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Dorris-Eaton Parents' Association

March 2018

DEPA News

DEPA Parent Spring Social 2018



“Havana is a mistress of pleasure, the lush and opulent goddess of delights” – Cabaret Quarterly, 1956

In the 1950s, jet setters flocked to Havana to dance, drink, and try their luck on games of chance. In 2018, Dorris-Eaton parents will flock to Danville for a taste of those magical times at DEPA’s Havana Casino Lounge.

On Friday, March 23, from 7:00 p.m. to 10 p.m., DEPA will host the annual DEPA Parent Social at the Veterans Memorial Building, 400 Hartz Avenue, Danville.

After last year’s successful Casino Night, we’re bringing it back with a Cuban twist. It’s the once-a-year chance for DEPA members to set up the kiddies with the babysitter and join other parents, faculty, and staff for a carefree night of conversation and fun.

The Havana Casino Lounge will feature Cuban appetizers and an open bar for beer and wine.

Professional dealers will offer games of poker, blackjack, roulette, and craps. Play well, and then redeem your chips for raffle tickets for a chance to win wonderful prizes, including \$1,000 tuition discounts, Dorris-Eaton K-8 and preschool summer enrichment workshops,

robotics and debate workshops, and \$50 Mills uniform coupons!

Get your tickets at <https://www.depa.org/events>. Tickets are \$10 for DEPA members, \$50 for non-members. Please purchase your tickets ASAP, as this helps us with the planning process!

For any questions, please contact Rick Iversen at 925-266-2897, or Riversen55@outlook.com.

Invitation to Join the 2018-2019 DEPA Board and Committees

By Steve Diekmann

It’s hard to believe, but soon it will be time to elect DEPA officers and select committee members for next year. These positions are excellent opportunities to learn more about the school and to get to know some of your fellow Dorris-Eaton parents. Personally, I’ve greatly enjoyed working (and laughing!) with our Board throughout the current year—it’s a capable, enjoyable, and diverse group, and I think you can expect more of the same next year!

All DEPA members in good standing are eligible to run for a Board seat. The election timeline is:

- Nomination Forms will be available and will be accepted beginning on April 13.
- The deadline for submitting the Nomination Forms is May 4.
- Elections and the introduction of new Board members will both occur at the DEPA General Meeting on May 11.

The open DEPA Board positions include President, Treasurer, Secretary, Co-VP /



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Membership, Co-VP / Room Parent Coordination, VP / Enrichment, VP / Technology, Parliamentarian, and Alamo Representative.

We also need to fill several DEPA Committee Chairperson roles this spring, as much of the work done by these committees happens early in the school year. These positions include:

- Fall Festival (Alamo/San Ramon)
- Hospitality (San Ramon)
- Hospitality (Alamo)
- New Family Tea (San Ramon)
- New Family Tea (Alamo)

The remaining roles can be filled in September/October of 2018 (though some may be filled earlier), giving newly arriving parents opportunities to participate. These include:

- Book Fair
- Community/Corporate Development
- Cultural Enrichment (Alamo)
- eNews Editor
- Family Social
- Library (Alamo)
- Parent Social
- Teacher Appreciation Week (Alamo)
- Teacher Appreciation Week (San Ramon)
- Teacher Luncheons (San Ramon)
- Teacher Luncheons (Alamo)
- Used Uniform Sales
- Year-End Party (K-4 and 5-8)

If you might be interested in serving on the DEPA Board or committees next year and want to learn more about the available positions, please contact Anshu Khanna (925-487-5373 or anshu@depa.org), our Parliamentarian.

Steve Diekmann
DEPA President 2017-2018

Upcoming DEPA-Sponsored Events

MARCH

- Mar. 22– Used Uniform Sale, 3-4 pm
- Mar. 23– DEPA hosts Teacher Luncheon, Alamo
- Mar. 23– DEPA Parent Spring Social, 7-10 pm
- Mar. 27– DEPA Fundraiser, Chipotle, 2421 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, 4-8 pm

APRIL

- Apr. 13– 2018-2019 Nomination Forms will be available.
- Apr. 13– DEPA hosts Student Treats, Alamo and San Ramon
- Apr. 18-20– Scholastic Book Fair, San Ramon
- Apr. 19– DEPA hosts Teacher Luncheon, San Ramon
- Apr. 26– Teen Esteem, Junior High Assemblies, “My Phone, My Apps, My Life,” 9:00 am and 10:00 am
- Apr. 26– Teen Esteem, Parent Enrichment Event, “What Kids Wish Their Parents Knew, 7:00 pm. Extended care available.

MAY

- May 4– DEPA Nomination Forms due
- May 11– DEPA General Meeting, MPR, 8:30-9:15 am - Election of Board
- May 14-18– DEPA Hosts Teacher Appreciation Week, Alamo and San Ramon

JUNE

- Jun. 12– K-8, Year-End Parties



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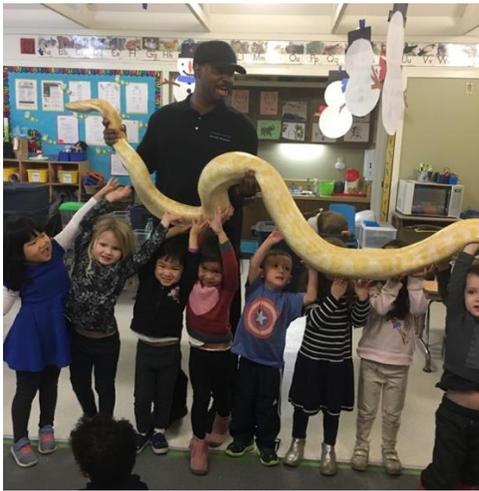
Dine at Chipotle, Support DEPA

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Carnitas, barbacoa, braised shredded tofu, guacamole, roasted chili-corn salsa – whatever your favorite Mexican food, Tuesday, March 27, is the day to enjoy it while supporting DEPA. Come to Chipotle at 2421 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in San Ramon between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on March 27. Before you order, tell the cashier you're supporting DEPA, and 50% of the proceeds will be donated to fund our programs.

Alamo Preschool Update



Tracy Hill's Fur, Scales, and Tails

Early January brought Tracy Hill's Fur, Scales, and Tails animal show to the Dorris-Eaton Preschool. The kids laughed, squealed, and enjoyed all the animals they saw. They especially liked when the chameleon jumped onto Tracy's back when he wasn't looking!

The children learned that turtles like fruits and vegetables and that baby chicks like to sleep close to each other for warmth. They ended the show working together to hold up a huge albino python and were able to pet a bunny and a guinea pig.



NorCal Bats

Corky from NorCal Bats gave preschoolers a chance to see real-live bats up close, leaving them "awwwing" like they were looking at puppies.



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The kids learned that bats have five fingers, wrists and elbows just like us; they are nocturnal animals, so they use echolocation to find their food like moths and other bugs; and they can use a flap of skin at the base of their body to catch their food mid-flight!

Cultural Enrichment Report San Ramon Campus



The Traveling Lantern Theatre Company performed The Life of Leonardo da Vinci for K-2 students

On March 6, K-5 students were treated to a performance by SoVoSo, a highly imaginative cappella ensemble that sings a unique, rhythmic mix of jazz, gospel, world, and R&B music. They play bass, drums, piano, and horns with no instruments other than their voices! After the performance, the musicians offered students a chance to try beatboxing themselves.



SoVoSo

Student Council Community Service Report

By Mark Cheng, Community Service Committee



Operation Gratitude

The Student Council is proud to acknowledge the generous donations given by the Dorris-Eaton community to our candy and food collections. Our annual Halloween candy collection for Operation Gratitude broke all previous records. We filled 7 boxes with 249 pounds of candy for donations to our troops.



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Thanksgiving Food Drive

Along with helping our troops abroad, our students helped their local community in our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for Family Support Services of the Bay Area. We collected a total of 92 bags of food, enough for 46 families in need. In addition, we donated \$1,116 to cover the cost of the turkeys and other perishables needed for Thanksgiving feasts.

Finally, we hosted our holiday greeting card collection for the patients at Oakland Children's Hospital. Students from all grades created original greeting cards that brought holiday cheer to those who spent the holidays away from home.

We held our annual "Soup-er Bowl" collection of canned soup for the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano. We'll be following this up with a larger general food collection in the spring. Thank you to all Dorris-Eaton families for their avid participation in our community service events.

Regional Science Bowl Tournament

By Rimy Dhillon and Sandra Song, Science Bowl Coaches



What does it take to attend a Science Bowl competition? Early-morning practice once a week, enrollment in the Science Bowl elective, after-school practice, and hours of time spent outside of school reading and acquiring an array of science-related knowledge.

Students spent this time getting ready to vie for a spot on the five-person team (four members and one alternate). With the increased popularity of science, most schools were only permitted to send a single team.



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Dorris-Eaton's Science Bowl Team I was comprised of seventh graders Vivian Chang, Luca Dovichi, Alexander Wang, Vincent Zhang (team captain), and eighth grader Arjun Khanna. The all-seventh grade Team II included Kush Arora, Christina Harrah, Charvi Magam, Taryn Murphy, and Patrick Ting.

On January 27, our Dorris-Eaton Team I participated in the Department of Energy Regional Middle School Science Bowl. Held at Las Positas College in Livermore, it brought together 125 students from 24 schools in cities spanning from Fremont to Sacramento. The topics covered included chemistry, earth and space science, physics, biology, and math.

In the morning elimination rounds, Dorris-Eaton competed against five schools and won four of the matches: DES-94 and Ardenwood-52; DES-80 and Joshua Charbonneau-38; DES-76 and Sutter-56; and DES-84 and Elkhorn-64. Dorris-Eaton lost to the Science Bowl-winning team Winston Churchill, which scored 130 to DES's 52, during the morning rounds.

Our victory in four out of the five matches allowed advancement to the afternoon rounds. Dorris-Eaton was eliminated in the sixth round of the tournament by Thornton, which scored 114 to Dorris-Eaton's 72.

The competition and sportsmanship throughout the year from members of both teams prepared the kids for a strong finish. Team I worked extremely well together under time pressure and placed sixth in this year's regional competition. "I liked the fifth match the best because we really had the pressure to win, and we made it work," said Alexander Wang.

This year's team and other Science Bowl enthusiasts are already preparing for next year. The kids' dedication and enthusiasm are an

inspiration to their coaches. We look forward to working with all who, like us, love science.

Debate News

By Tim Vogt, Debate Coach

The Debate Team participated in a big competition at Orinda Intermediate School on December 9, featuring eight schools, 56 three-student teams, and 168 individual debaters.

Three of the top 10 teams were from Dorris-Eaton: Mateen Bahai, Aidan Mahaney, and Anvith Nagarjuna (10th); James Frye, Sahana Nellian, and Naina Sabbineni (6th); and Laura Boifort, Nick Chang, and Mark Cheng (3rd).

Dorris-Eaton debaters were also recognized for their individual speaking skills: Anvith Nagarjuna was ranked 15th overall; Mark Cheng 13th; Taryn Murphy 10th; James Frye 4th; and Sahana Nellian won 1st place. This is the second tournament this year in which a Dorris-Eaton debater won 1st place (Mark Cheng took top honors in October). Among the eight schools competing, Dorris-Eaton came in first for the school with the highest win percentage.

Debate Topics at Orinda Intermediate School were:

1. HOT (High-Occupancy Toll) lanes in the U.S. do more harm than good.
 2. All internships should be paid.
 3. The U.S. should replace the Electoral College with a direct national popular vote.
 4. All inhabited U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) should be required to become either U.S. states or independent nations.
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Student Council Activities Committee Report

By Laura Boifort, Activities Committee

The Student Council Activities Committee had a very successful second quarter. We started off the quarter with an exciting coloring contest. Students could create amazing, holiday-themed masterpieces in order to win fun prizes. This year we also tried something new by allowing the middle schoolers to draw a festive holiday picture.

Next, Student Council had its second dance of the year, themed "New York, New York." Not only did Student Council have a photo booth, we also had a new and improved snack menu including sweet, airy, and delicious churros. The dance was phenomenal, and it was fun for students to watch their teachers bust out some dance moves.

Student Council also recently held its first-ever Holiday Crafts Sale. The personalized chalkboard notebooks and magnets were a huge success. Student Council made a great profit, and students had fun decorating their notebooks and magnets.

Finally, Student Council had its annual caroling. Not only did everyone get to enjoy the holiday spirit, they also witnessed Student Council's incomparable dancing skills.



Student Council Annual Caroling