Middle School Parents!

The school newsletter will be available on the school web site: leonardodavincischool.org

We would like to email a pdf of the newsletter and all attachments to you weekly.

Please send an email to diane-soule@scusd.edu

subject line: 7th grade newsletter or

8th grade newsletter

A class parent will be responsible for sending out your class newsletter

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Leonardo da Vinci eK-8 School

President's Ponderings

Greetings new and returning families, and welcome to an exciting new year at Leonardo da Vinci eK-8 Schooll. My name is David DeNuzzo and I will be your Parent Teacher Council president for the coming year. Your PTC has many exciting activities and events planned for the year ahead, including assemblies and festivals, science, art and garden activities, campus beautification projects, staff appreciation events, and yes... even fundraisers! I hope you will get involved and join us. Our first meeting is this week on Wednesday night in the LdV Library at 6:30. Come hear what we have planned and how you can join in!

I would also like to take a moment now to talk about transformations. LdV is in the middle of a transformation that began a few years ago and will continue for several more. Five years ago we had roughly 600 students. Now we have over 800. In addition we have a brand new Assistant Principal (Ms. Tiffany Ballard), new teachers in most of the grades, and new office staff. But through this all we have retained the values and principles (and a great Principall) that have made LdV one of the premier urban public schools in all of California...parents, teachers, and staff working together to provide meaningful content and effective instruction, in an integrated theme-based way, to help transform our children into responsible citizens and leaders, ready for the challenges of the diverse world of tomorrow.

In the coming weeks I will talk more about some concrete examples of the transformations going on around us, and ask you to think about how you can get involved to do your part, and maybe a little something extra. Until then, welcome back and have a great year!

Ciao! David DeNuzzo, PTC President

Magazine Sale Kick-off

Tuesday, Sept. 17

Our BIG FALL FUNDRAISER - Magazine Sales - will kick off on Tuesday, September 17th. An average of 2 or 3 subscriptions per family is all it takes for us to make our fundraising goall Look for more information on the magazine sale in two weeks.

Please Attend!

Everyone is encouraged to attend the first general meeting of the LdV PTC (Parent Teacher Council) this Wednesday (94) at 6:30 pm. You do not need to be a member to attend but everyone is encouraged to join the PTC. In addition to participating in decision making through attendance at PTC meetings, membership entitles you to vote in annual elections and by law revisions.

Got Stuff?

Looking for supplies to create an art project – please drop off any small toys (cars, McDonald toys, animals – anything that can hold spray paint) in the box in the front office labeled library art project. Contact Kate Ramos at mkeramos@pacbebell.net/916-549-5734 if you have any questions or are just curious!

WORDS into ACTION

A terrific example of this year's theme...I have been talking about a new website for LdV for three years and over the last year those words have become action thanks to parent volunteer Jen Schwedler. Our beautiful new website is: leonardodavinoischool. org. Some of our pages are still under construction because I have big dreams, but the pages you can see are clean and concise designed to get information out in a very easy format. All of the thanks and compliments go to Jen. If you have any suggestions or complaints please address them to me: diane-soule@scusd.edu.

Dolphin

Thank you to 8th grade student Jennifer N. for this week's dolphin.

LdV's Annual Night at Funderland

Friday, Sept. 13 from 5 to 8pm. The LdV sixth grade has reserved the park exclusively for this event and will be selling unlimited ride wristbands for \$10 (that's \$3.50 off the regular price)! Delicious food will be available for purchase. Make Friday, Sept. 13th a family night and let the sixth grade provide the food and fun!

GIVE WITH TARGET!!

Money for Technology Updates!! Do you want to help LdV update their Technology/Computer Lab on campus? Then go to www.givewith.Target.com, type in Leonardo da Vinci where it asks for school and then SUBMIT. Each vote counts as money toward our school!! Pass the site on to friends and family! The more votes, the more money we receive to update our Computer Labs and Classrooms!! Thanks for your support!!!

First Day Packets

It takes a lot of people a lot of time to put together the first day packets. Hours go into accumulating important information, creating flyers, copying and trimming, collating 21 pages, stuffing envelopes, counting and delivering.

I bet you can neatly and completely fill out less than 20 pages (per student) in less time. Then just send them back to school. Thank you - Diane

7th Grade Parents

The SCUSD requires that 2013-2014 seventh grade students have a current Tdap. Please drop your child's immunization form in the main office.

Goodies!

Did you stop to chat and have some goodies in front of school this morning? Thanks to PTC parents for donating goodies and to Joan & Espresso Metro for coffee. It was a wonderful way to begin our school year.

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Dates to Remember

Sept 3
First Day of School

Sept 4 6:30 pm PTC mtg/LIB

Sept 11
Class Meetings
5 pm Band & Orchestra Mtg
5:30 pm Announcements
6 pm Classrooms

Sept 13
Family Night at Funderland
5-8 pm

Back To School
Class Meeting
on Sept 11

Band & Orchestra Mtg
5-5:30 in room 1
5:30-6 pm Teacher
introductions in the
gym
6-7:30 classrooms

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@ sbeglobal.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: Sept 9 Deadline: Sept 5 Character Education

Parents, ask your children about LdV's character education program. The first week's focus is STAR—can they tell you what is stands for? (Stop, Think, Act and Review). This week they will hear about being trustworthy and truthful to others at all times. Being active listeners; using their ears, eyes and heart. Showing respect to others by giving up put downs. And showing respect to yourself by always doing your personal best. Today, LdV students began learning about the first pillar of character: RESPECT for others.

From the Office

Medications at School: Parents need to renew their children's medication forms every year. If your child had medication administered by school staff last year, you need to submit a new form this year. You will also need to bring in new medication for this year. Health Services disposes of all unused medication at the end of each year.

Fingerprinting Requirements: Yes, you do need to be fingerprinted to go on a field trip...whether you are driving children or not...whether you are going by bus 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!

Please Remember

When approaching an leaving our campus..., We ALL have children to drop off or pick up. We ALL have places we need to go. But the most importantly ALL of us need to be safe and courteous. Good behavior under pressure is a great lesson for the children in your car to witness.

And please do not block driveways, walk on lawns or run the stop signs in our neighborhood!

How Much Will Your Trip to Disneyland Cost LdV?

Unexcused absences (any school day missed for reasons other than illness, doctor's appointment, death in family or religious reasons) costs LdV almost \$45. That means a 5 day trip costs \$225 and if you decide to take both your kids...

Notice of Pesticide/Herbicide Use LdV is scheduled for service by SCUSD's Small Grass Crew every Wednesday. 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.

From the SCL (School Community Liaison)

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.

Tally Sheets: A September tally sheet is in your first day packet. Please turn it into your child's class or to the Volunteer Office at the end of the month.

Carry Over Hours: Hours from 2012-13 are only carried over to this year if they were worked AFTER May 15, 2013 (and turned in). Thank you to every parent who worked over their required hours last year (most of you). Our program shines because of you!

First Pay Packets: Please complete your first day packet and return them to the classroom as soon as possible. Extra forms can be found in the front office.

TB test results and Sex Offender Background check elearances: Must be on file before working in the classroom. Fingerprinting must be cleared before driving on or chaperoning fieldtrips.

Feel free to stop by the garage door Mon-Fri 8am-4pm or email me at diane-soule@scusd. edu, or leave a message at 277-7034.

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 happing 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.

LdV on the Web & Facebook
The weekly newsletter (without additional flyers) 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.

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.

Free TB Testing

Tests taken this year will be "good" until 2017. 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 in your first day packet.

Examen de tuberculosis (TB) gratis en la Serna Center

Los examenes hechos este año están válidos hasta el 2017. El distrito ofrece los examenes 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 examenes están disponibles en nuestra oficina.

Call In Sick and Tardy

Please phone in your students' absences and tardies by calling 557-3089 wait for the message to begin and then press 49#. 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 557-3089 (y selecione 49 #) al empezar el mensaje) 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 salon, 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 11:00 de la mañana para evitar una ausencia sin escusa.

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!

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!

LdV Logo Shirts? YES, there will be new shirts this year... watch for designs and order forms!

Looking for Something to Do?

Library Help

Our Library's shelves are a mess! They haven't recovered from the last school year. If you want to help organize the shelves please contact Kate Ramos at Mkeramos@pacbell.net or 916-549-5734.

Volunteer at Book Fair

If you value your school library, come volunteer for the Scholastic Book Fair! It's the profit from the Book Fair that allows us to purchase new books for the LdV Library. The Book Fair runs from October 7th thru October 11th, 9am to 3:30 pm. and during class meetings on Oct 9th, 5:30 to 8pm. We also need volunteers for setting up the Book Fair on Oct 4th from 2:30 to 6pm and take down on Oct 11th 3pm to 6pm. Contact Kate Ramos at mkeramos@pacbebell.net/916-549-5734 with questions.

Please sign up for Scholastic Book Fair - here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: http://vols.pt/CmCE8H

2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)

 Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

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 Kate Ramos at 519-5734 or mkeramos@pacbell.net.

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 and 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).

Ch-ch-changes!

There are new faces on campus this year. Class size enlargement, new early Kinder and Kinder students, and families moving away meant over 100 new students with their families. Staff reassignments and adding a fifth grade resulted in several new teachers at LdV: Room 2 will have Mrs. Elly Graves teaching early Kinder in the afternoons; Room 9 - Mrs Niehaus, 3rd grade; Room 10 - Ms Lombardi, 1st grade; Room 18 - Ms Olcomendy, 2nd grade; Room 23 - Ms Meade, fifth grade; Room 32 - Ms Silver 7/8 social studies.

There will soon be a new office manager, in the meantime stop by the main office and welcome our temp, Chris Marshall. We also have a new Assistant Principal, Tiffany Ballard. Stop by the front office to say hi.

Some rooms have moved around, so there might be some lost students (and parents) wandering around. Let's make an effort to make our new community members welcome. Remember when you were new?

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

Community Events

Sacramento Cooks

LdV ART Links Chair, RenFaire Queen, and parent, UnChu Littlefield is also a local chef and writes a food blog named Tate's Kitchen.

She is included in an art exhibit featuring 60 chefs in our city of Sacramento, and recently she has also taken on the role of Event Coordinator for this same exhibit!

See her portrait along with 59 others at Surin Fish on September 14th. There will be live jazz, delicious edibles provided by several local chefs, and wine and beer from a few local spots. Bring the kids and enjoy the evening.

Tickets can be purchased through the eventbrite link. http://60faces.eventbrite.com A portion of all ticket sales will be donated to California Food Literacy Awareness.

- It's Library Card Sign-up Month: To receive a Sacramento Public Library card, bring your photo ID and proof of current address to a public library. If you are under age 18, a parent or guardian will need to show ID and proof of address to obtain the card.
- Think Fun, Think Sun, Think Pool, Think Cooll Third Annual Summer Splash returns on Sunday, September 22, noon-4 pm, to Natomas Racquet Club, 2450 Natomas Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833.

Summer Splash is a family-friendly event with unlimited swimming, carnival games, music, entertainment, arts and crafts, water slides, fitness challenge and outdoor laser tag! This fun-filled event is geared towards elementary school children. Food is available for sale.

Kids bracelets: \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, lets you play all day. Adults & kids under 3: Free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Advance tickets are available at www.summer-splash.com

 AT&T, CSU Sacramento, and the Women of AT&T are sponsoring the "Expanding Your Horizons" conference for 6th-8th grade girls interested in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields. The conference is Saturday, October 12, and will offer girls an opportunity for hands-on workshops and career information.

Information is available online at: http://www.cce.csus.edu/eyh. Registration opened Monday, August 26th.

GATE Conference

Are you a parent of a GATE student? Often wonder what else you could be doing to further their education? Come join me at the California Association for the Gifted annual one day conference in American Canyon on Saturday, November 2. It runs from 8:15-4:30 with an entire day devoted to small in-depth workshops on parenting gifted children. For more information & registration go to www.cagifted.org. Email Laura Walter @ laura.q.walter@gmail.com if you would like to carpool.

Fund Raising News

Z BEST Dining & Entertainment Book Fundraiser STARTS FRIDAY!!

Coming home this Friday, will be a new fundraiser for LdV, the Z Best Dining & Entertainment books! It is very similar to the entertainment books we have sold in the past, same great deals, but a much better price at \$20 per book rather than \$30. Your child will come home with a SAMPLE book and an order form. Our hope is that you will show the sample book to family and friends and then use the order form to take orders for the book. Then at the end of the sale (in 2 weeks) your child returns the order form, money, and book (unless you purchase it.) and we will process the orders and deliver the books to you the following week to distribute to your customers. One important reminder, you are responsible for Z Best Dining book that goes home. So please either purchase it or return it by the end of the sale. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Laura Walter at laura q walter@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your help in raising money for our amazing schoolf!!

We Beat The Heat!

3rd Annual LdV Fireworks Sale a Sizzling Successi

104! 107! 106! 106! 103! 105! 109! With a string of seven consecutive days over 100 degrees for Sacramento's first major heat wave in nearly 10 years, we could have easily packed our Easy-up tents and stayed home. But the Intrepid team of over 100 LdV volunteers didn't bat an eye, and while other booths were closed, we were busy selling fireworks from morning till night. And when it was all over, the only numbers that mattered were the over \$35,000 in product distributed (making us once again the top booth in the City limits), and the over \$11,000 in profit we earned for the school! Way to go!

A fundraiser such as this would not be possible without the help of over a hundred awesome LdV volunteers. They staffed the booth, passed out flyers and door hangers, sold SCRIP, waved signs and flags, loaded and unloaded the trailer daily, and then turned around and bought fireworks! They came early, stayed late, filled in extra shifts when we needed help, and stayed to the

simmering end to serve the last customers. Thank you to you all!

There are a few people who deserve special thanks. Our fireworks sale is blessed with a great location thanks to Bill Proffit from Land Park Ski & Sports. Bill stopped by several times during the sale to check on us and make sure we were doing OK. Be sure to visit his store for your winter sports needs, and also thank him for his hospitality. Also, for the third year in a row we have gotten our trailer donated by Lony Modellas from New West Gardens (thanks Lony!), thanks to the efforts of Dennis and Cindy Kazee. Dennis went out of his way this year to haul the trailer and return it to El Dorado Hills after the sale, and even made several repairs that it was needing. Thank you Dennis! And finally, I can't thank enough my supportive wife Deidre and my two boys. Alex and Jace, for putting up with all of this (on our Anniversary no less) and even joining in and helping out all week long. Thanks guys!

The LdV Fireworks Sale will be back for another engagement next year. But we need some new people to help organize the event. Please think about getting involved and helping to organize and plan the event, or even taking on the roll of coordinator. It is a tot of work but very rewarding. Announcements regarding next year's sale will be in the newsletter starting in the spring.

After seven days we rested. And the temperature on the 5th of July? 84 degrees!

-David DeNuzzo #:<()

School Supply Kits Arrived!!

Thank you to those families who ordered a School Supply Kit last spring! Your child should have received it in their classroom today. If your child did not receive their kit, please email Laura Walter at laura, q. walter@gmall.com. As a reminder, the kits did not include backpacks, water bottles or lunch bags. Also, the kits were put together with the supply lists that the teachers provided to the school website at the end of the year. It is possible that there may have been some changes made this summer to the list by the teacher, I apologize in advance for that. Since this is a new program for LdV, there are still some kinks to work out. If you have any comments or suggestions about how to make the program better for this coming spring, please small me. Thank you.

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 <u>labelsforeducation.com</u> 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 Q Card

Truly the easiest and cheapest fundraiser at LdV...it costs you nothing to remember to use your Q card (registered to help LdV) when you shop at Raley's. You get points and groceries and we get cash, its a win-win!

Unsung Heroes

We are very grateful to the parents and students who have helped get LdV into tip top shape in the days before school opened. An amazing team of parents and



kids stuffed and delivered packets and also delivered all the teacher's start up supplies. Rebecca Wall sorted and delivered all the textbooks. Kate Ramos bought new books, hung student art and arranged the whole Library to be the welcoming environment we love for our students. Mary Moya kicked off campus beautification by cleaning up our front beds and Jeri Clark and her Labor Day team pulled weeds, planted and watered, bringing our grounds back into shape.

Huge thanks to our Plant Manager, Pablo Martin, Custodian, Dave Butler and former student Alex Ruelas who worked all summer cleaning our campus from top to bottom.

Thank you also to temporary Office Manager, Chris Marshall for stepping in and making back to school a breeze.

(For those of you unfamiliar with Unsung Heroes, this is where we acknowledge the parent who goes a little farther...the teacher who inspires a little more...the staff person who really shires...the student who makes a special effort. Submit your Unsung Hero's name with a brief explanation of who they are and why you chose them along with your name. If you'd like to acknowledge a job well done even if you don't know who to credit, that's okay too, Email, call or leave a note for me.—Diane Soule, Editor)

Thank You for the Paper!!

Thank you to the anonymous parent who donated REAMS of colored paper and cardstock to LdV. Did I say reams? Make that CASES. We really appreciate using the more expensive color paper and stock and it would not be possible without this donation! Thank you...!

What's Happening After School?

After School Art lessons with Leslie Colby will begin the first Tuesday in October. This year "great things to make and build" - sculpture, paper maché, painting & more. Watch the newsletter for more information.

Welcome Back Sour Wower! Look for popsicle sales after school. Profits will go to support some of the "extras" in our program.

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.



Leonardo da Vinci K - 8 School

Integrated Thematic Instruction Through Arts and Science

4701 Joaquin Way ● Sacramento, California 95822 (916) 277-6496 ● FAX (916) 277-6718

Devon Davis, Principal

TO:

LdV Families and Students

FROM:

Devon Davis, Principal

RE:

2013-2014 School Year Opening Letter

DATE:

September 3, 2012

Dear Families and Students,

Welcome to the 2013-2014 school year and Leonardo da Vinci eK-8 School! There is nothing more exciting than setting the stage for an exceptional school year. It is wonderful to support your children grow and develop as they continue through the LdV program. A new grade level, beginning early kindergarten and all through beginning Middle School, encompasses critical developmental and academic milestones. I love to share each phase with your child and young adult as they develop and grow.

The teachers had a retreat where we furthered our study of Integrated Thematic Instruction, at each grade level, and how this blends with the new state and national standards called the Common Core. Teacher created curriculum, multiple choices for projects, assessments that extend beyond bubbled in answers are key elements of the new standards and inherit to the foundation of the learning and teaching methods of LdV. We embrace the new standards as they celebrate the kind of learners at LdV: inquiry based discovery of new themes, project and enrichment extensions to demonstrate learning, teaching mathematics through concepts and critical thinking and not just locating the right answer or robotically following formulas. Our Renaissance students will learn so much this year and they will demonstrate their application of knowledge as the world becomes their textbook on our many field trips, their original Young Author's Books, their multiple research papers, their interaction with science, math, and nature and their ability to really investigate a theme. Our students will learn and continue to adore learning.

The overarching theme for 2013-2014 is: Words Into Action. We will take our theme from last Year "World of Words" to the next level. In 2010, Café da Vinci with our Young Entrepreneurs, the middle school students were studying Africa and they raised \$500 for a water well for an African Village. Last year, our student government students realized we had children in our Sacramento community with Leukemia raised nearly \$2000 through Pennies For Patience. We will be developing posters to guide our

children toward (our mission statement) about nurturing the curiosity of the child and developing a Renaissance of abilities and interests to prepare our child for the modern world through this year's theme, Words Into Action. There will be a school wide kick off to the on Friday, September 27th at 9:15AM. Each class will have a brief performance, out on the black top, and begin the year of integrating learning with the real world. "Words Into Action" can improve ourselves and ultimately have the power to change the world.

In Good to Great by Jim Collins there is repetitive mention of "Getting the right people in the right seats on bus." As we know—we are riding on one exciting unstoppable bus, with a specific vision and mission, with the goal of cultivating the academic and artistic learners of LdV. We have some wonderful new faculty members joining our team (and shall we say, the right people, are in the right seats, on the bus!):

Ms. Tiffany Ballard, new LdV Assistant Principal: Ms. Ballard, LdV AP, joins us from Sam Brannon Middle School where she taught GATE English and History for 15 years. She led student government activities and school events. SCUSD identified and celebrated her as Teacher of the Year in 2012. She has also been an adjunct professor at CSUS where she taught communication and public speaking. She has been an Academic Talent Search teacher at CSUS. Ms. Ballard is a mommy of two boys. She is an excellent listener and problem solver. You will enjoy her exuberant and super positive personality. The LdV community will embrace and love her.

Ms. Elly Graves, new Early Kindergarten teacher. She joins us from CP Huntington where she taught kindergarten for 10 years. She enjoys teaching academic thematic units and has been trained in balanced literacy. She has highlight stories about teaching five year olds creative written expression. She will be teaching a PM Early Kindergarten program in room 2. She has high goals for herself and demonstrates her compassion for children.

Ms. Stacey Lombardi, new first grade teacher is from Clayton B. Wire. She taught first grade for five years and 2nd grade for five years. She has had thematic unit teaching and training through GLAD (based on thematic units). Many of the themes she used in her last first grade program are similar to our themes at LdV. She is very excited to bring her love of thematic teaching, appreciation of arts and dancing, to LdV.

Ms. Maribeth Niehaus, new third grade teacher, is from Woodbine Elementary School, where she taught several grades including six years in third grade. She has a nephew who graduated from LdV and a niece currently at the school. Third grade is her favorite grade level! She has a theater background and enjoys teaching her young students about drama, reader's theatre, and putting on plays. She has a positive and loving personality. She is a member of Mesa and has the tools to teach all students.

Kim Meade, new 5th grade teacher, is from Nicolas Elementary where she taught for fifteen years. She loves LdV and has had a son here for three years. She strongly believes in project based learning and parent participation. It was her dream to come to LdV and join our community not only as a parent, but now as a faculty member. She enjoys Reader's Theatre and building student confidence. She is a friendly and warm addition to our team.

Ms. Victoria Star, new teacher—joins us from CKM. She has taught Social Studies and elective courses. She loves gardening, health, and fitness. Rigorous instruction, project based learning, and positive student-teacher relationships are very important to her.

<u>Librarian</u>- due to our growth we will be getting a half time SCUSD Librarian. Our new librarian will support of research studies and computer lab. Ms. Kate Ramos, our parent volunteer, who has put in tremendous effort, time, energy and fund raising skills for our library, will continue to support the library with parent volunteer schedules, text book distribution, and more.

We wish our former Office Manager, Ms. Carol Toyama, a healthy and happy retirement with her family. Ms. Chris Walker, retired SCUSD Office Manager, has been a tremendous asset to the office as she has helped us prepare for the start of school. We will be hiring a new Office Manager in next few weeks.

Thank you to our parent teams who came in to help prepare our grounds for student joy and learning. Special thanks to Pablo Martin, our plant manager and Dave Butler, our custodian, who have the work of ten people but as a team of two they keep smiling and working hard to keep our school sparkling.

Parents, if you have not already done so, please turning your TB clearance to Ms. Diane Soule, School Community Liaison and get your finger prints taken at the district office (a form in in your First Day Packet). Your child will be involved in many extrodinary happenings at LdV and you will not want to miss them.

The hallway tile was replaced this past summer. Come stroll down our teal and gold walkway. This is a very nice improvement to our school. SCUSD facility team also repaired and added some skylights to our roof.

I suppose you could say, the year is looking brighter than ever. As I begin my sixth year at LdV, it is with dedication and commitment that I look forward to our next year together. Please come by our first PTC Meeting September 4, 2013 at 6:30PM (library), Back to School Night Class Meeting from 5:30-7:30 on Sept. 11 (Parents Only, please!) and our Theme Celebration Day, Sept. 27 at 9:15. May Words Into Action propel our students, faculty, and parents towards achieving their ambitions and dreams.

Warm Regards,

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Principal

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BUY A BOOK! SELL A BOOK! SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!

Dear Parents,

LdV PTC is sponsoring a Z Best discount coupon book sale. We are raising funds to support our many wonderful programs at LdV like SLATE, Art Studio & Kiln, sports programs, Drama Club, Renaissance Fair, etc.

Help us meet our goal of \$5000 from this fundraiser!

What is it?

The Z Best Dining & Entertainment Book is only \$20 and features over 275 local merchants saving you hundreds of dollars. All offers can be viewed at www.zbestdining.com and are good through Dec. 2014

How long is the sale?

The Sale Starts: Friday, September 6, 2013. Each student will receive a Fundraising packet including this letter, a book & order form.

The Sale Ends: Friday, September 19, 2013. Please return any unsold books, order forms and money collected from sold books by this date.

ALL ORDER FORMS & MONEY MUST BE RETURNED BY
Friday, September 19, 2013
OUR SCHOOL WILL BE CHARGED FOR ALL BOOKS NOT RETURNED!

Delivery Date for Additional Books Sold: Friday, September 27, 2013

What are the Prizes?

- *Your student can earn a FREE BOOK & 10 seconds in the Z Best Prize Machine by selling just (Five) 5 Z Best Dining & Entertainment Books.
- *For each 3 books sold students will be entered into a drawing for an IPOD Shuffle (One per school)

How do I Pay?

Please accept cash or checks.

Make any check payable to: LdV PTC

2013 - 2014

Strings are back!! New classes in group classes and string orchestra are available!!

Instructor, Pamela Buck

pbuck@natomascharter.org

cell: (916) - 716 - 0548

Mrs. Pamela Buck is a professional musician, teaching string classes and conducting orchestras at the Natomas Charter School Performing and Fine Arts Academy. She is a violinist with a Masters Degree in Music, specializing in violin performance and string pedagogy.

Classes and string orchestra at Leonardo da Vinci will be held with the after - school program classes.

Sign up NOW – AND contact Mrs. Buck . Classes will begin on Monday, Sept. 16th at 3:15 – 4:15 pm.

instruments are available through the school district and music will be provided.

MON. at 3:15 pm — BEGINNERS STRING CLASS: violin, viola, cello - 2nd thru 4th grades - NO experience needed. Parent invited to help their student if needed.

TUES. at 3:15 pm — BEGINNERS STRING CLASS: violin, viola, cello or string bass - 4th thru 8th grade - NO experience needed. Parent invited to help their student if needed.

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THURS. at 3:15 pm - INTERMEDIATE STRING ORCHESTRA: violin, viola, cello or string bass students with one to two years experience. Grades 3rd thru 8^{dt}. Student can read music, play basic rhythms and has possibly participated in a string group before. This level would also be Suzuki Books 2 – 4. Consult Mrs. Buck for more information to sign up.

FRI. at 3:15 pm - ADVANCED STRING ORCHESTRA: grades 4th thru 8th grade — violin, viola, cello or string bass students. Student can read music, play more involved rhythms and may study privately and or has been participating in an orchestra for a couple of years. This level would also be Suzuki Books 4 and above. Consult Mrs. Buck for more information to sign up.

Classes and orchestras will start shortly!! Cost is \$30/student/month and payable to Mrs. Pamela Buck.

A couple of performances will be scheduled and please fill out the bottom of this flyer and return to the main office for Mrs. Buck to contact you and my new students!!! THANK YOU!!!!

STRINGS WITH MRS, BUCK: Student Name:

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Parent Name:

Phone:

Instrument

Group: MON TUES THURS FRI (circle) Parent help? Y or N



Theatre Arts Workshop

Presents কৰ্জ 3 Wonderful New Teachers কৰ and a New Spring Format

-Fall Semester-Get to know the new teachers while they write a play with you. QUESTIONS: cynthia.speakman@gmail.com

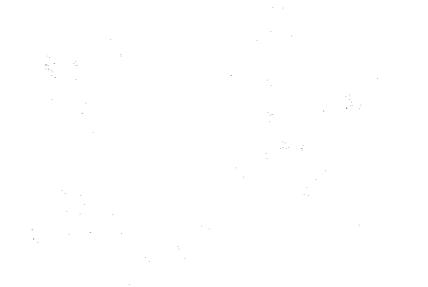
-Spring Semester Be part of a formally produced play.
for K-3 and 4-6th gr.

(there will also be OnStage for Beginners classes for K-3)

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SEE REGISTRATION IN NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

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LDV BALLET FOLKLORICO DANCE CLUB



The LDV Ballet Folklorico Dance Club is accepting sign ups.

OPEN TO LDV K-8 GRADE STUDENTS

I will be keeping you up to date on future dance club performances. Cinco de Mayo event and other events throughout the year.

Date: 09/20/13 Time: 3:15-4:00 pm Where: LDV Cafeteria Registration Fee: \$25.00 Practice Day: Fridays

We will meet Friday September 20th, 2013 in the cafeteria. For Registrations, Dance program &

Participation Information.

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Students will be taught the basics of Spanish communication and at the end of the program will be able to interact in common life situations.

My goal is to bring Spanish to life by facilitating culturally enriched activities and authentic scenarios. I create innovative curriculum that emphasizes speaking, listening, reading, writing and is adapted to the learning needs and goals of each student.

Lesson plan includes: Full immersion in conversational Spanish, reading, writing, music/dancing, stories, art, and introduction to Latin American Culture and games.

Students will converse from the first day of class as if we were in a Spanish Speaking Country.

Spanish immersion Classes for kids Starts

DATE	GRADE	TIME	PLACE	
Monday 09/16/13	Grades K-2	3:15-4:00 PM	Room #34	
Tuesday 09/17/13	Grades 3-5	3:15-4:00 PM	Room #34	
Wednesday09/18/13	Grades 6-8	3:15-4:00 PM	Room #34	

MINIMUM RECOMMENDED COMMITMENT 3 MONTHS

COST \$25.00 / MONTH
PLUS \$12.00 (one time materials fee)

*Conversational Spanish Class for Advanced Students (TBA)

*Private Sessions Available Call for more information.

Date

Students can join in the program at any time.

For any questions about this program please contact

Email: <u>ingridsspanishstudio@gmail.com</u> Phone: (916)585-6020 Mrs. Garcia

Parent / Guardian Signature X _

Ingrid Jeovanna Isabel Guzmán Justo de Garcia Spanish Instructor (A Native Spanish Speaker)

REGISTRATION FORM Student's Name			Female	Male	Birth date	//	
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K-6 & K-8 Menus

Unified School District Brenda Padilla, M.S., Director Sacramento City

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Menus subject to change.

Enfrées: #1-General Mill's Whole Grain **Cereal Choices**

listed on the menu Ind/Or Fruits, Milk, #2-Daily Choice, **Graham Crackers**



Friday, September 6

Sunnyfresh French Toast **Breakfast**

Lunch

Rainbow Trout Melt on Whole Grain Bun w/Tartar Sauce

Toasty Grilled Pork Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Side: Corn on the Cob

Monday, September 9

Tor Virst-class Learnings

Pillsbury Mini Blueberry Breakfast

Artisan Style Whole Grain French Bread Cheese Pizza Mandarin Orange Chicken

Side: Hawaiian Style Whole **Grain Brown Rice**

No School

Umches include Garden Salad Bar & Von-Fattor Low-Fat Unflavored Mil **Entree Choices:**

Chicken Tortilla Crispito

Bacon Scramble Square

Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast

Breakfast

Breakfast

Wrap w/salsa

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House Baked Whole Grain

Lunch

Zesty Chicken Patty on

rispy Tyson Chicken Tenders

Kettle Cooked Saucy Beef &

Cheese Taco

Lunch

Whole Grain Bun

Crust Wedge Pizza

Fernando's Cheese & Bean

Whole Grain Burrito

w/taco sauce

Side: Refried Vegetarian

Beans & Whole Grain

Tortilla Chips

Pepperoni OR

Cheese

Side: Baked Potato Spud

Tuesday, September 10

Turkey Sausage Breakfast

Breakfast

#1-VegamSunbutter & Jelly Sandwich ther Hot lunch entrees: #2 Yoguri Meal

3 (see monthly non-cheese options)

Friday, September

Breakfast

SIMPLE, SAFE

Lunch

Kettle Cooked Saucy Beef & Cheese Taco

Catch of the Day! **Irout Treasure Shapes**

Side: Whole Grain

Blueberry Muffin

Thursday, September 12

Foster Farm's Chicken Lunch

Whole Grain Burrito

Pillsbury Triple Berry French

lot Dog on Whole Grain Bun

Fernando's Cheese & Bean

Side: Baked Beans

Side: Baked Potato Spuds

on-line at

Pay for meals EZSchoolPay.com!

Welcome Back!

from Nutrition Services

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Wed., September II

Breakfast

Sunrise Pork Sausage **Bowtie Pasta** andwich Lunch

what we're here for and that's why we try to offer

Kids excel in school when they eat well. That's

our families a great value. Everybody's a winner!

Breakfast

Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ Roasted Chicken

Lunch

rispy Tyson Chicken Tenders

Side: Whole Grain Roll

with Meat Sauce

Cheeseburger on a Whole Grain Bun



Thursday, September 19

during the week of Sept. 16-20

agricultural bounty

Sides: Goldfish Pretzels &

Corn on the Cob

Chicken Tortilla Crispito Wrap w/salsa Breakfast

BBQ Beef Rib-B-Q on

Crust Wedge Cheese Pizza House Baked Whole Grain Whole Grain Hoagie Rol

Side: Baked Potato Spuc

Friday, September 20

Breakfast Banana Muffin

Hot Off the Grill! Lunch

Grilled Cheese Sandwich

Savory Jennie O' Roastec Turkey Breast w/Turke) Gravy, Biscuit & Jelly

Side: Idahoan Mashed **Potatoes**

Monday, September 23

Maple Burst Mini Pancakes Breakfast

Lunch

Mini Beef Cheeseburger **Buddy Sliders**

Kona Coast Teriyaki Chicken

Side: Hawaiian Style Whol Grain Brown Rice

Tuesday, September 17

Italian Turkey Sausage Breakfast Square Breakfast

Breakfast

Krispy Tyson Chicken Tenders

Wed., September 18

Pancake pork sausage wrap Breakfast

Spicy Sichuan Chicken

Crispy Baked Chicken

Fajita Chicken & Cheese Taco

Side: Refried Vegetarian

Beans & Whole Grain

Tortilla Chips

Whole Grain Brown Rice **Side:** Hawaiian Style



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Tuesday, September 24

Breakfast

Apple Cinnamon Fexas Toast

Lunch

Krispy Tyson Chicken Tenders

Kettle Cooked Saucy Beef & Cheese Taco

Side: Refried Vegetarian Beans & Whole Grain Tortilla Chip Bites

Wed., September 25

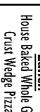
Bacon Scramble Square Breakfast

Zesty Chicken Patty Whole Grain Bun Sandwich on

Fernando's Cheese & Bean

Side: Baked Potato Spud

Mooseum Quality



Pepperoni

Choice of milk served with Non-fat White all complete meals:

Students are not required to take milk.

Low-fat White

Thursday, September 26

Chicken Tortilla Crispito Wrap w/Salsa Breakfast

House Baked Whole Grain Crust Wedge Pizza

Cheese

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Friday, September 27

Sunnyfresh French Toast Breakfast

on Whole Grain Bun w/ Rainbow Trout Melt lartar Sauce

Toasty Grilled Ham & Cheese

Monday, September 30

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Pillsbury Blueberry Mini Breakfast Waffles

Mandarin Orange Chicken

French Bread Cheese Pizza Artisan Style Whole Grain

Side: Hawaiian Style Whole Grain Brown Rice

> tests. Make every morning good with breakfast classroom. And even score higher on standardized better. Participate more. Perform better in the attention in school. Behave morning meal, they pay better long "fast" with a healthy And when kids "break" their between dinner and breakfast.

Lunch

Burrito w/ taco sauce

Please apply soon fo

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New applications are required annually. ast year's applications will EXPIRE
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