

Leonardo da Vinci eK-8 School

LAST WEEK!

Kids Can! Food Drive

If you have been waiting to send in your cans, it is officially the last minute. The Can Food drive is in it's last week, and we want you to bring as many cans as possible. Every kid who brings five cans will get a raffle ticket along with an additional ticket every five after that. When the can food drive is all over, ten people will be chosen for a pizza party. The can food drive ends **November 15**, so don't forget to bring in a lot of cans. See Mr. Maroldy in Room 24 with questions.

JOOI is Back

The LdV JOOI Club is back and ready to begin our first project! This year we have decided to make "Blessing Bags" to deliver to the homeless over the holiday season. We are asking our whole LdV community to help us with this worthwhile project. Each gallon zip lock bag will contain several items, including a hand-written note of encouragement from our JOOI Club. Please refer to the following list to see which items your child's grade level will be collecting:

Early Kinder/Kinder - tissue packs (travel size); 1st grade - hand sanitizer and/or wet wipes (travel size); 2nd grade - bottles of water; 3rd grade - new adult sized socks and/or stretch gloves; 4th grade - gallon zip lock bags and travel size shampoo or lotion; 5th grade - granola bars and/or wrapped cracker packages; 6th grade - toothbrushes/toothpaste; Middle School- chapsticks, bars of soap, combs and/or brushes.

Send in your donations to your child's classroom thru Dec 6. Members of the JOOI Club will collect items on the Friday of each week.

Thank you for supporting our event and helping the homeless of Sacramento!

High School Information

Representatives from the PACE and HISP programs will be at LdV on Wed, **Nov 20th** from 3-4 pm for an information meeting with students and parents. Please plan to come hear about these special High School programs and their application processes.

Dolphin Store Open

Mondays & Tuesdays!

The LdV Dolphin Store is open afterschool on Mondays (until 3:15 pm) and before school on Tuesdays (beginning at 8:30 am). The store has schools supplies and healthy snacks for students. If you are interested in helping run the store on Monday or another morning or after school day, please contact diane-soule@scusd.edu.

Buildings & Grounds

The next workday will be Sunday, Dec 1 from 12 to 2pm. Contact Ryan at rymetta@mac.com for information or to volunteer.

Breakfast Around the World

Nov 19th at 8:45am in front of the school. Bring a dollar and try a sweet treat made by LdV's Hmong families! Check out the display case in the front hall on November 18th and learn about Hmong New Year's celebrations and the Hmong Culture.

Corporate Sponsors Wanted for Solar Regatta

We are looking for corporate or individual sponsors for our new Solar Regatta program. Middle school students will be building and racing a **full size solar power boat** to race against other middle and high school teams from northern California. **Picture your company's name on LdV's 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).

ART Links Open Studio

This month we will be starting our **FABULOUS FAKES**

workshops where students will be creating copies of famous pieces of art to sell at a fundraiser benefiting ART Links:

Tuesday Nov. 12 & Thursday Nov. 14
3:15 - 4:15 in room 33b

School Site Council

Thank you to the parents who have expressed interest in serving on the School Site Council (SCC). We will be holding the SCC Election at class meetings this week.

A-a-choo!

The LdV budget is tight and supplies are dwindling. Please ask your teacher if there is something you can donate...like a box of tissues. Bless you!

Unusual HOURS Alert

Keep the following dates in mind:

Nov 14 & 15 and Nov 18-22 are conference days and 1:30 pm dismissal for grades 1-6th ONLY.

Nov 25-29 is Fall Break - NO school.

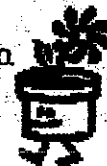
Shirt Envy?

If you didn't order a LdV shirt and wish you had, now is your chance! Order forms must be in the box on the counter in the front office by Wednesday 3 pm.

Dolphins

This week's dolphin is by 7th grader Natasha SM.

PTC Learning Garden
Work Day
Sunday, November 17
NOON - 4pm



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Dates to Remember

Nov 12

Basketball @ SES
Girls @ 3:15 Boys @ 4:30
Open Studio 3:15-4:15/
rm 33b

Nov 13

5 & 6th grade Visit to Middle School 8:15 am
Class Meetings
eK - 5-6pm
K, 4-6 gr - 6-7pm
1-3 grade - 6:30-7:30 pm
7&8 grade - 7-8 pm

Nov 14, 15, 18-22

1-6 gr Conferences
1:30 pm dismissal

Nov 14

Open Studio 1:30/rm 33b

Nov 15

On Stage K-6 performance
5:30 pm

Nov 17

Learning Garden Work Day
noon-4 pm

Nov 19

Open Studio 1:30/rm 33b
Basketball vs Brannan
Girls @ 3:15 Boys @ 4:30

Nov 20

3 pm HISP & PACE Visit

Nov 21

Open Studio 1:30/rm 33b
Basketball vs Didion
Boys @ 3:15 Girls @ 4:30

Nov 25-29

Fall Break

Dec 1

Building & Grounds Work
Day 12-2pm

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: dsanderson@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: Nov 18
Deadline: Nov 14

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Community Events

We're back to help you clean house!! Take advantage of our FREE paper shredding service. No appointment, no mess and no cost! Shred your personal documents, CD's and/or DVD's at Cook Realty 4305 Freepoint Blvd. Sacramento on Saturday, November 16th, 10am to 2pm. It is optional to make a check or cash contribution to Cook Realty Charitable Foundation, Inc. Tax ID #26-1074718. For details call: LdV parent, Anthony Carrillo, Lic#01471219 at 916-833-6266.

Unsung Heroes

Thank you to Jerry Prater, Sr. Jerry Prater, Jr. and Nick Prater for replacing the broken brick caps on our front seating walls at the last Building & Grounds work day. It really makes a difference to our school property! Thank you also to Ryan Metta for continuing to rally parents for weekend clean up and maintenance!



(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 shines...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)

It's Only My Opinion...

It's that time of year again when it seems like the days begin to rush by, speeding us from Halloween to winter break with barely a chance to catch our breath. A week of shortened days seems like a good time to pause...slow down to appreciate the changing colors of fall leaves, bake some cookies (and eat a few), maybe take a trip to apple hill.

With Fall Break just days away it certainly seems like a good time to consider all we have to be grateful for, including some pretty great teachers who are willing to go the extra mile for our kids and help make our enriched program possible. My own kids graduated from LdV long ago and I still see firm evidence of how this community of caring adults changed their lives. So when you go to your parent teacher conference, whether your child is doing well or needs improvement, take a moment to thank the teacher. —Diane Soule, newsletter editor

*Tofu or Turkey
Don't forget
to use your
Raley's/Bel Air
Something EXTRA
Card for your holiday shopping!*



President's Ponderings

It was 'The Great War!' and 'The war to end all wars!'. But at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month the fighting stopped. That was 95 years ago. Sadly there are still wars. But I will recall the words of President Wilson on the first 'Armistice' Day in 1919. 'To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations.' Veterans Day now honors all veterans and I hope that yours was a peaceful one.

Please remember that we have mandatory class meetings on Wednesday this week, and then the rest of the month of November we have early dismissals for grades 1-6 and then the Fall Break.

Last Tuesday we had our annual Family Science Night with Explorit and it was a great success. The wacky highlight of the night was when one of the Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches escaped. Apparently a sudden motion sent it flying through the air where it landed on an unsuspecting host. Imagine their surprise when they later got in the car and saw they had a stowaway! Fortunately the lost cockroach was returned to its mate and no one found themselves with an unexpected pet. Huge thanks to Celia Rosecrans and her dozens of volunteers, along with the folks from Explorit, for making this event a reality. You'll hear from Celia again in the spring when the Science Fair rolls around.

Also happening last week and continuing for the rest of the month are Open Studio dates on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. The theme is Fabulous Fakes and the children will be making copies of famous artworks to sell as a fundraiser to support ART Links. Fabulous Fakes Show & Sale will be at Track 7 on (Second) Saturday, Dec 14 noon to 9pm and Sunday, Dec 15 noon to 7pm. I hope your children will have a chance to participate.

Finally, we also had our monthly PTC meeting last Wednesday. It was again wonderful to see so many of you there. It was also fantastic to see eight of our teachers there, along with a representative from the District - Nick Saechow, Director of Network Telecomm and Technology Support. Assistant Principal Ballard presented a revised version of the school's proposal to purchase a cart of Google Chromebooks, and the teachers each spoke of their excitement and enthusiasm for putting this type of technology into the hands of their students (our children!) and incorporating it into their lessons. It was a very thorough discussion and there were lots of questions and comments.

We have now reached the point where we need to decide if this is feasible and desirable for the PTC to participate and make happen. In order to help us make this decision we created an ad-hoc committee of 11-12 members to further evaluate the proposal and identify sources of funding for the \$13,000 up-front cost. The committee is being chaired by Membership VP Cindy Kazee and will be meeting during the next week and presenting their results at our December meeting. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns to share with the committee please e-mail Cindy at UNDC@aol.com. There will also be a box in the Volunteer Office where you may drop off written comments. Hopefully we can wrap up this discussion in December and move on to a new topic in the spring. Playground structure anyone?

Thank you again for all your comments and feedback! Until next time...Ciao!

—David DeNuzzo - PTC President

Looking at High School?

- **HISP** visitation days Dec. 5 and 6 and an evening informational session here the evening of Dec. 4. visit www.ckmhis.org to get some info, with details to come!
- **George Washington Carver** School of Arts & Science Visitation Days: Call 228-5760 to reserve your space on any of the following days - Nov 19, Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 4, Mar 11 or April 8. Tours are 8:30-10 am. www.carverartsandscience.org
- Middle and High School families and students are invited to experience **New Tech High School** by attending New Tech Preview Days, on Friday, December 6th or Friday, January 24th. Two sessions are offered each Preview Day, 8AM to 9:30 AM or 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. During Preview Day you will have the opportunity to tour the campus, visit classes, and meet with our Principal and staff. Please call New Tech at (916) 433-2839 to RSVP for a Preview Day.
Parents and Students may also schedule a Monday shadow day by calling the office at (916) 433-2839.
- **PACE** visitation days Dec 11 and 18, beginning at 8:30 am. All students must be accompanied by an adult. Open house is Monday, Dec 16, at 6 pm in the auditorium. Visit www.jfkpace.org for more information.
- **Natomas Charter School Performing and Fine Arts Academy** will be having its annual Family Visitation Day on January 28th from 8:30-10:00 a.m. To reserve a space for the Visitation Day, parents should go to www.natomascharter.org and review the application. The application cover letter includes instructions for registering for Visitation Day.



Leonardo da Vinci K - 8 School

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Devon Davis, *Principal*

Leonardo da Vinci eK-8th Grade

TO: Parents
FROM: Devon Davis, Principal
RE: Nut Allergy Alert
DATE: November 8, 2013

Dear Families,

As a community, I am requesting that we come together and strive to be "nut free". Among our children, we have future athletes, ballerinas, doctors, and good citizens that have a life or death allergy to peanuts. I happen to have a child who eats peanut butter and jelly, daily. I know this change will be hard. After some recent incidents at our school, I think we need to understand it is better for all our children to try to refrain from peanuts. We have children here that can and have recently gone into anaphylactic shock by being "touched" by someone who ate a snack with peanuts. The experience was traumatic for the child with an allergy and traumatic for the rest of the children in the class.

Thank you for your support.



Fund Raising News

Arden Fair School Cents LdV in Second Place!!

Thank you to those families who are remembering to bring your Arden Fair Mall receipts to the Customer Service Desk. Our school is in 2nd Place with \$21,000 in receipts logged in!! That is amazing!! Our goal to reach before the end of December is \$40,000 in receipts. This will keep us enrolled in the program. If we can do that, we are really in the race for the GRAND PRIZE!! As the holidays approach, don't forget to log those receipts. Spread the word to family and friends that every time you shop at Arden Fair Mall through May 15, 2014 you can earn cash for LdV! Just take your receipt down to the Guest Services Desk across from JCPenney. They will record your total, stamp your receipt and hand it back to you. We get 5 points for every dollar you spend. As our points add up, LdV gets cash prizes!! If you have a receipt dated in this time period you can submit it now! You can also pay your credit bill in person at a mall store such as Macy's and submit that receipt!

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. You get points and groceries and we get cash, its a win-win!

It's Not Too Late for Magazines

You or your family and friends can order magazines throughout the year by shopping at the on-line 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

On Target

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).

Employee Contribution Programs for LdV

Many companies offer employees a way to give donations to our school in their pay check. These programs may be called "Employee Contribution Programs" If giving money to our school in your pay check sounds like something that would work for you or someone you know, ask your work if they offer this option. Many of these programs are run through the United Way, our number is 4626.

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.action-donation.org for your no obligation evaluation of your donation.

...and your Old Computer

We will continue collecting ewaste for recycling this year. Please contact Mrs Ryan in room 20 if you have donations.

Please Return Your Z Best Books

Remember, LdV will be charged for every book not returned or paid for! Any questions or concerns, contact Laura Walter at laura.q.walter@gmail.com

Siblings? Be sure to add your incoming sibling to the list on my window.

You still need to go through the Open Enrollment or Wait List Application process. This is simply so I know how many spots are spoken for in 2014-2015. Contact me with questions diane-soule@scusd.edu.

First Afterschool Science Club Meeting for Middle School Students
Friday November 15th from 3 pm – 4 pm in the lab, room 28.

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 will begin the first Tuesday in October. This year "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 this Monday or Tuesday afternoon in room from 3:15pm – 4:05pm in Room 1. Meet our new LdV Orchestra Teacher, Mrs. Pamela Buck, and learn how orchestra classes will work at LdV! No experience required!

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

LdV Fall Family Boot Camp students and families will participate in fun, fast-paced workouts that will aim to increase strength, flexibility, and overall athletic conditioning. For any questions about this program contact: James Chekon, Youth Fitness Instructor *First Aid, CPR Certified* jchekon80@gmail.com or (916) 275-8550

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.

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.



Looking for Something to Do?

Volunteers Needed at the Clothes Closet

The PTA Clothes Closet is swamped and in need of volunteers ASAP! Help is needed doing laundry (at your home) and sorting and tagging clothes at the Clothes Closet located at the back of the LdV campus. The Clothes Closet at LdV is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Interested volunteers should call first 277-4338. LdV parents will earn hours for volunteering with the Clothes Closet.

Are You Feeling Shadowy?

Sometimes it seems like a volunteer position such as PTC Treasurer seems like a lot to take on. This year is the perfect time to step up to this position because you will have months to learn from the pro who is currently doing the job. I am not overstating the fact that **no experience or background is necessary for the job**. It is however a job that is important to our community, and we really need some one or two to step up. If you have been thinking about it, now is the time.

We are also looking for a PTC Sports chair ASAP.

Please contact diane-soule@scusd.edu if you are interested or want more information.

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.

Café da Vinci is Opening Soon

Middle School students who have signed up for LdV Entrepreneurs will soon be training in preparation to opening the Café. Adults who want to help should contact diane-soule@scusd.edu. Donations of paper towels are always appreciated!

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.

Eat at Joe's



The LdV Science Club wants you to eat at Joe's Crab Shack anytime on Wednesday November 20th, all day. The Club will get a percentage of your bill when you present the attached flyer. Help support our Spring Science Trip.



OPEN STUDIO ART SHOW

at Track 7 Brewing

Our Fabulous Fakes workshop series will culminate with a fundraiser/art show!

Saturday - Sunday
DECEMBER 14th & 15th

from the District

Changes to Fingerprint Counter Days and Times of Operation - Effective 11/18/13, fingerprint hours and days of operation will be: 8-11am and 1-5 pm on Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Citizenship Fair - Sat, Nov 16 from 9:30am-2 pm at Pacific McGeorge Student Center 3200 Fifth Ave Sacramento 95817. Receive free help for completing and filing Naturalization Application. Call 916.340.6080 for more information.

Common Core Workshops

English Language Arts Workshop Series: at Abe Lincoln Elementary, Sutter Middle or Rosemont HS - Part 2/Jan 29; Part 3/March 11 from 6-7:30 pm.

at Harkness Elementary, John Still K-8, or Kennedy HS - Part 2/Feb 12; Part 3/April 8 from 6-7:30 pm.

at Nicholas Elementary, Will C Wood, or Hiram Johnson HS - Part 2/Jan 30; Part 3/April 29 from 6-7:30 pm.

Mathematics Workshop Series: at Golden Empire Elementary, Kit Carson Middle or Rosemont HS - Part 2/Jan 14; Part 3/April 8 from 6-7:30 pm.

at Matsuyama Elementary, Cal Middle, or Luther Burbank HS - Part 2/Jan 29; Part 3/April 29 from 6-7:30 pm.

at Pacific Elementary, Rosa Parks, or West Campus HS - Part 2/Feb 12; Part 3/March 25 from 6-7:30 pm.

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 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 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.

FLU Season is Coming

Sacramento County Immunization Assistance Program (916) 875-SHOT Flu shots are available for persons over 6 months of age without a medical contraindication to receiving the vaccine. For Medicare members, please bring Medicare card and shot record. Donations will be accepted but not required.

FLU shots are FREE!

November 15th 10am-1pm Fruitridge Community Center ~ 4000 Fruitridge Rd.

December 12th 11am-3pm Pannell Center ~ 2450 Meadowview Rd.

County Flu Clinic Schedule Recorded Line: (916) 875-7053



LdV PTC School Learning Garden
News & Notes - November 2013



- **Garden Work Day: This Sunday, November 17th, Noon - 4:00 pm**
Work to be Done: Building New Garden Boxes, Wood Preservation, General Garden Maintenance, Dividing and Transplanting Perennials, and more . . .

What to Bring: Your favorite Garden Tools (please write name on tools)

Questions? Contact Garden Co -Chair **Greg Richards** at gregrichards@rocketmail.com

We will meet in the garden located behind the school, on the north end of the playground. Enter through the kindergarten gate or drive your car over the playground and park next to the garden. Your children are welcome to attend and help, with your supervision. No bathrooms, but Raleys is a few blocks away. We do not garden on rainy or exceptionally windy days. You do not need to sign up to attend, but if you show up later than 1 hour after the official starting time the garden may be closed, so please inform the garden chairperson if you plan to be late.

- **The Garden Needs You To Help Move a Shed:**

Greg Richards has a 10' x 10' garden shed in his backyard that the Garden Committee would like to have moved to the LdV Garden. He lives a quarter mile from the school and we are looking for any help in breaking down the walls and roof, hauling, and reassembling the shed at the school site. Unless someone has access to a crane Please email Greg Richards, greg_richards@rocketmail.com if you are interested in helping.

- **Learning Garden Thanks You, Yes You!:**



The October Garden Work Day was a huge success! Thank you to all of the LdV families that came out to lend a hand moving the compost, prepping the planting beds, etc . . . It's because of your work that our school garden continues to thrive.



Thank you to LdV parent, and PTC Secretary David Johnson, for donating 2 livestock troughs. They will be turned into native wetland gardens by the 1st grade during their wetland unit in the Spring.



Thank you to our Recess Garden Volunteers, who have been opening up the garden whenever they can to allow the students to enjoy the space during recess time. Your time is valuable, and the students appreciate you so much for spending it with them.



Thank you to the Garden Classroom Volunteers who have been allowing the students garden adventures in science, math, and language, and busily planting cool season crops such as: snow peas, onions, carrots, lettuce, Brussels sprouts, fava beans, etc . . . in the garden.

- **Garden and Art Lab Collaboration Update:** The Mondrian Bird Houses and Helen Frankenthaler Pots are finished, and they are spectacular! Some will grace the garden, and others will be for sale at this year's Winterfaire Bazaar (to pay for the cost of the project). If you would like to purchase your child's art piece, please contact Jeri Clark at grattidgefamily@yahoo.com.



Questions, Compliments, Suggestions, Concerns?
Contact: Jeri Clark, LdV PTC Learning Garden Coordinator
email: grattidgefamily@yahoo.com cell: 916-541-3182



*"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."
Marcus Tullius Cicero, Roman Statesman, b. 106 BC d. 43 BC*



**FROM
THE LDV
GARDEN**

To Your Table

Serve this Mac n Cheese with blanched green beans and Jewel Salad from previous Learning Garden recipes!

Butternut Squash, or Pumpkin, Mac n' Cheese

Butternut squash, or pumpkin, cut in pieces with peel on.

Olive oil

Pre-heat oven to 375. Brush squash with olive oil and place face down on sheet pan spread with parchment. Bake for 45 min. to 1 hr until tender.

Mac n' cheese

8 TBSP

6 slices white bread, crusts removed torn into small pieces

5-1/2 cups milk

1/2 cup flour

2tsp salt, 1/4 tsp pepper, 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper, 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg

4-1/2 cups grated sharp cheddar

2 C grated Gruyere

1 lb elbow macaroni

Place bread pieces in a bowl and toss with 2 TBSP melted butter, set aside

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, heat the milk. Melt remaining 6TBSP butter in a skillet over medium heat. When butter bubbles add the flour and cook, stirring for 1 min.

Slowly pour in milk while whisking until mixture bubbles and becomes thick.

Remove pan from heat and stir in salt, pepper, cayenne, nutmeg, 3 cups cheddar and 1-1/2 cups Gruyere. Add roasted squash to cheese mixture and stir. Set aside.

Boil Macaroni according to directions. Add macaroni to cheese mixture.

Pour into a prepared casserole dish. Sprinkle remaining cheddar and Gruyere, scatter bread crumbs over the top. Bake until browned about 30 minutes.

Our LdV Learning Garden is supported by our PTC!



Class Details

Day: Monday

Time: 3:10-4:10 pm

Classroom: Library

After School Building classes at Leonardo Da Vinci!

Session Dates:

Session B: 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 1/6, 1/13, 1/27

Session C: 2/3, 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17

Session D: 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, 4/14, 4/21

Session E: 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 6/2

-All supplies are included.

-No class scheduled on minimum days or holidays.



Register below, by phone or online!
Please, do not return to school.

Online www.earlyengineers.org
Mail 1820 Tribute Way Suite F, Sacramento, CA 95815
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Registration Form:

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Parent/Guardian Name: _____

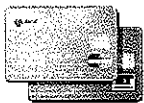
Email (class updates): _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **Zip:** _____
Phone: () _____
Cell: () _____

Student Name: _____
Has your child attended Early Engineers before? Yes No
Birthdate: _____ **Grade:** _____
 If Kindergarten: AM PM All Day
 Kinder Room # _____
Does he/she normally attend afterschool care? _____
After Early Engineers class my child will:
 Be picked up by parent/guardian from Early Engineers classroom
 Go to Afterschool Care Walk home/Independent Release

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Session Enrollment: Choose Session(s)

- Session B: 12/2, 12/16, 1/6, 1/13, 1/27 (\$70)
- Session C: 2/3, 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17 (\$70)
- Session D: 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, 4/14, 4/21 (\$70)
- Session E: 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 6/2 (\$70)



VISA MC Discover AMEX Check (attach; payable to Early Engineers)
Card#: _____ **Exp:** _____/_____/_____

I have read and understand the information provided. If I have provided my credit card information above, I authorize Early Engineers to charge my card for the items I have requested. 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 my child's participation in Early Engineers and reserving a place in class for the designated session above, tuition refunds are only available when providing Early Engineers with 2 weeks advanced notice of the class start date (discounts will be removed and free items will be charged based on the current selling price). I understand it is my responsibility to pick up my child from the designated classroom at the designated end time. I authorize the release of my child's work and photo for display purposes by Early Engineers, my child's school and/or School District. I understand it my child's responsibility to remember and attend their Early Engineers classes.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



Solar Regatta

Join the Dolphin Yacht Club!

What? The SMUD sponsored, 2014 Northern California Solar Regatta. The LdV team will build and race a solar powered boat in competition with High Schools and Middle Schools from northern California. **This is not a model boat race! This is a full size solar powered boat that will be fabricated and piloted by students!**

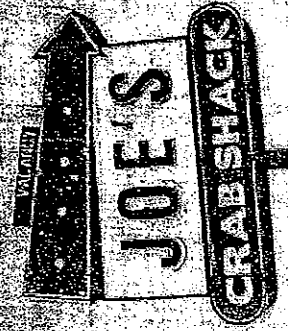
Who? You! Any Middle School student is welcome. We need a wide range of skills and interests. Anyone interested in science, engineering, art, design, crafts, videography, boating, etc. In addition to the race categories, points are awarded for technical design, presentation, sustainability, and artistic design. There are also awards for Spirit, Best Design, Best Video, best Middle School, and a special Judges Award. So there are opportunities for everyone.

Parent volunteers are also welcome and encouraged. There are many ways to help; from technical and building expertise to acquiring materials and sponsors.

When? The first meeting will be Wednesday, November 13 from 3-4. **If you can't make this meeting, send an email with your contact information and what days after school would work best for you and "Solar" in the subject line, to joe@jscarpa.com.** The race will be held Friday, May 16, 2014 at Rancho Seco Recreational Area

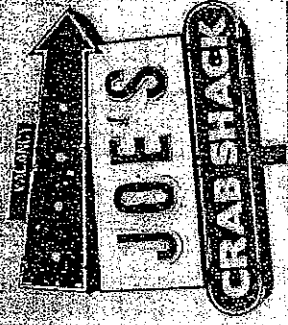
Where? We will meet in the Science Lab. At the first meeting, I will have all the information about the rules and the race. We will also begin the planning and scheduling phase of the project.

Why? Do you really have to ask? FUN! We will build and race a solar powered boat!!



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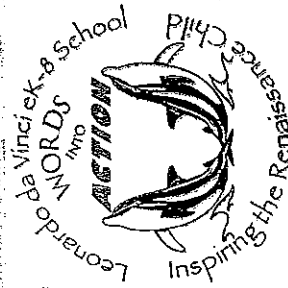
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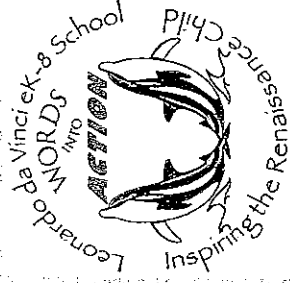


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Devon Davis, *Principal*

Leonardo da Vinci eK-8th Grade

TO: Parents of 5th and 6th Graders
FROM: Devon Davis, Principal
RE: Middle School Visitation Day
DATE: November 13, 2013
8:15am

Parents of 5th and 6th Grade Students,

Please attend out LdV Middle School Visitation day. You will discover and affirm that the best middle school program, is right here at LdV. Our teachers hold single subject credentials, have high school experience, and prepare our students with a strong academic foundation, build up self-esteem, and make these could-be "difficult years" rather outstanding. Our students are happy, well-rounded, and academically prepared for the challenge of high school, college, and beyond. We help our students begin the steps to achieving their dreams. Check us out.

8:15-9:00 Faculty Presentations
(9-12:00 6th graders shadow middle school students)
9:00-9:45 Administration and Parent Presentations
9:45-10:00 Questions
10:00-10:30 Middle School Tour

SCHOOL CENTS



2500 bonus points for donations to the Angel Tree

(Kids can show their wings to customer service to log their points)

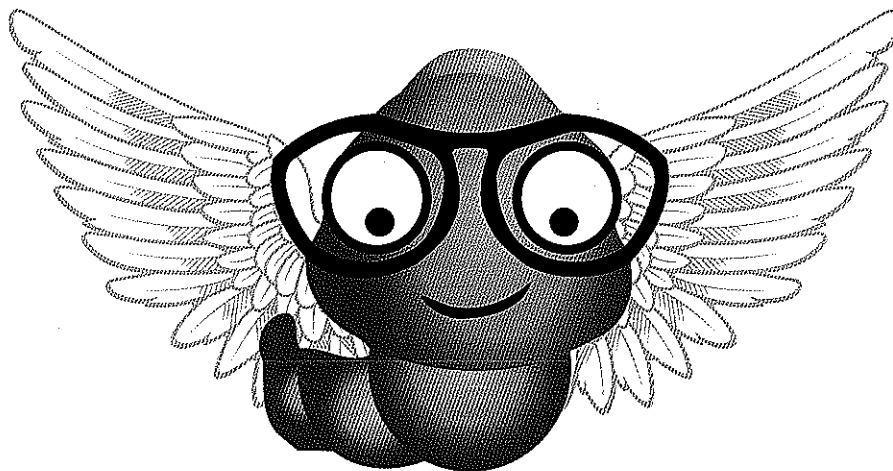
We ask that each child help spread joy to another child in our community who needs something special this holiday season. Bring a new, unwrapped toy or new clothes to the Angel Tree at Arden Fair and you will earn your very own wings. The Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento will give your generous gift to a child who is need of an Angel.

Schools receive TRIPLE points for Santa Photos!

Visit www.ardenfair.com for Santa Hours and Pricing!

Shop these stores in November and receive TRIPLE points for your school:

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If you have any questions, please call the School Cents Coordinators at (800) 762-1641.

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When does the season start?

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