

Leonardo da Vinci eK-8 School

Join the PTC Board

Are you interested in serving on the PTC? All Board positions are open for election but we specifically need a President Elect, and Membership and Facilities VPs. Please contact Cindy at UNDC@aol.com if you are interested.

"Royal Seating?"

We are looking for a chair suitable for a royal rear to use for the queen's visit at Renaissance Faire. If you have one to lend please contact UnChu at tateskitchen@gmail.com.

Water Please

I am looking for a parent volunteer to water the front and side flower beds a couple of times a week. Either stay a little at drop off time or come a little early for pick up? Please see Diane in the front office or email diane-soule@scusd.edu if you can help.

Tri-Fold Boards are Here!

Need a board for the upcoming Science Fair? Pick them up at the Dolphin Store on Mondays and Thursdays after school. \$5 for white or \$7 for color. What a deal!

Photo Opportunity

Attention da Vinci daughters! Did you dance the night away at the French Twist in February? Be sure to stop by the bulletin board outside of the da Vinci Café (by the side entrance to the auditorium). Photos from the dance are posted! Please help yourself to photos of yourself; these are for you to take home.

Thank you again to all the volunteers and guests who made this such an outstanding event. 7th Grade Dance Committee

Please Sign Up to Help at the Scholastic Book Fair!

The Book Fair runs from May 22 through May 30, 9 am to 3:30 pm, and during Open House night on May 28, from 5:30 to 8 pm. We also need volunteers for setting up the Book Fair on May 21 from 3 pm to 6 pm, and take down on May 30 from 3 pm to 6 pm.

The Scholastic Book Fair can't happen without a small army of volunteers to help! Signing up can't be any easier than this:

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/Y35BSh> 2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot) 3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Contact Sara Kennedy at 916-220-5033 or sarakennedy@comcast.net with questions.

Dolphin!

Dolphin art by LdV 8th grader Alejandra P.

Thanks to All for a Successful Author Day Visit

Our Author Day activities with author Dashka Slater were a big hit with everyone who participated. Thanks go out to SalliAnne Maliguine and Asha Kassing for their help, Diane Soule for advice and assistance, Judy Tyzzer for delivering goodies from About a Bite Bakery, Marina Miller, Sally Uhlig, and Letha Witt for helping arrange things, everyone who stopped by at lunchtime to say hello, Kathy Buxton for her hospitality at the library, and Principals Davis and Ballard and everyone at LdV for making Dashka feel welcome.

LdV students, Dashka was impressed with your insightful questions and your obvious love of writing (and reading). If you'd like to follow up with her about your writing or about anything she said on Friday, you can contact her directly at dashkaslater@comcast.net or via her Facebook fan page: www.facebook.com/pages/Dashka-Slater/85310238963 or her website at www.dashkaslater.com.
—Patricia Heinicke, Author Day coordinator

Thank you Patricia for bringing us yet another great author!

Open Studio for I Can Do That!

All Students, all grades come and study the art of topography and the artist Lou Dorfsman. Students will create a final project, to be sold, just in time for Mother's Day. The funds generated from this exciting project will benefit the I Can Do That! program.

April 7: Monday 3:15-4:15 33B

April 8: Tuesday 3:15-4:15 Outside 33B

Open Studio is a free After school Art Studio opportunity available to every child at LDV. Students will create artwork for a LDV or community service project. Parents, please plan to stay during all Open Studio visits. We need you as volunteers for the students and it eases the various end of project timing. Yes, you can bring a friend's child to the open studio but please make sure each parent has had a conversation about attendance and pick-up to keep the Open Studio's light and fun for each child. Open Studio is made possible by the LdV PTC. Have questions? please email: molliemorrison@sbcglobal.net

Pencils, Paper, Oh My!

Dear LdV families, we will need no. 2 pencils and graph paper for our students to use during our Smarter Balanced Testing. If you are able to donate no. 2 pencils and graph paper, please bring them to the box in the parent volunteer office. Thank you for your continued support of our students!

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Dates to Remember

- April 2
Soccer @ MLK
boys @ 3:30 • girls @ 4:45
SSC 5:30 pm
PTC 6:30 pm
- April 4
Soccer vs LAS
girls @ 3:30 • boys @ 4:45
- April 7
Soccer vs Didion
girls @ 3:30 • boys @ 4:45
Open Studio 3:15-4:15 pm
- April 8
Open Studio 3:15-4:15 pm
- April 9
Soccer vs SES
girls @ 3:30 • boys @ 4:45
Science Fair Family Night
6-8 pm
- April 11
Renaissance Faire
Middle School 1:30 dismissal
- April 12-20
Spring Break

Your school-related event could be featured here!

This newsletter is distributed every Monday of the school year. The submission deadline is 8:45 am on the last, non-holiday Thursday preceding distribution.

Please email your articles to: dsandsons@sbcglobal.net. Events and services advertised in this newsletter are not necessarily endorsed by LdV PTC or SCUSD. Published by the parents of Leonardo da Vinci eK-8

**Next Issue: April 7
Deadline: April 3**

Integrated Thematic Instruction Through Arts & Sciences
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President's Ponderings

Hello everyone and welcome to April. Last week I mentioned most of the PTC activities that are coming up this month, so I'll just make a quick reminder that Wednesday is our monthly PTC Meeting. Join us in the LdV Library at 6:30pm to find out what is going on around campus. And remember that we are looking for a few dedicated volunteers to take over some of the leadership positions in the PTC. So please join us if you can.

LdV is a wonderful community and you are a big part of it. Have a great month and see you at school! Ciao! —David DeNuzzo - PTC President

Is LdV Track in Your Future?

I am trying to get the LdV Track Team up and running for next year. Track season begins mid-March, but coincides with soccer. In the past the soccer coaches have said that as long as track meets don't interfere with soccer games, kids can do both sports. If your child will be attending 6-8th grade in the 2014-15 school year they are eligible to join the track team. If your child is interested please contact me, we may have to do some fundraising. If you are interested in track please contact me so we can begin planning for next year. If your child is unsure - no rush - feel free to attend one of this year's meets to get a feel for what we are about. Track meets take place on 4/3, 4/10, 5/1 at 3:30 pm at Rosemont HS or Burbank HS. The championships are on 5/10 at 8am at Rosemont. If you are interested, please email me at ljbaker@surewest.net (please use track in the subject line). Thank you, Chloe Baker, LdV 7th grade student



Save the Date

Friday, May 16th • 7pm - 9:30pm
LdV Auditorium

Word of the Week

Does the following situation sound familiar? Two children are sitting down to eat their dessert. One child protests that his piece is smaller than the other child's piece. It may seem at times that children have built-in radar that looks for examples of unequal treatment. Whether it is the size of a piece of cake or that ability to do something that only older children can do, children have a keen sense of fairness. This type of fairness, of course, is EQUALITY, our character word of the week. While equality has long been a part of our American heritage, it is often misunderstood or poorly practiced. "All of us do not have equal talent, but all of us should have an equal opportunity to develop our talents." —John F. Kennedy

FROZEN

Pajama Party!

Help us raise money for a
new Kindergarten Tricycle Track

Friday, April 25th

3:15 - 5:30 pm

Only \$5*

*admittance includes a slice of pizza, and a soda

*There will also be a snack bar
with popcorn, soda & a variety of candy for sale*

save the date!

From the District

Changes to Fingerprint Counter Days and Times of Operation - Fingerprint hours and days of operation are: 8-11am and 1-5 pm on Mon, Wed, Fri.

Common Core Workshops - Contact Dr Iris Taylor at iris-taylor@scusd.edu or 643-9120 for more information.

Free TB Testing - Tests taken this year will be "good" until 2018. Testing is done by the District at the Serna Center every other week from 3:30 to 5 pm. It's a two step process: given on Tuesday and read on Thursday. The schedule is on the website.

Examen de tuberculosis (TB) gratis en la Serna Center - Los exámenes hechos este año están válidos hasta el 2017. El distrito ofrece los exámenes cada otro martes entre las 3:30 y las 5:00 de tarde en el Serna Center (5735 47th Ave - al este de la autopista 99). Hay dos partes del examen - dan las inyecciones los martes y leen los resultados los jueves. Las fechas particulares de los exámenes están disponibles en nuestra oficina.

Citizenship Classes - at Jones Skills and Education Center 5451 Lemon Hill Ave. Classes every Tuesday from 3:30-6:30 pm.

Zangle News

SCUSD is replacing its outdated student information program Zangle with Infinite Campus, a state-of-the-art data management system used by more than 2,000 school districts across the country. Infinite Campus rolls out on April 21. The switch to Infinite Campus is necessary because Zangle's parent company is no longer in business. Right now, SCUSD is operating Zangle without service support, maintenance or new upgrades.

Fortunately, Infinite Campus is very easy to use, can be accessed from anywhere and has a mobile app so parents can check attendance and grades with their phones.

Under SCUSD's implementation timeline, Zangle will be available for use until 5 p.m. on April 11. Neither Infinite Campus nor Zangle will be available April 12-20 (Spring Break) for the transition to the new system.

Highway 50 Fix

Do you take Highway 50 to get to work or school? The Fix50 W/X Viaduct project on Highway 50 near downtown Sacramento will begin April 22—two weeks earlier than originally planned—and during construction you'll probably want to give yourself more travel time. Caltrans will be keeping more lanes open during construction than originally planned. Rather than closing one side of the freeway at a time to do the work, at least two lanes on the construction side will stay open. All lanes in the opposite direction of the construction will stay open as well. Ramp closures will also be reduced. Eastbound construction will take place April 22 through May 21, with no work during Memorial Day weekend. Westbound construction will be May 27 through June 25. Fix50 project website, www.fix50.com, will continue to provide daily updated information regarding construction and project status.

Driving on a Field Trip?

The district requirements for insurance (when driving kids on field trips) are as follows: minimum of liability \$50,000/\$100,000 and property is minimum \$25,000.

About the Newsletter

This newsletter is provided by the LdV PTC in conjunction with the LdV School Community Liaison. Please read it weekly in order to keep up with what is happening in our community. This is where you can get ideas about where and how to participate. This is also where you can announce any school related activities by submitting a short article about the event. Please be sure to include the date, time, and a contact name and number.

Neighbor Concerns

Our main office has received a number of calls from neighborhood residents. Specifically, the general concerns are: driveways being blocked, cars parked the wrong way on the streets, SPEEDING, driving over/through leaf piles and children running out into the street. Could we make an effort to be good neighbors?

Check Your Child's Schedule

The lunch and recess schedules for all grade levels are readily available on the school website (leonardodavincischool.org). If you are picking your child up for an appointment, or bringing a lunch they left behind, it is easier and quicker to find them in class than on the playground. Please consider timing your trip around your child's schedule. Thank you.

Your Family Pet Belongs at Home

LdV is a pet free campus. For the safety (and cleanliness) of our community please leave any size pets at home (unless okayed by teacher for sharing). Thank you.

Déjà Vu?

If you read the newsletter weekly, some of the content may see familiar. Many parents choose to read the newsletter sporadically, and articles are run repeatedly so they can catch up. It may be frustrating for you (and me) but read carefully since pages might seem the same but rest assured no two issues are exactly alike!

LdV on the Web & Facebook

The weekly newsletter can be found on the NEW LdV web site: leonardodavincischool.org. You may also download Tally Sheets in either Word or Excel. The files can be completed and emailed to diane-soule@scusd.edu. When you email a tally you will receive a reply. If you do not receive a reply it means your email was not received.

Like Us on Facebook and stay up to date on LdV events! <https://www.facebook.com/LeonardodaVinciK8>

Please Remember the FB page is purely informational and to support our school and it's culture. Please "like" us if you would like news about LdV, meeting reminders, and event updates.

New Days! Dolphin Store Open Monday & Thursday PM

The LdV Dolphin Store is open after school on Mondays and Thursdays (until 3:15 pm). The store has school supplies and healthy snacks for students.

From the Office

Bring a Doctor's Note & Leave a Reason

If your child misses school for a visit to the Doctor or Dentist, please bring a school excuse note for their attendance. It does make a difference on a student's attendance report.

The attendance code for a Doctor's visit is "M" which is unlimited and without the doctor's note it is an "A". All students get 10 health absences "A" for the year, after that a doctor's note is required.

Many parents call the absence line and state that their child will be absent, but do not state the "REASON" please remember to so.

Please Bring Your ID

If you are taking your child for early dismissal or are sending someone from your emergency card list, please note ID will be required. It is school policy to show proper ID before a student is released. It is for the safety of your child, please do not grouse at the staff who are keeping our children safe!

Attendance News Now you can simply dial 557-0389 and leave your child's absence information. **Wondering about attendance codes?** P = Personal absence -- Education Code section 46014 is for: student's court appearance (requires verification), funeral services (one day, in state...three days, out of state; need verification such as a funeral program or name and address of the funeral home), parent's employment conference (requires prior principal approval), student is the custodial parent of a child who is ill or has a medical appointment during school hours. Observance of a religious holiday or ceremony (recommend 3 days advance notice to school).

Did You Know... When your child has chicken pox, a skin rash, lice or other infectious health challenges you need to follow up with the main office when your child returns to campus. A doctor's note that the child has been treated and is okay to be back among our other students after a rash or chicken pox is required by SCUSD health services.

Fingerprinting Requirements: Yes, you do need to be fingerprinted to go on a field trip... whether you are driving children or not. The District requires any adult who is not fingerprinted to be in sight of a certificated person at all times, but it is vital that teachers be free to watch their students, not the grown ups who are there to help. So fingerprint please!

What Time Does Your Child Get to School? School begins at 9 am. Unless your child attends a before school class or breakfast, our campus is not open until 8:30 am. Please do not leave children without adult supervision before 8:30 am.

Where Do You Drop Off? If you are dropping off in the back parking lot, are you stopping at the gate openings with your car and blocking the entrance for others (children and parents) who are walking into school? Please pay attention to where you stop, and especially as you pull away. Lots of humans use the parking lot and appreciate your full attention!

Please do not allow your children to walk through our parking lots! Small unaccompanied children are hard to see.

How Do You Get Here? If you are driving your children to school and come in from Freeport Blvd, do you know you are supposed to take a quick right and come to the school on Shielah Way, enter through the back gate and then drive away on Stacia Way. This keeps the traffic flowing and is easier on our neighbors. Thank you for going with the flow!

Notice of Pesticide/Herbicide Use: LdV is scheduled for service by SCUSD's Small Grass Crew weekly. The crew may or may not spray every Wednesday. If they do spray, they will post notice in the front lower window of the front door. A copy of SCUSD's Pest Management Program listing all chemicals applied to all sites is available in the front office.

Attendance: Students are allowed 10 excused (illness with a parent's excuse, death in immediate family, child's appearance in court) absences per the year. Each additional absence from illness must have a doctor's note to be cleared.

Call In Sick and Tardy: Please phone in your students' absences and tardies by calling 557-0389 and leave the child's name, room number, date of absence and reason for being out of school (i.e.: illness, doctor appointment, religious, out of town, death in family). Absence verification must be made daily.

You may also send your notification by email to sally-uhlig@scusd.edu. Unverified absences will result in truancies.

Llamada para avisar de enfermedad o retraso: Favor de llamar a 557-0389 para avisar que su hijo/a va a estar ausente o va a llegar tarde. Deje su nombre, el nombre de su hijo/a, el número del salón, el día de ausencia o retraso, y la razón ("está enfermo/a", "tiene una cita con el doctor", "tiene un funeral familiar", etcetera es suficiente). Le pedimos que llame antes de las 10:00 de la mañana para evitar una ausencia sin excusa.

Late to School? Students who are over 30 minutes tardy must be accompanied to the main office by their parent or guardian to obtain a tardy slip. All tardies over 30 minutes must have a parent signature or an official doctors note. Three tardies over 30 minutes without such documentation will result in a truancy notice.

Badges: Every parent on campus must sign in to the main office. If you are working anywhere on campus get a "Volunteer" badge and sign in the Volunteer book. If you are visiting a classroom, please sign in the book under Mona Lisa and wear a "Visitor" badge. Please sign out in the appropriate book before leaving. These precautions are for the safety of everyone on campus.

Allergy Alert For the safety and consideration of our students with severe nut allergies we are striving to become a "nut free campus." Thank you for your support of our efforts.



Fund Raising News

School Cents Program at Arden Fair

We are currently in 3rd place!! Let try to stay in the top 3! Don't forget to turn in your receipts from your holiday shopping. You can take them to the Customer Service Counter at Arden Fair or put them in the box in Diane's office. Check your receipt piles at home because they will take receipts from up to 90 days ago! Thanks for supporting LdV!

Looking for Ways to Complete Your Class Fund Dues?

We still have Z Best books available for sale at \$20 each. For each book you sell, the school gets \$10 and \$10 would go to credit your child's Class Fund dues. You can contact Laura Walter @ laura.q.walter@gmail.com or stop by Diane's office and check with her.

Clip, Save, and Send In Box Tops & Labels for Education Help the LdV PTC raise much needed funds and points for school-wide programs and events by submitting box tops and labels in a zip-top plastic bag or envelope with your student's classroom number on it and send it to school.

Labels for Education can be found on Campbells Soup, Pace, Pepperidge Farm, Glad products, and more. Go to labelsforeducation.com to see product lists and special offers. We use these labels for points that help us purchase balls and other playground equipment.

Boxtops 4 Education can earn money for LdV in three ways: **1. Shop and clip:** boxtops are found on General Mills cereal, Hanes apparel, Ziploc food storage, Arvey office supplies, Hefty bags and more; **2. Shop online:** boxtops can be earned shopping online for Lands End, Toys R Us, and more; **3. Earn Bonus points:** by going online to boxtops4education.com

Don't Forget to Use Your Something EXTRA Card... Truly the easiest and cheapest fundraiser at LdV...it costs you nothing to remember to use your EXTRA card (registered to help LdV) when you shop at Raley's and Bel Air. You get points and groceries and we get cash, its a win-win!

...and your Target card Whenever you use a Target card (debit or credit), Target donates 1% of your purchase to the school of your choice. (Plus you get a 5% discount and free shipping online).

It's Never Too Late for Magazines You or your family and friends can order magazines throughout the year by shopping at the online site www.gaschoolstore.com and using our SCHOOL CODE 2692168. Late orders will not warrant prizes. Thanks for supporting LdV! Any questions or concerns, contact Laura Walter at laura.q.walter@gmail.com

Thank You for Your Old Car... Action Donation Services will take cars, boats or RVs and turn them into money for the school and possibly cash and a tax donation for you. Call toll free 866 244-8464 or go to www.actiondonation.org for your no obligation evaluation of your donation.

Other Online Shopping If you shop on-line for gifts, or everyday purchases from merchants like Apple, Cabela's, Old Navy, Lands End, Barnes & Noble, and Staples, we need your help! Box Tops for Education has a Marketplace, which is a portal to all the places you probably already go to buy books, clothing, toys, electronics and even flowers online. Take the extra step and go to www.boxtops4education.com first and register to support LdV. Merchants donate anywhere from 1-10% of your total sale to the school, it's easy as that and doesn't cost you a penny.

How Do You Shoparoo?

It's so simple even I can do it. Look up Shoparoo on your smartphone, download the app, answer some easy questions (you can choose to be anonymous) then shop! Within 2 weeks of your shopping at stores like Raley's, Target, WalMart, Trader Joe's, even Berkeley Bowl - take a picture of your receipt through the Shoparoo app and submit it. You can cross out any purchases or credit information you wish. It's that simple. Shoparoo then uses the information to help retailers market their products. It remains anonymous and LdV wins!

Shopping Online for Business or Personal Needs?

Go to our website: leonardodavincischool.org or the LdV Facebook page; Click on the Amazon link; Log in to your Amazon account just like you normally would; Complete your purchase. It's just that easy and LdV will earn up to 8% on all of your Amazon.com purchases!

Dolphin Yacht Club

Would you like to support the Dolphin Yacht Club? Help us make a splash in our first year at the Northern California Solar Regatta. 7th and 8th grade LdV students are building a full sized, solar powered boat to race against other middle and high school teams from all over Northern California.

Get your name on our solar boat!

We are hoping for donations of expertise (engineers, designers, videographers, etc); materials, and funds. Please contact Joe Scarpa if you want to help in this exciting project or want more information. joe@jscarpa.com (please put "solar" in the subject line).

Individual and Corporate Sponsorships are available. Forms are on the website and in the front office.

Thank you Bay Alarm for your support!



Computer Classes

Spanish & English Speaking Parents

Meet on Tuesdays, 9:45-10:35 am and Thursdays 11:40 am-12:30 pm in the LdV computer lab for help with Zangle and other computer needs. Contact Mrs Garcia at 585-6020 with questions.

What's Happening After School?

After School Art lessons with Leslie Colby: "great things to make and build" - sculpture, paper maché, painting & more. Tuesdays from 3:15-4:45 pm \$12 per class. Contact Leslie at 502-1227

On Stage / Off Stage Questions? Contact cynthia.speakman@gmail.com or 916-502-0336 with questions.

LdV Ballet Folklorico Club for boys & girls K-8 grade. The group will perform at LdV's annual Cinco de Mayo Festival. Contact Mrs. Garcia (916)585-6020 or pick up a registration form (front office)

Spanish Immersion Classes for Kids New Classes of different levels start every month. Pick up a form in the front office or contact Mrs. Garcia (916)585-6020 for info.

Beginning or Advanced Orchestra program meet Monday or Tuesday afternoon in room from 3:15pm - 4:05pm in Room 1. **Meet our new LdV Orchestra teacher, LdV parent, Shari Gueffroy,** sharigueffroy@gmail.com and 916-320-2730.

Kid Tuff Empowering Program helps build character, visual alertness and mental and physical toughness in all children. Three month program is \$75. Forms in front office. Contact Nora Finch 601-9076 for information

Early Engineers www.earlyengineers.org or 419-7644

From the Community

LdV Alums Offering Tutoring

After school tutoring in LdV neighborhood, email **Kenzie** at mackenziej1@comcast.net

My name is **Nicholas DaRosa**. I graduated from LDV in 2010, and I am presently a senior at Christian Brothers. I am interested in tutoring LdV students in math and science. Last year I tutored a student in Algebra II, and I am currently tutoring a student in Pre-Calculus and another student in chemistry. I am happy to tutor any student for a reasonable rate. Please call Nick at 916-955-7254.

Lend Us Your Likes

Help raise money for our entry into the Northern California Solar Regatta (<https://www.smud.org/en/about-smud/environment/renewable-energy/solar-regatta.htm>). Please go to this site (<https://www.facebook.com/West-CoastMortgageGroup>) and "Like" their page. If they get over 500 likes, they will make a donation to our project. SPREAD THE WORD!



Looking for Something to Do?

You Could Light Up Our Life

Many years ago, LdV parent David DeNuzzo was inspired to pursue the opportunity to run a fantastic new to LdV fundraiser...A Fireworks Booth. David did all the research, attended classes, filed paperwork, found us a premium location, and has basically lived at the booth every July ever since. With all the really hard work done, David would like to pass the baton to a parent or parents who could work with him this year and take it over from there. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER TO LdV. The work you do on this summer fundraiser will complete your hours for the year! And you will have a lot of fun! PLEASE contact David at dfd@denuzzo.com with questions or to volunteer.

Join the PTC Board

Are you interested in serving on the PTC? Many positions are open including (but not limited to) President elect. Please contact Cindy at UNDC@aol.com

You Be the Judge!

The PTC Science Committee is seeking volunteers to help with the Science Fair on **April 4th**. Volunteers are needed to help check in projects in the morning before school 8-9:30am, and to help judge the projects that evening from 6-9pm. No experience is necessary and pizza will be provided! Contact PTC Science Committee chair Celia Rosecrans at cz.rosecrans@gmail.com.

Grounds Clean Up

We are looking for parents of all abilities but would be grateful for anyone with masonry, carpentry or plumbing skills. Contact Ryan at rymetta@mac.com with questions.

Highlight Your Culture

Volunteers are needed to create interesting cultural displays for the CIE display case located in the main hall by the office. The case can be adopted by an individual, family, or group of friends to highlight a cultural of their choice. Choose a culture to highlight or a topic that celebrates our cultural diversity, then decide on the month and contact Anna Consulo at Anna.Consulo@riteaid.com or call 916-803-2170.

Collate and Conversate

Seven hundred and thirty newsletters are collated and stapled every Monday morning. If you would like to help we would love your company and its worth at least an hour of volunteer time (one newsletter a week guarantees you at least 37 hours for the year). We begin at 8:30 am (no children please).

Lunch Recess

Volunteers are always needed to help keep an eye on the playground and halls at lunch. Please see Campus Monitor Randy Reyes if you can help.

An Opportunity to Showcase Your Business or Talent

If you: Own or have connections to a food or beverage business, or are a talented chef in your own kitchen; Are an interior designer or have a flair for space planning and making spaces look cool; Are in the marketing/communications field; Are an entertainer or DJ; Enjoy planning unique events; Have a company you'd like to promote or showcase...You won't want to miss the opportunity to be a part of this year's biggest party! Contact Kim Niemeyer at niemeyers@comcast.net or Gwynnae Byrd at gwynnaeb@gmail.com for more information on how to participate!

NEW Photos Wanted!!!!

So many events, so little time. The yearbook deadlines are fast approaching, so I am currently looking for photos of the following events: Winter Faire, Father Daughter Dance, Author's Day Event and Ms. Diane kissing the guinea pig. Additionally, I wanted to let everyone know that I will also be asking for photos of the following future events: Dr. Suess' Birthday, The Tempest Performances, The Mother Son Dance, The Science Faire and the Ren Faire. If you have any shots that you would like to share for the yearbook and/or the historian binder, please send me anything you have. Diane has created a box in her office called HISTORY. You can either drop a CD there or email me directly at terrie_hammad@hotmail.com. Thank you so much for your assistance.

—Terrie Hammad, LdV Historian & Yearbook Coordinator

Are The New Online Tests Really Different?

Starting next month, SCUSD students will join thousands across California participating in a practice run of new online tests that will eventually replace the paper-and-pencil California Standards Tests (CSTs). The new tests, called Smarter Balanced Assessments, allow students to demonstrate what they are learning through writing and by solving complex problems, which makes them different from the multiple-choice, bubble-in CSTs.

For example, consider this released test question from the fourth grade math CST:

Which decimal should replace the question mark to have the numbers in order from least to greatest?

• 0.28 • 0.32 • 0.54 • ? • 0.86

Is the answer: A) 0.24 B) 0.45 C) 0.61 or D) 0.93?

To compare this question to a Smarter Balanced Assessment math question, go to <http://sampleitems.smarterbalanced.org/itempreview/sbac/index.htm#here>.

The Smarter Balanced Assessments are aligned to the new Common Core State Standards, which define what students should know and be able to do at every grade level.

Common Core Standards focus on skills in addition to content, and challenge students to think critically, solve problems, analyze text and create written arguments. The standards are generally more demanding and rigorous than the outgoing California Content Standards.

To take a full Smarter Balanced Practice Test, go to <http://www.scusd.edu/changes-state-testing>.

This year's spring testing is a "test of the test" aimed at providing the state with information about which questions fairly and equitably allow students to demonstrate what they know. It also allows schools to learn

SCUSD is committed to helping parents learn about both the new tests and the Common Core Standards through a series of workshops. Go to <http://www.scusd.edu/commoncoreworkshops> to see the schedule.

Love to Shop?

Could you do a little shopping for Renaissance Faire? Places such as Michael's Costco/SAMS Club, and Hobby Lobby are a few of the stops. All receipts will be reimbursed. Please contact UnChu at tateskitchen@gmail.com.

We Need Volunteers!

The annual LdV Renaissance Faire is just around the corner. Friday, April 11!
Faire opens at 9 am to our students. We need volunteers to help run all the stations.

All day shift - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Lunch will be provided.

or

Morning shift - 9:00 am to 11:30 or Afternoon shift - 12:00 to 3:00

Help after to clean up, and or set up on Thursday, April 10 would be greatly appreciated.

This is a really busy but fun-filled day.

Please contact me if you are able to come join us - UnChu Littlefield at tateskitchen@gmail.com

-TENTATIVE TESTING SCHEDULE -

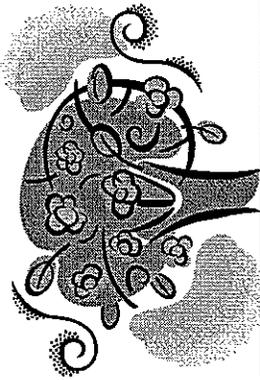
Please do not schedule appointments during your child's testing times. No early dismissals or tardies!

Monday April 7	Tuesday April 8	Wednesday April 9	Thursday April 10 th	Friday April 11 th
Session 1 - Grade 3.1/3.2	Session 1 - Grade 3.1/3.2	Session 1 - Grade 3.1/3.2	NO TESTING	NO TESTING
Session 2 - Grade 3.3/4.1	Session 2 - Grade 3.3/4.1	Session 2 - Grade 3.3/4.1	NO TESTING	NO TESTING
Session 3 - Grade 4.2/4.3	Session 3 - Grade 4.2/4.3	Session 3 - Grade 4.2/4.3	NO TESTING	NO TESTING
Monday April 21st	Tuesday April 22nd	Wednesday April 23rd	Thursday April 24th	Friday April 25th
Session 1 - Grade 3.1/3.2	Session 1 - Grade 3.1/3.2	Session 1 - Grade 3.1/3.2	Session 1 - Grade 3.1/3.2	Session 1 - Grade 3.1/3.2
Session 2 - Grade 3.3/4.1	Session 2 - Grade 3.3/4.1	Session 2 - Grade 3.3/4.1	Session 2 - Grade 3.3/4.1	Session 2 - Grade 3.3/4.1
Session 3 - Grade 4.2/4.3	Session 3 - Grade 4.2/4.3	Session 3 - Grade 4.2/4.3	Session 3 - Grade 4.2/4.3	Session 3 - Grade 4.2/4.3
Monday April 28th	Tuesday April 29th	Wednesday April 30th	Thursday May 1st	Friday May 2nd
Session 1 - Grade 5.1/5.2	Session 1 - Grade 5.1/5.2	Session 1 - Grade 5.1/5.2	Session 1 - Grade 5.1/5.2	Session 1 - Grade 5.1/5.2
Session 2 - Grade 5.3/6.1	Session 2 - Grade 5.3/6.1	Session 2 - Grade 5.3/6.1	Session 2 - Grade 5.3/6.1	Session 2 - Grade 5.3/6.1
Session 3 - Grade 6.2	Session 3 - Grade 6.2	Session 3 - Grade 6.2	Session 3 - Grade 6.2	Session 3 - Grade 6.2
Monday May 5th	Tuesday May 6th	Wednesday May 7th	Thursday May 8th	Friday May 9th
Session 1 - Grade 5.1/5.2	Session 1 - Grade 5.1/5.2	Session 1 - MS	NO TESTING	NO TESTING
Session 2 - Grade 5.3/6.1	Session 2 - Grade 5.3/6.1	Session 2 - MS	NO TESTING	NO TESTING
Session 3 - *Grade 6.2	Session 3 - Grade 6.2	Session 3 - MS	NO TESTING	NO TESTING
Monday May 12th	Tuesday May 13th	Wednesday May 14th	Thursday May 15th	Friday May 16th
Session 1 - MS	Session 1 - MS	Session 1 - MS	Session 1 - MS	Session 1 - MS
Session 2 - MS/*Grade 6.2	Session 2 - MS	Session 2 - MS	Session 2 - MS	Session 2 - MS
Session 3 - MS	Session 3 - MS	Session 3 - MS	Session 3 - MS	Session 3 - MS
Testing Rooms	Session Schedule Grades 3-6			
1. Room 33B	Session 1 Window	9:00 - 10:30		
2. Room 34	Session 2 Window	10:30 - 12:00		
3. Library/RSP will be used for students who need accommodations, more time, etc.	Session 3 Window	1:00 - 3:00		
	Session Schedule Middle School			
	Session 1 Window	9:00 - 10:45		
	Session 2 Window	10:45 - 12:30		
	Session 3 Window	1:15 - 3:00		

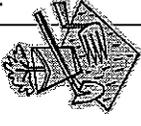


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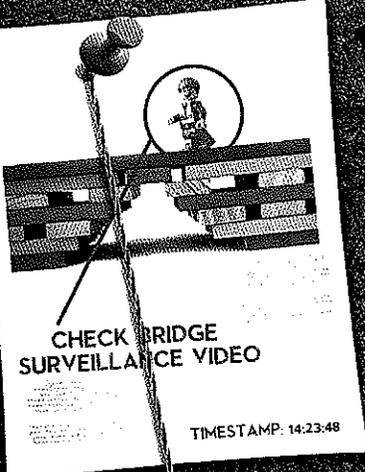
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
equality		1 FT 16, 17 Middle School Parent Mtg 4 pm	2 FT 17, 15 5:30 pm SSC 6:30 pm PTC /LIB	3 FT 15, 23, 24 Debate @ Phoebe Hearst	4 Science Fair Project Turn In FT 25 Science Fair Judging 6 pm	5
6	7	8	9 FT 18, 11, 12, 17, 24, 23 Family Science Night 6pm	10 FT 23, 24, 25	11 Renaissance Faire  MS End of Quarter 1:30 pm Dismissal MS only	12
fair play			Science Fair			
13	14	15 Da Vinci's Birthday 	16	17	18	19 Garden Work Day 8am-noon 
20	21 FT 16 1st gr rehearsal week 6th grade Sly Park Week	22 FT 3, 15 Earth Day	Spring Break			
volunteer			23 FT 7th gr, rm 4	24 FT 2, 2PM Parent Appreciation Breakfast	25 1st gr Oceans Play 2-3 pm	26
27	28	29	Volunteer Appreciation Week			
cooperation			30 COW Assembly 9-10am 4-8; 10-11am K-3 Move Up Class Meeting 5:30 pm 3rd grade 6 pm eK, K, 1-2nd, 6 7 pm 4, 5, 7 & 8 grades			



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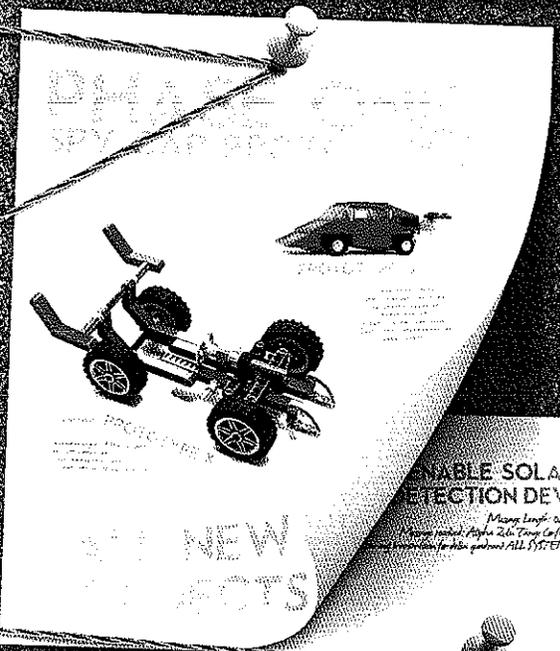
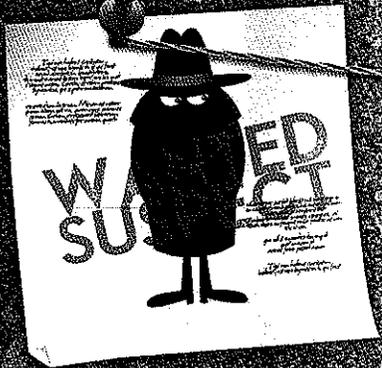
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 participation	5 Cinco de Mayo Assembly 2 pm	6	7 5:30 pm SSC 6:30 pm PTC /LIB	8 5 pm OnStage perf	9 FT 11, 18 PTC Staff Lunch Learning Garden Work Day 3-6 pm On Stage Performance	10 
11 law-abiding	12 	13 Mandatory New Kinder, early Kinder, & new 4th grade parent meetings 9:15 am OR 5:15 pm Pennywhistle Players	14	15 Hours Due! 5 pm OnStage perf	16 Mother Son Event	17 Dolphinstock
18	19	20 FT 4	21	22 Big Spoon Yogurt Garden Fundraiser	23	24
25	26 No School Memorial Day	27	28 Open House Art Show Dinner 4:30-6 pm Performances 5:30-6:30 pm Classrooms 6:30-7:30 pm	29	30 9:15 am eK-6 Awards	31
All Staff Appreciation Week—Certificated and Classified						
Jog-A-Thon						

SPY CAMP



YOUR MISSION... SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT IT... IS TO JOIN US FOR SPY CAMP THIS SUMMER!

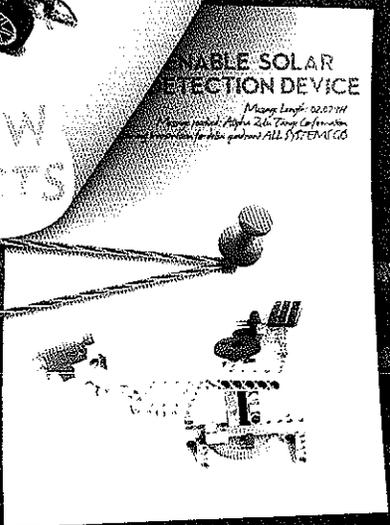
The game is afoot! We need your super sleuth skills to help us find clues and help crack the case! Work together to create the ultimate hidden secret spy base with MakeDo. Learn to communicate in secret code with a device that you build with electrical circuits. "Zoom" around on this adventure with a replica LEGO spy car. This camp is for inventors; if you love LEGOs, K'NEX, blocks and creating, grab your fedora and register today!



COME BUILD WITH US!

SEE BACK FOR DETAILS

WWW.EARLYENGINEERS.ORG



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Summer Camp Registration

More Ways to Register:

By phone: (916) 419-7644
 Fax: (886) 665-4845
www.earlyengineers.org

What does a typical camp day look like?

Check-in
 Team Building Activity
 Lego Build
 [15 minute snack & recess]
 Experiment
 Open-ended design challenge
 [45 minute lunch & recess]
 Spy Games
 Concept Recap
 Check-out

CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

CAMP DETAILS:

Time: 9:00am - 2:00pm | Discounts: \$10 off for sibling | Bring: A notebook, lunch, snack and drink/water | Open to grades K-6

FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent Name:

Cell Phone:

Alternate Phone:

Current address:

Email Address:

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name:

Grade:

Birthdate:

Known Allergies:

PLEASE SELECT YOUR CAMP LENGTH:

Monday- Friday (5 days) ...\$230.00

Mon/Wed/Fri (3 days) ...\$149.00

Tues/Thurs (2 days) ...\$99.00

PLEASE SELECT YOUR CAMP LOCATION:

June 16-20	<input type="checkbox"/> Fairfield Camp; Nelda Mundy Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/> Carmichael Camp; Del Dayo Elementary
June 23-27	<input type="checkbox"/> Rocklin Camp; Sunset Ranch Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/> Sacramento (Natomas) Camp; Westlake Charter School
July 7-11	<input type="checkbox"/> Davis Camp; North Davis Elementary	
July 14-18	<input type="checkbox"/> Sacramento (Land Park) Camp; Crocker Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/> El Dorado Hills Camp; Jackson (edhcsd.org)
July 21-July 25	<input type="checkbox"/> Roseville Camp; Catheryn Gates Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/> El Dorado Hills Camp; Jackson (edhcsd.org)
July 28-Aug 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Sacramento (East) Camp; David Lubin Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/> Sacramento (Arden) Camp; Sierra Oaks Elementary
Aug 4-8	<input type="checkbox"/> Sacramento (Land Park) Camp; Crocker Elementary	
Aug 11-15	<input type="checkbox"/> Sacramento (River Park) Camp; Caleb Greenwood	

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check, made payable to Early Engineers

VISA

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DISCOVER

AMEX

Credit Card Number:

Expiration: /

SIGNATURES

As the parent/legal guardian of the above named child(ren), I request that in my absence the above named child be admitted to any hospital or medical facility for diagnosis and treatment. I request and authorize physicians, nurses, dentists and staff, to perform any diagnostic procedures, treatment procedures, and operative procedures to the above named individual. I have not been given any guarantee as to the results of any treatment if performed on the above named individual. I hereby accept any financial responsibility for any and all medical treatment necessary to be administered to the above named child in the event of an accident, injury, sickness, etc. Any representative of the organization Early Engineers is designated to act in my behalf until I have been contacted. I have read and understand the information provided in this flyer. I waive any right to claim against Early Engineers owners, staff and teachers in the event of an accident, injury or loss of personal items. I understand I am committing to participation in Early Engineers and reserving a place in class for the designated session above, Early Engineers does not offer refunds for tuition paid but will provide a credit towards future Early Engineers programs when warranted. I understand it is my responsibility to pick up my child from the designated classroom at the designated end time unless other arrangements have been made. I authorize the release of my child's artwork and photo for display purposes by Early Engineers.

Signature:

Date:

Completed registration form can be mailed to: 1820 Tribute Road, Suite F, Sacramento CA 95815

girl scouts



I can't wait to

**Discover something
new with my crew**

**Be the star of my
own story**

**Be an explorer on a
real-life adventure**

**Be a superhero with
powers I choose**

Be a Girl Scout

When you just can't wait for what you'll do next,
you can do anything.

So what are you waiting for?

Join us for more information. Details on the back.

Cuando no puedes esperar más hasta la próxima
aventura, puedes lograr cualquier cosa.

¿Qué estás esperando?

**Acompáñenos para más información. Más
detalles en el otro lado.**

Come Build Girl Scout Daisy and Brownie troops!

For Girls in K-3rd grade. Come find out how to build troops and join Girl Scouts!

Thursday, April 3rd

7:00 PM

Robbie Waters Pocket

Greenhaven Library

7335 Gloria Dr.

Sacramento, CA 95831

Thursday, April 10th

7:00 PM

Round Table Pizza

1307 Florin Rd.

Sacramento, CA 95831

For more information contact:

Patrice Bolton-Johnson @ 916.453.5251

Patrice.bolton-johnson@girlscoutshcc.org

Visit us at www.girlscoutshcc.org.

Annual membership dues for Girl Scouts

of the USA are \$15, financial assistance is available.

Adult Volunteers needed to start new troops!



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All participants receive a Kidz Love Soccer Jersey!



Day/Dates	Class	Ages	Times	Code	Location
Mondays 3/31-6/2*	Soccer 2	7-10	4:00-4:45pm	136442	Cottonwood Park
	Soccer 1	5-6	4:45-5:30pm	136441	
	Pre Soccer	4-5	5:30-6:05pm	136440	
	Tot Soccer	3.5-4	6:05-6:35pm	136438	
Fridays 4/4-5/30	Mommy/Daddy & Me	2-3.5	9:00-9:30am	136523	William Land Park
	Tot Soccer	3.5-4	9:40-10:10am	136432	
	Pre Soccer	4-5	10:10-10:45am	136433	
	Tot Soccer	3.5-4	3:40-4:15pm	136434	Doc Oliver Field
	Pre Soccer	4-5	3:40-4:15pm	136435	
	Soccer 1	5-6	4:15-5:00pm	136436	
Saturdays 4/5-6/14**	Soccer 2	7-10	5:00-5:45pm	136437	East Portal Park
	Mommy/Daddy & Me	2-3.5	9:00-9:30am	136524	
	Tot Soccer	3.5-4	9:40-10:10am	136426	
	Pre Soccer	4-5	10:10-10:45am	136427	
	Soccer 1	5-6	10:45-11:30am	136428	
Mommy/Daddy & Me	2-3.5	11:40-12:10pm	136525		

9 Weeks

*No Class 5/26 **No Class 5/24 & 6/7

Fee: \$102

For registration information, call
(916) 808-6060, or register online at:
www.parksandreconline.cityofsacramento.org

For Ages 2 – 10 Years

Shin Guards are required for all classes
except Mommy/Daddy & Me Soccer

Class Status Hotline:
1-888-372-5803

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feelings
...because today,
I went to camp.

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- Davis - University of California
- Folsom - Sundance Montessori School
- Granite Bay - Fellowship Church at Granite Bay
- Roseville - Rock of Roseville
- Sacramento - CSU Sacramento

CAMP DETAILS

Ages: K to 6th grade (as of next fall)
 Hours: Monday through Friday,
 9:00am to 3:30pm

Fees: \$329/week
 Optional Extended Care:
 8:00am to 9:00am & 3:30pm to 5:00pm

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