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dePaul School

..... Gala 2018

SPEAKEASY

NIGHT

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Upcoming Events

February 15

End of 2nd Grading Period

February 16

Pro-Ed day

No School for Students

February 19

Presidents' Day-**School Closed**

February 23

Progress Reports available
online

March 1

Open Enrollment begins

March 15

Summer Reading Camp
Information Session
8:30 a.m.

March 19

Informational Open House
8:30 a.m.

March 26-30

Spring Break-**School Closed**

Save the Date!

SATURDAY, MAY 5



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The dePaul School Gala is coming! The Gala is a great opportunity to increase community awareness of dePaul School and to raise funds to help us in our efforts to expand. The event is being held on Saturday, May 5 at a gorgeous St. Petersburg estate home built in 1924. The home sits on 3 ½ city blocks and is truly stunning inside and out. We are so fortunate to have such a beautiful and unique venue!

With such a special venue, it seemed only appropriate that the event have a roaring 20's theme! For this festive event, guests are encouraged to wear clothing from that era. The evening will feature live music, food and cocktails. Guests will have the opportunity to bid on great items in both a live and silent auction as well. It promises to be a fun and memorable event for dePaul School!

Each family can help make this event a huge success by asking restaurants, stores and businesses that you frequent to donate items for the auction. To make this as easy as possible, your child will be bringing home an envelope with cards containing event information and a form that can be used to ask for auction items and donations. Please don't be shy about asking for donations - it doesn't cost you anything to ask and the worst anyone can say is "no"!

I want to acknowledge and thank our extremely generous sponsors of this event, Fudge & Broadwater, P.A. and Lokey Charities. Without their dedication to dePaul School, their belief in our mission and their generosity, this event would not be possible. We are so grateful for their support!

Working together we will make this a truly special evening for dePaul!

New Uniform Provider for 2018-19 School Year

We will be using the company French Toast for our school uniforms for the 2018-19 school year. The cost savings to families is significant! The current Land's End uniforms are still acceptable for the 2018-19 school year. Parents can order new uniforms online through the link on our website which will take you to our school account with French Toast. The colors and styles remain the same for both Traditional and Delta students.

Open Enrollment begins March 1, 2018

Re-enrollment information was mailed to all currently enrolled families last month. Parents wishing to guarantee their child's spot for the 2018-2019 school year need to do so via Gradelink prior to March 1, 2018. Open enrollment will begin March 1st, 2018 and all openings will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Ms. Boortz if you need assistance with the online registration.

Mrs. Barlow attends Future of Educational Technology Conference

FETC is a huge annual technology conference in Orlando. There are great speakers and hands-on workshops that help keep us up-to-date with the latest programs, apps and devices. Mrs. Barlow expanded her knowledge of Google Classroom and Docs and was able to use the skills immediately and share what she learned with others!

Mrs. Gorst, Mrs. Howard attend CEC Conference

The Council for Exceptional Children held its annual conference in Tampa earlier this month. Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Gorst took advantage of the local opportunity and attended a day-long interactive workshop focused on supporting the social-emotional health of teachers so they can be better suited to take care of students and also how to help students recognize and handle their stress.

Teachers Attending Orton-Gillingham Conference in April

The Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators is holding their annual conference, "Unraveling the Mystery of Dyslexia" April 13-14 in Charlotte, NC. We are thrilled that we will be able to send a group of teachers to this valuable conference (Thanks to the Annual Fund). Speakers will cover topics including writing, multisensory math, comprehension, vocabulary and assistive technology.

Class Notes....

....**Mr. Kenny's** classes are working to master Google Classroom and will begin learning basic coding with circuit boards as well as learning to properly research a topic....**Mrs. Howard's** Math class has mastered their multiplication tables from 0 to 6....**Mrs. Barlow** has one class creating comic strips on their "Journey to the Center of Earth" while other classes will be studying earthquakes and volcanoes....**Mrs. Stanziani** has a Social Studies class studying the Bill of Rights while other classes are studying states, symbols and monuments....**Mrs. Barbaro's** students are combining word families with the letter B and learning about place value....**Ms. Brown** has DPSL students practicing daily fluency drills from Wilson and OG fluency readers. Writing students wrote about what they would do if they won a million dollars....

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How Dyslexia Helped to Create IKEA

A young boy in Sweden had some difficulties at school because he struggled with his reading and writing. It turned out he was dyslexic. Despite this, he managed to perform well in his studies, and his father gave him some money as a reward. He used this to start a business at age 17. Its' name? IKEA.

Read the full article at <https://www.virgin.com/richard-branson/how-dyslexia-helped-create-ikea>

"It's time we all understand dyslexia properly as a different way of thinking, not a disadvantage".

Sir Richard Branson

"Dyslexic Thinking has many benefits. If identified & supported dyslexics can achieve amazing things".

Kate Griggs Founder,
Made By Dyslexia

