

Leonardo da Vinci eK-8 School

Integrated Thematic Instruction Through Arts & Sciences

2016 Author Day & Book Order Opportunity Matthew Gollub - Friday, January 22

Each year we invite a children's author to visit LdV and talk to us about the writing process. This event gives each student a chance to hear published authors share their own work, describe the creative process, and emphasize the importance of things like brainstorming, research, and revision.

Next Friday (January 22), we'll welcome 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 at LdV for two assemblies and book signing in the morning, and he will be available to visit with anyone from the LdV community during lunch, around noon.

In anticipation of Author Day, please take a look at Matthew's books and CDs. You can find them in our school library, or visit Matthew on Facebook, Amazon, or matthewgollub.com. To purchase books/CDs in time for the event, please fill out the order form included in this newsletter (a bigger form will be coming next week), attach your payment to the form, with checks out to Matthew Gollub, and place the form in the appropriate box in Diane's office. To ensure delivery, please include your child's name and classroom number on the form.

All preordered books will be signed by the author. Please try to get your order in by this Friday (Jan. 15). If you have any questions, want to help with the event, and/or are interested in having lunch with Matthew, please contact Patricia Heinicke at 916.930.0348 or word.shine@yahoo.com

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Dates to Remember

- Jan 11**
Winter Band Concert
at Fern Bacon
Taste of LdV Planning
Meeting 6pm - Library
- 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 25**
Taste of LdV Planning
Meeting 6pm - Library
- Jan 27**
Family Science Night 6pm
- Jan 28**
Parent Coffee Chat 8:30 am
- Jan 29**
End of Semester 1:30 pm
dismissal MS only
20 Hours Due
- Feb 8**
Taste of LdV Planning
Meeting 6pm - Library
- Feb 19**
Father Daughter Dance
- Feb 22**
Taste of LdV Planning
Meeting 6pm - Library

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.

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Next Issue: Jan 19
Deadline: Jan 14

Mark Your Calendar! Winter Faire is a Week from Friday!

Science Club Shoe Drive

The middle school Science Club is organizing a used shoe drive to help raise funds to defray the cost of the trip for the students. A flyer is attached with additional information. In addition to dropping off shoes in Room 27, they may also be dropped off in the Front Office. All shoes should be clean and wearable, and placed in a bag that includes the classroom # (and grade if Room 2) of your student if you would like their class to receive credit for the donation, as a contest is in the works to reward the class that contributes the most pairs of shoes. We encourage families to donate not only their own outgrown or unneeded shoes, but to also collect them from friends, neighbors, co-workers & relatives, as this not only helps send LdV students to Costa Rica, but also helps de-clutter our closets, provide footwear and a source of income to people in countries in need, and reduce the number of shoes that still have life in them from going to the landfill. Questions may be directed to Rebekkah Frost (rebekkah@me.com), Ryan Fong (rcfong@aol.com) or Mr. Androlowicz (stan-androlowicz@scusd.edu).

School Cents

Please remember to take your December receipts to guest services at Arden Fair Mall or leave them in the box in the front office.

Volunteers Needed for Family Science Night

We have a brand new Family Science Night planned, so I can't promise you will be in charge of the sheep's lung, but I do promise a fun evening of discovery. The event is on January 27 from 6-7:30 pm, volunteers will be needed at 5:30 pm. Please contact Celia Rosecrans at cz.rosecrans@gmail.com if you can volunteer.

Dolphins!

This week's dolphin is by 7th grader Jadeen W.

Looking for the Next Queen, King, or Royal Court

The Renaissance Faire is one of LdV's biggest enrichment events for our students. It takes some organization book all the artists, supply all the stations and gather the volunteers who keep it running smoothly. We are looking for a volunteer (or two) to take over coordinating the 2017 Renaissance Faire. This is the perfect time to decide to step up, because you will be able to shadow our current RF Queen through the steps to making a successful event. Please contact UnChu Littlefield at tateskitchen@gmail.com (please use ren faire in the subject line).

Taste of LdV 2016 - March 12th (Save the Date)

Plan on attending the annual after hours adult only LdV School Community Event, celebrating LdV's 25th Anniversary. The funds raised from this event will support Visual and Performing Art opportunities for our students. The event includes: local restaurant food, beverages, live and silent auctions of items such as: "ticket parties, classroom arts/crafts, gift certificates, wine wall and more."

Tickets sales will start at Winter Faire - \$35 per ticket and \$60/couple. Stop by our booth and take a chance at winning drink tickets and tickets to the event!

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

Ren Faire Prep Work

Need some at home hours? Please contact UnChu Littlefield at tateskitchen@gmail.com (please use ren faire in the subject line).

Open Enrollment Dates & Times are on
page 2 of this newsletter

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.

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 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. 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

Open Enrollment Information

Students choosing to attend a criteria school should visit the specialized programs page to determine what application requirements must be met.

Walk In for Open Enrollment will take place at the Enrollment Center (5601 47th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95824).

Walk In dates are for parents who do not have access to a computer or for parents who need assistance with translation. Translators will be available in Chinese, Hmong, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

If you have any questions please contact the Open Enrollment Department at (916) 643-9075. Thank you.

For students entering 7-12th Grade 2016-17 Open Enrollment

The online application for incoming middle and high school students will be available at scusd.edu at 8 am on Tuesday, January 19 and continues through 5 pm on Tuesday, February 2, 2016.

Walk-in dates for 7-12 grade Open Enrollment will be as follows: Wednesday, January 27, from 9 am to 3 pm; Thursday, January 28, from noon to 5 pm; Friday, January 29, from 9 to 11 am.

For students entering K-6th Grade 2016-17

Open Enrollment for incoming elementary students begins online at 8 am on Tuesday, February 16 and continues through 5 pm Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

Walk-in Dates for K-6th Grade Open Enrollment: Wednesday, February 24, from 9 am – 3 pm; Thursday, February 25, from noon– 5 pm; Friday, February 26, from 9 am – 11 am.

Looking at High School?

• **George Washington Carver** - Visit days 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 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, 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

More Front Page News!

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, 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.

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

Café da Vinci Open!

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

Feel like a Hot Cup of Coffee or Tea when Cafe 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.

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.

Word of the Week

One form of caring is COMPASSION, the character word of the week. A person who is compassionate understands the need or hurt that others feel. Through this understanding, a compassionate person might feel sympathy for another person. Compassion does not stop here, however. A compassionate person does something to act on those feelings. He or she helps in some way, even if it only to say that he or she is sorry.

"By compassion we make others' misery our own, and so, by relieving them, we relieve ourselves also."

—Sir Thomas Browne



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 or 916-716-6910 or Alexis Wasilchin: alexisbartine@sbcglobal.net



Looking for Something to Do?

Need a fun way to get your volunteer hours in? Join Taste of LdV's planning meetings: 1/11, 1/25, 2/8 and 2/22 in the school's library at 6pm. Help plan one of our most fun and successful fundraisers! There are small and big jobs still left. Don't have time to attend a meeting, but want to volunteer, let us know! We have upcoming jobs that can even be done from the comfort of your own home! Contact Kim (916-709-6093) or Kristen (510-918-9173)

Volunteer Hour Opportunity:

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. 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. 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

Teacher Appreciation Treats

Want to help appreciate our teachers who go above and beyond? PTC hosts a breakfast the morning following class meetings, 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

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 if you are interested.



Fund Raising News

Magazine Fundraiser

Our BIG FALL FUNDRAISER is over! Thank you to everyone who participated. Please remember you can still 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!

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Clip, Save, and Send In Box Tops & Labels for Education Help the LdV PTC raise much needed funds and points for school-wide programs and events by submitting box tops and labels in a zip-top plastic bag or envelope with your student's classroom number on it and send it to school.

Labels for Education can be found on Campbells Soup, Pace, Pepperidge Farm, Glad products, and more. Go to labelsforeducation.com to see product lists and special offers. We use these labels for points that help us purchase balls and other playground equipment.

Boxtops 4 Education can earn money for LdV in three ways: **1. Shop and clip:** boxtops are found on General Mills cereal, Hanes apparel, Ziploc food storage, Arvey office supplies, Hefty bags and more; **2. Shop online:** boxtops can be earned shopping online for Lands End, Toys R Us, and more; **3. Earn Bonus points:** by going online to boxtops4education.com

Don't Forget to Use Your Something EXTRA Card... Truly the easiest and cheapest fundraiser at LdV...it costs you nothing to remember to use your EXTRA card (registered to help LdV) when you shop at Raley's and Bel Air. You get points and groceries and we get cash, 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 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 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>

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

Jan 12 vs SES boys 3:30 girls 4:30
Jan 14 vs PS7 girls 3:30 boys 4:30
Jan 19 vs Birney boys 3:30 girls 4:30
Jan 21 at Still girls 3:30 boys 4:30

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.

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!

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; Mathematics; Middle School Dances; Spirit Week; Harvest Hoedown; Makers Faire to 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

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.

From the Office

Attendance Information: Email Sick and Tardy

Please email 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 escusa.

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 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). 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.

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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

Winter Faire 2016

Fri, Jan. 22nd 4-8pm

Get your tickets today!

Tickets will be used for:

GAMES

CRAFTS

DRINKS

FOOD

SNACKS

DESSERTS

BOUTIQUE

Boutique will also accept cash and checks

See reverse for more details.

3 ways to buy tickets!!

Preorder forms below

Before & after school 1/19-1/22

At Winter Faire!!

Tickets sold in packs of 20

Number of packs:

X \$20

\$

Please make checks payable to: LDV PTC

Name:

Phone:

Please deliver my tickets to:

Student Name:

Room:

Winter Faire is not responsible for misplaced tickets.

“November 2015 Students of the Month”

GRADE	RM	TEACHER	ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT	CITIZENSHIP	ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT	CITIZENSHIP
Early Kinder	2PM	Eily Graves	Daniel Guerrero	Pablo Castro	Yemaya Smith-Mason	Abigail Ramirez
Kindergarten	2	Joy Saxton	Michelle Tovar	Turan Welcome	Violet Fodor	Helio Rodriguez
	3	Lisa Brown	Claire Mishell	Stella Riley	David Sanchez	Zach Standley
	4	Jane Walton	Maison Phillips	Emmerie Dugan	Kyra Richardson	Thane Hultin
1 st -3 rd SDC	20	Patty Ryan	Piere McDonald	Rafael Ocana Chavarria	Isabel Smith	
First	5	Veasna Nim	Alyxia Castorena	Ayo Eselekhomhen	Jason Singer	Nate Hungerford
	6	Jamie Maroldy	James Bird	Jacob Fontanillo	Norma Padilla	Ava Guerrero
	7	Stacey Lombardi	Christian Deras	Alex Silva	Sonia Taylor	Martin Levine
Second	11	Sean Abitz	Mollie Shadden	Owen Correia	Cami Joseph	Ryan Ferreira
	12	Allison Hebert	Sofia Perry	Dellilah Cha	Marcus Yates	Miguelangel Galindo
	18	Julie Boettner	Julia Yarbrough	Sasha Weinsheink	Audrey Hansell	Parker Saake-Reimer
Third	8	Brandi Sidley	Peter Allred	Daniel Bienick	Cassie Dugan	Jewel Muniz
	9	Maribeth Niehaus	Philippe Bienick	Chase Lavery	Xela Wright	Alexa Rendon
	10	Kim Meade	Nina Thorton	Norah Laflam	Evan de la Vergne	Fela White
4 th -6 th SDC	33A	Phil Howard	Delayna Garcia	Armando Guerrero	Riley Ardisana	Colin Goulding
Fourth	15	Vienna Bustos	Lily Dasinger		Charlotte Gueffroy	
	16	Brian Moore	Sienna Wisnia	Shaheed Aamir	Ryan Seixars	Elsa Williams
	17	Deborah Dodd	Jacob Martinez	Annabelle Davis	Lily Ross	Drew Garfield
Fifth	23	Jim Aldridge	Malena Wong	Ashley Cunningham	Nico Garcia	Jafet Recinos
	24	Kelly Toomey	Adaleiz Ove	Lily Marshall	Tobin Arrant	Luke Klassen
	25	Dan Maroldy	Kuyper Holland	Ada Littlefield	Brooke Tillinghast	Scarlet Pope
Sixth	21	Kim Williams	Oliver Birdsong	Tommy Hamlin	Carter Miles	Macy Andrade
	22	Rhonda Wallace	Azael Aquado	Claire Kim Lopez		Patricia Figueroa Bryant
Band	29	Cathy Katsura	Joe Brown	Mei Lein Watkins	Ivy DaRosa	Harper Johnson
	1	Jennifer Nakayama	Ellie Eason	Mallory Fuller	Charlotte Guettroy	Jennie Richards

Middle School

November Students of the Month

Androlowicz, Science - Miranda Villarreal, Joseph Walton

Croft, History - Alex DeNuzzo, Joshua Schley

Ismail, PE - Summer Santich, Chris Bevens

Jones, SDC - Natalie Thomas, Jakelin Sarmienta-Castillo

Logan, Math - Kathryn Kapakly

Maltby, Math - Alexa Grey, Hayden Joseph

Nakayama, Music - Conlee Graybill, Elijah Holland

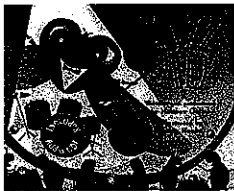
Sirard, Language Arts - Nate Wisham, Michael Tovar

Stiller, Art - Kat Hansell, Lucy Lindgren

GREAT BOOKS, GREAT PRICES

SIGNED BY AUTHOR MATTHEW GOLLUB

Leonardo da Vinci School is proud to welcome the trilingual, world-traveling children's author Matthew Gollub for a lively school visit on **Fri., January 22nd**. After drumming, sharing stories, and discussing the creative process with students, Mr. Gollub will be available to sign his acclaimed books. The ones with CD are great for car rides! All prices are 15% - 25% off retail and include tax and shipping! To order, please indicate the number of books and the name(s) to whom they should be dedicated. HC means hardcover, PB means paperback. Checks should be made payable to Matthew Gollub. Please fill out the form below and return with payment on or before **January 22nd**. Slide shows and audio clips of books at www.matthewgollub.com! (A/R quizzes available.)



THE JAZZ FLY

Book with audio CD

An award-winning story celebrating language and the inventive spirit of jazz.

___ English HC w/ CD at \$15.00

___ English PB w/ CD at \$9.00

Dedicated to: _____



JAZZ FLY 2: The Jungle Pachanga

Book with audio CD

Set in the rainforest, this awaited sequel introduces Latin jazz and Spanish words.

___ English HC w/ CD at \$15.00

Dedicated to: _____



GOBBLE, QUACK, MOON

Book with audio CD

A tale about a cow who can boogie, set to blues, waltzes, and rock 'n' roll

___ HC w/ CD \$15.00

Dedicated to: _____



SUPER GRANDPA*

Book with audio CD

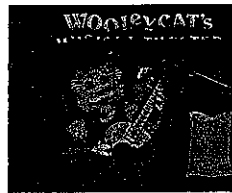
Based on the true story of a 66-year old grandfather who finished first in the Tour of Sweden.

___ English HC w/ CD at \$16.00

___ English PB w/ CD at \$9.00

___ Spanish PB w/ CD at \$9.00

Dedicated to: _____



WOOLEYCAT'S MUSICAL THEATER*

Book with audio CD

10 fabulous songs based on traditional rhymes. 3 Blind Mice go on vacation in Africa. Mary and her Lamb grow up. 30 minute CD great for car rides!

___ English HC w/ CD at \$16.00

___ English PB w/ CD at \$10.00

Dedicated to: _____



GIVE THE GIFT!

A picture book for parents of babies through teens featuring scores of proven hints for raising a lifetime reader.

___ English HC at \$12.00

___ English PB at \$6.00

Dedicated to: _____

*Published but not written by Matthew



THE TWENTY-FIVE MIXTEC CATS

Kittens strike fear in a Mexican village, then win their way into the people's hearts.

___ English HC at \$12.00

___ English PB at \$6.00

___ Spanish HC at \$12.00

___ Spanish PB at \$6.00

Dedicated to: _____



UNCLE SNAKE

A fearless boy enters a forbidden cave, then is destined to bring lightning to the world.

___ English HC at \$12.00

___ English PB at \$6.00

___ Spanish HC at \$12.00

___ Spanish PB at \$6.00

Dedicated to: _____



COOL MELONS, TURN TO FROGS!

The biography and best-loved poems of Issa, Japan's child friendly haiku master.

___ English PB at \$10.00

Dedicated to: _____



THE MOON WAS AT A FIESTA

This charming folktale explains why the moon is sometimes still out during the day.

___ English HC at \$14.00

___ English PB at \$6.00

___ Spanish HC at \$14.00

___ Spanish PB at \$6.00

Dedicated to: _____



TEN ONI DRUMMERS

This rhyming, counting story teaches 1-10 in Japanese and eases bedtime worries.

___ English PB at \$8.00

___ Spanish PB at \$8.00

Dedicated to: _____



3 humorous, rhyming stories based on related English and Spanish words: energy / *energía*, etc. Instant vocabulary for students. Set of 8-12 page booklets for \$9.00

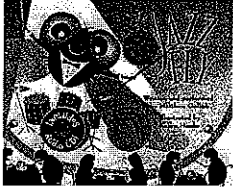
___ IMAGINATION NATION
MICHAEL'S SOCCER TRIUMPH
MAILMAN JOE

Teacher's name:	_____
Student's name:	_____
Classroom #:	_____
Total Investment: \$	_____

¡EXCELENTES LIBROS A PRECIOS FABULOSOS!

AUTOGRAFIADOS POR SU CREADOR MATTHEW GOLLUB

Estimados padres: Nuestra escuela se complace en presentar al autor de libros infantiles, Matthew Gollub, escritor trilingüe que nos visitará el **22 de enero**. Platicará acerca de sus viajes al extranjero, tocará sus tambores y, por supuesto, nos contará varios cuentos. Después de hablar sobre sus métodos creativos de escritura, el Sr. Gollub firmará sus admirables libros, cinco de los cuales están traducidos al español. Si usted gusta ordenar alguno, por favor indique la cantidad y el nombre a quién el Sr. Gollub se los dedicará. Mande su pago a la escuela con su niño(a) hasta el **22 de enero (viernes)** o antes. Si paga con cheque, hágalo a nombre de Matthew Gollub. "TD" quiere decir tapa dura; "TB" significa tapa blanda. ¡Todos los precios se ofrecen con descuento del 15% al 25% e incluyen el taxi!



THE JAZZ FLY con CD

Una increíble mosca utiliza sonidos de imales para crear una forma de música impletamente nueva.

- ___ inglés TD con CD a \$15.00
- ___ inglés TB con CD a \$9.00

dedicado a: _____



JAZZ FLY 2: THE JUNGLE PACHANGA con CD

En esta segunda parte de *La mosca pachanguera*, se presentan jazz latino y unas 40 palabras en español.

- ___ inglés TD con CD a \$15.00

dedicado a: _____

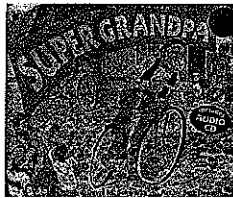


GOBBLE, QUACK, MOON con CD
(La vaca bailarina)

Un vibrante relato musical sobre una vaca y sus amigos que realizan un ballet sobre la luna.

- ___ inglés TD con CD a \$15.00

dedicado a: _____

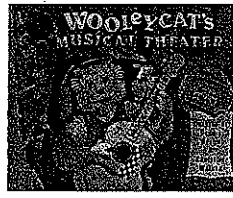


SUPERABUELO* con CD

la historia real en que un abuelo de 66 años na el Tour de Suecia. Incluye narración de un tor mexicano.

- ___ inglés TD con CD a \$16.00
- ___ español TB con CD a \$9.00
- ___ inglés TB con CD a \$9.00

dedicado a: _____

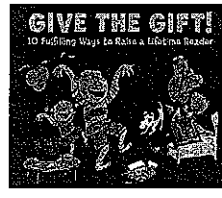


WOOLEYCAT'S MUSICAL THEATER* con CD
(Teatro musical del gato Wooley)

10 fabulosas canciones basadas en cantos tradicionales. A los niños les encanta leer las letras de las canciones, cantarlas y hasta bailar con ellas!

- ___ inglés TD con CD a \$16.00
- ___ inglés TB con CD a \$10.00

dedicado a: _____



GIVE THE GIFT!

(¡Comparta el gusto por leer!)

Un libro ilustrado para adultos con 10 maneras en que su niño leerá para siempre.

- ___ inglés TD a \$12.00
- ___ inglés TB a \$5.00

dedicado a: _____

*(Publicado pero no escrito por Matthew)

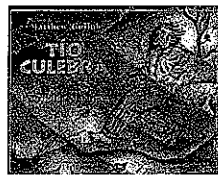


LOS VEINTICINCO GATOS MIXTECOS

Un curandero regresa del mercado provisto de una camada de gatitos. Pronto los animales se ganan el corazón de todos.

- ___ español TD a \$12.00
- ___ español TB a \$5.00
- ___ inglés TD a \$12.00
- ___ inglés TB a \$5.00

dedicado a: _____



TÍO CULEBRA

Un niño atrevido entra a la cueva prohibida y sale con la cabeza de una víbora! Este cuento, del México antiguo, explica por qué existen los relámpagos.

- ___ español TD a \$12.00
- ___ español TB a \$5.00
- ___ inglés TD a \$12.00
- ___ inglés TB a \$5.00

dedicado a: _____



LA LUNA SE FUE DE FIESTA

Un cuento encantador que explica por qué a veces se ve la Luna de día, pues una noche hizo una fiesta y se le olvidó meterse cuando salió el sol!

- ___ español TD a \$14.00
- ___ español TB a \$5.00
- ___ inglés TD a \$14.00
- ___ inglés TB a \$5.00

dedicado a _____



DIEZ TAMBORILEROS ONI

Este cuento rimado introduce los números en japonés desde el uno al diez y ofrece tranquilidad para las pesadillas.

- ___ español TB a \$8.00
- ___ inglés TB a \$8.00

dedicado a: _____



NUEVO Tres divertidas historias con rima y palabras amigas en inglés y español, como *energy* y *energía*. ¡Vocabulario instantáneo para niños y adultos! Los 3 libritos para \$9.00 en total. Cada uno tiene 8-12 páginas.

- ___ El triunfo en fútbol de Miguelito
- ___ El cartero José
- ___ La nación de la imaginación

Nombre del maestro(a): _____

Nombre del estudiante y salón: _____

Número del salón de clase: _____

Total: \$ _____

LdV Middle School Science Club Shoe Drive



Donate these!



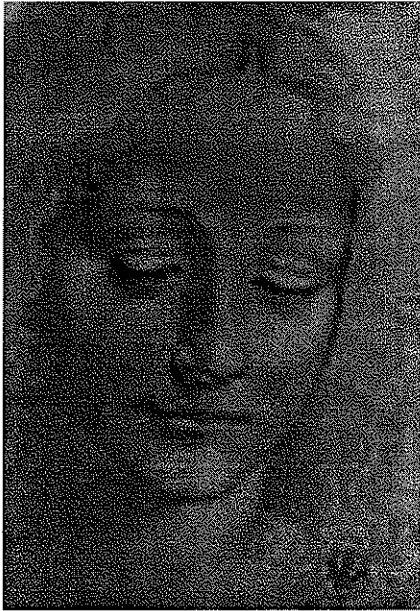
Not these!

LdV Science Club Shoe Drive Collecting Gently Worn and New Shoes

Clean out your closet and donate your gently worn and new shoes that never fit right. You will be helping us raise funds for our Costa Rica Trip as well as providing income sources and footwear to countries in need. Bring Shoes to donation Center at Room 27.



Celebrate the life and times of Leonardo da Vinci ...



**LdV's 14th Annual
On-Campus
Renaissance Faire
and Costume Day
Friday – April 15th**

We Need volunteers!

**This is a terrific event and a fun way
to get your parent hours.**

Morning? Afternoon? All day?

Lunch provided to those who spend the day with us.

Are you interested in coordinating the Renaissance Faire
in 2017? This would be the perfect year to shadow.

To volunteer or with questions please email

UnChu Littlefield at tateskitchen@gmail.com

please be sure to put RenFaire in the subject line

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Heart of Central California







Join Girl Scouts!

Are you a 4th grader who wants to join Girl Scouts?

Come join Troop #1677, make new FRIENDS, share experiences and memories!



As a Junior (Grades 4-5), she might:

-  Share stories (and smiles) with new friends in her troop
-  Try new experiences and learn new skills as she earns badges
-  Sell cookies (and have fun doing it)
-  Explore the outdoors at camp and beyond
-  Choose an issue she cares about, then do something to make a difference as part of a Girl Scout Leadership journey
-  Earn her Bronze Award, the first of Girl Scouts' highest awards



Parents contact Liz Ohlhausen at liz.ohlhausen@gmail.com

or Angie Ford at angieford12@hotmail.com



Theatre Arts Workshop

OnStage is an after-school theatre arts program for students grades K-8. In workshop, students learn the basic skills of theatre, storytelling, cooperation.... and life!

OffStage is a partner program aimed at teaching kids the basics of working backstage: set, prop design, stage management and more.

Improv is NEW at LdV!!! Through theatre games and scene work, students develop theatrical and comedic skills, quick thinking, teamwork, spontaneity and creativity.

Why teach kids theatre arts? Theatre arts instruction builds confidence, improves reading and verbal skills, encourages teamwork, and invites kids to imagine and create.

Our Instructors

Cynthia Speakman

originated the after school theatre arts program for Leonardo da Vinci K-8 in 2000. She has been an instructor for the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission Model Arts program in Twin Rivers, Robla and Sac City School Districts and has participated in many SMAC workshops for teaching artists. For over 30 years, she has been performing on stage, in movies and in voice-overs.

Rachel Berelson

has worked in theatre for nearly 20 years. Her early training was at the Tahoe-Truckee Youth Theatre where she fell in love with performing and improv. Her credits include acting, writing, directing, choreography and working with adults with developmental disabilities in theatre. She has participated in a local improv troupe here in Sacramento for the last two years.

All classes meet once a week from 3pm - 5pm.

HOW TO ENROLL? It's EASY!

1. Fill out the form on the back of this sheet
2. Write a check payable to **OnStage**
3. Turn in the form and your check to the parent office or to your classroom PTC envelope by **Friday January 22, 2016**

Limited and partial scholarships available

ENROLL TODAY...

Space is limited!

For more information, e-mail
cynthia.speakman@gmail.com
or call Cynthia Speakman at
(916) 502-0336



Theatre Arts Workshop

Enrollment Form: Spring 2016

Participant: _____	Grade: _____	DOB: _____
Parent/Guardian: _____	e-mail: _____	
Address: _____		
City/Zip: _____	Day Phone: _____	
Home Phone: _____	Cell Phone: _____	
Emergency Contact (Name and Number): _____		

Enrollment Form: Please mark your session choices:

OnStage Classes K-3rd (\$135)

Tuesdays

_____ Session I: Jan. 26 - Mar. 15

_____ Session II: Mar 29 - May 24

Thursdays

_____ Session I: Jan 28 - Mar 17

_____ Session II: Mar 31 - May 19

IMPROV 4th-8th grade (\$135)

Fridays

_____ Session I: Jan 29 - Apr 1

_____ Session II: Apr 8 - May 20

OffStage Classes 3rd-6th (\$140)

Thursdays

_____ Session I: Jan 28 - Mar 17

_____ Session II: Mar 31 - May 19

At 5:00 p.m. Student will (please choose one)

_____ be picked up **promptly** by parent or _____

_____ be taken back to the Children's Center/4th R by OnStage staff member

_____ walk home without adult supervision

_____ other (please explain) _____

NOTE: Students must have signed form and payment before attending class

Place your check - attached to this enrollment form - in the ON STAGE envelope in the parent office or your classroom PTC envelope by JAN 22nd.

THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS OR DISMISSALS

Hold Harmless Agreement:

I understand that serious accidents occasionally occur during after-school programs. Knowing the risk and in consideration of being permitted to participate in the theatre arts program, I agree to assume all risks connected therewith. I also understand that a student's disruptive behavior will result in his or her dismissal from the class without refund.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____