	Louie McDonald	Natalie Romero
Grant Chessmore	Grace McKnight	Sebastian Russell
Todd Chessmore	Hekima McMillian	Nathan Scott
JaLyn Hall	Andrew Molina	David Somers
Julia Harrington-Smith	Damien Molina	Mia Tarazon
Ashton Harrison	Sofia Montano	Morgan Walker
Azariah Harrison	Reyna Quijas	Monroe Ward
Isaiah Heath	Felicity Reaves	Ethan Yslava

## 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!
- Montessori math giveaway
- Classroom project display
- Celebration of Drachman's Magnet Merit School of Distinction Award and 2023-2024 Letter Grade

Student Council will be selling snacks and our PTG (Parent Teacher Group) will be selling t-shirts and food. Student Council can only accept cash, while PTG will be accepting both cash and card.

We hope you will join us!

## Reminder: MakeFashion Runway and Gallery Premiere April 6

Our Drachman community is invited to come see the MakeFashion EDU Runway and Gallery this 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!)

## Save the Date for K-3 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.)

Students must arrive by 5:45pm, and the concert will begin at 6:00pm. There will be snow cones for sale that evening.

Come out and support our music programs!

## State Testing Reminders

All 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in Arizona state testing for the next three weeks, as follows:

- 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

We offer the following reminders to support your students in being prepared for the tests:

- Make sure your student gets a good night's sleep each night and eats a quality breakfast each morning.
- Remind your student to listen carefully to the directions of the teacher. If your child does not understand what to do, let your child know that it is okay to ask the teacher to repeat the directions.
- Let your student know that they are not expected to know the exact answer to every question, but they should provide their best answer to every question on the test.
- Please do your best to have your student be in school, promptly, on the testing days, and if possible, please schedule appointments outside of these dates.

## Upcoming Mariachi Los Dragoncitos Performances

On Saturday, April 13, Mariachi Los Dragoncitos will be performing at the Fiesta del Maiz at Kennedy Park 4:00pm. Come enjoy a fantastic evening full of some of Tucson's best musicians.

On Sunday, April 14 is the Mariachi fundraiser at the KC Club (Knights of Columbus on Tucson Blvd). Come help support our Mariachis and enjoy music by Mariachi Rayos Del Sol from Tucson High, your very own Mariachi Los Dragoncitos, and a spaghetti dinner plate for \$5.00.

## Garden to Cafeteria Event

We are pleased to share that TUSD's Food Services Food Literacy Program is hosting a Garden to Cafeteria event at Drachman April 2nd-4th utilizing produce that our students have grown!

One of our middle school teachers, Eric Flewelling, along with some middle school students planted radishes a few months ago and our students have been maintaining them in preparation for this event. The radishes were harvested today and will be added to the cucumber and tomato salads that will be offered on the lunch line on Thursday, April 4. As part of this program, there will also be a beet hummus prepared to accompany the side.

We are so excited for our students to get to experience the whole arc of a vegetable from seed to their lunch!

## World Autism Month

April is World Autism Month! As you likely already know, we have three classrooms for students with autism at Drachman, and tomorrow, we invite our Drachman community to wear blue and/or red in celebration of World Autism Month.

Next week we will be celebrating special days to raise awareness around autism. Please see the attached flyer, which details specific items to wear each day as well as a challenge to participate in each day!

## Autism Program Fundraiser

Our Autism Program will be sponsoring two fundraising activities during the STEM Night on April 12. There will be a silent auction as well as a “guess how many jellybeans” game. Have some fun and help our Autism Program with their goal of inspiring a school culture with increased acceptance and inclusivity for all students at the same time!

## Santa Rosa Library Closed Until Further Notice

Please be advised that the Santa Rosa Library will continue to be closed until further notice. We will be sure to let you know once we hear that it has re-opened.

## 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.

## Happy Drach-i-versary to Dr. Celaya!

On March 31, Dr. Celaya celebrated his 18<sup>th</sup> Drach-i-versary – the anniversary of the day he started with Drachman! We are so fortunate to have a principal that has been with us for so long and who has Montessori administrator training on top of his principal training! Congratulations on 18 years, Dr. Celaya!

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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