



# Leonardo da Vinci eK-8 School

Integrated Thematic Instruction Through Arts & Sciences

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## Winter Faire! This Thursday, December 11th 5-9 pm\*

### What is Winter Faire?

This Thursday, LdV will be transformed into a Winter Wonderland where good food, entertainment, games, crafts and holiday shopping are all wrapped up in one place. We have a new Winter Faire team who have been hard at work to make this event the best ever. Bring your family & friends to enjoy food in the cafeteria, games and crafts in the gym, and a holiday bazaar in room 34. There will be a variety of performances in the auditorium beginning at 5:15 pm. Don't miss good old "rock and roll" from the LdV BluesBand playing at 7:45 pm.

### Performance Schedule - in the Auditorium



Ek 5:15  
K 5:45  
1st Grade 6:15  
2nd grade 6:45  
3rd grade 7:15  
LdV Blues Band 7:45



### Basketball & Hot Pizza

Come and show your support for our boys and girls' basketball teams this Tuesday, December 9, as they play home games against Fern Bacon Middle School. Girls play at 3:30 and boys play at 4:30. The concession bar will be open with snacks and HOT PIZZA too! Pizza is only \$2 a slice and all proceeds go to support our basketball program. Remember, time watching the game counts as parent participation! Go Dolphins!

### Bounce for Bucks

During winter break, burn off some steam and get your wiggles out at Sky High Sports on Sunday December 28 from 4pm-8pm

Please use the attached voucher and come for all or part of the time. Sky High is giving a minimum of \$3 for each participant who comes in with the voucher. Participants must also have a liability release signed by a parent see back of voucher.

Come for part of the time or the full four hours. It will be a lot of fun to see your school friends during the break and you can bounce off the walls!

Funds will be going toward the fifth grade's overnight field trip to Westminster Woods.

Sky High Sports 11327 Folsom Blvd in Ranch Cordova phone 853-5867.

Questions? Contact Nami Thompson (916)215-6709

### A Big Shout Out

THANK YOU - to the LdV community for supporting the Dolphin Yacht Club. Between buying car wash tickets and eating at Suzie's Burgers and Chipotle, you helped us to raise almost \$1000.00. That will go a long way towards buying supplies to help the kids build their solar powered boat. We will keep you up to date with our progress during the year as the kids get ready to compete in the Solar Regatta in the Spring.

### 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.

### Cafe da Vinci is Open

Parents, watch for hot coffee and cocoa at drop off on Monday and Friday mornings. A 12 oz coffee is only \$1.50!

### Dolphins

This week's dolphin artist is 8th grader **Kelly L.**

### 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/lvdvdc](http://igg.me/at/lvdvdc) or log on to [indiegogo.com](http://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!

### 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.

### You have to be ODD to be #1

The Mathletes is back at LdV this year under the leadership of Mr. Maltby 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.

It's this weekend!

**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 9

Open Studio 3:15-4:15 rm 33b  
Basketball vs Bacon  
Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30

#### Dec 11

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

#### Winter Break

Dec 20-Jan 4

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](mailto:dsandsons@sbcglobal.net). Events and services advertised in this newsletter are not necessarily endorsed by LdV PTC or SCUSD.

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**Next Issue: Dec 15  
Deadline: Dec 11**

## 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](mailto: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.

### Déjà 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](http://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.

### 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

Tuesday, Dec 9

Thursday, Dec 11

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](mailto:UnChu.Littlefield.tateskitchen@gmail.com) with questions



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

Saturday, December 13 & Sunday, December 14

## 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

## Lifetouch Info

[www.lifetouchnorcal.com](http://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



## 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, rallying 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stacielo@live.com)

### Be a Part of the Grown-Up Fun!

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.

This year promises to be ever better, but ONLY IF WE HAVE ENTHUSIASTIC HELP!

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](mailto:niemeyers@comcast.net), [gwynnaeb@gmail.com](mailto:gwynnaeb@gmail.com) or [fordkat@sbc-global.net](mailto:fordkat@sbc-global.net).

## 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](mailto:diane-soule@scusd.edu) or to help 4-6 grade contact [phil-howard@scusd.edu](mailto:phil-howard@scusd.edu) or to help 7 & 8 grade contact [aeisha-jones@scusd.edu](mailto: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](mailto:diane-soule@scusd.edu).

## From the Office Attendance Information Email Sick and Tardy

Please email [sally-uhlig@scusd.edu](mailto: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 you child's absence report to [sally-uhlig@scusd.edu](mailto: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 doctors 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

Here is a riddle for your family: "What gift do you give away that is almost always returned?" The answer is KINDNESS, our character word of the week. Acting with kindness toward others and ourselves is a great way to feel good while making a positive difference in the world around us.

*"Don't put off the joy derivable from doing helpful, kindly things for others."*

—B.C. Forbes

### 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](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.

### 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: [crhs.org](http://crhs.org)
- **HISP** Info 264-4400
- **PACE** Information Night: Dec 15 @ 6pm Shadow days: Dec 10, 17. Info 433-5200
- **New Tech High School** Shadow days: Dec 8, Jan 26. Info 433-2839
- **West Campus High School** Information Night: 12/11 Shadow days: Dec 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](http://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.



## 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](http://www.ardenfair.com/events/KidsClub) for more information.

### It's Never Too Late for a Magazine!

Go to [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://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](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 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](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. 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](http://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.

**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.

### 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.

**\$2301.16 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](mailto: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](http://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.

**12/9** 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: [ingridsspanishstudio@gmail.com](mailto:ingridsspanishstudio@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 [inlandssurfclub@gmail.com](mailto:inlandssurfclub@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! :)

Come For Food + FUN!!

3RD Grade!!!

Be there or  
Be Square!

Come support the  
2nd Grade  
at Winter Faire  
Photo Booth  
Baked Potatoes  
Angry Birds

# WINTER FAIRE & BOUTIQUE

Come Party with  
5<sup>th</sup> grade!

This THURSDAY!

5:00—9:00 P.m.

See you there!

See if  
you're an  
ACE  
at mini-golf!

Come hungry  
for  
Creepier Dogs!



Hope to see you  
there 1<sup>st</sup> Grade!!!

-The  
Winter Faire Team

Warm up with  
Coco at Winterfaire to play games  
and make awesome  
crafts!

**WEAR YOUR SPIRIT!**

Support our LDV sports!

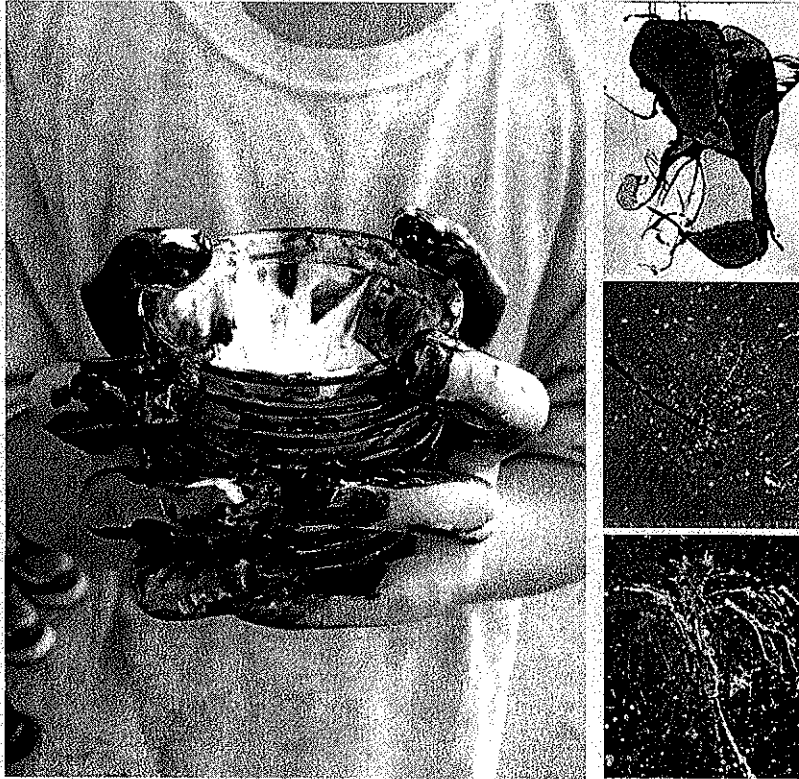


Leonardo da Vinci EK-8 school & Track 7 Brewing Co. present:

# LdV ART SHOW & FUNDRAISER

**Paintings, sculpture & mixed media.**

All proceeds benefit ARTLinks, a parent-volunteer arts enrichment program at LdV.



**Saturday, December 13**

12:00 – 6:00

**Sunday, December 14**

12:00 – 4:00

TRACK 7 | 3747 W. Pacific Ave #F, Sac., CA 95820

Sat: 12PM – 9PM, Sun: 12PM – 6PM

*(Family Friendly)*

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For every flyer collected during your designated time, we will donate up to \$5 per jumper!



**SACRAMENTO: 916-853-5867**

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Open Jump! Dodgeball! Trampoline Floors & Walls!

**FUNDRAISER**

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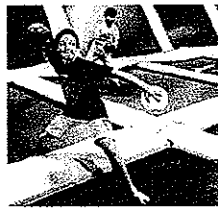
[www.JumpSkyHigh.com](http://www.JumpSkyHigh.com)

Everyone must have a signed waiver. If you are over 18, please bring ID. If under 18, your parent must sign the waiver.

Who's it for?  
LdV  
5th grade class  
Westminster  
Woods Field  
Trip

When is it?  
Sun,  
Dec 28th  
4-8 pm

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**Sky High Sports Customer Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk**

**\*\*\* THIS IS A CONTRACT – READ BEFORE SIGNING \*\*\***

In consideration of being permitted by SKY HIGH SPORTS to participate in its activities and to use its equipment and facilities, now and in the future, I hereby agree to **release, indemnify and discharge** SKY HIGH SPORTS, its agents, owners, shareholders, directors, partners, employees, volunteers, manufacturers, participants, lessors, affiliates, its subsidiaries, related and affiliated entities, successors and assigns (the "RELEASED PARTIES"), on behalf of myself, my spouse, my children, my parents, my heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate as follows:

- 1. I acknowledge that my participation in SKY HIGH SPORTS trampoline games entail known and unknown risks that could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death, or damage to myself, to property or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.

**The risks include, among other things:** Trampoline entails certain risks that simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity. Trampoline exposes its participants to the usual risk of cuts and bruises. Other more serious risks exist as well. Participants often fall off equipment, sprain or break wrists and ankles, and can suffer more serious injuries as well. Traveling to and from trampoline location raises the possibility of any manner of transportation accidents. Double bouncing, more than one person per trampoline, can create a rebound effect causing serious injury. Flipping and running and bouncing off the walls is dangerous and can cause serious injury and must be done at the participants own risk. Similar risks are also inherent in using the Foam Pit. In any event, if you or your child is injured, you or your child may require medical assistance, at your own expense.

Furthermore, SKY HIGH SPORTS employees have difficult jobs to perform. They seek safety, but they are not infallible. They might be unaware of a participant's fitness or abilities. They may give incomplete warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used might become loose, out of adjustment, or malfunction. There is also a risk that SKY HIGH SPORTS employees may be negligent in, among other things, monitoring and supervising use of its equipment and facilities and in the maintenance and repair of its equipment and facilities.

- 2. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risks existing in this activity. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, and I elect to participate in spite of the risks.
- 3. **I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless RELEASED PARTIES from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity or my use of SKY HIGH SPORTS equipment or facilities, including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of RELEASED PARTIES.**
- 4. Should SKY HIGH SPORTS or anyone acting on their behalf, be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs. This means that I will pay all of those attorney's fees and costs myself.
- 5. I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage that I may cause or suffer while participating, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I further certify that I am willing to assume the risk of any medical or physical condition that I may have.
- 6. In the event that I file a lawsuit against SKY HIGH SPORTS, I agree to do so solely in the state of California and I further agree that the substantive law of California shall apply in that action without regard to the conflict of the law rules of that state. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.
- 7. I agree as an adult participant, or the Parent/Legal Guardian of a minor participant, in consideration of being permitted to participate at SKY HIGH SPORTS, grant SKY HIGH SPORTS, and all RELEASED PARTIES, the irrevocable right and permission to photograph and/or record me or my child(ren)/ward(s) in connection with SKY HIGH SPORTS to use the photograph and/or recording for all purposes, including advertising and promotional purposes, in any manner in any and all media now or hereafter known, in perpetuity throughout the world, without restriction as to alteration. I waive any right to inspect or approve the use of the Photograph and/or Recording, and acknowledge and agree that the rights granted to this release are without compensation of any kind. All Photographs and/or Recordings are exclusive to SKY HIGH SPORTS.
- 8. **If the participant is a minor, I agree that this Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk agreement ("RELEASE") is made on behalf of that minor participant and that all of the releases, waivers and promises herein are binding on that minor participant. I represent that I have full authority as Parent or Legal Guardian of the minor participant to bind the minor participant to this agreement.**
- 9. **If the participant is a minor, I further agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless SKY HIGH SPORTS from any and all claims or suits for personal injury, property damage or otherwise which are brought by, or on behalf of the minor, and which are in any way connected with such use or participation by the minor, including injuries or damages caused by the negligence of RELEASED PARTIES, except injuries or damages caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the party seeking indemnity.**
- 10. In consideration of not being required to sign a fresh copy of this RELEASE before each visit, I further agree that **this RELEASE shall apply to all future visits** by me and by the minor participant until he/she is 18 years old in full, including Paragraphs 8 and 9.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property damaged during my participation in this activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my or the minor participant's right to maintain a lawsuit against SKY HIGH SPORTS or any RELEASED PARTIES on the basis of any claim from which I have released them herein. I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. **I have read and understood it, and I agree to be bound by its terms.**

Signature (Participant or Parent/Legal Guardian if under age of 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

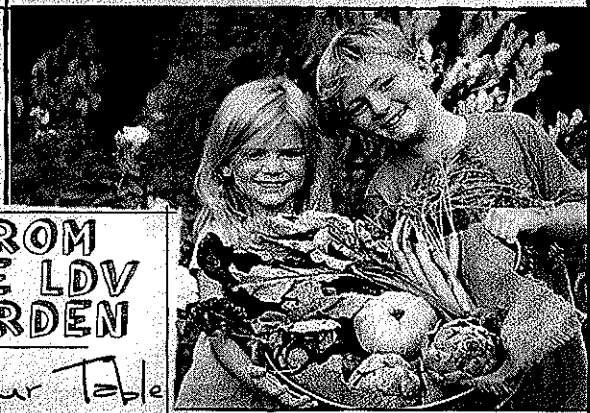
Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_

**IF THE PARTICIPANT IS A MINOR:** Print Name of Parent or Legal Guardian of Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



FROM  
THE LDV  
GARDEN  
To Your Table



Add chopped herbs to this Focaccia bread or add your favorite pizza toppings! You can also serve with your own "Stone Soup". There is a recipe on the LdV website under enrichment/learning garden for veg soup!

*Alexis Wasilchin*

### *Focaccia Bread*

2 ½ cups lukewarm water  
3 teaspoons dry yeast  
5-1/2 – 6-1/2 cups flour  
3 teaspoons salt  
¼ cup olive oil

Pour warm water in a mixing bowl, add yeast, and let sit for 10 minutes until the yeast is active

Begin adding flour one cup at a time, incorporating with a whisk at first until a soft "mud" forms. Whisk vigorously for one minute.

Add salt and oil and switch to a wooden spoon. (You can also add chopped herbs at this point)

Stir, adding smaller amounts of flour until the dough balls up in the bowl and you can no longer stir.

Turn the dough on a counter/cutting board using flour to keep it from sticking. Keep sprinkling with handfuls of flour to keep it from sticking as you knead it for 10 minutes.

The dough will slowly take the form of a shiny ball and it will spring back to the touch when it's ready..

Brush the dough with olive oil and cover with saran wrap . Let it sit in a warm place until doubled in size. ~1hr.

Punch it down. Let it rest for 5 minutes.

Coat a sheet pan with oil and sprinkle with corn meal or polenta.

Stretch or roll the dough across the sheet pan until it is about 1 inch thick. Let it sit for 20 -30 minutes.

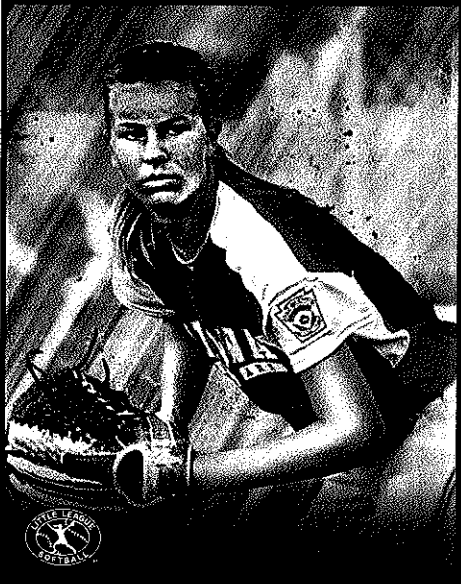
Make indentations in the dough and brush with olive oil and sprinkle with salt.

Bake @ 450 for 30-40 minutes

Before Thanksgiving break all three first grade classes participated in their tradition of **Stone Soup**. This year, as part of the new cooking curriculum, each student chopped and sautéed their vegetables to add to the soup in addition to a graphing project, an art project, and a writing exercise. They also made **Focaccia bread** from scratch!! It was so fun to see the children's excitement as they worked to create the delicious meal they then shared at the end of the day.

# LPPLL 2015

## Land Park Pacific Little League



### REGISTRATION

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CALIFORNIA MIDDLE SCHOOL  
1600 Vallejo Drive (at Land Park Drive)  
Sacramento

*All registration sessions take place in the cafeteria.*

### DATES/TIMES

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Sunday, December 7, 2014 --- 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Thursday, December 11, 2014 --- 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, January 6, 2015 --- 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

### REGISTRATION FEES

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Prior to December 11, 2014

Baseball & softball, ages 5-7 \$100  
Baseball & softball, ages 8-14 \$130

On or after December 12, 2014

Baseball & softball, ages 5-7 \$125  
Baseball & softball, ages 8-14 \$155

*Financial assistance is available.*

### DIVISIONS/AGES

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T-Ball: 5-6 yrs. | Rookie: 6-7 yrs. | AA: 8-9 yrs.  
AAA: 9-10 yrs. | Majors: 11-12 yrs.  
Softball: 5-14 yrs.

### WHAT TO BRING?

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All parents/guardians must bring a birth certificate  
and 3 documents proving residency.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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[info@lppll.com](mailto:info@lppll.com)

More information available at [www.lppll.com](http://www.lppll.com)

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# Sac. Youth Flag Football League!



A Non-Profit Organization

Teams are forming now! We put teams together based on zip codes so, there could be a team in your neighborhood!

Register now online & you could win an Amazon Kindle!

Want to coach or volunteer? Give us a call or send us an email!

## Who is eligible to play?

Open to all Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls.

## When does the season start?

Practices are starting now, games start in January

## What makes this league so incredibly AWESOME!?

Professional referees, emphasis on sportsmanship, devoted coaches who have passed background checks, low registration fee (only \$80! Includes jersey and loads of extras!) certified 501(c)3 non profit, convenient locations for games and practices.. are just a few things that make us special.

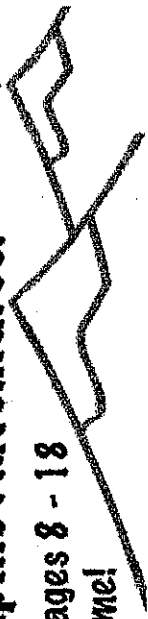
**REGISTER NOW! @ GSFFL.ORG**

**Want more information? Give us a call! (916) 458-4625**

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# Ski & Snowboard with Alpine Adventures!

Students ages 8 - 18 are welcome!



Sign up now for club trips to:  
**Squaw Valley & Alpine Meadows**  
Saturdays starting January 3, 2015

## Trips include:

- Lots of great skiing and boarding at fantastic areas
- Fun chaperones and guides
- Lift passes
- Transportation by safe, first class charter coach
- Instruction for all levels
- Convenient departure points
- Discounts on equipment and rentals



## Don't know how to ski or board?

Sign up for our Learn to Board & Ski trips on January 3, and January 24, 2015

### Trips Include:

- Chaperoned Charter Bus Transportation
- Ski or Snowboard Rental Gear
- All Day Assistance from our Expert Staff
- All Day Lift Pass
- 1/2 Day Instruction
- Pre-Trip Orientation

## For more information call

**(916) 456-0263**

Alpine Adventures Ski & Snowboard Club

'[www.hittheslopes.org](http://www.hittheslopes.org) \* [snowfun@hittheslopes.org](mailto:snowfun@hittheslopes.org)

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