

# DWS NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER 14, 2022



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### September 16

Back to School Picnic  
@ 5:30 PM, *The Grove on Campus*

**Clothing Swap** during the Picnic

#### September 21

Board Meeting  
@ 7:00 PM, [Zoom Link](#)

#### September 23

Lower School Playground Work Day  
1:15 - 4:00 PM

#### September 26

Rosh Hashanah

#### September 27

Diversity, Inclusion & Social Justice  
Committee Mtg.  
@ 7:00 PM, [Zoom Link](#)

#### September 28

Parent Council Meeting  
@ 6:30 PM, [Zoom Link](#)

#### September 30

Michaelmas Celebration  
@ 12:00 PM, *on Campus*

#### October 5

Yom Kippur

#### October 10



***Michaelmas time, Michaelmas time!***

***Time is turning under the plough,***

***Under the stars, under the signs,***

***The ploughman toils with deep***

***furrowed brow.***

***He turns his thoughts***

***against the cold,***

***Buries his fears 'neath***

***the Earth's deep mould.***

***Frost, like fire, burns***

***white on the blade,***

***Of his iron share that red fire made.***

Indigenous Peoples' Day

**October 12**  
School Picture Day

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## SCHOOL NEWS



### Volunteering on Campus

We are so happy to invite families on campus to volunteer. With so many field trips and opportunities to help coming this fall, we wanted to make sure each family has all the necessary information to sign up as a volunteer.

**If you haven't done so already, please fill out the volunteer survey form!**

[Volunteer Survey Form](#)

**Davis Waldorf School** could not provide such an amazing learning environment without the help of our parent body. We request all parents give 30 hours of their

time over the course of the school year. There are many ways parents can assist, and even the simplest of tasks are invaluable to our community life here.

Many of you have heard us say, "Many hands make for light work!" When our students see parents giving their time and energy to their school, it models for them the importance of service to the community. Please take a moment to fill out the survey below to let us know what volunteer opportunities you are most interested in and what times during the year work best for you.



## Important Volunteer Forms

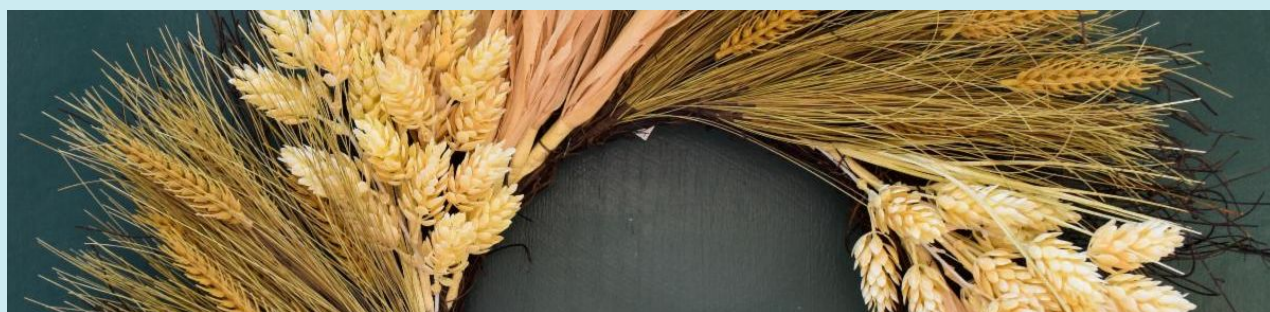
### [Volunteer Agreement Form 2022-2023](#)

This form is needed for field trip chaperones and classroom volunteering . A new form must be turned into the office every school year.

### [Early Childhood Volunteer Immunization Requirements 2022-2023](#)

California State Title 22 licensing requirements necessitate that all parent volunteers in our Early Childhood classrooms must have the following test results and immunization records on file. Please submit test results and/or documentation of immunization for the diseases listed in the form.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



### Board Meeting, 9/21

**Dear DWS Parents and Guardians,**

All families are welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly Board of Directors meeting.

Our September meeting is **Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 7:00pm.**

Sincerely,  
*The DWS Board of Directors*

### AGENDA ITEMS

- Officer Committee Assignments
- Review final Operational Budget for 2022/23 year

[CLICK HERE to join Board Mtg](#)

**Zoom Meeting Link:**



## Back-to-School Picnic, 9/16

After a hot summer, we are so thankful for the cool fall days this week. We want to invite all our families to an all school picnic. **Bring your blanket or lawn chairs and come join us this Friday, September 16th from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.**

Hear how you can be involved this school year, celebrate staff anniversaries and participate in the Family Bingo game and dance!



## FOOD & FUNDRAISING!

Our 7th grade students will host a burrito bar to help raise money for their 8th grade class trip. Please bring cash so you may support them!

- *Vegetarian Burritos* with a drink for \$8
- *Non-Vegetarian Burritos* with a drink for \$10



## CLOTHING SWAP!

A clothing swap event organized by Parent Council will also be taking place the evening of the Back-to-School Picnic. Please drop off donations in the breezeway before Friday at 1 PM!

### WHAT TO BRING...

- *Children's clothing\**
- *Adult clothing\**
- *Rain gear*
- *Shoes*
- *Boots*
- *Books*
- *Toys & Games*

*\*Please make sure these items comply with the DWS Dress Code.*



## Parent Council Meeting, 9/28

CLICK HERE to join PC  
Mtg

Join the Parent Council online at 6:30 PM on **Wednesday, September 28th**, for the first official Parent Council meeting of the 22-23 school year. All parents and guardians are invited to participate.

*Meeting ID: 988 9109 4204*  
*Passcode: yGt8cN*

### Zoom Meeting Link:

[https://zoom.us/j/98891094204?](https://zoom.us/j/98891094204?pwd=S21oZ0dWZkFKamtIQXF4UkFGc1k5dz09)  
[pwd=S21oZ0dWZkFKamtIQXF4UkFGc1k5dz09](https://zoom.us/j/98891094204?pwd=S21oZ0dWZkFKamtIQXF4UkFGc1k5dz09)



## Diversity Inclusion & Social Justice Committee, 9/27

CLICK HERE to join DISJ  
Committee Mtg.

Diversity, Equity, and Social Justice Committee is a working group comprised of caregivers, staff and faculty that seeks to be an engine of meaningful transformation in critical areas of diversity and social justice at Davis Waldorf. We work on identifying areas, curriculum and materials that are needed to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all.

**Meetings are typically scheduled the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 pm via zoom. All are welcomed.**

*Meeting ID: 970 4811 3640*  
*Passcode: t4iFKX*

### Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://zoom.us/j/97048113640?](https://zoom.us/j/97048113640?pwd=aE9GNWx3akppbVZ4M1B3a2lrMWI5UT09)  
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## Handwork Circle Friday Mornings

Our DWS Handwork Group led by Dahlia Haberman will be meeting every Friday in the Handwork Room located next to grades aftercare. All are welcome to come and enjoy the conversation and handwork! No RSVP needed. Bring a project you're working on or help create items for upcoming festivals!

## REMINDERS...

### Parking and Lower School Drop-off

**A friendly reminder: Please do not park on North Davis Farms Road.** Parking here is considered a fire hazard due to the small lanes. Parents are welcome to park on Sycamore, in our parking lots, or at the Davis Assembly of God parking lot located at 3030 Sycamore Lane. Parking on the freeway side of the road is prohibited by the City of Davis. This is also a safety concern for our students crossing this busy road.



At 8:00 AM Ms. Yu, our second grade assistant, will open the gate to the lower school yard signaling that it is open for play. Please do not drop off or play in the yard before then. If you do arrive on campus early, please wait in your car. This helps other parents know that the yard isn't open.

### School Picture Day, 10/12

**On October 12th we will have our school picture day for Preschool through 8th grade.** There will be a makeup picture day on October 27th for any students who were absent.

Envelope order forms will go home with each student closer to the scheduled day.



## Michaelmas Celebration September 30 at 12 pm

*Long ago, in a faraway place, a kingdom lived in dread and fear of a loathsome beast that was eager to devour any human or animal that dared to cross its path. Bright shining meteors flashed through the night sky, offering strong iron to forge a sword to tame the evil dragon and defend the right. What knight would courageously wield this sword to tame such a beast?*

Come see our Michaelmas Play to find out! This play is developmentally-appropriate for children in the grades, not for younger siblings from the Kindergarten and Preschool who might be frightened by the dragon (these classes hold separate age-appropriate Michaelmas events).



**The play begins at 12:10 pm in the Grove.** All Grades 1-8 have a part in the play. Please arrive in time to park at the church and walk to the campus by 12:00 pm. After the play each class will celebrate by picnicking and eating Sun Cakes made by each class. Class Teachers will send out information particular to each class. Students will return to class to be released to parents after the final handshake at 1 pm and typical dismissal.



## History of Michaelmas Festival

The Michaelmas festival takes place in late September where we have a play and an all school pageant about conquering a troublesome dragon. Michaelmas is most commonly celebrated in Europe, but the message of courage in the face of evil is universal and timeless. Michael is an archangel mentioned in the Bible, the Torah, and the Koran. He appears as a spiritual figure and protector of humankind, inspiring strength and courage. The motif of the dragon conqueror can be seen in Chinese art, in Apollo and the serpent, in Krishna slaying demons, and in the story of Saint George and the Dragon. Michael overcoming the dragon with his sword of light is an image that calls us all to be courageous, to take command of the dragon and transform it. The students learn that everyone has their own “dragon” – fear, greed, thoughtlessness, or apathy. Michael’s qualities of courage, compassion, and steadfastness can be an inspiration to greatness.

## Hot Lunch Order Form Support the 7th & 8th Grade!

This year our 7th and 8th grade classes will be offering three hot lunch options as fundraisers for their 8th grade trips.

**Hot Lunch will start the third week of school, Tuesday, September 20th.** Please submit your order form prior to Friday, Sept. 16.



[Download Order Form](#)



## Do you have a submission for our Newsletter?

If you have an item to include in an upcoming newsletter,  
email Eden Tomich at [office@daviswaldorf.org](mailto:office@daviswaldorf.org).

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