



Dragon Dispatch

November 20, 2023

Important Upcoming Dates

Thursday & Friday, November 23-24	No School – Thanksgiving Break
Friday, December 1, 5:30pm	Drachman Fine Arts/Literacy Night
Sunday, December 3, 11:00am	Mariachi Los Dragoncitos Performing at DeGrazia Gallery Celebration
Wednesday, December 6, 8:45am	1 st Grade Music Performance at Drachman’s Monthly Schoolwide Community Meeting
Wednesday, December 13, 2:45pm	School Site Council Meeting
Friday, December 15, 6:00pm	Guitar and Orchestra Winter Concert (at Safford Middle School Auditorium)
Monday, December 18	Writing Benchmark
Tuesday, December 19	ELA Benchmark
Tuesday, December 19, 6:00 pm	Kindergarten Violin Promotion (at Drachman cafeteria)
Wednesday December 20	Math Benchmark
Friday, December 22	No School – Grading Day
December 25-January 5	No School – Winter Break

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No School Thursday and Friday

There will be no school this Thursday and Friday, November 23 & 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Enjoy the long weekend!

Thanksgiving Food Resources

If your family would benefit from community support for your Thanksgiving dinner, please see the attached list of resources for Thanksgiving food.

We're a "B"!

Drachman K-8 Montessori Magnet has been officially rated a "B" school by the Arizona Department of Education. Other "B"-rated schools in TUSD include Davis Bilingual Magnet & Mansfeld Magnet Middle School. We also have a "A" Rating in sight based on our first quarter benchmark scores. Shout outs to the grade levels that ranked in the Top 6 among all TUSD K-8 schools (ELA: 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th) & (Math: 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th). Also, 6th Grade ELA ranked in the Top 6 among ALL TUSD MIDDLE SCHOOLS, and 6th & 8th Grade Math also ranked in the Top 6 among ALL TUSD MIDDLE SCHOOLS.

Drachman Fine Arts/Literacy Night on December 1

Please join us on Friday, December 1 for our Fine Arts/Literacy Night. There will be fine arts projects on display, free books and Montessori literacy take home activities, and Drachman's Annual Talent Show. Doors will open at 5:30, and the Talent Show begins at 6:00.

Hat/Sock/Glove Drive Sponsored by Student Council

Our Student Council will be collecting hats, gloves, and socks from December 6th through 20th to benefit those in need. Please give as you are able. All items collected will be donated to local charities.

Mariachi Los Dragoncitos at De Grazia Gallery on December 3

Come support Los Dragoncitos and experience the beautiful Virgin de Guadalupe celebration. The performance will take place on Sunday, December 3, 11:00am at the DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun, located at 6300 N Swan Rd, Tucson, AZ 85718.

1st Grade Performance on December 6

The first grade students will be performing at the Schoolwide Community Meeting on Wednesday, December 6 at 8:45am. The Meeting will take place in the Cafeteria OR Courtyard Area (depending on the weather). Students can wear school appropriate clothes and must be on time to school and in class for morning attendance. Families are welcome.

Orchestra/Guitar Concert on December 15

Details for the concert will be going out this week with performing students.

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.

Register for Next Year ASAP!

Online registration for the next school year is now available! [Online registration](#) for the next school year is now available! Please register NOW for next school year to help Drachman get maximum funding and keep all current teaching and staff positions! We need all returning students/families in grades Kindergarten through 7th grade to do this ASAP! It's easy, just open your ParentVUE account and follow the registration steps. Also, please let us know if you have a child who will enter kindergarten at Drachman next year!

Magnet Lottery for 2023-2024 School Year Now Open!

Applications are now available for the magnet school lottery. 8th graders hoping to attend Tucson High or Palo Verde next year will want to get their applications in as soon as possible. For more information about either school or to schedule a tour, please [email Tucson High's Magnet Coordinator, Ms. Mariel Hall](#) or [email Palo Verde's Magnet Coordinator, Ms. Jenn Maynard](#).

Also, if you know anyone who would like to join the Drachman Montessori community next year, please encourage them to put in an application. [Email Ms. Wendy Weeks](#), Drachman's Magnet Coordinator, with any questions. Families can also [sign up online for tours of Drachman](#).

[Applications for all magnet schools](#) are online now. For the best chance of being accepted to the magnet school of your choice, your application should be submitted by early January at the latest. You can apply to multiple magnet schools with one application. Questions about the lottery or the application process can be directed to the [Student Placement and Enrollment office](#) by email or by phone at (520) 225-6400.

The Bond Passed!

The Bond passed and TUSD schools will be able to make capital improvements across campuses! This should result in increased security resources for Drachman (i.e. taller fencing around the playground & possible cameras in blind spots), possible improvements to our cafeteria stage, hopeful improvements to our volleyball court, and wishful attention to our capital wish lists. Read more about it in this [article about the bond](#).

Intermountain Counseling Support Available

Drachman Montessori has been partnering with Intermountain Centers to mental health support services available on campus during the school day. Please see the attached flyer for more information about what Intermountain has to offer both on- and off-campus. For additional details, please [email our school counselor, Mr. Padia](#).

Parent Support Group on November 28

The TUSD Family Resource Centers are hosting the last of their series of parent support groups on November 28 from 5:30 to 6:30pm at the Palo Verde Family Resource Center. Childcare will be provided. To participate, please [pre-register for the support group](#). Space is limited.

Get 4 Free COVID-19 Tests

From our health office:

Every U.S. household can order 4 more free COVID-19 self-tests. Self-tests (also called at-home tests and over-the-counter tests) are one of several tools that protect you and others by reducing the chances of spreading COVID-19. Self-tests can be taken at home or anywhere, are easy to use, and produce rapid results. To obtain your free tests:

- [Order online at COVIDTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov)
- Order by calling 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489)
- [Email the Disability Information and Access Line \(DIAL\)](#) or call them at 1-888-677-1199 (for people with disabilities)

Reminder: Yearbooks Available to Purchase

Yearbooks for this school year are on sale now! They cost \$10 each. If you have any questions, please [email Ms. Amanda Laub](#) or [email Ms. Tenaya Rosmaier](#), who are coordinating the yearbook.

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 November

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

Ms. Garlovsky
Mateo M.N.
Elena M.

Ms. Muñoz
Morgan W.
Hekima M.

Ms. Leilue
Miabella H.
Louie M.

Ms. Bury
Shawn F.
Anahis Q.

Ms. Patty & Ms. Colmenero
Iris G.
Ezekiel S.

Ms. Nye
Roberto L.R.
Aurora D.

Mr. Haro
Aaliyah G.
Chris I.

Ms. Pardee
Amaritza O.
M.L.

Ms. Morola
J.A.

Ms. Christina
Khadija A.
Abby A.

Mr. Evans
Juliet M.
Aubrey S.

Ms. Russell
Dominic R.
N.T.A.

Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Elisa
Apollo M.
Quetzalli P.
Arian G.
Natalie I.
Michael D.

Ms. Julie
Jose O.

Ms. M
Juniper M.
Jayla P.

Mrs. Barker & Ms. Chloe
Gael M.N.
Gio F.G.

Ms. Tapia
Osama A.M.
Alba P.
Adrian N.V.

Ms. Hemperley
Alex L.

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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