

DaVTA Newsletter

Today is a Half Day

Just a reminder that today is a half day. Please make sure your kids are picked up around 12:30.

Rodeo Break Next Week

Next week we only have school on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. There is no school on Thursday and Friday for Rodeo Break. Note that because of Rodeo Holiday we do not take President's Day off.

Free Online Tutoring Now Available to Schedule

Free online tutoring is now available! This round of tutoring will be for two weeks and is available after school on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Sessions are limited, so please sign up if you are interested. Tutoring is online and **parents need to remember to help their children login before the session begins**. Visit the school's scheduling website to book your tutoring appointments at www.picktime.com/davincitree. After this round of tutoring ends in two weeks there will be a brief break before the next round.

Online Rumors of School Threats

Yesterday morning there were rumors being circulated on social media of threats being made against Tucson schools. When we heard about this, we immediately contacted the Tucson Police Department and spoke with the Sergeant in charge of school safety. We were assured that there were no viable threats against schools in our area, so we continued our day as usual.

Several parents called to complain that we did not issue a statement to let everyone know that there was no threat. Realistically, if we issued a statement every time a rumor went around it would cause more anxiety than it would prevent. Please remember that we will always quickly and efficiently communicate any viable problem or threat that faces our school. For reference, you can look back at our previous newsletters or watch an old example of what we do when odd or possibly dangerous things happen - [by clicking here](#).



Sixth graders picnicking at Kino Park outside of the Rock and Gem Show

Exact Path Trophy Challenge

Yesterday we gave out our first \$85 in prizes for students in the Trophy Challenge! Kids have until March 1st to complete their trophies for this first round of the Trophy Challenge. This challenge counts for 30% of your student's grade in Math, ELA, and Reading and they must complete 10 trophies in each to get full credit. Students who want extra credit can complete an 11th trophy. Students who complete 21 trophies win money! Trophy Challenge Grades are updated each Friday.

Trophies	Description
First Trophies 10	The first 10 trophies count towards students' grades. The Trophy Challenge assignment makes up 30% of our students' grades in Reading, ELA, and Math. To get a 100% on the Trophy Challenge assignment, students must complete all 10 trophies. That makes each trophy worth 3% of their overall grade in that subject.
Trophy 11	The 11th trophy counts as extra credit. Since each trophy accounts for 3% of every students' grade, that means that in Reading, ELA, and Math it is now possible for all of our students to get up to a 103% A+!
Trophies 12-21	Trophies 12-21 count for money in the form of Target gift cards. For every subject that a student gets to 21 trophies in they win a new gift card. For their first subject to reach 21 trophies, they win a \$5 gift card. Their second subject to 21 trophies earns them another \$5 gift card. If a student gets 21 trophies in all three subjects, their third gift card will be for \$20. This brings the total number of gift cards achievable for this round to \$30. We want our students to stop after hitting 21 trophies to prevent burnout (and also save some work for the next round of the trophy challenge).

School Pictures

Everyone knows that school pictures are a rip-off! You pay \$50+ for a mediocre digital photo and maybe a few prints. That's why Da Vinci Tree Academy doesn't do traditional school pictures. Every year we hire a local professional photographer and give away the digital prints for \$5 or \$10.

This year we are pleased to announce that legendary Tucson photographer Kathleen Dreier has agreed to do our photos! With over 18 years of experience, her work has been featured in national and international outlets including the BBC and USA Today as well as local publications such as Visit Tucson and Southwest Folk Alliance.

Group	Date
Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd	Monday, March 11th
4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th	Tuesday, March 12th
Picture Retakes	Friday, March 15th



Photographer Kathleen Dreier