

# Leonardo da Vinci eK-8 School

Integrated Thematic Instruction Through Arts & Sciences

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## Dates to Remember

**Dec 15**

Basketball vs Brannan

**Dec 17**

Basketball vs Didion

**Dec 18**

1-8th gr 1:30 dismissal

### Winter Break

Dec 19-January 3

**Jan 6**

SSC 5:30 pm

PTC 6:30 pm

**Jan 11**

Winter Band Concert  
at Fern Bacon

**Jan 13**

Class Meetings

5 pm eK

5:30 pm K-3rd gr

6 pm 4-6 gr

6:30 pm 7&8 gr

**Jan 18**

No School

Learning Garden MLK Day of  
Service 8 am-noon

**Jan 22**

Author Day

Winter Faire

**Jan 27**

Family Science Night

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: [clsandsons@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clsandsons@sbcglobal.net).  
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newsletter are not necessarily endorsed  
by LdV PTC or SCUSD.

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Leonardo da Vinci eK-8

**Next Issue: Jan 4**  
**Deadline: Dec 31**

Winter Faire Boutique is Open this Week!

Do some holiday shopping while supporting our school!

Monday 3-4:30

Tuesday 3-4:30

Wednesday 3-7:30

Thursday 3-4:30

in room 34

### Holiday Shop & Support LdV!

We are running an ONLINE fundraiser with **Mixed Bag designs** from now until Dec 15th! Go to [www.mixed-bagdesigns.com](http://www.mixed-bagdesigns.com) and place your orders!! LdV gets 40% of each sale!! They ship directly to you or your gift recipient! \$75 or more and shipping is free!!

### School Cents!

If you shop at Arden Fair Mall in December, please turn your receipts into the box in the front office. The mall will not be accepting receipts during this busy time of year, but our volunteer is happy to take them in January. Last year we earned \$750 with this fundraiser.

### Raleys Something Extra Card

It doesn't get any easier to help LdV when your "something Extra Card" is set up to support us. Just remember to slide your card when you check out. A percentage of your total bill will be credited to LdV and you will earn points toward Raley's cash...win-win!

### Amazon

Anything you order by Amazon can earn money for LdV if you just use this link - <http://amzn.to/1G0tjKX>

### Winter Faire Boutique

Opening Dec 14!

### Track 7 Show & Sale

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the ARTLinks program last weekend. There are a few items still available in Diane's office.

### Maybe Not a Mug...

Wondering how to say thank you to your teacher during the holiday season? You can hardly top a nice note from you and a drawing from your child, but if you want to do more, a binder with specific wishes is available in Diane's office.

### Tiny Sweatshirts Available

There are a few small (toddler size) hoodie available in Diane's office for \$10 each

### MS Shakespeare Auditions:

**December 15th OR 16th AND Dec. 17th** (students will attend two days). Prepare a 1-minute monologue, memorized. Auditions held in auditorium, from 3:15pm - 4:30pm. Open to all 7th and 8th graders who are in good academic and citizenship standing. For flyer and additional information, see Mr. Sirard in Rm. 35.

### Need Some Winter Break Activities for Your Children?

Improvisational theater is a great way for kids to be spontaneous, use their imaginations and sharpen their minds. In this workshop we will explore those quirky thoughts through improv games and scene work. With a variety of hats and costumes, students can become anyone.

Let the FUN begin!!!!

Holiday Improv Workshops for kids age 8-12 Two separate sessions - Mon through Wed. - Dec. 21-23 and Dec. 28-30 at the Coloma Center, 46th & T St. from 10am-1pm (Please have child bring snack). Cost is \$75 To Register: [www.parksandreconline.cityofsacramento.org](http://www.parksandreconline.cityofsacramento.org) or Coloma Community Center • (916) 808-6060

### Author Day 2016: Matthew Gollub

Our Author Day visitor this year is Matthew Gollub, award-winning author of over a dozen children's books and musical narrations in both English and Spanish. His titles include Jazz Fly; Gobble, Quack, Moon; The Twenty-five Mixtec Cats; and Give the Gift! Ten Fulfilling Ways to Raise a Lifetime Reader. Matthew has visited over 1,000 schools nationwide, inspiring audiences to read for fun. He will be here at LdV on Friday, January 22. Look for more information and a book order form here in the newsletter in early January. You can also visit Matthew on Facebook, Amazon, or [matthewgollub.com](http://matthewgollub.com).

### Dolphins!

This week's dolphin is by 7th grader Caelen M.

### Shortened Day

Friday, Dec 18 will be 1:30 pm dismissal for 1-8th gr.

The LdV offices will be closing at 1:30 pm, so please pick up your children on time!

Have a Wonderful Winter Break!

# More Front Page News!

## Planning an Extended Absence?

Did you know non-medical absence days are considered "unexcused"? To avoid being put on a SARB contract for absences over three days, you must have extended absence paperwork in place before the absence. At least one week before the absence, request an Extended Absence Report from the main office. This form needs to be completed by you and the teacher. Return the signed form to the office for Principal approval. The teacher will then receive a packet to complete and give to you with your child's assignments. This packet must be completed and returned to the teacher within five days of your child's return to school. If the Extended Absence Packet is not completed and turned in, your child's absence will not be given the appropriate clearance. Please feel free to ask any questions about this process. Thank you—Chereese Conner, Clerk

## Photos, Photos, Photos

Do you attend school events, like to take photos and want to see your photos in print? If you answered yes to all of these questions, please send any photos you have taken of: Funderland; Mathematica; Middle School Dances; Spirit Week; Harvest Hoedown; Makers Faire to [terrie\\_hammad@hotmail.com](mailto:terrie_hammad@hotmail.com) or download them to a CD and drop them in the HISTORY box located in Diane's office.

The yearbook committee has already started gathering photos of these events, but can always use more to ensure plenty of variety. Thank you, Terrie Hammad, LdV Historian & Yearbook Coordinator

## Basketball and Snacks!

The basketball snack shack is back! Come watch the boys and girls' basketball teams' home games, bring some extra cash and enjoy hot pizza, drinks and snacks while you watch! All money goes to support the basketball program.

## Dolphin Store Open

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

## Café da Vinci Open!

Watch for the Café kids selling \$1 hot cocoa, \$1.50 coffee and a \$2 "mocha". We appreciate your business!

## Feel like a Hot Cup of Coffee or Tea when Café da Vinci is Closed?

LdV PTC School Climate Committee has donated a KEURIG K Cup coffee maker for the use of teachers and parents. It is located in the front office for your use. You are welcome to bring your own pod and cup, or purchase a pod from Diane for only \$1. We have several strengths of coffee, as well as hot chocolate, and flavored coffees. Available for ONLY \$1

## Donations Requested

- Room 31 would appreciate the donation of dictionaries (4th grade and up) and colored markers.
- 5th grade would appreciate the donation of two long garden hoses
- Succulent Cuttings: We are looking for donations of small succulents or cuttings for art projects. Please leave in front office, thank you.
- Gears of Many Sizes: Got some old 1, 2 or 3 inch gears sitting around? Let our Open Studio kids make them into ART! Please bring donations to the front office.
- 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.

## Word of the Week

The pillar for December is CARING. Many people today are interested in a 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



## Learning Garden Workdays

Jan 18th 8-noon  
Feb 6th 8-noon  
March 12th 8-noon  
April 16th 8-noon  
May 6th 3-6pm  
June 18th 8-noon  
July 10th 8-noon  
Sept 5th 8-noon

With any questions or suggestions, or offers to help with the garden, please feel free to contact Greg: [greg\\_richards@rocketmail.com](mailto:greg_richards@rocketmail.com) or 916-716-6910 or Alexis Wasilchin: [alexisbar-tine@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alexisbar-tine@sbcglobal.net)



## Looking for Something to Do?

### Duplication Help

Middle school science teacher, Mr Androlowicz is looking for someone to copy the VHS tapes he uses for his classes to DVD. If you can help, please email [stan-androlowicz@scusd.edu](mailto:stan-androlowicz@scusd.edu). Thank you

### 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 culture of their choice. Oct., Nov, Feb., and May are reserved, the rest of the months are open for you to highlight your culture or a topic that celebrates our cultural diversity, contact Stacy at [stacielo@live.com](mailto:stacielo@live.com)

### Teacher Appreciation Treats

Want to help appreciate our teachers who go above and beyond? PTC hosts a breakfast the morning following class meetings, below are the dates of future breakfasts: Jan. 14, March 10, April 28 (Tentative) and May 28.

Please let me know if you are able to donate treats!!!! All is welcomed....baked goods, fruit, snacks, juice, etc. Coffee will be donated by PTC. Please have treats to school by 8:15 to Diane's office. If you are interested in helping, let me know which dates work for you. —Stacy Lo [stacielo@live.com](mailto:stacielo@live.com)

### Looking to Get More Involved?

PTC is still looking for a volunteer to head up Ways & Means. This is a very important position on PTC, overseeing the fundraising activities that bring enrichment to our students. Without PTC fundraising, Renaissance Faire, Science Fair, Family Science Night - to name a few - can't happen. Ways & Means can be a chair or a committee. Contact [diane-soule@scusd.edu](mailto:diane-soule@scusd.edu) if you are interested.

### Skills Needed

Do you have skills in concrete work, tree trimming a removal, installing watering systems or small solar systems? We're looking for parents who have one of these skills who might help with the planning (and eventually installation) of new landscaping of the Middle School Quad. If you have skills that might help, please contact [barbaraduffsherry@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraduffsherry@gmail.com). Or call 798-3426.

## From the SCL (School Community Liaison)

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

### LdV on the Web & Facebook

The weekly newsletter (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](mailto: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.

### No Tricks!

Do you have a few too many treats at your house? Drop off any extras in the front office to share with LdV staff. Your donation of seasonal candy is very appreciated. Drop off in Diane's office please! Thank you!

### Lost? Get a Bumper Stickers

The oval LdV bumper stickers are available in Diane's office. They are only \$3 (cash please). They are a great way of identifying the other drivers while on an LdV field trip (or even when you are just driving around town). Proceeds benefit LdV fourth grade.

### 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, move trash cans, walk on lawns or run the stop signs in our neighborhood!

### E not O

Please note: the correct email to use to report absences is [chereese-conner@scusd.edu](mailto:chereese-conner@scusd.edu)

### Incoming Sibling?

Please be sure to add your Kinder or early Kinder sibling to the list outside the front office. Kinder parents: You will need to go through the Open Enrollment process! Early kinder parents: I need an application from you! —Diane Soule, SCL

### Did You Know...

- It takes up to 500 years to decompose plastic items in landfills.
- In America, 2.5 million plastic bottles are used every hour.
- The plastic wastes that are thrown away into seas every year can kill as many as 1,000,000 sea creatures.
- Each year, about 25 million dollars is spent in the state of California to dispose plastic wastes into landfills.
- 1,000-2,000 gallons of gasoline can be saved recycling just one ton of plastics.

**It is easy to recycle at Leonardo da Vinci!** Just drop your clean bottles or cans in (or near) the recycle bin located in the Middle School quad, near room 29. Proceeds from this recycling project support our aquaponics program and Middle School quad plants!

### Looking at High School?

- **George Washington Carver** - Visit days Dec 15, Jan 19, March 1 & April 5 from 8:30-10 am. Call Mrs Agnos to reserve your space 228-5751

### What's Happening After School?

**On Stage Classes** Questions? Contact [cynthia.speakman@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Backyard Art Academy** 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.

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

**Tally Sheets:** A tally sheet is in the first newsletter of the month. Extras can be found in the front office or on the school website. Please turn it into your child's class or to the Volunteer Office at the end of the month.

**Carry Over Hours:** Hours from 2014-15 are only carried over to this year if they were worked AFTER May 15, 2015 (and turned in). Thank you to every parent who worked over their required hours last year (most of you). Our program shines because of you!

**First Day Packets:** Please complete your first day packet and return them to the classroom as soon as possible. Extra forms can be found on our web site or in the front office.

**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](mailto:diane-soule@scusd.edu), or leave a message at 277-7034.

### Please Remember

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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:

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

**Elica Health Center:** 3701 J St, suite 201, Sacramento. Please call 454-2345 to make an appointment \$40.

Several **Rite Aide** locations

**CVS/pharmacy:** 1350 Florin Road

*Troop 189 is collecting New & Gently Used Books now through Wed. 10:00 AM front office*



## Fund Raising News

### Fall Fundraiser News

Our BIG FALL FUNDRAISER is over! Thank you to everyone who participated. Please remember you can also order online (or ask friends and relatives to, by using our school code: 2692168 on the GA website: gafundraising.com.

#### Contribute without Paying

**SCHOOL CENTS Fundraiser at Arden Fair Mall** After you have finished shopping/eating at Arden Fair Mall, take your receipts to the customer service desk near JC Penney's. Tell them that you are from LdV and would like to record your receipts. They will record and stamp them for you and then give them back to you. It is that simple. For every dollar we spend and record at Arden Fair Mall, LdV receives 5 points. At the end of the school year in May, the highest points schools will receive cash prizes! Please encourage family and friends to record their receipts for LdV as well. If you forgot to have them recorded, no problem! You can take them back for up to 90 days from purchase. There is also a box in Diane's office for you to drop off the receipts, so that they can be turned in for you. There will be envelopes provided near the box for you to fill out and put your receipts into. Thanks for participating!!

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

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

**Free E-Waste Pick Up** Schedule your FREE pick up by visiting [www.eWaste4good.com](http://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, desktop 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.

**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](http://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](http://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, it's a win-win!

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

**It's Never Too Late for Magazines** You or your family and friends can order magazines throughout the year by shopping at the online site [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com) and using our SCHOOL CODE 2692168. Late orders will not warrant prizes. Thanks for supporting LdV!

**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](http://www.actiondonation.org) for your no obligation evaluation of your donation.

## Use Our Link when you buy from Amazon...

and at least 4% of your purchase will support LdV

<http://amzn.to/1G0tjKX>

## Unsung Heroes



LdV parent Lisa Holland goes above and beyond supporting various aspects of our program. In addition, for the last two years she has kept the Basketball Snack Shack up and running. Thank you Lisa for your tireless effort and support of our Basketball program!

*(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)*

## Know a Great Way to Earn Hours and Have Fun?

Did you know that attending a LdV sporting event (volleyball, soccer, basketball) counts for Parent Volunteer Hours? Every adult who shows team spirit and is a shining example of good sportsmanship is an asset to our teams.

### Basketball Schedule

Dec 17 vs Didion

Jan 5 vs MLK

Jan 7 vs Cal

Jan 12 vs SES

Jan 14 vs PS7

Jan 19 vs Bimey

Jan 21 at Still

## From the District

• **Parent Guides for the SBAC assessments** are available on our website by grade span at: <http://www.scusd.edu/california-assessment-student-performance-and-progress-caaspp>. These guides include an overview of testing and sample questions.

## Community Events

### Yoga For Kids/Families

LdV parent Shannon Mitra will be teaching yoga classes for kids and families at Sacramento Yoga Center, located in the Sierra 2 Center (2791 24th St. Rm 6, Sacramento). Classes begin Monday, November 2nd, and run from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. These classes are perfect for school-age kids ages 5-12 and the adults who care for them. The cost is only \$10 per child/adult pair, \$7 for just the child (adult can observe but does not need to participate), and \$3 per additional child or adult who participates. Interested folks can call or text Shannon at 916-233-8591. Thank you!

# LdV Winter Boutique

Room 34



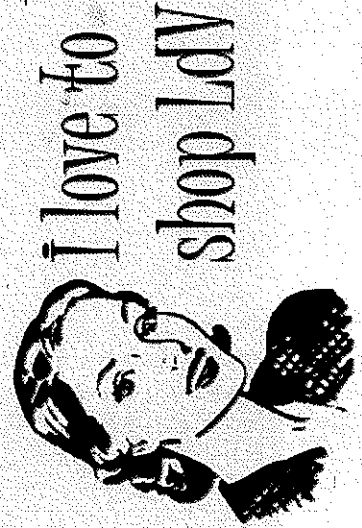
## SHOP HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

3:00-4:30pm

Wednesday (open late)

3:00-7:30pm



**Give your children the gift of spontaneity and  
creativity during winter break.**

# Improv Workshops for Kids Ages 8-12

**WHAT: Holiday Improv Workshops - Theatre Games and Scenework**

**WHEN: Two separate sessions -**

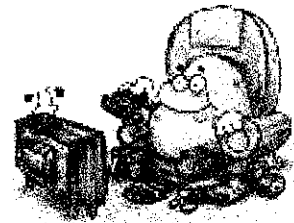
Mon through Wed.

Dec. 21-23

Dec. 28-30

**WHERE: Coloma Center**

46th & T St.



**WHY: Improvisational theater is a great way  
for kids to:**

- be spontaneous
- enhance their imaginations
- work as a team
- build communications skills



**Time:** 10am-1pm (Please have child bring snack)

**Cost:** \$75

**To Register:**

**[www.parksandreconline.cityofsacramento.org](http://www.parksandreconline.cityofsacramento.org)**

or

Coloma Community Center • (916) 808-6060

The instructor, **Cynthia Speakman** has been an actor and performer in Sacramento since 1993. She was a long-time member of the highly successful performing ensemble, StoryVoices. Speakman, who holds a B.S. in Elementary and Special Education, has taught after-school theatre arts at Leonardo da Vinci School since 2000. She has also worked with the Any Given Child program in the Twin Rivers and Sacramento City School Districts and with the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission Model Arts Program Robla School District for two years. Additionally, Cynthia has participated in various workshops for Teaching Artists offered through the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission (SMAC).

## From the Office

### Attendance Information: Email Sick and Tardy

Please email [chereese-conner@scusd.edu](mailto:chereese-conner@scusd.edu) with your students' absences and tardies or call 557-0389 wait for the message to begin and then press 0. 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 of your email. You will receive a reply if your email has been received. Absence verification must be made daily. Doctor's notes must accompany any medical excuse including tardies and early dismissals over 30 minutes. Unverified absences will result in truancies.

### Llamada para avisar de enfermedad o retraso

Favor de llamar a 557-0389 (y seleccione 0 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 you child's absence report to [chereese-conner@scusd.edu](mailto:chereese-conner@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.

**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 an official doctors note. Three tardies over 30 minutes without such documentation will result in a truancy notice.

### Check Your Child's Schedule

The lunch and recess schedules for all grade levels are readily available on the school website ([leonardodavincischool.org](http://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.

### 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.

**LdV Attendance Line: 557-0389**

**Email: [chereese-conner@scusd.edu](mailto:chereese-conner@scusd.edu)**





# U.S. Chess Mates



Currently holding classes in Antelope, Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Dublin, Fair Oaks, Folsom, Fremont, Livermore, Los Altos, Menlo Park, Milpitas, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Newark, Palo Alto, Pleasanton, Redwood City, Roseville, Sacramento, San Jose, San Leandro, San Mateo, Saratoga, Sunnyvale, Union City and Woodside

## Class Details

### Day and time:

Thursdays 8:00am – 9:00am

**Held At:** LDV Elementary

**Start Date:** Dec 8, 2015

**End Date:** Feb 23, 2016

### Class Dates:

Dec: 8, 15 \*no class 22, 29

Jan: 5, 12, 19, 26

Feb: 2, 9, 16, 23

### Fee:

10 weeks for \$90

*\*We accept cash, check, credit*

*Financial scholarships are available.*

*Please call 510.648.2147*

### Online Registration

1. [noyouthleftbehindfoundation.org](http://noyouthleftbehindfoundation.org)
2. Click on "on-line registration"
3. Complete registration form
4. Make a payment online using the online form or call us at 510.648.2147

# CHESS



## Academic Benefits:

- Focusing •Visualizing •Weighing Options
- Analyzing Concretely •Abstract Thinking
- Planning •Patience •Thinking Ahead
- Socializing •Logic •Risk vs Reward

**CHESS IS A GREAT WAY TO HAVE FUN!**

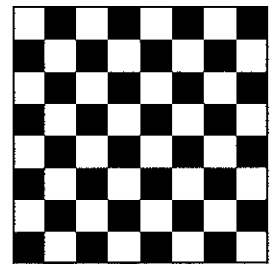
## Classroom Format

Classes will be held for one hour one day a week except on holidays and some minimum days

14 students per group! Groups can be broken up into six different skill levels:

- Pawn •Knight •Bishop
- Rook •Queen •King

All students will receive a weekly chess lesson, homework and a point sheet.



Please Visit

[www.uschessmates.com](http://www.uschessmates.com)

## Chess Class Participation Registration Form

All classes are held on your school campus. We accept cash, check or credit as a form of payment. All registrations will include a weekly chess lesson from a chess professional, homework, in class tournament games and a point sheet. We keep a 14:1 student teacher ratio, \$2,000,000 of insurance and all students will receive an award for participation in class. Chess classes run in trimesters from the start of the year to the end of the year. Financial scholarships are available to all who qualify. Please call 510.648.2147 or email [steve@noyouthleftbehindfoundation.org](mailto:steve@noyouthleftbehindfoundation.org)

**ALL STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED TO PARTICIPATE IN CLASS. NON REGISTERED STUDENTS WILL BE SENT TO THE OFFICE AFTER 3<sup>rd</sup> WEEK.**

## Leonardo Da Vinci Elementary Chess Class

Session 2: December 10, 2015 – February 23, 2016

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

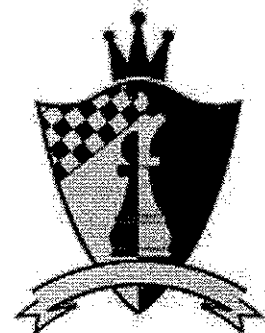
Please make all checks payable to US Chess Mates and either bring to the first day of class or mail to 40087 Mission Blvd #263, Fremont, CA 94539

## Please sign for a Dismissal Option

1. My child has permission to walk home after attending chess class.

2. My child will go to after school care located at the school after chess class.

3. Keep my child in class until a parent or guardian arrives to pick them up.



Office Use: Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_ (cash) (Credit) (check# \_\_\_\_\_) Code: \_\_\_\_\_

(address) (class list) (point sheet)





# SCHOOL CENTS

## December Newsletter

### December Receipt Reminder

Receipts will not be logged at Guest Services for the month of December as Guest Services will be busy during this month.

You may do one of the following:

1. Place your receipts in the provided envelope and drop in the School Cents Box located at Guest Services.
2. Fill out the provided log sheet using your corresponding receipts. Attach all original receipts and present to Guest Services.
3. Hold onto receipts until January, to return to presenting your original receipts to Arden Fair Guest Services where they will be logged, stamped and returned.

If you do choose to submit a log of receipts at Guest Services during December, you will be required to wait in line with guests purchasing gift cards before your transaction can be handled.

**Receipts must be turned in within 90 days of purchase.**

**No loose receipts or log sheets will be accepted.**


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

Body Shop, See's Candies, Sephora, Teavana, and True Religion

## arden fair

If you have any questions, please call the School Cents Coordinators at (800) 762-1641.  
[www.ardenfair.com](http://www.ardenfair.com) • [www.marketingguru.com](http://www.marketingguru.com)

# SCHOOL CENTS



## Hoja Informativa de Diciembre

**¡Recordatorio de Recibos para el mes de Diciembre!**

El Servicio al Cliente (Guest Services) estará ocupado en el mes de Diciembre y por ese motivo los recibos no serán registrados en el Servicio al Cliente (Guest Services) en el mes de Diciembre.

Pero usted puede hacer lo siguiente:

1. Poner sus recibos en el sobre adjunto y lo puede dejar en la Caja de School Cents localizado en El Servicio al Cliente (Guest Services)
2. Junte todos los recibos originales y preséntelos al Servicio al Cliente (Guest Services) y llene la hoja de registro que se le proporcione usando los recibos correspondientes.
3. Mantenga los recibos hasta Enero, para volver a presentar los recibos originales a Arden Fair Guest Services donde serán registrados, sellados y devueltos.

Si usted decide presentar un registro de sus recibos al Servicio al Cliente (Guest Services) durante el mes de Diciembre, antes de ayudarlo con su transacción usted tendrá que espere en línea junto con los demás clientes que van a comprar tarjetas de regalo antes de que se le pueda ayudar con su transacción.

**Compras en estas tiendas en Diciembre  
y recibir puntos TRIPLES para su escuela:**

**Body Shop, See's Candies, Sephora, Teavana, y True Religion**

# arden fair

Si tiene algunas preguntas, por favor llame a los Coordinadores de School Cents Coordinators al (800) 762-1641  
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Register Online Now!  
[www.pocketgirlssoftball.org](http://www.pocketgirlssoftball.org)



# Pocket

## Girls Softball

**Where every girl plays!**

Open to Pocket - Land Park - Sacramento girls ages 4-12  
ZIP codes 95818, 95822, 95823, 95824, 95831, 95832  
6U: \$85 - 8U,10U,12U: \$130  
Uniform Jersey \$25 - Volunteer Deposit \$60  
\$25 discount for siblings

### In-Person Registration:

**Tuesday Dec. 15, 2015**  
7:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Belle Coolegge Library**  
5600 South Land Park Dr.  
Sacramento 95822

**Tuesday Jan. 26, 2016**  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Robbie Waters Library**  
7335 Gloria Dr.  
Sacramento 95831

Please bring a photo copy of athlete's birth certificate  
(new players only)

Pocket Girls Softball welcomes softball players of all levels. We are committed to providing a fun and safe environment in which young girls can learn softball skills, develop a love for the game, and build self confidence. PGS maintains liability insurance and membership in GSSA and NorCal Girls Softball, our local governing bodies. Each player will be provided team and individual photographs as well as a great experience. We look forward to seeing you on the fields!

Permit Y-160

Sacramento City Unified School District is not a sponsor, endorser, or otherwise associated with PGS.