

Leonardo da Vinci eK-8 School

Integrated Thematic Instruction Through Arts & Sciences

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Help Build the Boat

The LdV NYC middle schoolers are trying to raise \$2,000 on Indiegogo.com, which is a crowd funding site, to build a solar boat. We won best in design our first year out, and this year we want to build a faster, lighter more efficient Solar Boat to compete in SMUD's Norther CA Solar Regatta Competition. Please check out our campaign at igg.me/at/ldvdyc or log on to indiegogo.com and search LdV NYC. We have lots of cool perks for those who make a donation to us on this website.

Please also share our website on your social media sites! The more shares we get, the more exposure we will receive on Indiegogo—and we only have 60 days to raise this money on Indiegogo. Thank you LdV community for your support!

Got Siblings?

Please add your incoming Kinder or early Kinder sibling to the list on the front office window AND watch for open enrollment information! Early kinder applications are available from Diane now. Kinder openings are through Open Enrollment only. Dates to be announced.

You have to be ODD to be #1

The Mathletes is back at LdV this year under the leadership of Mr. Matby and Mrs. Katsura. Please congratulate our new team for taking 4th place at the November competition (the second competition of the year). Our stellar math students are working hard, honing their math skills, and preparing to take the city by storm. They meet every Wednesday morning in room 30 from 8-9 am.

Harv's Car Wash

Thank goodness we have finally had a little rain - but now the car is a mess! Please purchase a car wash ticket to Harv's Car Wash and support the Dolphin Yacht Club and help build our solar powered boat. For \$19.95 you get the Manager's Special including: Full Exterior Wash including windows; interior vacuum; and a complete interior wipedown. Tickets do not expire and would make great holiday gifts!

Order tickets with the form in the front office with a check made out to LdV PTC and put "NYC" in the memo line. Tickets will be delivered to your student in their classroom. Or buy tickets from Diane.

JOOI Meeting

JOOI club will meet Wednesday December 3rd. Each member needs a composition book, scrapbook paper, and embellishments of their choice!

Winter Faire News

- **Winter Faire Meeting #3** 12/2/14 6-8pm, in the cafeteria. ldvwinterfaire@gmail.com

- Winter Faire has only 2 booths left in the **Midway!** Raise some funds and getting the word out about your group! ldvwinterfaire@gmail.com or call 896-4044

- **Interested in participating in the boutique?** Go to <http://goo.gl/forms/dWZxnPKLOs> or the front office for the form. All proceeds go directly to your grade's class fund! Any questions contact ldvwinterfaire@gmail.com

Dolphins

This week's dolphin artist is 8th grader **Natasha SM.**



Save the date!



Winter Faire

Thursday, December 11

5-9 pm

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Our first Taste of LdV this year was a huge success! There was excellent food and drink, fun games and activities, amazing auction items, and fabulous art.

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If you want to be part of the planning and vision for next year's event, please contact one of us to find out more: niemeyers@comcast.net, gwynnaeb@gmail.com or fordkat@sbcglobal.net.

We will be meeting on December 2, 6-8 pm in the LdV library to talk about details. Come join us!

Fundraising Opportunity for Class Fee Credit

Would you like to another way to pay for your child's class fee? We have one for you!

Through December 2, you have the opportunity to sell See's Candy for the holiday season. The company is offering 22% return to LdV on our sales if we sell \$500 or more as a school. So if you sell \$200 worth of candy, then \$44 would be credited to your child's class fee. The more you sell, the more money you make toward the class fee! Already paid your class fee, you can still participate and your profit will go toward your child's class general fund. More info to follow at class meetings next week. Flyers and order forms are available in Diane's office. Any questions contact Laura Walter at laura.q.walter@gmail.com



Library Talk

Thanks to the wonderful volunteers who made the Book Fair such a success! Thanks to all of you who purchased items. Most of all, gigantic gratitude to Sara Kennedy for an awesome job of handling every detail as the Chairperson! Sara, we salute you! We raised about \$1000 in cash and \$1200 in Scholastic Book Fair Bucks to support the library.

More library helpers are needed. Check with your child's teacher or the class manager to see if there is a need in your child's class. If you just have a few minutes extra on your volunteer time, come into the library and straighten shelves.

Those of you who are already library helpers, please remember to check in what is in the book drop, as well as what your class returns. Checking in and out the class books is very helpful but it doesn't end there. Please sort and organize the books on the various carts and, if possible, shelve fiction and picture books. Do not shelve nonfiction unless you understand the decimal system thoroughly.

We will be getting new books soon! More on that next time!

—Ms. Buxton, Librarian

Mark Your Calendars for the Open Studio Art Show & Sale at Track 7 Brewing Co. December 13 & 14

check out the art in the hall as well as the main display case for a sale preview.



Dates to Remember

Dec 2

Open Studio 3:15-4:15 rm 33b

Basketball vs Brannan
Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30

Winter Faire mtg 6 pm/cafeateria

Taste of LdV mtg 6 pm/LIB

Dec 3

PTC 6:30 pm

Dec 4

Open Studio 3:15-4:15 rm 33b

Basketball vs Didion
Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30

Dec 5

Open Enrollment Visit 9:15 am

MS Winter Dance 4-6 pm

On Stage Performance 5:30 pm

Dec 9

Basketball vs Bacon
Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30

Dec 11

Basketball @ Cal
Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30

Winter Faire

Dec 13 & 14

Track 7 Fundraiser

Dec 16

Basketball vs Birney
Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30

Dec 18

Basketball @ Sutter
Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30

Open Studio 1:30-2:30 rm 33b

Your school-related event could be featured here!

This newsletter is distributed every Monday of the school year. The submission deadline is 8:45 am on the last, non-holiday Thursday preceding distribution. Please email your articles to: dsandsons@sbcglobal.net. Events and services advertised in this newsletter are not necessarily endorsed by LdV PTC or SCUSD.

Published by the parents of Leonardo da Vinci eK-8

Next Issue: Dec 7

Deadline: Dec 4

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: November tally sheets are due! Please turn it into your child's class or to the Volunteer Office. October Tally sheets were in last week's newsletter and are available on the website.

Carry Over Hours: Hours from 2013-14 are only carried over to this year if they were worked AFTER May 15, 2014 (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!

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 7:30am-3:30pm or email me at diane-soule@scusd.edu, or leave a message at 277-7034.

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!

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!

Driving on a Field Trip?

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

No Free TB Testing

SCUSD no longer offers free TB screening. It is recommended you see your primary care provider, or make use of a community clinic. For your convenience, the following are resources you could use:

Rite Aide: 980 Florin Rd or 2751 Del Paso Rd. NO appointment necessary. \$20

Wellspace Health: four locations. Please call 737-5555 for details. \$16

Elica Health Center: 3701 J St, suite 201, Sacramento. Call 454-2345 for an appointment \$40.

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.

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 maybe frustrating for you (and me) but read carefully since pages might seem the same but rest assured no two issues are exactly alike!

LdV on the Web & Facebook

The weekly newsletter (without additional flyers) can be found on the **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.

TREATS!

Thank you to all the families who have dropped off leftover Halloween candy! The staff at LdV appreciate a little chocolate pick me up at the end of some days...and your donation of some seasonal candy is very appreciated. Drop off in Diane's office please! Thank you!

ARTLinks OPEN STUDIO

Tuesdays, Dec 2

Thursdays, Dec 4

in Room 33b from 3:15-4:15pm

Open Studio is a free after school Art Studio opportunity available to every child at LdV. Students will create artwork for an LdV ARTLinks or community service project. Parents, please plan to stay during all Open Studio visits. We need you as volunteers for the students and it facilitates end of project timing. Yes, you can bring a friends child to the open studio but please make sure each parent has had a conversation about attendance and pick-up to keep the Open Studio session light and fun for each child. PLEASE Remind your student artists that they are attending Open Studio to make artwork and that this time is an extension of their learning day. They are to remain in Room 33b throughout the duration of the project. Open Studio is made possible by the LdV PTC. Please email UnChu.Littlefield.tateskitchen@gmail.com with questions



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at Track 7 Brewing Co.



Saturday, December 13 & Sunday, December 14

Lifetouch Info

www.lifetouchnorcal.com or 1-866-955-8342

Got Bugs?

The students in room 20 would love to visit with them. Live ones are good! Drop them off to room 20 whenever you find an interesting one.

Markers Wanted

The students in Room 31 would appreciate the donation of new markers for an art project they are working on this year. Any brand or style would be appreciated. Please leave donations in Ms Howard's mailbox. Thank you.

Parking Reminder!!!

Please do not park in assigned STAFF parking spots. Our employees arrive at different times throughout the day and need to be able to use their parking spaces. We have unassigned parking spaces in the front lot, the back lot, and on the street. Thank you!



Looking for Something to Do?

Collate and Conversate

OVER 800 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).

Buildings & Grounds

PTC is looking for a new Buildings & Grounds person. This position covers the overall school grounds excluding the Learning Garden, ralling parents for leaf clean up and small maintenance projects around campus. If you are interested please contact PTC President, Katherine Barrett at k.b.barrett@comcast.net

Staff Appreciation

If you would like to contribute to our monthly Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts, please contact Stacie Lo at stacielo@live.com

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 Stacie Lo at stacielo@live.com

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Looking for Volunteer to...

Drive Field Trips

Our special day classes would love to take their students on field trips. If you have your clearances in place and would like to help please contact diane-soule@scusd.edu or to help 4-6 grade contact phil-howard@scusd.edu or to help 7 & 8 grade contact aeisha-jones@scusd.edu or 916-505-8623

Supervise in Café da Vinci

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.



Fund Raising News

School Cents Fundraiser News

You are invited to Arden Mall once a month at 12pm for fun and exciting Kids Club events! Each child who signs up to become an Arden Fair Kids Club member will receive a VIP card that is punched during each event. You can sign up for Kids Club by joining us for one of our events, or sign up any time at our Guest Services counter in front of JCPenney. These events are FREE!

December - Kids Club is on Winter Break - but we'll see you again in 2015!

Check in at the Customer Service counter and Leonardo da Vinci will earn 1,000 bonus points for the School Cents fundraiser! Visit www.ardenfair.com/events/KidsClub for more information.

It's Never Too Late for a Magazine!

Go to www.gaschoolstore.com and enter our school code 2692168. You can renew your current subscription or purchase new ones. Remind family and friends to renew their subscriptions, too!

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 two 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. **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 to earn money and groceries and we get cash, its a win-win!

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

Shoparoo

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

AMAZON! Shopping Online for Business or Personal Needs?

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

Free E-Waste Pick Up

Schedule your FREE pick up by visiting www.eWaste4good.com Fill in your contact information and within a few days a dispatcher will contact you to schedule an at home or office pick up date. Your electronics will be picked up, recycled and the proceeds will be donated to LdV. You can also call for pick up at 800-317-3112

Items that can be picked up, WORKING OR NOT! Televisions, monitors, fax machines, desk-top copiers, telephones, vacuum cleaners, keyboards, mice, networking equipment, wires and cords, household phones, medical equipment, video games, computers, calculators, cell phones, printers, scanners, laptops, power tools, small appliances, stereo systems, refrigerators, washers and dryers...and more. All electronics are recycled locally in California.

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

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, even though the name of the program at your work may be different. For example, the California State Employee's Contribution Campaign (CSECC) is running right now, and you can sign up to donate to Leonardo da Vinci through that program. Many other employers offer the same type of program under a different name. Check out yours today.

\$1793.80 raised so far...

Amazon Fundraiser!

Do you shop on Amazon? If so, PLEASE USE OUR LINK when you make your purchases. You can find it on our school website or on our facebook page. For every purchase you make we get at least 4% in return from Amazon. We have earned almost \$1800.00 from Amazon since we started this program last winter. Please help us continue to raise money for our school by USING OUR LINK. Want to know for sure that we received credit for your purchases, just email Ms. Ballard at tiffany-ballard@scusd.edu.

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
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!

What's Happening After School?

Corrected

Basketball Schedule

Earn Parent Hours by attending Basketball games, supporting our teams, and modeling good sportsmanship.

12/2 LdV vs Brannan
Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30

12/4 LdV vs Didion
Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30

12/9 LdV vs Bacon
Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30

12/11 LdV @ Cal
Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30

12/16 LdV vs Birney
Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30

12/18 LdV @ Sutter
Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30

1/6 LdV vs Still
Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30

1/8 LdV @ SES
Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30

1/12 BYE

1/15 LdV vs Brannan
Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30

1/20 LdV vs Bacon
Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30

1/22 LdV vs MLK
Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30

1/27 1st Round playoff

1/28 Semi final

1/31 Finals

Science Club

For 6-8th grade students. Science labs and investigations beyond the classroom. Twice a month on Friday morning. \$30. Sign ups in the front office.

Dolphin Store is Open

Every Wednesday after school the Dolphin Store is open for business. Selling fun pencils, erasers, school supplies and more!

Art

After school Art Lessons painting, drawing, watercolor, mask making, collage and print-making \$12 per class (all materials included). For 2nd-8th grade students. Call Leslie Colby at 502-1227 to sign up.

Learn Spanish

For any questions about this program please contact Mrs. Garcia Email: ingridspanishstudio@gmail.com Phone: (916)585-6020

On/Off Stage

Please call 916-502-0336 for information.

LdV Ballet Folklorico

For more information call (916)585-6020 or e-mail inlandsurfclub@gmail.com

Head-Start Beginning Band

-- Join Us Next Year! :)

Did you miss the opportunity to join Beginning Band this year? Yes, our Head-Start Beginning Band is a year-long class and we can't add new students after the first few weeks of class so we can continue our progress together...but don't worry -- we start fresh every year and are open to grades 3 - 8. Look for information in the first few newsletters in September and come to our Music Parent Info Meeting which is always held a half-hour before the kick-off for Back-To-School Night. (Head Start Band always begins the day after Back-To-School Night.) Remember, Head Start Band has tuition fees of \$30 per month, or \$230 for the year. Feel free to check out information which is still posted on bulletin boards around the school, and next to our door at Room 1. Hope to see you next year! :)

From the Office Attendance Information Email Sick and Tardy

Please email sally-uhlig@scusd.edu with your students' absences and tardies or call 557-0389 wait for the message to begin and then press 49#. By email or phone, 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). Please use "absence" in the subject line. You will receive a reply if it has been received. Absence verification must be made daily. Unverified absences will result in truancies.

Llamada para avisar de enfermedad o retraso

Favor de llamar a 557-0389 (y seleccione 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 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 11:00 de la mañana para evitar una ausencia sin excusa.

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.

Bring a Doctor's Note - If your child misses school for a visit to the Doctor or Dentist, please bring a school excuse note for their attendance. It does make a difference on a student's attendance report. The attendance code for a Doctor's visit is "M" which is unlimited and without the doctor's note it is an "A". All students get 10 health absences "A" for the year, after that a doctor's note is required.

Leave a Reason - We are asking that you email your child's absence report to sally-uhlig@scusd.edu as early as possible (before 10 a.m.). Please use "attendance" in the subject line and include the child's name, teacher, room number and the date of illness and/or tardy, and the reason. The reason is very important but does not need to be detailed; a simple "She/he is sick today" will suffice. You will receive a confirmation email. Many parents report absences stating their child will be absent, but do not state the "REASON" please remember to so.

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

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

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 doctor's note. Three tardies over 30 minutes without such documentation will result in a truancy notice.

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!

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.

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.

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.

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!

Pick up & Drop Off

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

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

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

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

Notice of Pesticide/Herbicide Use

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

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.

Word of the Week

A coach, like a parent, hopes to inspire children to be their best. Expressions such as, "Be your best," "Give it 100%," and "Try as hard as you can," are all about people giving their best.

Our character word of the week, EXCELLENCE, is about being your best. Personal excellence is not about being better than someone else. A child who is not the fastest or the smartest can have personal excellence simply by being the best he or she can be. You can comment on your child's excellence whenever you see him or her trying as hard as they can. "What is praise or pride but to imagine excellence, and try to make it?" - Richard Wilbur

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...

Check Your Child's Schedule

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

Got Breakfast?

Studies show eating a healthy breakfast before school improves attendance and academic performance...and breakfast is FREE this year at all SCUSD schools. The LdV cafeteria opens at 8:30 am.

Community Events

Looking at High School?

- **Cristo Rey College Prep High School** Information Night: Shadow days: Dec 4, 10; Jan 13, 29; Feb 10, 18, 26. Placement tests: Jan 10, 3/7; 4/18; 5/16. For further information or to RSVP: (916) 733-2660 or check the website: crhss.org
- **HISP** Information Night: Dec 3 @ 6pm Shadow days: Dec 4, 5. Info 264-4400
- **PACE** Information Night: Dec 15 @ 6pm Shadow days: Dec 10, 17. Info 433-5200
- **New Tech High School** Shadow days: Dec 1, 8, Jan 26. Info 433-2839
- **West Campus High School** Information Night: 12/11 Shadow days: Dec 3, 10, Jan 7, 14. Info 277-6400

❄️ Our Own Tim Sapunor... ❄️

Marley's Ghost in "A Christmas Carol" Check out Sac City Theater's production of A Christmas Carol and see retired LdV teacher as Marley's ghost. It's on the new stage at SCC and promises live caroling as well as a magical story of redemption and joy. Friday and Saturday evenings and Sundays afternoons, now through Dec 14. www.citytheatre.net or 558-2228.

From the District

Meet Superintendent José L. Banda

SCUSD Superintendent José L. Banda is hosting three Dessert & Coffee gatherings to meet families and other stakeholders.

The meetings are planned as community conversations. Superintendent Banda will share his vision for the district and field questions from participants.

- The schedule is as follows:
- 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on **December 8** at Sam Brannan Middle School (5301 Elmer Way)
 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on **December 11** at Luther Burbank High School (3500 Florin Rd.)
- Free childcare and translation services will be provided. RSVP to (916) 643-7924.

“Students of the Month September 2014-2015”

GRADE	RM	TEACHER	ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT	CITIZENSHIP	ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT	CITIZENSHIP
Early Kinder	2PM	Eily Graves	Lillian Morano	Grace Zhu	Michael Backovich	Grayson Sabillon
	2	Jennifer Sparks	Luke Lyda	Sierra Johnson	Aaron Muther	Nate Hungerford
Kindergarten	3	Lisa Brown	Jason Singer	Enalina Treadway	Elifa Yang	Imbrahim Barrie
	4	Jane Walton	Hugo Rendon	Grady Kludt	Novella Vandermel	
1 st -3 rd SDC	20	Patty Ryan	Christopher Sandoval	Angelina Bursiaga	Isaac Gomez	
First	5	Yeasra Nim	Luna Williams	Sasha Weinsheink	Nessa Weiner	Linsey Escobar
	6	Jamie Maroldy	Jacob Hanson	Baithin Fong	Lily Jones	Tristan Roberson
	7	Stacey Lombardi	Christopher Bourquin	Ryan Ferreira	Francisco Cuevas	Anu Finch
Second	11	Sean Abitz	Nicole Kapakly	Christopher Martinez	Kasch Marquardt	Emma Perez
	12	Allison Hebert	Ella Hanson	Juliana Saavedra	Brodie Tanaka-Mohr	
	18	Julie Boettner	Riley Victor	Layla Harvey	Annabelle Kludt	Dominic O'Toole
Third	8	Linda Johnson	Meia Eselekhomhen	Charlotte Gueffroy	Gianna Solari	Kenyon Jones
	9	Marbeth Niehaus	Jennifer Richards	Avery Thoma	Benjamin Sibbet	Michael Perez
	10	Kim Meade	Mallory Shields	Jacob Martinez	Asher Ballard	Sienna Wisnia
4 th -6 th SDC	33A	Phil Howard	Norelynn Lazarus	Abbigail Crow-Gamino	Kendrick Jones	Armando Guerrero
Fourth	15	Vlenna Bustos	Joseph O'Toole		Peyton McDonald	
	16	Brian Moore	Sophia Garcia	Bebe Wattenburger	Aiden Crane	Richard Rios
	17	Deborah Dodd	Emma Bailey	Hunter Barlow		
Fifth	23	Jim Aldridge	Marissa Guerrero	Lorena Aerrera	Karina Elliott	Calem Lotto
	24	Brandi Sidley	Azael Aguado-Gutierrez	Jennifer Hernandez-Carlos	Melody Lednickiy-Lehman	Evelyn Ruiz
	25	Dan Maroldy	Anne Simpton	Olivia Correia	Thea Krause	Emily Garcia
Sixth	21	Kim Williams	Julia Hecky	Jo Heinlein	Alex DeNuzzo	Lucy Lindgren
	22	Rhonda Wallace	Gen Cha	Emma Emigh	Uiani Fonseca	Bella Garcia
	29	Cathy Katsura	Alexa Gray	Bridget Hebert	Michael Tovar	Jaylen Yang
Band	1	Jennifer Nakayama	Aaliyah DeGrace-Voyles	Reagan Mar	Gianna Miranda	Julie Massey

Middle School

September Students of the Month

Androlowicz, Science - Tran Hoang, Wesley Veiga

Croft, History - Kyra Kennedy, Kendall Moffett

Ismail, PE - Trinity Dunbar, Lauren Towne

Jones, SDC - Lanessa Norris, Christian Salcedo

Maltby, Math - Emily Wildemann, Taylor Andrade

Sirard, Language Arts - Julia Ramirez, Leslie Molina

Stiller, Art - Sasha Chazov, Tran Hoang

Nakayama, Band - Nate Wisham, Gabriel Girardi

Middle School
October Students of the Month

Nakayama, Band - Nate Wisham, Gabriel Girardi

Androlowicz, Science - Ellie Genshlea, Joseph Walton

Croft, History - Chloe Baker, Carina Singer

Ismail, PE - Dylan Anderson, Cecelia Sidley

Jones, SDC - David Swan, Jakelin Sarmienta

Maltby, Math – Caden Ching, Paul Salzberg

Nakayama, Music - Kaylee Kazee, Ciara Reed

Sirard, Language Arts - Kyle Westman, Anastasiya Vlasisavlievic

Stiller, Art -Hannah Carrillo, Liliana Ramos

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	3	Lisa Brown	Max Jacobsen	Romeo Flores	Myrna Zalunardo	Eli Lotto
Kindergarten	4	Jane Walton	Caitlin Stiller	Jobe Rosecrans		Ramon Velez
	1 ^{st-3rd} SDC	Patty Ryan	Ezra Chavez	Abby Saechao	Angelina Bursiaga	
First	5	Veasna Nim	Emerson Sioane	Melanie Romo-Gutierrez	Andrew James	William James Amaya-Waters
	6	Jamie Maroldy	Audrey Mishell	Vivian Waslichin	Ryan Ford	Jordan Bailey
	7	Stacey Lombardi	Olivia Esperas	Delilah Franklin	Brooke Barlow	Caden Jennett
Second	11	Sean Abitz	Cassie Dugan	Sam Jacobsen	Emilio Godnick	Kensington Dunbar
	12	Allison Hebert	Lisette Arnold	Solymer Morin	Evan de la Vergne	Daniel Bienick
Third	18	Julie Boettner	Andrew Hebert	Taylor Scott-Hansen	Jace DeNuzzo	Emery Freisen
	8	Linda Johnson	Logan Tiffany	Nicole Archer	Vadim Marushka	Cole Tyzzer
	9	Maribeth Niehaus	Alyssa Story	Emely Escobar	Kendall Andrews	Kaden Bourquin
4 ^{th-6th} SDC	10	Kim Meade	Ruby Copher	Destiny Medina	Clarity Cooper	Atticus Waterbury
	33A	Phil Howard	Delayna Garcia	Jesse Rodriguez	Abbigail Crow-Gamino	NiKauji HLi Yang
	15	Vienna Bustos	Declan McGee	Sarah Zarembski	Scarlet Pope	Nick Neto
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	24	Brandi Sidley	Regan Mar	Kevin Whithnell	Carter Miles	Elizabeth Pasillas
	25	Dan Maroldy	Harper Johnston	Greyson Kerksteck	Beau Chavez	Ashley Lima
Sixth	21	Kim Williams	Aidan Fong	Angel Gutierrez	Fabian Hernandez	William Gaudreau
	22	Rhonda Wallace	David Richards	Isabella Schneider	Lola Jan	Sophia Sidley
Band	29	Cathy Katsura	Ava Mascoe-Talbot	Maya Mendoza	Kevin Li	Isaijah Ou
	1	Jennifer Nakayama	Thea Krause	Justis Cooper	Catalina Moore	Jonathan James

Leonardo da Vinci School eK-8

Minimum hours required for each family per school year:
one child-40 hours; two children-45 hours; three or more children-50 hours
Parent participation for late-entry students will be pro-rated

All hours (on & off campus) must be recorded on the monthly Tally Sheet and must be documented by: signing in and out (on campus in the front office, at a class or committee meeting, or with the supervisor of a work event); OR a blue verification card (available in the front office) signed by the teacher, class manager, or person overseeing your work hours. Blue verification cards must be attached to the corresponding Tally Sheet (verification cards turned in separately will not be counted); OR the authorized signature line on the Tally Sheet must be signed by the teacher, class manager or person overseeing your work hours.

- 20 hours must be completed by January 31st of the current school year.
- All parent hours must be completed and documented by May 15 of the current school year.
- Parents are strongly encouraged to attend all class meetings.

TALLY SHEETS: keep a copy of your Tally Sheets at home for your own reference

- One Tally Sheet per family per month unless there are two households where the child(ren) live.
- Tally Sheets are sent home monthly with the weekly PTC newsletter. (They are also available in the front office).
- Tallies are due the 5th of the following month, and no later than two months following participation.
- Updates of parent hours will be given out three or four times per school year. Families are expected to find ways to get their hours, but if you need help, please feel free to contact the School Community Liaison (SCL).
- In addition to your family, work fulfilling the hour commitment may be done by any person over 18 who does not have children enrolled at LdV. No person can be paid or compensated to perform parent hours.

IN-CLASS PARTICIPATION

- Volunteers working in the classroom will be required to attend a training session.
- In-class volunteers must have a current TB (negative) test on file with the SCL. Tests are "good" for four years. A current, cleared SCUSD Sex Offender Check Authorization or fingerprints on file with the district.
- If you are unable to work in the classroom during your designated time, YOU must arrange for a substitute and inform the teacher or class manager.
- Do not bring siblings to class when you are working.
- Field trip drivers must have a current TB (negative) test on file with the SCL and fingerprints on file with the district.

HOURS ARE GIVEN FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

At-home work for class	Length of time worked (signed blue card or authorized signature on tally sheet)
In-class work	Length of time worked (sign in front office)
Babysitting	Length of time worked – 20 hours maximum per school year (signed blue card or authorized signature on Tally Sheet). Must be for children of other families who are performing work at LdV and approved in advance by SCL
Back to School Night	Length of attendance (sign in at classroom)
Class Meeting	Length of meeting (sign in at classroom)
Committee Meeting	Length of meeting (sign in at meeting) SSC (School Site Council), PTC (Parent Teacher Council) and its subcommittees: <i>Arts, Science & Tech, CIE, Sports, Ways & Means</i>
Field Trips (day)	Length of trip (sign in, or authorized signature on Tally Sheet or Authorization card)
Field Trip (overnight)	Length of trip including sleeping hours (sign in, or authorized signature on Tally Sheet or blue card)
Food Preparation	Length of time worked – maximum 10 hours per school year – one hour per 2 dozen cookies, 1.5 hours per cake (authorized signature on Tally Sheet or blue card)
Library	Length of time worked (sign in front office)
Other on-site programs	Length of time worked – maximum 20 hours (sign in, or authorized signature on Tally Sheet or blue card) <i>Childcare Center, Indian Education, Very Special Arts</i>
PTC Newsletter	Length of time worked (sign in front office)
Parent Training	Length of attendance (sign in front office)
Pet Care	Out of class – maximum 5 hours except vacation care 10 hours maximum (signed verification card)
Special Events	Length of time worked (sign in)
Telephoning/Typing	Length of time worked (authorized signature on Tally Sheet or blue card)
Yard/Cafeteria	Length of time worked (sign in front office)

HOURS ARE NOT GIVEN FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

Winter Faire (unless you work), Morning Sing, Open House, classroom observations, Parent Teacher Conferences, student performances (unless you are a volunteer), money spent on supplies, donations, store purchased food or drink.

If you are unsure which activities qualify for parent hours, call the SCL at 277-7034 or email diane-soule@scusd.edu.

Available Daily

Lunches Include:

Garden Salad Bar Choices & Sides, plus Milk -- Non or Low-Fat, Unflavored/White

Entree Choices:

- #1 Veggie Sub/Hotter & Jelly Sandwich
- #2 Yogurt Meal

Other Hot Lunch Entrees:

- #3 (see monthly non-cheese options)
- #4 House-Made (see daily menu)

Menu is Subject to Change

Where do all of our crazy names for food come from?



Before it was the familiar name of a popular eating establishment,

"chipotle" was (and still is) the name of a kind of food. The word is a Spanish version of a Central Mexican Native



word, "chilipocli," which means "smoked chili" -- and that's exactly what chipotles are. Some of the green jalapeños are left on the vine to turn deep red and become somewhat shriveled, like grapes turning into raisins. These super-ripe peppers are then put in a chamber and wood-smoked until nearly all the moisture is gone. Chipotles lend a smoky, medium-spicy flavor to soups, bean dishes, sauces, and rubs.

Monday, December 15

Breakfast

Whole Grain Waffle Sticks

Lunch

Chicken Taquitos

Or

Artisan Style Whole Grain French Bread

Cheese Pizza

Side: Vegetarian Baked Beans

Tuesday, December 16

Breakfast

Bean & Cheese Breakfast Wrap

Lunch

Tyson Chicken Tender Filets

Or

Chile Verde Cheese Enchiladas

Side: Vegetarian Refried Beans

Wed., December 17

Breakfast

Pancake Pork Sausage Wrap

Lunch

Spicy Sichuan Chicken

Or

Mini Beef Cheeseburger Sliders

Side: Whole Grain Brown Rice

Friday, December 19

Breakfast

Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast

Lunch

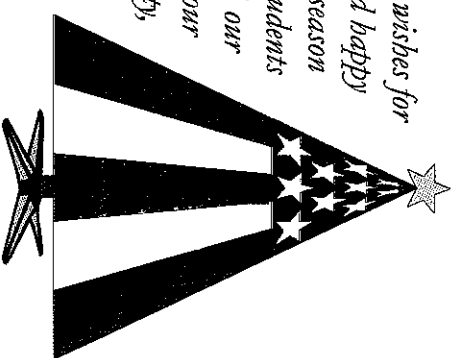
Chicken Littl' Grilled Sliders

Or

Hot Off the Grill! Grilled Cheese Sandwich

Side: Sour Orange Raisels

From the School Nutrition Heroes at your school



Our best wishes for a safe and happy Holiday season for our students and staff, our families, our community, and our nation.

Thursday, December 18

Breakfast	Chicken Tortilla Crispiito Wrap w/Salsa
Lunch	Beef Sloppy Joe Manwich Or Corn Doggy (Chicken)
Side:	Baked Potato Spuds

PLANT SCIENTISTS HAVE COMBINED KALE AND BRUSSEL SPROUTS TO CREATE A COMPLETELY NEW KIND OF VEGETABLE -- AND YOU CAN ACTUALLY BUY THESE CUTE LITTLE GUYS IN THE GROCERY STORE! THE NEW **SUPERVEGGIE** (CALLED **KALETTES**) TEAMS UP THE SUPERIOR NUTRITION OF KALE WITH THE EXCELLENT FIBER OF BRUSSEL SPROUTS. AND THEY'RE **GREAT** ROASTED WITH A LITTLE OLIVE OIL!

STRANGE BUT TRUE!

Breakfast	Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast
Lunch	Chicken Littl' Grilled Sliders Or Hot Off the Grill! Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Side:	Sour Orange Raisels

SEE YOU IN

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Last day of school: Friday, December 19

Classes resume: Monday, January 5

