



The Dragon's Tale

Weekly School Newsletter

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No Crocheting Club Tuesday, April 16th

8th Grade Pictures

Families of 8th grade students - we are asking that all of our 8th grade students provide 3 photos for 8th Grade Recognition: a current year picture, an elementary aged picture, and a baby picture. Pictures can be scanned and emailed to Ms. Erika at the front office at eafieldhammer@gbaps.org. Thank you!

Early Release

Keep in mind that April 19th, 2024 will be an early release! School will begin at 7:30 for middle school students and 7:45 for elementary school students and will end at 12:35 for all students. Buses will run 2 hours early as well so students can get to their hub locations like a normal dismissal day (just 2 hours earlier than usual). Elementary students will follow an afternoon schedule.

NJHS Induction Ceremony May 7th da Vinci Gym

We invite you to join us for our National Junior Honor Society, Annual Induction Ceremony on May 7th from 6-7pm. The program will be held in the gymnasium. We will officially induct our new members into NJHS and celebrate our student's achievements. We hope to see you there!

Lunchroom Expectations

Here at da Vinci, we strive to create an environment that exemplifies our school wide expectations - We Are Learners, We Are Leaders. This extends to all aspects of the school day, including the lunch room. To that end, we ask that our students practice being Respectful and Safe in the lunchroom by doing the following:

- Keeping hands friendly - don't touch other people or food that isn't theirs
- No throwing food
- Keeping lanyards around their necks and using them appropriately
- Using toys or fidgets as they are meant to be used and not throwing them
- No crawling under tables
- No shouting or raising voices unnecessarily
- Students may sit four to a bench

Lunchroom behavior is monitored, addressed, and corrected by our monitors. For the safety of the students, assigned seating may be arranged as a group if behaviors can't be addressed individually.

Students who continue to follow the directions will be acknowledged with leader loot or coupons to sit at our new Reward Table!

As a reminder - when visiting your student for lunch, please remember to sit at the visitor's table and bring food for only you and your student.

Drop Off and Dismissal Reminders

Please keep in mind that all vehicles MUST TURN RIGHT onto Monroe at drop off and dismissal every day. This is to help the flow of traffic and allow our students to get in and out of cars, buses, and across the road safely and efficiently. Thank you for doing your part!

School Attendance

There have been many students arriving to school late recently. Please remember that school begins at 7:30 AM for students in grades 6-8 and 7:45 AM for students in grades K-5. This means that students are expected to be in their classrooms by these times. Please make sure your child is arriving in time to get to their locker, put away their personal items, and get to their classroom by this time each day. Students who are not in their classroom by their start time are marked tardy. While it may seem insignificant for a child to be several minutes late, students entering the classroom after instruction has begun is disruptive to learning for all students. As little as ten minutes of missed school per day adds up to one and a half weeks of missed instruction in a school year, which accumulates to nearly half of a school year throughout their school career. If you need help developing a plan to get your child to school on time, please reach out to our school social worker, Amanda Moriearty-Mleziva, at (920)272-7633 or armorieartymleziva@gbaps.org for support.

TechGYRLS Summer Program

Girls in grades 3-8 are invited to participate in the TechGYRLS Summer Program hosted by the YWCA S.T.E.A.M. program, which is designed to expose girls to potential careers in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. See the attached flyer or reach out to csendelbach@ywcagreenbay.org for more information.

Enrollment Assessment

The Spring Enrollment Assessment date is coming quickly! May 4th will be the testing date for all students within and outside of the Green Bay Area Public School District. If you know anyone who would like to have their student tested at da Vinci, please refer them to the Leonardo da Vinci 2024-25 Enrollment Information webpage linked [HERE](#).

8th Grade Celebration

Save the date! The 8th Grade Celebration will take place on June 3rd this year. More details to come as the date approaches.

Bathroom Vandalism

There has been a drastic increase in vandalism in the school bathrooms as of late. Please speak with your students about using the bathroom respectfully and responsibly and encourage them to report any damage or vandalism to their teachers right away when they see it. Unfortunately, we have impending damage from flooding toilets and even parts missing from drains and pipes and will need to set up systems that help us keep track of who is using which bathroom and when in order to stop this from continuing to happen.

Spring Panorama Survey

Attention parents or guardians of 3rd-8th grade students, the spring Panorama survey is coming up in a few short weeks, the students will be taking it on Thursday, May 2nd during their base teams. This is just a reminder that if you would like your student to opt out of this survey, to email Danielle Follett at dmfollett@gbaps.org by **Thursday, April 18th**. Here is a little more information about the survey: We will be asking for your child to reflect on their own mindsets and approaches to learning via an online survey they will be completing at school. The survey content will ask students to self-reflect on emotion regulation, social awareness, supportive relationships, engagement in school, school climate, sense of belonging, and teacher-student relationships.

Southwest High School Transition Meeting

Southwest High School will be hosting a meeting for 8th grade students that will be transitioning to Southwest High School for their 9th grade year. This meeting will take place Wednesday, April 24th at 6:00pm.

First Kids After School Care

First Kids is offering after school care again for the 2024-25 school year! After school care is \$75 weekly and available Monday through Friday until 5:30pm. For more information or questions, please go to www.fumcgb.org or reach out to aebenhoe@gumcgb.org.

Yearbooks

It's not too late to order yearbooks! Visit harmann.com/ordering and enter the school specific code VINCIYB. Yearbooks can be ordered up until they ship (date determined by Harmann).

Family Strengthening Expo

Join the community at the Boys & Girls Club at 1451 University Ave Green Bay, WI 54302 on April 20th from 10am to 2pm to celebrate family strengthening at a fun and free event that includes a photo booth, magic show, prizes, and more! Reach out to Shelby at shelby@fcnew.org or call (920) 391-5827.

Chess Tournament

Congratulations to Vedanth Karkera for winning 2nd place in the K-8 division of the 15th Annual Wisconsin Class Championships in Wisconsin Dells. Thank you for representing da Vinci!



Calendar Notes



April

- 16 Grade 4&8 Forward Testing
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- 19 K-12 Early Release
- 19 5th Grade Internet Safety Presentation
- 22 2:35-4:30 Girl Scouts
- 23 Popcorn Day!
- 23 3:00-4:30 Crocheting Club
- 30 3:00-4:30 Crocheting Club

May

- 4 New Student Testing
- 6 2:35-4:30 Girl Scouts
- 7 Popcorn Day!
- 7 3:00-4:30 Crocheting Club
- 10 No School (unless needed for weather make-up)
- 13 2:35-4:30 Girl Scouts
- 14 6:30-7:30 Middle Level Concert
- 14 6:30-7:30 Virtual PTO
- 21 Popcorn Day!
- 21 8:15-9:15 K-5 Concert
- 21 1:15-2:15 K-5 Concert
- 21 3:00-4:30 Crocheting Club
- 24 No School
- 27 No School
- 28 3:00-4:30 Crocheting Club

Our Mission:

Educating world leaders... one child at a time.

Our Vision:

Leonardo da Vinci School for Gifted Learners provides the appropriate level of challenge for academically gifted students in a rigorous, student-centered and diverse learning environment that prepares them to be world leaders.

We are learners. We are leaders.

LEARNERS

Excel – We excel academically.

Altruistic – We are altruistic; we give back to our community.

Determined – We are determined to accomplish our goals.

Engaged – We are engaged in all that we do.

Respectful – We are respectful of our learning, our school community and ourselves.

Safe – We put safety first.

