

DMCS eNewsletter May 21, 2020

Dear Parents-

The end of the 2019-2020 academic school year is upon us. Looking back, this year has passed so quickly and yet there have been incredible challenges. As we draw our period of Distance Learning to a close, we are looking for your feedback. Please fill out the short anonymous 2020 Distance Learning survey attached to tell us how we did. Thank you!

Watch for information about our Scholarship Gala that is moving online this year. It will be held at the end of June and we are hoping the you will participate virtually. The committee is working very hard to put this event together. Each year, this gala brings in between \$50,000 and \$60,000 for scholarships. It is one of our major streams of support for this important work. I hope you will help spread the word and support the gala this year. Even as we work through this crisis, we are looking to the future with a **Vision of Hope**. I am excited at the opportunities that lie ahead for our school community.

Your child's classroom teacher should have reached out to you in regard to next week, May 26-29th. We are offering individual, in-person meetings for you and your child. These meetings will be spaced out over time and held in individual classrooms to promote social distancing. Please pay special attention to the instructions on what door to enter to attend any meeting you schedule. Different grades are using different building entrances to provide more opportunity for distancing protocols to be maintained. As always, if you do not feel comfortable with meeting in person, you can schedule a drive-up pick-up. We will make it work for you.

5th Grade Celebration: This event is a great culminating event for our 5th grade students. We plan to celebrate this as

planned on May 29th. Thank you to all 5th grade families who filled out the form and provided feedback to us. The guidance is changing on a daily basis this week and we will send out a communication to parents by the end of the day on Friday with our finalized plan for the 29th. Thank you for your continued patience during this.

Summer Care Programs: We are moving forward with our summer care programs. Childcare has been an allowed "essential" business through this entire time, and we have continued to offer care for our students. We will continue to do so this summer. We have screening, cleaning, and self-care protocols in place in accordance with the recommendations of the Minnesota Department of Health and will continue to follow their lead throughout the summer. The school year program draws to a close on May 29th and the summer program begins June 1st. If you are interested in registering for summer care, please download the registration form from our website and turn it in.

Thank you for celebrating Gratitude with me this week. Even through all the challenges we have faced this year, I feel blessed. This community has banded together and supported one another. I received so much needed strength from your support. Thank you for being part of Divine Mercy Catholic School.

God Bless!

Mrs. Ashley

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil 4:13

Where is Waldo-Mrs. Ashley?

Cecilia Azelton won this week's "Where is Waldo?" contest. The Cecilia wins a \$25.00 gift card. Congratulations!

Can you guess where Waldo-Mrs. Ashley is? Watch Mrs. Ashley's morning announcements and follow us on Facebook to see where *Waldo - Mrs. Ashley* will appear again! Students - send your guesses to gashley@dmcs.cc. Students who guess correctly will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate.





Does the idea of School Supply shopping scare you? No need to be afraid because DMCS is offering the opportunity to order an EduKit again this year. Not familiar with EduKit? You can order all of your child/ren's classroom materials by visiting the following website, www.edukitinc.com Look up our school by entering the zip code and you will find DMCS:) Go to your student's grade level for the 2020-2021 school year and simply place your order. Order by June 14th and all materials will be delivered directly to the school in August and waiting for your child on the first day of school. Couldn't be easier! Any questions regarding EduKit or the ordering process can be directed to Rosie Van Thomme at rvanthomme@dmcs.cc or 507-334-7706 x 2206. Please leave a message and she will return your call.

School Supplies in a Kit - Now that's Smart!™



Children of Essential Care workers were very creative with resources from Mother Nature!



Please return all DMCS library books your child has at home. They may be dropped off at the regular drop off and pick-up times. 10-11:30 AM and 5 to 6 PM.



- a Note from Mrs. Ell

Dear DMCS Families,

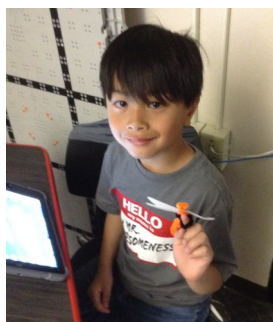
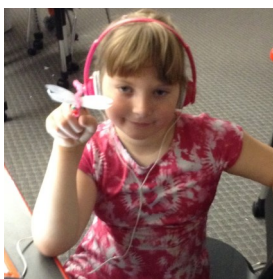
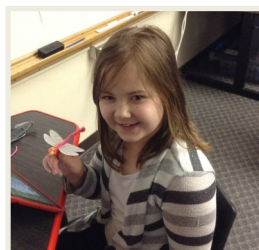
Yearbooks are still available for \$11.00 each. If you ordered a yearbook, it can be picked up during the 10:00-11:30 am or the 5-6 pm pick-up times at the DMCS side gym door (Door # 3). Contact me at jell@dmcs.cc if you would like to purchase a book.

If we have been in communication about buying a yearbook, your book will be ready for pick-up in the gym. Please bring the \$11.00 when you come. Make sure to put your payment in an envelope and mark it "Yearbook". Put your name on the envelope so I know it is from you!! Please let me know if you have any questions!!



Mary Herzog, our school nurse, brought up a lesson on Facebook that her daughter, Elizabeth, created. Elizabeth is a Park Ranger and the lesson was about Dragon Flies.

The students made their own pipe cleaner Dragon Flies while watching the step-by-step instructions from Elizabeth.



Please check out the video from Deni Buendorf about the Buckham Memorial Library Summer Programs.

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