

DRAGON DIGEST

The official Da Vinci newsletter of the Burnhamwood Charter School District.



Welcome!

Principal's Message

Da Vinci Family, welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. We are off to a great start considering we must be apart for now. This year will be full of opportunities for our students. They will become experts on devices as they navigate virtual teaching and become independent learners.

Da Vinci is currently following a synchronous learning model, which is "all students online via distance education that happens in real-time". Please know that our practice has improved since the Spring. The expectation is that students will attend school virtually until it is safe to return for face to face instruction. Teachers are providing instruction as if they were in the classroom. Therefore, it is imperative that students log in every day. Our school will follow the Compulsory Attendance Law (In order to receive credit for a final grade for a class, a student is required to attend class 90 percent of the days a class is offered regardless of whether the student's absences are excused).

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding. You are an amazing group of parents. Thank you for trusting us with the education of your precious children. Let's have a great year!

Alexandro Medina

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Principal

Important Dates:

- 9/4 - Progress Reports
- 9/7 - Labor Day Holiday - No School for Students
- 9/18 - End of 1st Six Weeks
- 9/25 - Early Dismissal, Parent/Teacher Conferences, Report Cards Issued
- 10/12 - No School for Students

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AP Introduction

BY CLAUDIA CASTANON

I am thrilled and honored to start off this school year at Da Vinci as an Asst. Principal and Counselor. I have worked as a School Counselor for 15 years and most recently as an Asst. Principal for the past 3. I graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso with a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies, received my Masters degree in School Counseling from Sul Ross State University, then attended Region XIX's Administrator Certification program. I look forward to working with you all and getting to know our students and meet them all once it's safe for their return to campus. During these uncertain times, we ask for your patience. If I can be of service to you please don't hesitate to reach out.

School Improvement & Cleanliness



When students return, you will notice many safety improvements to our school. Some of these include all new remodeled bathrooms, new entry gates and more parking spaces. Additionally we have mandated that all persons who enter the school buildings wear a mask. We have school personnel doing temperature checks for all staff members and visitors. We have hand sanitizer stations located throughout all school buildings. Our custodial staff has worked hard all summer to ensure a safe school environment.

Student Meal Program



Our pickup for student meal program will continue. The program is open to all children ages 1 year to 18 years. Pick up times at Da Vinci will be Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for breakfast and 11:00- a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

School Schedule

COVID-19 has impacted our lives like we never expected. While we return to school virtually, we have implemented block scheduling and Google Classrooms. Please check the website for Google classroom codes and the school's current schedule. School times are 8:15am-3:45pm. Middle school end times may vary per day.

Please continue being patient and understanding. Communicate with your child's teacher frequently. They are here to help you! Feel free to ask for help if you encounter any issues.

Counselor's CORNER



BY CHRISTINA BODY, CHRISTINA BUCKROP & CLAUDIA CASTANON

We are so happy to be back for another wonderful year at Da Vinci School for Science & the Arts. This year we are excited to announce a new addition to our counseling department, Mrs. Castanon!

Students and parents requesting schedule changes are asked to send their counselors an email requesting the change, as well as filling out a schedule change request form. Please note that at this time we are prioritizing creating schedules for incoming students. Please also note that school policy does not allow for teacher change requests. Thank you and let's have a great school year!



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