



Dragon Dispatch

September 12, 2023

Important Upcoming Dates

Friday, September 15	Middle School Boys' Basketball & Girls' Volleyball games at Safford
Monday, September 18	4 th /5 th grade Flag Football Playoffs Round 1
Wednesday-Friday, September 20-22	Parent Teacher Conferences (Half Days)
Wednesday, September 20, 1:00pm	Family Engagement Team Meeting
Friday, September 22	Picture Day
Wednesday, September 27, 2:45pm	School Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 3	ELA Benchmark
Wednesday, October 4	Math Benchmark
Friday, October 6	No School – Grading Day
October 9-13	Fall Break
Tuesday, October 17	Vision and Hearing Screenings
Friday, October 27	3 rd Annual Trunk or Treat & Día de Recuerdos

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Picture Day Next Friday 9/22

Next Friday 9/22 is Picture Day! Information was sent home about photo packages that can be purchased. All students will have their pictures taken regardless of purchase.

Parent-Teacher Conferences (Early Release 9/20-22)

Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up next week from Wednesday through Friday (September 20-22). Students will be released early on these days: elementary students will be dismissed at 11:45 and middle school students will be dismissed at 12:30. Be sure to schedule a time to meet with your student's teacher!

Family Engagement Team Meeting 9/20

Families are invited to join us for our quarterly Family Engagement Team meeting next Wednesday, September 20, at 1:00pm.

3rd Grade Singing at the October Assembly

3rd Graders from Ms. Christina's, Ms. Muñoz's, Ms. Nye's, and Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Elisa's classes will be singing at the next morning assembly, which will be on Wednesday, October 4 at 8:45am. Families are welcome to join us for the assembly!

Dragons of the Month for September

This month, we celebrate the following students, who are our Dragons of the Month for September!

Ms. Garlovsky

Martín G.
Mia P.

Ms. Muñoz

Jaylynne S.
Sebastian R.

Ms. Leilue

Istahil A.
N.R.
Sawyer C.

Ms. Hemperley

Jordan M.J.
Mauricio C.

Ms. Patty & Ms. Colmenero

Derek E.M.
Sofia C.

Ms. Nye

K.A.V.
Max A.B.

Mr. Haro

Damien M.
Yelenna O.

Ms. Bury

Alex I.
Hadija H.

Mr. Gabe

Johnny B.
Kash A.

Ms. Christina

Noah C.
S.T.

Mr. Evans

Natalie L.
Sophia M.

Ms. Pardee

Jose P.
Julian S.

Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Elisa

Amelia T.
Anthony C.
Sai'Jzay H.
Zyana I.

Ms. Julie

Carlos P.

Ms. M

Felicity R.
Grant C.
Monroe W.

Mrs. Barker &

Ms. Chloe

Eliana S.
Lucas P.

Ms. Russell

Ezra S.
Isha A.

Ms. Tapia

Adnan A.O.
Vicente C.

Resources from the Family Engagement Centers

Please see the [newsletter from the Family Resource Centers](#). Although the specific events detailed in the email have passed, the newsletter still includes information on a number of great resources for families.

Magnet Spotlight: What is a Magnet School?

Magnet schools are public schools within a public district which are designed to offer specialized experiences for students that fit their learning styles and interests. TUSD has numerous magnet schools, including ones with magnet themes (focuses) of the arts, STEM, dual language, traditional learning, systems thinking, and of course, Montessori here at Drachman Montessori.

The schools are called “magnet” schools because they attract students across typical school boundaries to increase diversity, reducing racial isolation in particular schools and across school districts overall. TUSD’s magnet schools are under the department of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, and they are a fundamental part of our Unitary Status Plan, which addresses desegregation.

Magnet schools focus on developing five main areas: academic achievement, integration and diversity, specific academic programming, family and community involvement, and leadership. There is a national organization for magnet schools, called the Magnet Schools of America, which certifies magnet schools that meet high standards in these areas. To be certified, a process that takes more than a year, schools must prove how they are meeting each of these five categories of criteria. Six of TUSD’s magnet schools are already certified, and Drachman Montessori is currently working toward joining them.

A Glimpse into Some Classes

Ms. M presents a small group lesson on place value using the Montessori checkerboard:



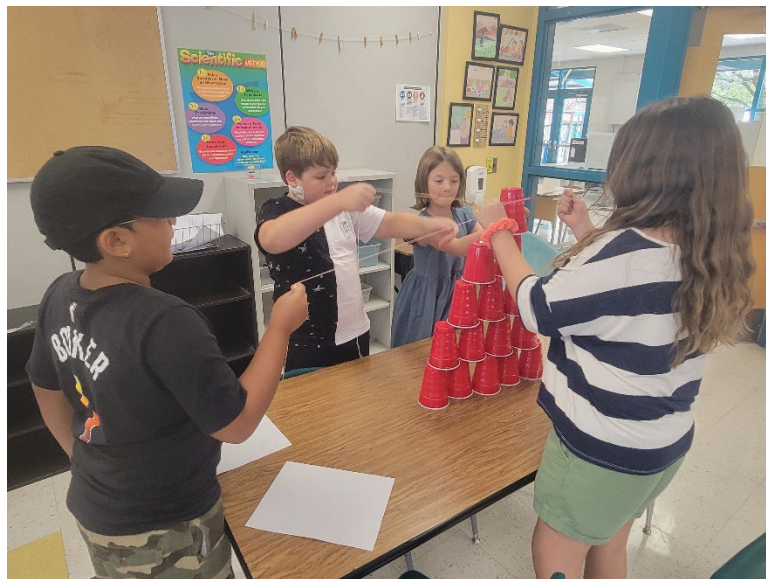
Ms. Barker presents the Montessori First Great Lesson:



Ms. Patty presents the Pink Tower, which helps students build an understanding of differences in dimension:



Ms. Leilue has students build communication and teamwork as they work together to stack cups using only a rubber band with one string attached for each group member:



In Maria Montessori's Own Words

"The child who has never learned to work by himself, to set goals for his own acts, or to be the master of his own force of will is recognizable in the adult who lets others guide his will and feels a constant need for approval of others."

from *Education and Peace* by Maria Montessori

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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