

DRAGON'S LAIR

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Didion Dragons on the first Spirit Day of the year

In our October issue:

FALL HAPPENINGS

Didion Dragons have a busy and fun-filled October! Read more about upcoming fall events, including our **Fall Festival!**

DIDION GARDEN

Volunteers needed to help plant the seeds to our Great Winter Salad harvest.

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Learn about our fall fundraisers!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 27 School Kine Cookie Sales Begins; runs through October 16th
 - Oct. 11 Pre-Sale form for Fall Festival due!
 - Oct. 14 Boon Supply Fundraiser Begins; runs through November 8th
 - Oct. 16 PSAT Testing for Grade 8
 - Oct. 18 Fall Festival, 4:00 - 7:30 pm
 - Oct. 25 School Kine Cookie Orders Pick Up in Cafeteria from 12:00 - 3:30 pm
 - Nov. 1 Middle School End of 1st Quarter - Shortened Day
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have had a great first month of school, full of energy and excitement for the new school year. Our school colors spirit day at the end of September was such an awesome way to cap off our first month. As you can see from the pictures, our students showed their pride and love for our school by dressing in head-to-toe red, white, and blue that day. Also, we were able to recognize students from kinder to 8th grade who demonstrated great collaboration skills, as our students learned about that trait throughout the month. I'd like to congratulate these wonderful collaborators and thank them for working so well with their peers:

Alice Azevedo, Brooklyn Turner, Audrey Desportes, Bailey Han, Taytum Nishimura, Lillian Adler, Nola Rouse, Isaiah Fleming, Maya Ang, Olivia Chan, Gregory Cedillo, Lexi Jackson, Diana Olgin, Eli Austin, Lillian Spinola, Matthew Albrecht-Hastings, Jayden Sanga, Mila Comfort, Quentin Vu, Mariah Mendoza-Aguilar, Juliana Azevedo, Christian Ortega, Katy Zhen, Colin Ngyuen, Durahjae Keola-Pines, Japriell Moore, Jeneysel Morales, Owen Landolt, Allison Chan, Chase Galang, Andy Wang, Monroe Kuney, Julian Gounder, Suria Sookprasert, Lexie Lopez, Kevin Lam, Gracie Castillo, Kai Bradford, Khyle Ila, Jordyn LaPlaca, Hanneh Little, and Patton Zepp.



As part of our social-emotional learning program, our students will be learning about and earning “Gotcha Tickets” for showing confidence this month. We want students to know that if they work hard, they can do things well and be successful. We also want our students to know that mistakes are really opportunities to learn and improve. Parents, I encourage you to continue celebrating your child’s successes and also talk with them about their struggles and challenges. Check-in with them daily about things they’ve learned, and also give them opportunities to talk about their mistakes and help them process what went wrong and problem solve on how to do things differently the next time.

October is also National Bullying Prevention Month. We want our students and children to be confident in themselves, and be accepting of the many things that make us all different from one another. At Didion, there is zero tolerance for bullying and my expectations for our students, and for all of us, is that we will celebrate each and every student, and we will practice kindness every day. That being said, our students are still children and we need to continue modeling and explicitly teaching kindness and acceptance. Each week this month during Blacktop Announcements, I will speak to a different theme that highlights our commitment to prevent bullying. Please keep an eye out for more information for a bullying-prevention themed spirit day and a parent presentation about bullying awareness later this month.

Lastly, I CAN'T WAIT for this year's Fall Festival. This year's Fall Fest promises to be better than ever! This amazing and fun event is truly a showcase of what makes our community amazing. I hope you all can attend.

A LOOK BACK

SPIRIT DAY



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IN THE KNOW

2019
DIDION

FALL FEST

FRIDAY, OCT 18 ~ 4:00 TO 7:30

games* cakewalk* pumpkins* harry potter world* haymaze

featuring barbecue by
TEXAS
ROADHOUSE

DONATIONS/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: <https://signup.com/go/zrp kavz>

QUESTIONS? CALL/TEXT: ELAINE AUSTIN, 916-233-7715 OR NANCY STREET, 530-574-0824

return to office or teacher

PRESALE FORM DUE: FRIDAY, OCT 11

DIDION CASH CARDS

USE THESE CARDS FOR GAMES/FOOD,
VALUED AT \$10 EACH. PRESALE SPECIAL: BUY 2
(FOR \$20) GET 3 CARDS (WORTH \$30 TOTAL).

I WANT:

- 3 CARDS FOR \$20
- 6 CARDS FOR \$40
- 9 CARDS FOR \$60
- 12 CARDS FOR \$80
- OTHER AMOUNT (MUST BE IN BUNDLES OF 3)

PRESALE TX ROADHOUSE

DINNERS PREPARED BY TEXAS ROADHOUSE.
PRESALE PRICE IS \$12 EACH.

I WANT (INDICATE QUANTITY):

- PULLED PORK, CORN, COLESLAW, DINNER ROLL, \$12 EACH
- BBQ CHICKEN, CORN, COLESLAW, DINNER ROLL, \$12 EACH
- COMBO PORK & CHICKEN, CORN, COLESLAW, DINNER ROLL, \$12 EACH

NAME _____

TEACHER _____

CIRCLE ONE: CASH OR CHECK*

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

*checks payable to Didion PTA

CASH CARDS AVAILABLE TO BUY AT EVENT, \$10 EACH.

SOME DINNERS AVAILABLE TO BUY AT EVENT, \$15 EACH.

FALL FUNDRAISERS

School Kine Cookies

Cookie sales have begun! Your child received a fundraising envelope, but you can also take online orders at www.SchoolKineOnline.com. Cookies come in seven delicious flavors: *shortbread, chocolate chip, cornflake butter crunch, chocolate chip macadamia nut, oatmeal raisin, brownie crunch and chocolate coconut!* Children will receive reward prizes for cookies sold. Order deadline is October 16th, with cookie pick up October 25th, from 12:00 - 3:00 pm in the cafeteria.



See's Candies

Our annual See's Candies fundraiser is set for Monday, October 29th through Friday, November 9th. The tentative delivery date is Thursday, November 29th. This fundraiser is perfect for friends and family on your holiday list!

Attention business owners: this year we're able to order through the corporate gift catalog. To buy corporate or business gifts, please contact Taji Sperber at Tajisperber@gmail.com.



Boon Supply Bags

Start crossing off your holiday list by shopping at Boon Supply and Didion will receive 40% of all purchases! Browse the catalog of reusable bags and home and kitchen supplies at www.boonsupply.com/65595.



Grocery Store Bags, Set of 2, Navy
\$22.00
We give 40% to your cause



Department Store Bags, Set of 2, Navy
\$22.00
We give 40% to your cause



Large Multi Pocket Zip Tote, Navy
\$32.00
We give 40% to your cause

Didion Fun Run

Thank you to our local businesses and Didion families for sponsoring the Didion Fun Run t-shirts. We look forward to seeing our students sport them at the Fun Run, on Friday, November 15th! Proceeds from this fundraiser will go directly to supporting technology for students at Didion.

WE NEED YOUR CLOTHING DONATIONS



Do you have old t-shirts, sweatpants or sweatshirts in kid sizes? With wet weather approaching and playground accidents happening, these items are useful for when our students need them. Please donate these, along with new underwear in kindergarten, 1st grade, and other children's sizes, to the front office. Parents may also want to consider packing extras in their children's backpacks. Thanks for your help!

LIBRARY CORNER

HARRY POTTER NIGHT

at the 2019 Fall Festival

This year's fall library event is Harry Potter night! Join your fellow Potterheads in the library during the 2019 Fall Festival for treats, games and activities for the wizard in all of us! If you have any Harry Potter themed decorations or items that you think would work well or if you would like to conjure some yummy treats for the Honeydukes booth, Mrs. Rechs would love your help! You can contact her by sending an owl, stopping by the library before or after school or emailing at catherine-rechs@scusd.edu.

This month we've been working on Digital Citizenship and Cybersafety. Each grade has studied privacy, cyberbullying, balancing screen time with other activities, responsible use of digital tools and how to get help when you need it. Be on the lookout for a packet of the work they've done this month along with some family tip sheets on these topics! Soon we'll be moving into coding and computational thinking.

TECHNOLOGY CLASS



IN THE GARDEN

The first grade students picked tomatoes, butternut squash, and potatoes in September. All vegetables were cooked in our solar cooker. We had an abundance of cherry tomatoes that were very popular with all who have visited the garden.

We are currently busy transitioning from our summer garden to our fall/winter garden. The beds are being cleared and prepared for new plantings. We will be planting lettuces, kale, kolrabi, radish, beets, peas, and several other favorites.

Our hope is to plant and then harvest all of our lettuces and vegetables so that as many classrooms as possible can enjoy an organic winter salad. Please let Nancy Keating know if you would like to get involved in our Great Winter Salad harvest. We will need volunteers to prepare the vegetables. Email Mrs. Keating at Nancy-Keating@scusd.edu.



NOTES FROM THE PTA

*The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)
supports the Didion community through
fundraising and volunteer efforts*

UPCOMING PTA MEETINGS

PTA meetings are held every other month,
on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30
PM in the library. Childcare is provided.

- NOVEMBER 13TH
- JANUARY 8TH
- MARCH 11TH
- MAY 13TH



The PTA board is appreciative and thankful for all of the family donations made to support the PTA membership, as well as the generous business sponsorship donations made to support the upcoming Fun Run!

PTA BUDGET 2019-20

At the start of every school year, the PTA creates and approves a budget. This year, we have approved funds for items and projects, including a new school laminator, garden supplies, and support for middle school volleyball coaching. All of this is made possible due to our fundraising efforts.

CALLING ALL PARENT PHOTOGRAPHERS



The Yearbook Planning Committee is looking for parents to volunteer as photographers for their children's classes. We're looking for high quality pictures taken of field trips, class parties and events. These photographs will help make up the class collages included in the yearbook. So dust off your DSLR and send your pictures to kellietmsato@gmail.com. Please indicate your child's grade, teacher, and other relevant event information. Thanks for your help!

