

DaVTA Newsletter

Photos from a Busy Week

This week has been much busier than our usual. We had our state testing, a vigentennial partial solar eclipse, a popcorn day, and a NED Show assembly with guest speaker Mr. Abraham from Malawi! We wanted to share some photos from our very busy week.



(Top Left) Photos from the NED Show where kids learn how to be champions and do yoyo tricks!
(Top Right) Friends celebrate the end of testing by playing classroom mini-golf with their teachers.
(Right and Bottom) Kids have fun seeing the eclipse.
(Bottom Left) A parent helps us fill in pot holes in the parking lot.

Makeup Testing

Next week will be makeup testing for students who missed school this week. Makeup tests will be for both Reading and Math. Writing and Science ended today.

Trophy Challenge Ending for the Year

The final Trophy Challenge (round two) ends today. Students need at least two trophies to receive a passing grade on the assignment. Please note, **IF we do Trophy Challenges/Edmentum Exact Path next year, it will be shorter and less rigorous.** We were having to test it out this year to see if it was an effective test prep tool. If it is effective, then we will not have to use it as much in the future. If it was ineffective, we will be trying a different tool next year.

School Picture Sale

School pictures are on sale! This year Photos will cost \$5 per student and the digital files will be emailed directly to the parent or guardian placing the order. Pictures included in each order will have a high-resolution print version and a low-resolution social media version.



T2 Awards Ceremony Thursday, April 18th

Our Trimester Two Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, the 18th of April. The ceremony will be held on our soccer field and run from around 8:30AM to around 10:00AM. We will leave our parking lot gates open from 7:15AM until 10:30AM so all parents and guardians who want to attend can easily get in and out.

We are expecting that the weather will be good and that the temperature will be in the high 60's to low 70's during the ceremony. We are recommending that adults bring hats and/or sunglasses to counter any inconvenient sunlight. Students will be awarded with Honor Roll (all A's and B's), High Honor Roll (straight A's), Perfect Attendance, and the Student of the Trimester. If you are curious if your child is winning an award, check Infinite Campus or their T2 report card.

Half Day Friday, April 19th

Friday, April 19th is a half day. Please be sure that your kiddo(s) are picked up around 12:30.

Spring Break Week of April 22nd-26th

Do not come to school from April 22nd - April 26th. We will not be here! :)

Catalina Island Preparation

Catalina Island is right around the corner. We leave the evening of April 28th and return around midnight on May 1st (the morning of May 2nd). Next week we will be hosting a preparatory meeting for all 6th-8th graders going on the trip. We encourage all parents who have not already seen it to watch Principal Roll's Catalina Island Parent Video. It is thorough, about 20 minutes long, and goes over everything you need to know about your child's trip. Links to several important documents is also being included in our newsletter email. The video is linked to this picture:



Music Survey

If you haven't already, please complete our music survey! [CLICK HERE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GOOGLE FORM SURVEY.](#) So far we have had over 70 parents fill it out. This survey will help us determine what offerings our families are interested in.



Yoyo Sale Next Week

To encourage our students' hand-eye coordination, have fun, support the NED Show and its goals, and get kids away from screens, we are doing a Yoyo sale next week! **This is not a school fundraiser.** All proceeds go to support the work of the NED Show in teaching kids to **Never** give up, **Encourage** others, and **Do** your best. Links for the NED Yoyos, tricks, and tips are all included in the newsletter email and on our school website.

Final Skate Country Fun Friday of School Year

Friday, April the 19th is a half day. It is also our final Skate Country Fun Friday of the School Year! Fun Friday events for May and June will be Water and Bounce Days.

To be eligible to participate in the Skate Country Fun Friday, students must meet three criteria:

1. Students must be passing all their classes with a D- (60%) or better.
2. Students must be caught up with a majority of their work (determined by the teacher).
3. Students must have completed their required number of Trophies in the Exact Path Trophy Challenge by midnight on Friday, April 12th.

Having the option to participate in our Fun Friday activities is our way to regularly reward our students who are staying on top of their studies! If a student is not eligible, they stay behind in their

class and have an opportunity to increase their grades by working on makeup work. Staying behind is not a punishment, it is an opportunity for a student to bring their grades up!

Give a Free Donation to Da Vinci Tree Academy and Save on your Tax Bill!

A HUGE thank you to the 9 parents/grandparents who already donated!

Instead of paying part of your state taxes, Arizona allows you to donate to our school! An individual may claim a nonrefundable tax credit for making contributions or paying fees directly to a public school (like Da Vinci Tree). The public school tax credit is claimed by the individual taxpayer on Form 322.

The maximum credit allowed is \$400 for married filing joint filers and \$200 for single, heads of household and married filing separate filers.

There are two ways to donate:

1. To use cash or a check, make your donation in the front office. Our staff will write you a receipt on the spot. You will receive your tax credit letter in the mail within the week.
2. To use a credit or debit card, visit our SquareUp payment site at <https://davincitree.square.site/>. This site allows you to donate \$200, \$400, or a custom amount.

Thank you in advance to everyone who donates! We are trying to create a savings fund in order to afford more amazing field trips for our students.

Big Announcement on the way...

We have a big announcement on the way that we're very excited to share. As a hint, it has to do with:

- More programs for kids!
- More play areas for kids!
- New and amazing staff members!

Our big announcement will go live at the end of May. We hope everyone is looking forward to it!