



June 2011

Dear Current and New DaVinci Families,

What a year! We enjoyed having your children with us and have seen tremendous growth in each of them – *academically, socially, and physically*, of course! Doesn't a year fly by?!

ACADEMICS

- If your child just finished the school year with us, enclosed is some important academic information regarding your child's third trimester achievement report as well as the state's required spring tests – ISATs for third through eighth grade and IRIs for kindergarten through third grade.
- Please encourage your child to read throughout the summer...*anything: books, signs, comics, newspapers.....!* The area libraries (the "Not So Quiet Libraries"!) have fun summer programs to promote reading through games and prizes, so check them out! Having someone read to us or join in story telling sessions is also very special, so I hope you'll be having fun keeping those reading and creative skills growing!

SOCIAL

- Be sure to take advantage of our beautiful state this summer! There are so many inexpensive things to do in just our local area. We encourage our students to continue getting outdoors, staying active and getting together with their family and their school friends!
- You will be receiving information from us about a social event/open house for the school during early August. Watch the website also!

PHYSICAL

- I wanted to address this area to ask you to remind your child about the "healthy schools" information we have taught them: eat healthy, stay active versus going back to the couch potato routine and keep their creative minds working with the fun of drawing, painting, inventing, and exploring!
- Speaking of "physical", here's the latest information regarding our school's physical aspect – our facility!
 - While finalizing negotiations in May for the building on Glenwood (behind Panda Express), I was searching for areas to expand the school as it grew. This led to meeting Dave Evans (a well-known developer who owns Dave Evan's Construction and is also Mayor John Evan's brother). Dave offered us an option of actually building a new school – versus our original plans of renovating an existing building. The land he has available for us to build on is also on Glenwood – directly across the road from the Boise Hawks Stadium behind Einstein Oilery in Ashland Park.
 - Dave's company offers the entire development package without charge – it's the way he develops business. This offer was just too good to pass up! Therefore, a lot of financial and architectural activities have been taking place the last few weeks!
 - We have been meeting with various banks to find one interested in financing this project in a manner that fits our carefully set budget to ensure we do not take any financial risks with this building project. It's looking like there's a strong possibility that a partnering bank has been found and we're hoping financials will be completed within a month.
 - Meanwhile, the school is being packed into PODs which will be stored at the local POD facility until August.

- I have several interim school facility options and will let you know once this has been finalized. School will start as planned – September 6. We will just have an adventure while being patient for the permanent location to be ready.....which will definitely be worth the wait!
- Meanwhile, our school address and phone number will be the same until further notice. We have set up a system where I will be checking at the Post Office and phone message system through the summer and will get back to everyone within a few days. July is the month in which even the director is supposed to take off.....although this summer I hope to be very busy with the architect and City Hall finalizing all the permits and design plans so we can build! You may also contact me by using my e-mail address as stated below, but please be patient on response time!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

I will be hiring a part-time recess monitor and a lunch monitor for next year. We may also be hiring a part-time paraprofessional for the mornings to help with math. If you are interested, please check out the employment section of the website.

THANKS! & REQUESTS

- We appreciate everyone who has been helping us move the school!
- Anyone able to babysit some of our large plants in the Commons area until we move into our permanent location?
- After the landlord completes his “walk-through” of the building, there will be other things we’ll need help with also. *If you have not paid your bills off yet, I’m offering this last part of the moving process for you to work off the money owed. Please call to make arrangements to help with this as it should be taking place next week.*

Meanwhile.....watch the website for updates on the facility process throughout the summer! Our DaVinci website should be up and running within a couple weeks – along with the GCCS website. I plan to be very open about what’s happening.....but especially look forward to telling you when “the dotted lines have been signed” to make our new home official! Thank you for having faith in this process. It will all be worth your support and patience while we continue to make DaVinci the best charter around!

Have a fantastic summer. We miss the students already! Enjoy your children.....believe it or not – they grow up really fast!

Sincerely,

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cc: achievement report
 ISAT report from the state (grades 3-8)
 ISAT brochure (grades 3-8)
 2011-12 calendar