

December and January

DSIS Homeschool Information



Dec 3-18th - STEAC Food Drive at DSIS

Please bring non-perishable food to share with local families. We will have donation boxes around school and will be sure to get our donations to the STEAC office.

Dec 18th Site Council/Parent Night 5:30-7:00

Site Council will be working on our school plan. Please come give your input and ideas about what will help make our school be the best we can be.

Dec 18th - Craft Day 10-12:00 - Parent and older DSIS student volunteers are needed!

Come make holiday crafts. We will have many stations to move through and make things at this event and a wrapping station. Parents and teens who can help at one of the stations or can create a station please let your DSIS teacher know. We need donations of ribbon and gift tags if you have any extras you can donate please give them to Christine.

Dec 22nd - Jan 2nd Winter Break (DSIS will be closed during this break)

Jan 5th - Welcome Back to DSIS - Happy 2009!

To give families a little extra time to trickle home from holiday vacations and readjust as they get back to their homeschool schedules, workshops will resume January 13th.

Teacher meetings and regular 7th- 12th grade classes (Art, Computer, Leadership, Math, Study Skills, Spanish, Biology and Yearbook) will meet as scheduled.

Jan 12th - K-6th grade workshops resume at DSIS

Jan 19th - School closed in observation of Martin Luther King Day

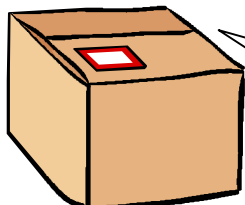


Jan 26th - First day of Spring 2009 Semester

Signed Master Contracts are due for Spring Semester to your DSIS teacher. This is also a good time to check in with Melinda to return unused library materials.

Jan 27th - School Closed - Teacher Work Day

No classes, workshops, or weekly meetings. Please be aware that other secondary schools in our district will have Monday, January 26th as a workday.



Planning for February

Please save a shoebox sized cardboard box to make your Valentine mailbox and start thinking about a talent you might want to share at our DSIS Talent Show.

Announcement

North Wing Move

We are beginning to feel settled in our new offices and classroom. We wanted to be sure to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped out with this crazy move. We appreciate how flexible and understanding everyone has been during this chaotic time. All of your time and work are well appreciated. Special thanks to Cathy Bucher for the donation of books for our lobby and to Dafna Gatmon for the comfy couch. It is starting to feel warm and welcoming. Thank you!!!

Food Drive - We will be collecting food here at DSIS to donate to STEAC

For a number of years our school has collected food for the Short Term Emergency Aid Committee (STEAC.) The amount of food distribution has increased dramatically through STEAC and the needs of the program are currently very high. The food closet gladly accepts all donations of non-perishable food and household items. Please bring donations to school and drop them off in one of the STEAC boxes. Thanks for your help.

K-6th grade workshops will be taking break week after Winter Break (Jan 6, 7, 8th)

With the many busy schedules this time of year we will take a short break and begin workshops again on January 13th.

Spring '09 Master Agreements

Please be sure to turn in a signed second semester master agreement by January 26th at the very latest. State law requires that a new agreement be signed for every semester that a student participates in independent study.

Workshop Plans for January

K-1 Science - We have launched a new unit on Air and Weather.

2-3 Computers, 4-6 Computers - 2-3 class will start neighborhood map machine in January and the 4-6 will continue work on their PowerPoint presentation on presidents.

2-3 Science - We will be starting a new unit of study on the Earth, Moon and Stars.

4-6 Science - Our focus will be Earth Science for the next several months.

7-9 Science - Microscopes and Cells will be our next unit of study.

4-6 Art - This group is teaming up to plan a mural for our North wing and we will make mosaics.

7-9 Writing - We are continuing to work on autobiographical topics and in addition we are working on grammar

K-1 Language Arts - Now that we've made our tooth graph and made as many words with the letters in the word "dentist" as we could, we will continue our language activities to develop listening, speaking, reading and writing skills.

2-3 Writing - We have finished friendly letters and after the break we will go back to writing strong paragraph.

K-1 Cluster - We will begin a unit exploring the world of music.

2-3 Cluster - This group will be working on hands-on math activities.

4-6 Social Studies - This group will continue to learn about United States Geography

4-6 Writing - We will finish up our class book and move on to other writing projects.