



FRESHMEN NEWS

February Newsletter

Important Dates

Feb 7 - Professional Development NO SCHOOL

Feb 17- President's Day NO SCHOOL

Mar 9 - 12 Student Led Conferences (SLCs)

Mar 6- Professional Development NO SCHOOL

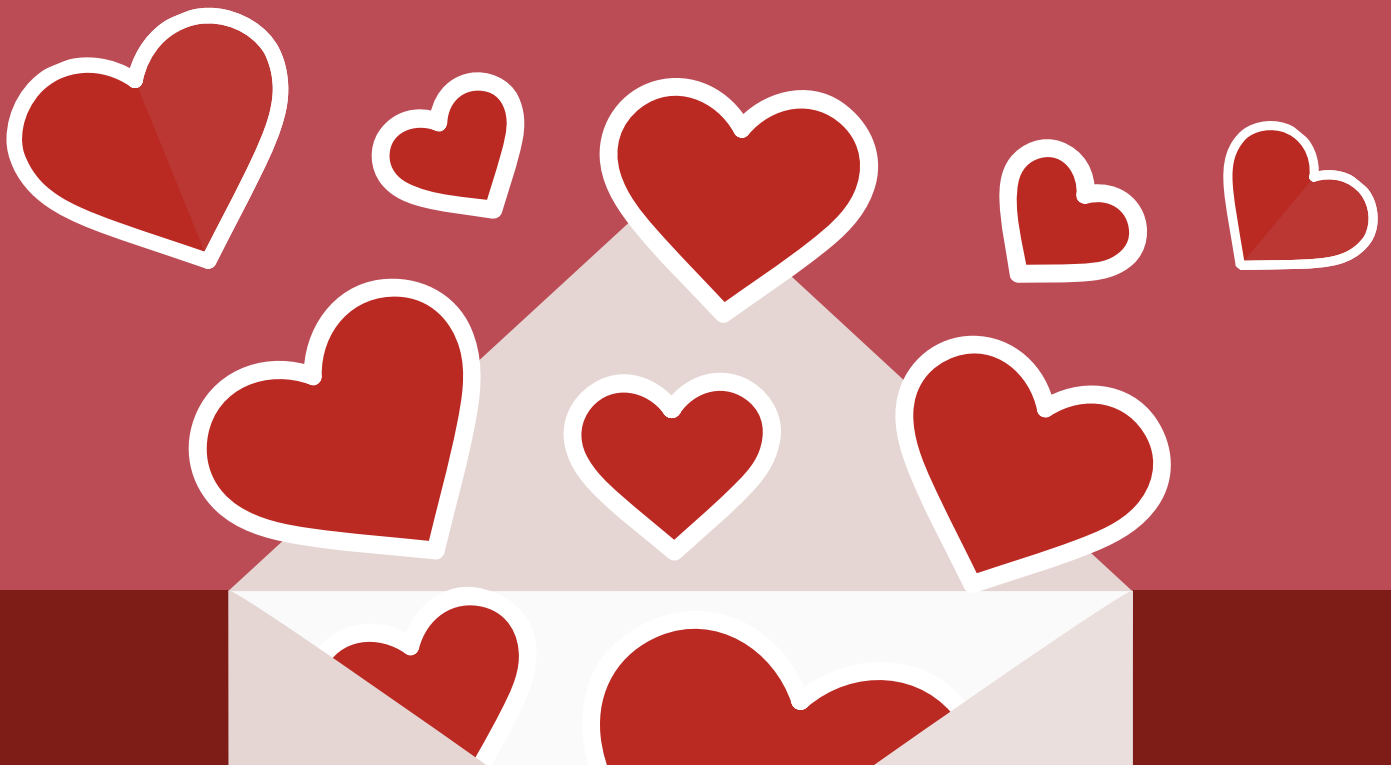
Apr 2 - Exhibition Night



Student Led Conferneces

Student Led conferences are right around the corner. Mark your calendars with your student's assigned date and time for SLCs. Come in to hear about your student's successes and their plan for improvement. The schedule is also posted on the 9th grade Google Classroom

If you have any questions about your student's scheduled SLC, or you need to reschedule for a different time and/or date, please email Dr. Melinda Love at mlove@davincischools.org by Thursday, March 5th at 4pm.






TINA HANNOUCHE PHYSICS



Starting on March 2, I will be on maternity leave and Rebecca Peregrino will be taking over my class. Rebecca has been working at our school for a few years as a substitute and an academic coach for math so she is comfortable with the culture of the school and our students. The students will be studying Electricity and Circuits for the remainder of the month up until spring break. The students have already completed their big roller coaster project which they will be

showing at Exhibition. I am really proud of all of the groups and how the roller coasters turned out, so they should be very proud to exhibit these in the spring. I am hoping to return for POLs so I look forward to seeing all the progress that the students make over the semester.




IVAN VILLANUEVA SPANISH 1

This month students will immerse themselves in Hispanic and Latin culture as they spend time learning about Afro-Latinos, The Spanish Civil War, and the life of Frida Kahlo. Each cultural unit will review core components of Spanish cultural competency (as outlined in the CA Foreign-Language standards) such as associated vocabulary, reading fluency, art history/theory, important historical events/facts, as well as real-world connections to today's world. Students will also spend time preparing for their joint Art/Spanish Exhibition project: a children's book based on their personal "Alebrije," or spirit animal. February always proves to be a jam-packed, but educational month!



DR. MELINDA LOVE INTEGRATED MATH 1

Students are wrapping up ESK 2, which focused on Systems of Equations. Their test will be on April 24 and 25. Students have been doing a cross-curricular project between Math and Physics. Students build some amazing roller Coasters and will now use system of equations to calculate speed and energy lost to friction in their roller coaster. After closing out ESK 2, students will be moving on to learn about Exponential Functions.



DESIGN FOUNDATIONS

February is a busy month. At the beginning of the month students wrapped up the 1-point perspective unit. Then, we dove right into our Exhibition project which is a Spanish inspired Alebrije and student made children's book. I begin maternity leave on Feb. 10th and I plan to return June 1st. Rebecca Edwards will be my long term substitute through the end of the year. You may contact her for any further questions at redwards@davincischools.org. She is a credentialed teacher with 9 years of high school teaching experience and long term substitute experience at Da Vinci Design for 10th grade History.



REBECCA EDWARDS
Long Term Sub



CARI MACONOCHIE

ENGLISH AND COMPOSITION

After students finish up their work on Heroes and the Hero's Journey at the beginning of the month, they will transition into a unit focused on William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." In addition to reading the play, they will also watch how different scenes have been portrayed in films and analyze the choices made in different adaptations of the play. Students will continue to work on their independent reading, and will be presenting their second "Book Talk" of the school year.



APRIL STRAWN



JASON WHITE