



Dragon Dispatch

October 5, 2023

Important Upcoming Dates

Friday, October 6	No School – Grading Day
October 9-13	Fall Break
Tuesday, October 17	Vision and Hearing Screenings
Wednesday, October 25	No School – Professional Learning Day
Friday, October 27, 4:45-6:15	3 rd Annual Trunk or Treat & Día de Recuerdos
Wednesday, November 1, 8:45am	School Community Meeting – 2 nd Grade Performing!
Friday, November 3	Picture Retakes
Friday November 10	No School – Veterans' Day

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No School Tomorrow (October 6) through October 13

Remember that Fall Break starts tomorrow with grading day. We'll see you back rested and refreshed on Monday, October 16!

Second Grade Music Performance

Our second graders will be performing at our next School Community Gathering on Wednesday, November 1 at 8:45. Parents are welcome to attend!

Volunteer with Drachman's Parent Teacher Group!

From Drachman's Parent Representative on Site Council & Former PTA Board Member:

Drachman's parent teacher group is looking for help this year. In previous years, the parent teacher group has raised money to support teacher requests for field trips and classroom supplies. There are several parents that are willing to help with specific tasks, but we could use someone that is willing to set up the coordinating meetings and help manage the accounting. Please [email Dr. Celaya](#) if you are interested. He hopes to assemble a new parent group by the end of November.

Vision and Hearing Screenings

Vision and hearing screenings will take place right after fall break on October 17. Per state requirements, all students in kindergarten and 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th grades are screened, as well as students who have IEPs or are new to TUSD. Parents do have the right to opt out of these screenings. For more information, [email Kim Fenderson](#), our school nurse.

Family Engagement Survey

Please take the time to fill out the [Family Engagement Survey](#) for this school year. We use this survey to gather feedback from our families regarding their engagement and satisfaction within our school community. By obtaining our families' input, we can identify areas of strength and target areas for improvement. The survey will be available throughout October. We thank you in advance for your participation.

Middle School Students and Tardies

Families of middle school students, please take time to log into your ParentVue account and view any unexcused absences or tardies on the records of your child(ren). After, please [email Laura Medina](#), our Attendance Tech, to excuse the absences or tardies. Students with four or more unexcused tardies on their record for August and September will serve a day of lunch detention for each tardy that is unexcused for these months.

ACE Program

Drachman's after school ACE Program will operate during the spring semester on most Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from dismissal until 4:50 pm. To offer the program in the spring semester, we will need at least 15 students to sign up and pay for the program by October 31, 2023. Please email Dr. Celaya if you are interested or if you would like further information. If you pay Arizona state taxes, you could receive a tax credit for up to \$200 per year for this expense for an individual taxpayer and up to \$400 for those who file taxes as a married couple.

Yearbooks Available to Purchase

Yearbooks for this school year will be going on sale right after fall break, starting on October 16. They will cost \$10 each. If you have any questions, please [email Ms. Amanda Laub](#) or [email Ms. Tenaya Rosmaier](#), who are coordinating the yearbook.

Reminder: Trunk or Treat Invitation and Request

Our third annual Trunk or Treat will take place on Friday, October 27 from 4:45 to 6:15 in our parking lot.

To make this a successful event, we are requesting donations of candy. Candy should be snack size or minis and must be pre-packaged and store-bought. Candy can be dropped off in the office. (Please state it is for Student Council.)

Food will be available for purchase from Bambino Sonoran Hot Dogs, and Student Council will be offering gourmet popcorn and drinks for purchase (cash only). We hope you will save the date and join us to enjoy the decorated vehicles, show off your nonviolent costumes, and "trunk or treat" for candy from the participants!

If you would like to participate by decorating your vehicle, please [email Ms. Amanda Limón](#) or [email Ms. Adriana Manrique](#) by Monday, October 23!

Reminder: Día de Recuerdos

We will be having our second annual Día de Recuerdos in October. Classes will be researching how different countries and cultures honor their loved ones who have passed, and we will be creating a display based on this research. If you would like a picture of your loved one who has passed to be included, please send a COPY of the picture to Ms. Adriana Manrique and Ms. Amanda Limón by Monday, October 23. (Please do NOT send originals; we would hate for anything to happen to your treasured photos!)

The display will be available for viewing during the Trunk or Treating event. If you have any questions, please contact the Student Council by emailing Ms. Amanda Limón or Ms. Adriana Manrique (email addresses given above).

Reminder: Non-Perishable Food, Hygiene Items Needed

We maintain a non-perishable food and hygiene pantry here at Drachman. We still need 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.

In Maria Montessori's Own Words...

"In the child is much knowledge, much wisdom. If we do not profit from it, it is only because of neglect on our part to become humble and to see the wonder of this soul and learn what the child can teach." (from *The Theosophist* by Maria Montessori)

Dragons of the Month for October

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

Ms. Garlovsky

Abygail D.
Mochik L.

Ms. Patty & Ms. Colmenero

Ameyalli P.
Janai G.C.

Mr. Gabe

Donnie R.
Vincent R.

Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Elisa

Ana Reya M.
Apollo E.
Raylenn R.
T.R.

Ms. Muñoz

Luceli D.A.
Noah R.

Ms. Nye

Jameson B.
Sinira B.

Ms. Christina

Angelique V.G.
Christopher A.
Jose G.

Ms. Julie

Jacob L.

Ms. M

Julia H.S.
Molly G.

Ms. Leilue

Isan T.A.
Nevaeh Q.

Mr. Haro

Ezra G.
L.H.

Mr. Evans

Calvin M.
Camilla B.

Mrs. Barker & Ms. Chloe

Scarlett V.E.

Ms. Hemperley

Mariya G.

Ms. Bury

Iram N.V.
Lianna H.

Ms. Pardee

Andrea T.
Dominic R.

Ms. Russell

Ivan A.B.
M.T.

Ms. Tapia

Hadija H.

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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