

Leonardo da Vinci eK-8 School

President's Ponderings

Yes the holiday season is fully upon us as we enter this last week of fall and the last week of school for the calendar year! With the solstice coming on Saturday winter will finally be here. But as the days remain colder, remember too that they grow longer as the sun begins its trek back towards the southern skies.

Late fall and early winter have always been times of celebration throughout the world. The change of seasons has been seen as a symbol of transition from the old to the new. And of course for all of us it is a time when our children are home from school with us to celebrate our own family traditions.

Last week we celebrated an LdV tradition with our annual Winter Faire. Snowflakes hung from the ceilings. Stars shone from the walls. I saw tinsel and holly, wreaths and candy canes. And of course hundreds of smiling faces performing songs and skits, and participating in all the crafts and games. And let's not forget the hungry mouths in the cafeteria, or the intense looks of the shoppers in the boutique! A huge thank you to Winter Faire Coordinator Bonnie Jones and ALL the volunteers, everyone who donated, all those who crafted, all the performers, and of course all of you and your children who attended and participated, for making this event such a tremendous success.

Have a wonderful week and enjoy the festive atmosphere. And whatever holidays and traditions your family celebrates, I hope that you have a joyous time during the break, and a safe and prosperous new year. See you in 2014!

Thank you for your support of LdV and the PTC in 2013, 2014, and beyond! Until next time...Ciao! —David DeNuzzo - PTC President

Bazaar Continues

As you do your last minute holiday shopping visit the display case in the main hall for wonderful handmade crafts left over from the Winter Faire Craft Bazaar. All items still for sale! Visit Diane in the front office to purchase.

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!

Individual Sponsorships - Donate \$50 or more and your generosity will be recognized by having your name featured on our boat.

Corporate Sponsorships - Starting at \$100, your company logo will be featured on our boat.

Parking Lot Closed

Due to traffic congestion and for the safety of our children, the front parking lot will be CLOSED from 8:30-9:15 am and 2:30-3:15 pm. Please park politely in the neighborhood or use the drop off/pick up route.

Please be safe and patient in the drop off/pick up zones. We are all anxious to be on our way.

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!

Dolphins

Dolphin art by LdV 7th grader Michael S.

Science Club

The next Science Club meeting will be Friday Dec. 20th from 3 - 4 pm in room 28. Open to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders - just complete and bring an Activity Participation Form if you haven't already done so.

ARTLinks Show & Sale

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who came to Track 7 either Saturday or Sunday to support the LdV ARTLinks program!

Thank you to Krush Burger, Slightly Skewed, and the parents who came to help set-up and take-down.

Biggest thanks to Track 7 Brewing Co. for hosting the event!

"It takes a village" - we could not have accomplished this weekend without the support of you!

Holiday Dreams

The PTA Children's Clothes Closet is hoping to make the holidays a little brighter for 20 SCUSD families this year. You can help them with donations of: new toys, shoes, clothes, video games, movies, jewelry, and gift cards, candy, stocking stuffers and ribbon and wrapping paper. For information or questions contact Elicia De Los Reyes at 613-1573 or huehuetera@yahoo.com. 501c3 Tax ID 94-6002491. Donations can be taken to the Clothes Closet located at LdV on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9 am & 2 pm.

Winter Band Concert

The Winter Band Concert tentatively scheduled for this Wednesday will be held in early January at Fern Bacon. Please watch for date and time.

Email Difficulties

Some district emails are not going out or being received in a timely manner. If you do not receive a timely response please resend. Thank you!

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Dates to Remember

Dec 20

Science Club 3 pm/rm 27

Dec 21-Jan 5

Winter Break

Jan 8

SSC 5:30 pm

PTC 6:30 pm

Jan 31

CIE Breakfast Around the World

Integrated Thematic Instruction Through Arts & Sciences

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

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Deadline: Dec 19

Word of the Week

Many people today are interested in a new form of computer gaming called "virtual reality." In one virtual reality program, a person feels the sensation of flying without ever leaving the comfort of a chair. For most of us, however, "genuine reality" is challenging enough. One of those challenges is learning to communicate with, and understand others—the ability to show EMPATHY, our character word of the week. This is the ability to see and feel the world from another's point of view. A person with empathy acts as if he or she has "walked in our shoes."

"Don't judge any man until you have walked two moons in his moccasins."

—Native American proverb

From the Office

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!

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 trancies.

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 escusa.

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.

From the SCL (School Community Liaison)

Tally Sheets: Please turn sheets into your child's class or to the Volunteer Office at the end of the month.

TB test results and Sex Offender Background check clearances: 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 7am-3:30pm or email me at diane-soule@scusd.edu, or leave a message at 277-7034.

Over Stuffed!

When the holidays are over and it's time for resolutions, you may be looking for somewhere to hide those leftover holiday candies. As always, your donation of leftover (or brand new) candy is always appreciated by the staff. Please bring donations to Diane's office and I will see it is properly distributed to thankful staff members.

Thank you to those of you who have already dropped some off. I have been sharing every day with a much deserving staff.

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.

Déja 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!

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.

2014-2015 Siblings?

Be sure to place incoming sibling names on the list on the window outside my office. You will still need to go through Open Enrollment (grades K, 4, 7) or complete a wait list application (grades eK, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8). This is simply for us to know how many spots to plan for. Contact me with questions at diane-soule@scusd.edu.

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.

No More Extra Buttons! Attendance News

Now you can simply dial 557-0389 and leave your child's absence information.

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.

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!

Can You Donate...

Not for Our Teeth!

Early Kinder is looking for a donation or "at cost" pricing for dental Alginate (dentist stuff). Please contact elly-graves@scusd.edu or stop by room 2 if you can help.

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@pacbell.net/916-549-5734 if you have any questions or are just curious!

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!

Support Basketball

Basketball season has begun, and we are fortunate this year to be hosting almost every game in the LdV gym. Parents who attend games, show good sportsman behavior, and help out our Campus monitor by keeping an eye on the crowd, are eligible for Volunteer Hours.

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.

Unsung Heroes

ARTLinks event at Track 7
Brewing Co:

THANK YOU Cindy Kazee for making this event come to fruition.

Thank you Cindy Kazee, Diane Soule, Jeri Clark and Lucy McGinnis for helping set-up and clean-up. This weekend was amazing! Could not have accomplished this without the support of you.

—With all my heart full of gratitude, UnChu.

Editors Note: If you missed the ARTLinks Show & Sale at Track 7, you missed a beautiful showcase of work LdV students have been creating during afterschool Open Studios. This weekend we sold Miros, Klimts, Picassos, and a van Gogh...all "fantastic fakes" created under the guidance of ARTLinks coordinator UnChu Littlefield. HUGE thanks to UnChu for the hours spent making this "fabulous" event a huge success. From the original concept, to arranging food trucks, advertising, building "gnome habitats," teaching artist's styles and techniques to roomfuls of students during open studios, and then devoting the entire weekend to setting up, selling, and taking it down...it truly would not have happened without YOU!

(For those of you unfamiliar with UnCh 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 UnCh 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)



For Sale

If you haven't quite figured out your centerpiece for the holidays, ARTLinks has one last birch forest for \$30. Add your own lights, moss, gnomes, or ornaments and you will have a new traditional hallmark for your family. It's in Diane's office.

Dolphin Store Open Monday & Tuesday AM & PM!

The LdV Dolphin Store is open after school on Mondays (until 3:15 pm) and before school on Tuesdays (beginning at 8:30 am) AND after school on Tuesdays (until 3:15 pm). The store has school supplies and healthy snacks for students.

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?

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.

Open Enrollment News

Due to the late dates for online Open Enrollment we are adding some visitation dates. Remember - A parent must attend a visitation in 2013-2014 for students to be eligible for a 2014-2015 wait list.

Visitation Dates:

eK-6th grades remaining dates: January 14, 15, 17 at 9:15 am

Additional dates for eK-6th grades are: February 21 and March 7 at 9:15 am. No reservation required.

Middle School Visitation dates: January 30 & 31 at 8:15 am

Additional date: February 7 at 8:15 am

Middle school applicants will be asked to provide a portfolio including: grades, attendance, behavior and a teacher letter of recommendation.

Open Enrollment Dates:

For Kinder and 4th grade ONLY! February 18-March 7

For 7th grade ONLY! January 27-February 11

Our site based wait list (grades 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8) opens at 8 am January 22, 2014.

Need Some Shopping Help?

If you are including a teacher in your holiday shopping and would like a clue for a great gift, check the yellow binder in my garage window. It is full of good ideas. —diane

Transportation Needed!

Do you have a child at LdV and McClatchy? Are you interested in earning \$150 a month to pick up my son and daughter after school and drop them off at our home near Florin Rd. and East Parkway? If so, please contact Marcy: (916)879-2135

Sponsors Needed

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).

School Cents Receipt Box

Are you forgetting to drop by Guest Services after you have shopped at Arden Fair Mall? Do you have a wallet full of receipts that could be logged in for points for the school? Not to worry. Put all of your Arden Fair Mall receipts from the last 90 days in an envelope with your child's name and room number and drop it in the box in Diane's office. I will log them in at Arden Fair Mall and return them to you. Turn around for properly labeled receipts will be 2 weeks. Any questions, contact Laura Walter at laura.q.walter@gmail.com

Only 1 Shopping Week

It is definitely not too early to start your gift shopping! If you shop on-line for gifts, or even 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 basically 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 is easy as that and doesn't cost you a penny.

Have a restful, peaceful, family-time filled break!

See you in 2014!



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 Open!

Middle School students who have signed up for LdV Entrepreneurs have opened 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.

Work at Home

We are looking for a volunteer to take over as our Box Top and Label coordinator. Now is a perfect time to learn from our outgoing coordinator. Please contact Cindy at UNDC@aol.com.

A New Kind of Spring Fling!

Our annual Spring Fling is getting a makeover, and we need your help to make it a spectacular success! We've already secured a new location (to be revealed soon!), and now we need creative minds to help with decorations, food, PR, and more! The more people who participate in planning, the less work each of us will have. Our goal is to make this a whole community event, not just for LdV parents.

If you are good at marketing/communications, or have connections with the food & beverage industry, this will be a great opportunity for you. Contact Kim Niemeyer @ niemeyers@comcast.net, or Gwynnae Byrd @ gwynnaeb@gmail.com, to get involved.

A Resolution for a Lice Free Community

The two week Winter Break is a perfect time to be vigilant about lice. Two weeks of watching your child's head for signs, using the appropriate shampoo and combing procedures, and vacuuming, spraying, and/or exposing items around your home and in your car to high dryer heat, and we should be able to resume the school year a lice free campus.

A "Facts of Lice" binder is available in the front office if you need some advice (or want to see an example of what you are looking for). I am also available to talk you through your feeling of frustration and disbelief. Working together we can break the cycle of exposure at LdV and be free. Please don't think it can't happen to you, and be vigilant. —Diane

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 - Workshops continue in January. 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.

Looking at High School?

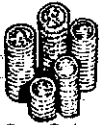
• **George Washington Carver School of Arts & Science Visitation Days:** Call 228-5760 to reserve your space on any of the following days - Jan 14, Feb 4, Mar 11 or April 8. Tours are 8:30-10 am. www.carverartsandscience.org

• Middle and High School families and students are invited to experience **New Tech High School** by attending New Tech Preview Day, on Friday, January 24th. Two sessions are offered each Preview Day, 8 to 9:30 AM or 9:30 to 11 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 day: Dec 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 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.



Fund Raising News

Arden Fair Receipts for December

Our School Cents Program through Arden Fair is going strong!! Thank you to those families & friends who are recording their receipts at the Customer Service desk at the mall! For the month of December, there is a little change in the how they process receipts. They are asking that if you bring receipts to the Customer Service desk during December that you fill out an envelope (provided at the desk) with school name on it, put your receipts in the envelope and drop the envelope in the box. You will not get these receipts back. However, if you do need your receipts back, then hold onto them until January when you can go back to the Customer Service desk and they can record them for you right on the spot and give them back to you. If that is too much work for you, you can simply put your receipts in an envelope with your child's name and room number and put them in the box in Diane's office. I will take them in January to be recorded and return them to you.

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.

School Cents "Angel in Disguise" Program

Arden Fair Mall's School Cents program is offering a wonderful program that benefits LdV as well as the Sacramento Children's Receiving Home. When you bring a new, unwrapped toy or new clothing to the Angel Tree inside Arden Fair Mall you will receive a pair of wings to take to the Guest Services desk where they will log in 2500 points for LdV's School Cents program. What a great way to help out the community and an easy way for LdV to gather a whole lot of points for the program! Remember, we are competing against 25 schools for major cash prizes at the end of the school year! We could earn up to \$3000!

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!

It's Never 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. 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.

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

New Spanish Session

On January 6th, 2014 a new session of Spanish classes will be starting. Mondays eK-2nd grade, Tuesdays 3rd-5th and Wednesdays 6th-8th and/or intermediate-advance Spanish level. Cost is \$30 a month + \$12 material fee or 3 months for \$75 +\$12 material fee. If you have any questions regarding schedules or registrations forms contact Mrs. Garcia (916)585-6020 or ingridspanishstudio@gmail.com.

You can also pick up a registration form in the front office, there is a designated box for Spanish Class.

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 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

Shopping Online for Business, Personal or Holiday Needs? Shop Amazon through the LdV Link and Support our School!

Simply click on the LdV Amazon link then continue with your shopping.

Directions:

1. Go to our website: leonardodavincischool.org or the LdV Facebook page
2. Click on the Amazon link
3. Log in to your Amazon account just like you normally would
4. Complete your purchase

It's just that easy and LdV will earn up to 8% on all of your Amazon.com purchases!

Middle School
November Students of the Month

Katie Rohrer- Androlowicz, Science

Claire Hammond- Androlowicz, Science

Emily Wong- Maltby, Math

Ailin Perez- Maltby, Math

Hannah Fuller - Star, Social Science

Liliana Ramos - Star, Social Science

Alexa Carter - Jackman

Alexis Luevanos - Jackman

Kyle Westman- Sirard, Language Arts

Emma Riseling- Sirard, Language Arts

Tiana Lewis - Stiller, Art

Claire Hammond - Stiller, Art

Priscila Martinez- Ismail, PE

Nyshajuan Washington- Ismail, PE

“Students of the Month” November 2013

GRADE	RM	TEACHER	ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT	CITIZENSHIP	ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT	CITIZENSHIP
Early Kinder	2PM	Elly Graves	Lorenzo De La Rosa	Lucas Brick	Nicolaus Maltby	Luke Lyda
Kindergarten	2	Allison Hebert	Ginger Avender	Melanie Romo-Gutierrez	Francisco Cuevas	Sasha Weinsheink
	3	Lisa Brown	Jordan Bailey	Anu Finch	Luna Williams	Marco Murphy
	4	Jane Walton	Jozef Quintero	Ryan Ferreira	Mira Davis	Enalina Treadway
1 st ,3 rd SDC	20	Patty Ryan	Abd Rahman Alkhier (3 rd gr)	Angelina Bursiaga (2 nd gr)	Ezra Chavez (2 nd gr)	
First	5	Veasna Nim	Ava Gotha	Ryan Giang	Vida Wisham	Remy Tanamachi
	6	Jamie Maroldy	Kasch Marquardt	Emma Perez	Nina Thorton	Ashley Story
	10	Stacey Lombardi	Isaac Chacing	Chase Lavery	Pennie Howes	Solymer Morin
Second	11	Tim Sapunor	Atticus Waterbury	Abigail Vien	Mia Williams	
	12	Joanie Wickham	Kaden Bourquin	Benjamin Brosemer	Teddy Cran	Cara Ford
	18	Lynne Olcomendy	Kristina Her	Daven Thao		Violet Murray
Third	7	Linda Cochran	Aiden Crane	Evalina Covaliuc	Stephanie Macias	Jafet Recinos
	8	Linda Johnson	Holdin Fong	Nicholas Neto	Kuyper Holland	Lily Marshall
	9	Maribeth Niehaus	Sophia Garcia	Emma Bailey	Eli Graybill	Victor Guzman
4 th ,6 th SDC	33A	Crystal Au	Griffen Cowen	Nicky Lee		
Fourth	15	Vienna Bustos	Greyson Kerksieck		Melody Lednický-Lehman	
	16	Brian Moore	Calern Lotto	Emily Garcia	Oliver Birdsong	Brittney Escobar
	17	Deborah Dodd	Evelyn Ruiz	Cassidy Anderson	Justin Mason	Carter Miles
Fifth	23	Kim Meade	Cole Barrett	Amber Bell	Gen Cha	Lilly Habblett
	24	Dan Maroldy	Matt Solari	Justis Cooper	Sophie Hernandez	Darin Thao
	25	Cathy Little	Mariana Garcia	Yahaira Romo-Gutierrez	Alex DeNuzzo	Jonathan James
Sixth	21	Sally Weisbecker	Sasha Chazova	Adriana Martinez	Elijah Holland	Joshua Schley
	22	Rhonda Wallace	Trinity Dunbar	Laura Her	Taylor Andrade	Lorena Meza
Band	1	Jennifer Nakayama	Mae Krause	Ameira Hendrickson	Holdin Fong	Genna Bourquin

ON STAGE & OFF STAGE

What's the difference?

ON STAGE

Was started at LdV 13 years ago to introduce theatre arts to children from Kindergarten to 8th grade.

Children benefit from:

- creating characters
- working together to create a story
- memorizing lines
- learning to project their voices
- discovering the basics of theatre arts
- building confidence

OFF STAGE

Was started last year to introduce students to those skills that go on off of the stage to help create a production.

Students learn about:

- Designing and painting sets
- developing props
- creating costumes
- lighting
- sound and music
- stage hand skills

*"Off Stage is a lot of fun. I enjoyed making the props, and it's cool to run the spotlight. You get to pretty much draw a circle around the main character."
-Jo Heinlein*

Who are the instructors?

Cynthia Speakman - Originator of the program - has over 20 years of experience as an actor and a degree in Elementary (On Stage - K-3rd Grade) & Special Education.

Julie Anchor - Actor and director for over 20 years in theaters in Sacramento and Jackson is also sharing her expertise by helping in (On Stage - 4-6th Grade) the Off Stage classes.

Allen Pontes - A theater professional who has extensive experience on stage and with the many facets of theater addressed in Off (Off Stage 3-6th Grade) Stage, will also assist in 4-6th classes.

*For those who have had some acting experience we are introducing
16 Week Classes which will produce a published play*

K-3 on Tuesdays // 4-6th on Wednesdays

And

there are two 8 week sessions for K-3 on Thursdays in the Spring.

HOW TO ENROLL? IT'S EASY!

1. Fill out the form on the back of this sheet.
2. Write a check payable to On Stage (even for Off Stage class).
3. Leave form and check in On Stage box in Parent Office
or in your classroom PTC envelope by Friday, December 20, 2013.
(we will accept payment up to the first day of class)

Classes meet once a week from 3:00-5:00 in the Auditorium.

(Limited partial scholarships available)

ENROLL TODAY... SPACE IS LIMITED!!!

Questions Call Cynthia Speakman 916-502-0336 or cynthia.speakman@gmail.com



Spring registration 2014 Enrollment Form

Participant _____	Grade/Rm _____	DOB _____
Parent/Guardian _____	e-mail _____	
Address _____	Day Phone _____	
City/Zip _____	Cell Phone _____	
Home phone _____	Other Cell phone _____	

SESSION CHOICES SPRING 2014

16 Week Production Classes

In this class we will produce a published play.

- K-3 Tues. Jan. 14-May 15 \$175
 4-6th Wed. Jan. 15-May 16 \$175

8 Week Classes

Beginning Acting

- K-3 Thurs. Sess 1 Jan. 16-Mar 13 \$110
 K-3 Thurs. Sess 2 March 20-May 8 \$110

-----All Classes are 3:00-5:00 p.m.-----

OFF STAGE

- 3-6th Off Stage TUESDAYS
Jan. 14-May 16th \$175

In this 16 week program students learn about set building, sound effects, lighting, props and costumes. They draw ideas, build model sets then draw and paint the final backdrop for the 16 Week Production Class. Throughout this time they are also creating costumes, and props and some sound effects. Some of the students take on stage hand responsibilities. Allen Pontes and Julie Anchor collectively bring over 50 years of experience in all aspects of the theatre world.

**NOTE: STUDENTS MUST HAVE SIGNED FORM AND
PAYMENT BEFORE ATTENDING CLASS.**

Please make check payable to On Stage

Place your check for classes- attached to this enrollment form in the ON STAGE envelope in the parent office or your classroom PTC envelope by Friday December 20th

We will accept payment up to the first day of classes

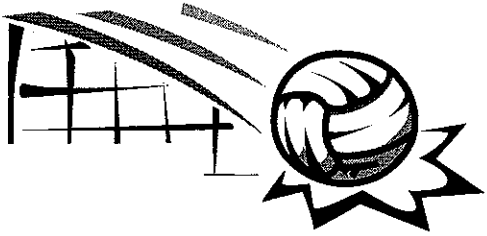
or Call Cynthia Speakman at 916-502-0336

or cynthia.speakman@gmail.com

No Refunds for Cancellation or Dismissal

Parent signature

Date



Sacramento Youth Volleyball Starts Here!™



SPRING 2014

USYVL is a Volunteer Organization.

BOYS AND GIRLS 8-WEEK YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

For Girls and Boys ages 7 through 15

Age Divisions: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-15

Age divisions are determined by child's age on November 01, 2014

WHERE: William Land Park

START: Wednesday, April 02, 2014

DAYS: Wed: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. and Sat: 9:00-10:00 a.m.

FEES: Regular \$150 until 03/01/14
Late \$185 until 03/25/14

\$20 off
enter Code 1285
expires 12/19/2013

Multiple Child Family Discount - 2 or more children, deduct \$10.00 from each registration, after the first. Price includes volleyball, t-shirt uniform and USYVL individual award!
Financial Aid is available and must be submitted by the regular registration deadline.

REGISTER: Online at www.USYVL.org
(No registrations will be accepted after the March 25th deadline unless space permits.)

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

The USYVL is a parent volunteer organization. Come on out and volunteer to make a difference in the life of a child and get a free USYVL Polo Shirt.

Volunteer for one of the following positions:

Coach, Asst Coach, Site Director, Registration Asst, First Aid Asst. These are all low commitment and we provide training.

****Consider being a Coach. A Head Coach can select one player in addition to their own child to be on their team. Both children do need to be registered by registration deadline.**

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY, VOLUNTEER TODAY!

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Young Actors Stage presents

The WIZARD of OZ

Young Performers' Edition



The Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum

With Music and Lyrics of the MGM Motion Picture Score By Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg

Background Music By Herbert Stothart

*Thurs, Dec 19, 10am & 12:30pm (Daytime School Performances)

Fri, Dec 20, 7pm (Ruby Cast)

Sat, Dec 21 1pm (Ruby Cast)

Sat, Dec 21, 7pm (Emerald Cast)

Sun, Dec 22, 1pm (Emerald Cast)

\$7 children (12 & under) \$10 General *\$5 Preview School Performances (Dec. 19th only)

Theater Box Office Opens 45 minutes prior to each performance. For Tickets & Information Visit: www.YoungActorsStage.com

Playing at the 24th Street Theater in Sacramento, 2791 24th Street, Sacramento, CA 95818