



HOME OF THE DRAGONS

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Didion Messenger - 9/27/21

Good evening Didion families,

Mr. Eder here with many important updates and announcements. Please check your email for a script of this call.

Remember last spring when we almost sold out Panda Express at Delta Shores? Well, PTA has organized a series of restaurant fundraisers, called "**Dragons Dine Out**," this year to help raise funds for important PTA programs and community events. Our very first fundraiser will be this Thursday, September 30th. And there's no better place to start than Panda Express! If you order food from the Delta Shores Panda Express and show them our school code on the 30th, they will donate 20% to our PTA. You can bring the [flyer](#) (paper or smartphone), order online at pandaexpress.com or use the App (Code: 328477). Check out the [PTA website](#) for more details.

Picture Day is scheduled for Monday, October 4th. Elementary students should have brought home picture order forms last Friday, and middle school forms will go home later this week. Parents may also order online at excelphotographers.com, using the online code: GDK8F21.

This Wednesday is our first **home volleyball game** at 3:45. Our middle school girls will be taking on Sam Brannan. At this time, only immediate family/household members are allowed to attend and watch the games in the gym. Masks will be required for all individuals attending games this season.

Parents, if you are interested in running for a seat on Didion's **School Site Council**, please email Mr. Eder by October 4th. We have positions available to parents, and will hold elections if there is more interest than open positions. The School Site Council typically meets 4-5 times a year, and discusses the development of the School Plan for Student Achievement. The School Site Council also serves as the School Safety Committee.

Every year it is imperative that we have all families submit an **LCFF application** for their child(ren). Only one application is required per household. These applications impact the amount of funding that SCUSD and, ultimately, Didion, receives from the state. You may fill out and return the paper application that was a part of first day packets, or fill out the application online: <https://www.scusd.edu/lcffapp>

We have accumulated a lot of lost and found items the first few weeks of school. Students can check the benches by the playground entrance to the cafeteria during recess and lunch to look for lost items, and parents can check with the main office. Items that are not collected will be donated at the end of October.

Two quick things to look ahead to: 8th graders will have the opportunity to take the **PSAT 8/9 on October 25th** for free, as Sac City offers the test to all 8th graders. [Follow this link for more information](#). Also, the week of October 25th will be **Red Ribbon Week**, when Didion students will celebrate being drug free with themed spirit days and various activities throughout the week.

Lastly, parents, I want to sincerely thank you for doing your part in keeping our campus as healthy and safe as possible by **calling in to report student illnesses, symptoms, and COVID exposures**, and following the district's [return to school guidelines](#). As a parent myself, I understand the challenge in having to keep a student home and the impact that has on students who are eager to be at school. But I also appreciate everyone's efforts to support keeping our classrooms open. If you're interested in having your child tested for COVID routinely, please reference [this flyer](#) and reach out to the main office and we will connect you with our health aides.

Thank you and have a great night!