



## **Didion Messenger - 10/31/21**

Good evening Didion families,

November is a busy and exciting month! Here are some important dates, information, and announcements:

### **October Dynamic Dragons and Middle School Students of the Month**

Congratulations to our October Dynamic Dragons and Middle School Students of the Month! Students were presented with certificates at school on Friday, and will be recognized during Monday's Blacktop Announcements. Please scroll down to see a list of this month's nominees, which will also be posted to the [school website](#).

### **Apple Hill Cutie Pies Order Deadline, November 1st**

The deadline for submitting your Apple Hill pie order is Monday, November 1st. Visit the [PTA website](#) for more information and to order online.

### **Dragon Dash Fundraiser**

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is here! The Dragon Dash fundraising drive starts on November 1st and culminates with our students participating in the Dragon Dash event on Friday, November 12th. There are school-wide incentives as well as prizes for individual students! Please support the PTA's Dragon Dash fundraiser event by reading the attached flyer and registering at [mybooster.com](#). Mr. Eder will introduce the event to students during Blacktop Announcements on Monday, November 1st.

### **November PTA Meeting, November 3rd**

The November PTA meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, November 3 at 5:30PM. The PTA will provide updates to campus resources and the upcoming Dragon Dash.

**Meeting ID: 862 6566 7979; Passcode: DidionPTA**

### **November SEL Character Trait**

This month's SEL character trait that students will learn about in their classes is *gratitude*. Check out [this resource](#) for ideas on how to support the learning of this important trait from home.

### **High School Specialty Program Applications**

The application window for middle school 8th graders interested in applying for one of the High School Specialty Programs is November 1st - November 30th. Visit the [Didion Middle School webpage](#) for more information.

### **Middle School Basketball Tryouts**

Tryouts for the middle school basketball teams are open to 6th-8th grade boys and girls. Here is this week's tryout schedule:

Monday, 11/1 and Tuesday, 11/2: Boys, 2:30-4:00pm; Girls, 4:05-5:35pm

Wednesday, 11/3 and Thursday, 11/4: Girls, 2:30-4:00pm; Boys, 4:05-5:35pm

Friday, 11/5: TBD

### **Middle School Flag Football Team Consolation Game, November 3rd**

Congratulations to our middle school flag football team on a great season. They'll be playing in the league consolation game on Wednesday at 6:15pm, under the lights at John F. Kennedy High School.

### **Kids Can Food Drive**

The Canned Food Drive has already collected over 500 cans! Great job, Dragons! The drive runs until November 12th, so keep bringing in your donations.

### **Middle School Minimum Day, November 5th**

The middle school has a minimum day on Friday, 11/5 due to the end of the first quarter. Middle school students will be dismissed at 12:05. All other grade levels will dismiss at their normal times.

### **PTA Art Reflections Submissions Due, November 5th**

Submissions to the [PTA Art Reflections contest](#) are due on Friday, 11/5.

### **Veterans Day Holiday, November 11th**

There will be no school on Thursday, November 11th in honor of Veterans Day.

### **Thanksgiving Holiday, November 22nd - November 26th**

There will be no school from Monday, 11/22 through Friday, November 26th.

# Dynamic Dragons



## October 2021

Congratulations to these students who have been nominated by their teachers! Dynamic Dragons and Middle School Students of the Month may be recognized for working hard and being kind, showing perseverance and persistence, overcoming challenges, exhibiting one of our monthly SEL character traits, or showing other positive attributes that we value at Didion. Recognized students will receive certificates and recognition during Blacktop Announcements.

Lillian Adler  
Nicholas Araiza  
Gabe Arriola  
Alice Azevedo  
Miles Blake  
Elliana Brown  
Maceo Carrillo  
Allison Chan  
Maya Chen  
Ian Davidson  
Dylan Dew  
Diogo Faria

Emily Gilmore  
Adam Gomez  
Jayden Gonzalez  
Sofia Holt  
Ahmad Houjeij  
Maddox Hughes  
Adriana K. Nguyen  
Charlotte Kerksieck  
Philippa Kersey  
Elliott Le-Laputz  
Bria Lee  
Meiji Lion

Crash Macrae  
Joshua Mak  
Nico Martinez  
Beni Martinez  
Aubrie Matsuo  
Cooper Morioka  
Jaylin Nguyen  
Tatum Nishimura  
Kolten Okino  
Amyliah Regnani  
Alixel Sanchez  
Alice Senn

Kiera Sonju-Doyle  
Brooklynn Sousa  
Lilah Stermer  
Sloane Street  
Kyle Tan  
Cannon Tateishi  
Skyler Vu  
Stephen You  
Wayne Zimmerman



Students of the Month

**Julla Bradshaw**

**Kalnoa Grande**

**Campbell Fulton**

**Carinne Washington**



# 2021 DIDION Dragon Dash

Presented by the Genevieve Didion PTA

## Event Details:

The annual Dragon Dash is jog-a-thon style event in which students pledge to walk as many laps or complete as many activities and obstacle courses as they can within the allotted time by grade level.

This year the Dragon Dash will include several fun contactless interactive activities and obstacle courses that students can complete as they work their way to the finish line. Many of the activities during the event are presented to you by the Middle School students. Thank you, Middle School students, for your support!

This event is a great way to promote wellness and fitness all while raising funds to help support Didion!

The students will receive a wristband to indicate that they have completed the laps and/or activities per pledges earned.

All **STUDENTS** will participate regardless of financial contributions and each student will receive the official Dragon Dash 2021 t-shirt.

Water will be provided to students during the event thanks to the donations of several Didion families! Thank you!



Our goal is to raise **\$40,000** which will directly support the school's library, technology, and reading intervention programs, and provide direct classroom support for additional learning resources and supplies for all grade levels.

All donations are tax deductible!

## How to SUPPORT the event:

Please support the PTA's Dragon Dash fundraiser event by registering at [mybooster.com](https://mybooster.com) today!

Hurry and Register! The first 200 students to register will receive an invisible ink pen!

Once the student is registered, use the share tools to promote your student's participation with family and friends. Every donation makes a difference!

### Quick ways you can support this fundraiser:

1. **REGISTER** your student(s) at [mybooster.com](https://mybooster.com) today. It only takes a few seconds!
2. **SHARE** with family/friends using the SHARE tools on [mybooster.com](https://mybooster.com) (Facebook, Text Message or Email). Students will earn opportunities to participate in the BoosterThon "Disney Dream Vacation" sweepstakes just for sharing from [mybooster.com](https://mybooster.com).
3. **DONATE** if you can. Directly through the website or you can drop off cash or check in the PTA's red drop box located in the school's Front Office. Make sure to include student's name, teacher's name, and grade.

### PLEDGE PERIOD

The event kickoff **November 1, 2021** and will remain open for pledging until the big event date.

### PLEDGE SITE

Go to [mybooster.com](https://mybooster.com) to register your student and make a pledge!

### BIG EVENT DATE

On **Friday, November 12, 2021**, during school hours. See below for more details.

### WHERE

Genevieve Didion K-8 School on the blacktop.

Thank you for supporting  
our school!

**Please note that social distancing guidelines will be followed and visitors will not be able to attend this event in-person.** However, if you would like to see your child participating in this event, we will live stream it via zoom on NOVEMBER 12, 2021 at the allotted times by grade level. Just follow the link and enter the meeting ID and passcode provided below at the scheduled time.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84848780550?pwd=eC9RSTErBGIUVEF5TzVLTSSrUXVSQT09>  
Meeting ID: 848 4878 0550  
Passcode: DidionPTA

**Dragon Dash Event Times by Grade Levels**

8:30-8:55 AM	Kindergarten
8:55-9:20 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
9:20-9:45 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
9:45-10:10 AM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
10:10-10:35 AM	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
10:35-11:00 AM	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
11:00-11:25 AM	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
11:25-11:50 AM	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade
12:35-1:00 PM	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade

Students take  
your mark, get  
ready, **DASH!**

***A BIG Thank You to our Generous Sponsors!***



**Also, thank you to all the volunteers, the teachers, and Mr. Eder for helping make this event possible...**



# PRIZES AND SCHOOLWIDE INCENTIVES

## Prizes per Levels:

- Under \$50 Pledge: Official Dragon Dash t-shirt and water bottle sticker
- \$50-\$100 pledge: Official Dragon Dash t-shirt, water bottle sticker, and pop fidget toy
- \$100-\$250 pledge: Official Dragon Dash t-shirt, water bottle sticker, pop fidget toy, and drawstring sports bag with Didion Dragon Logo
- \$250-\$500 pledge: Official Dragon Dash t-shirt, water bottle sticker, pop fidget toy, drawstring sports bag with Didion Dragon Logo, and Towel with Didion Dragon Logo
- \$500-\$750 pledge: Official Dragon Dash t-shirt, water bottle sticker, pop fidget toy, drawstring sports bag with Didion Dragon Logo, Towel with Didion Dragon Logo, and Water Bottle with Didion Dragon Logo
- \$750+ pledge: Official Dragon Dash t-shirt, water bottle sticker, pop fidget toy, drawstring sports bag with Didion Dragon Logo, Towel with Didion Dragon Logo, Water Bottle with Didion Dragon Logo, and FujiFilm Instax Mini 9 Instant Camera Set

## Prize for Top Fundraising Student per Grade Level:

Opportunity to SPIN the WHEEL for a chance to win one of the following Prizes:

- Hatchimals The EGGventure Board Game comes with a Mystery Egg
- Zuru RainBoCorns Big BOW Surprise
- Pool Party Game Board
- AmericanGirl Beforever Melody Doll
- Star Wars, The Mandalorian, The Child Figure
- Super STEAM Robot Activity Set
- Bounce Boots
- Hangout Hammock
- Gaming headset
- Razor Power Rider
- Huffy Glitzy Bicycle

## Prizes for Student with Highest Pledge:

Lunch with Mr. Eder

## Prize for Top Fundraising Class:

A fun treat provided by Leatherby's Family Creamery on November 19, 2021

