



# Leonardo da Vinci eK-8 School

Integrated Thematic Instruction Through Arts & Sciences

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## Dates to Remember

### Jan 12

Open Enrollment visit 9:15 am  
Taste of LdV mtg 6 pm/LIB

### Jan 14

Class Meetings  
eK 5 pm  
K, 1-3 grade 6 pm  
4-6 grade 6:30 pm  
7&8 grade 7 pm

### Jan 15

Open Enrollment visit 9:15 am  
Basketball LdV vs Brannan  
Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30

### Jan 16

Open Enrollment visit 9:15 am

### Jan 19

No School - MLK Day  
Building & Grounds Workday  
Learning Garden Workday  
8am-noon

### Jan 20

Basketball LdV vs Bacon  
Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30

### Jan 22

Open Enrollment visit 9:15 am  
LdV vs MLK  
Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30

### Jan 23

End of Semester  
1:30 pm dismissal  
Middle School ONLY

### Jan 27

1st Round basketball playoff

### Jan 28

Basketball Semi final

### Jan 29

Parent Coffee Chat 8:30 am  
Winter Faire!

### Jan 30

20 hours due

### Jan 31

Basketball Finals

Your school-related event could be featured here! This newsletter is distributed every Monday of the school year. The submission deadline is 8:45 am on the last, non-holiday Thursday preceding distribution. Please email your articles to: dsandsons@sbcglobal.net. Events and services advertised in this newsletter are not necessarily endorsed by LdV PTC or SCUSD. Published by the parents of Leonardo da Vinci eK-8

Next Issue: Jan 20

Deadline: Jan 18

## Siblings and Open Enrollment

Please add your incoming Kinder or early Kinder sibling to the list on the front office window. Early kinder applications are available from Diane now. Kinder openings are through Open Enrollment only (even for LdV siblings).

### Open Enrollment dates:

**Middle & High Schools** online Jan 20-Feb 3.

Walk in: 1/28 9am-3pm; 1/29 noon-5pm; 1/30 9-11am

**LdV Kindergarten & fourth grade:** Feb 17-March 3.

Walk in: 2/25 9am-3pm; 2/26 noon-5pm; 2/27 9-11am

## Be a Part of the Grown Up Fun!

A Taste of LdV was a huge success last year and this year we are anticipating an even bigger year!

"A Taste of LdV" is our for grown ups only spring fund raiser. It is an evening of fabulous food, drinks, fun games, activities, amazing art and auction items.

There are a myriad of ways to participate. Whether you like to use your creativity, people skills, tech skills or muscles; we could use you. Please come to our next meeting tonight, 1/12, 6-8 pm in the library.

With questions or for information please contact: Kim (niemeyers@comcast.net), Gwynnae gwynnaeb@gmail.com or Kristen fordcat@sbcglobal.net

## Boxtops Contest Time!!!

Raid your pantries! We are over halfway to our goal of \$1000 collected from boxtops and we are seriously lacking some Labels for Education! To make sure we get to our goal this year we are having a Contest to see which rooms can collect the most Boxtops For Education and Labels For Education! The classroom with the most Labels and the classroom with the most Boxtops will each get popcorn for everyone! If you have turned in a bag of Boxtops in the new year that you didn't write your room number on email me to claim it (jen\_mcelhannon@yahoo.com) When you turn in your Boxtops or Labels, make sure you write your room number on it. Please make sure your Boxtops include everything inside the pink dotted line and your Labels have the part that says Labels for Education and the barcode, otherwise they don't count. The Boxtops and Labels websites have info on bonus products! Contest ends Feb 18.

## Tick Toek

Twenty volunteer hours need to be completed AND TURNED IN by January 31. It is very helpful to me if you do so ASAP. Thank you!

## Got a LLAMA?

Ren Faire is looking for llamas, goats or other four legged Renaissance appropriate animals for the Faire. Please contact UnChu at tateskitchen@gmail.com if you have one/some!



Watch for invitations to the French Twist coming soon!

## It was a Chilling Experience

Thank you to 6th grade teacher Kim Williams for bringing the polar explorer Robert Swan to LdV to speak about his experiences in Antarctica and 2041. The students and parents who heard him speak were inspired! <http://www.sacbee.com/news/local/article5777868.html>

## YOU Can Do That!

### The I Can Do That! 2015 Arts For All Festival Needs YOU!! Parent Hours Available!

The 9th Annual Winter Arts For All Festival (formerly Very Special Arts Festival) will be held on Thursday January 22nd 2015 at the Sam Pannell Meadowview Community Center, 2450 Meadowview Road in Sacramento.

The Festival is a BLAST and showcases the work of over 750 visual and performing arts students—ages 3 to 21, 70% of whom have severe disabilities. Additionally, there are hands-on workshops in the Arts – Funshops - for the children and families attending the Festival.

Six classes/150 students from LdV will either be performing HIP HOP, in the Blues Band, playing African drums or displaying their artistic creations.

Volunteers are essential to the operation of the Festival and are GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Times when volunteers are most needed include:

- 1) Set-Up: 7:30 am – 9:30 am
- 2) Festival / Funshops: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm
- 3) Clean-Up: 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Please contact Michelle Jacobsen to volunteer: [jacobsen2736@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jacobsen2736@sbcglobal.net).

For past Festival information and photos, please visit the I Can Do That! website: <http://www.icando-that-arts4all.org>

## Want to See "Annie"?

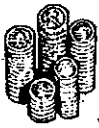
Room 31 is looking for one more driver for their field trip on Jan 27. You can drop off and pick up or stay for the show (our treat). Contact Mrs Jones or Ms Howard in room 31.

## The Fair(e)s are Coming!

Science Fair and Renaissance Faire are coming soon and volunteers are needed. Look for sign ups at your class meeting this week or contact Celia [cz.rosecrans@gmail.com](mailto:cz.rosecrans@gmail.com) for science, or UnChu at [tateskitchen@gmail.com](mailto:tateskitchen@gmail.com) for Ren Faire.

## Dolphins

This week's dolphin artist is 7th grader **Jesus H.**



## 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!

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!

### 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.

### AMAZON! Shopping Online for Business or Personal Needs?

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.

1/12 BYE

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

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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 printmaking \$12 per class (all materials included). For 2nd-8th grade students. Call Leslie Colby at 502-1227 to sign up.

### Learn Spanish

New classes begin in January. For any questions about this program please contact Mrs. Garcia Email: [ingridspanishstudio@gmail.com](mailto:ingridspanishstudio@gmail.com) Phone: (916)585-6020

### On/Off Stage

We offer a 12 week class for the veterans who want to be in a regular play (one not written by the kids) for 1st-3rd (on Thursdays) and 4th-6th (on Wednesdays). The Off Stage kids will create props, paint sets, stage manage, etc. for these plays. An 8 week class for 1st-3rd begins Tuesday, January, 13th followed by a Kinder-1st class in March. We have great fun in this after school theatre arts program, not to mention building confidence, teamwork skills, developing imagination and the benefits go on and on. See the attached registration form for details. With questions call Cynthia Speakman 916-502-0336 or e-mail [cynthia.speakman@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.speakman@gmail.com).

### On/Off Stage

Please call 916-502-0336 for information.

### LdV Ballet Folklorico

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

### Cafe da Vinci Serving Peet's

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

## 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:** December tally sheets are due! Please turn it into your child's class or to the Volunteer Office. Tally sheets are available in the front office and on the LdV website.

**Remember!** January 30 is the due date for 20 parent hours!

**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 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.

### Over Stuffed!

Thank you to all the families who have dropped off leftover 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!

### Lifetouch Info

[www.lifetouchnorcal.com](http://www.lifetouchnorcal.com) or 1-866-955-8342



## Looking for Something to Do?

### Science Fair Help

Help is needed for LdV Science Fair. Set up: March 19 (after school); Turn in March 20 (morning); Judging: March 20 (evening). Contact Celia at [cz.rosecrans@gmail.com](mailto:cz.rosecrans@gmail.com)

### 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)

### Taste of LdV

If you want to be part of the planning and vision for Taste of LdV, 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@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fordkat@sbcglobal.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).

#### Got Bugs?

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

#### Sponsors Needed

We are looking for corporate or individual sponsors for our Solar Regatta program. LdV MS students are building a **full size solar power boat** to race against other middle and high school teams from northern California. **Picture your company's name on LdV's boat!**

We are hoping for donations of expertise, materials, and funds. Please contact Joe Scarpa if you want to help in this exciting project or want more information. [joe@jscarpa.com](mailto:joe@jscarpa.com) (please put "solar" in the subject line).

## From the Office

**Email Sick and Tardy** Please email sally-uhlig@scusd.edu with your students' absences and tardies or call 557-0389 wait for the message to begin and then press 49#. By email or phone, leave the child's name, room number, date of absence and reason for being out of school (i.e.: illness, doctor appointment, religious, out of town, death in family). Please use "absence" in the subject line. You will receive a reply if it has been received. Absence verification must be made daily. Unverified absences will result in truanancies.

**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.

**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". 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.

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

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

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

**Late to School?** Students who are over 30 minutes tardy must be accompanied to the main office by their parent or guardian to obtain a tardy slip. All tardies over 30 minutes must have a parent signature or an official 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.

**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.

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

## 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

## Community Events High School?

- **Cristo Rey College Prep High School** Information Night: Shadow days: Jan 29; Feb 10, 18, 26. Placement tests: 3/7; 4/18; 5/16. For information or to RSVP: (916) 733-2660 or check the website: crhss.org
- **New Tech High School** Shadow days: Jan 26. Info 433-2839
- **West Campus High School** Shadow days: Jan 14. Info 277-6400
- **PACE** applications are due Jan 20. Go to JFKPACE.org for applications

## From the District

**Open Enrollment** For more information go to [www.scusd.edu](http://www.scusd.edu) or contact Michael Crosby at 643-9075.

**School readiness fair** Feb 28 10am-2pm at the Serna Center free health screenings, Kinder enrollment info and more 643-7858

## Pick up & Drop Off

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.

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!

## 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.

**MLK Jr. Day of Service at LdV**  
Learning Garden Work Day  
Monday, January 19th, 8 AM - Noon

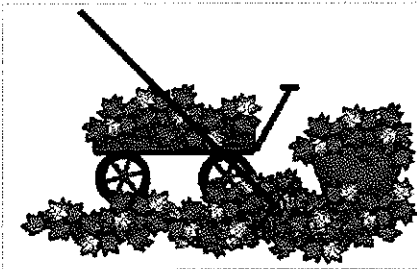
*"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." —Martin Luther King Jr.*

Spend a little time on MLK Jr's Day of Service helping out in the LdV school garden. Lots of fun winter garden work to do including: weather proofing wood, weeding, prepping garden boxes and planting beds, tool cleaning and maintenance, etc. Fun garden projects for the kids, and refreshments provided. Area High School students can earn community service hours, please bring the appropriate forms to have signed by the Garden Chairperson in charge of the event.

The garden has tools to share but you may want to bring your own (label your tools). Children are welcome, but you are responsible for their supervision.

Enter through the kindergarten playground, the soccer field, or drive your car the wrong way through the parking lot and park on the playground next to the garden.

Are you interested in finding other MLK Jr. Day of Service opportunities in the Sacramento area? Please visit <http://mlkday.gov/>, for more information.



**LdV School Grounds Clean-Up Day!**

Please join in on the effort to help keep our school grounds look tidy and nice. Fall is now in the past, but it has left a lasting impression with a large amount of leaves and debris around the school.

Bring your rake(s), wheel barrow, tarp(s) and/or gas powered blower.

We will be working in conjunction with the Learning Garden Work Day on Monday, January 19th, 9am - 12pm

Thank you and hope to see you there!!! Email: Jennifer Moore: [jenmaidu@yahoo.com](mailto:jenmaidu@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

Save the Date for  
LdV's 8th Annual

**French Twist**

Father/Daughter Dance

Friday, February 20th, 7 - 10 pm

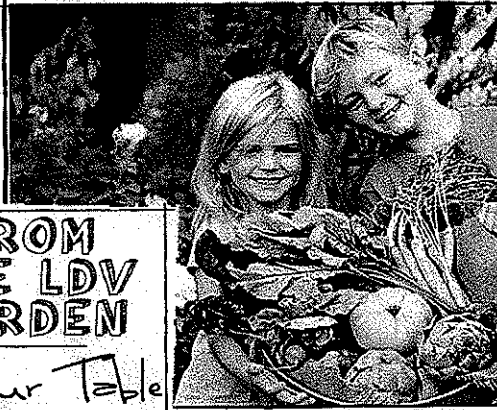
LdV Auditorium



Our LDV Learning Garden is supported by our PTC!

FROM  
THE LDV  
GARDEN

To Your Table



Just before break, Ms. Dodd's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class finished their California Mission reports. With the reports, some students made models of their mission while others chose different creative ways to share their mission's history. Emma Bailey prepared this traditional Pozole for her class to sample. I heard it was a hit!

Alexis Wasilchin

### Vegetarian Red Pozole with Red Beans (Epicurious)

4 Large ancho chiles (2oz), wiped and stemmed  
2 cups chopped onions  
¼ cup olive oil  
3 large garlic cloves, chopped  
1 TBSP cider vinegar  
2 tsp ground cumin  
1 tsp dried Oregano (Preferably Mexican)  
salt  
1 tsp sugar  
1/8 tsp ground cloves  
6 cups water, divided  
1 (29-ounce) can white hominy (also labeled pozole), rinsed and drained  
2 (15 to 16 ounce) can kidney bean, rinsed and drained  
2 lbs zucchini, cut into ½ inch pieces  
2 cups fresh corn kernels or 1 (10 ounce) package frozen corn  
freshly ground pepper

#### Accompaniments:

Shredded lettuce,  
julienned radishes,  
chopped onion,  
dried oregano,  
lime wedges

Slit chiles open and remove seeds and veins. Toast chiles on a flat dry griddle or skillet over medium heat, flipping until fragrant and inside changes colors. Put chiles in a bowl covered with cold water and soak until soft, about 20 min

While chiles are soaking, cook onion in oil in a 5 to 6 quart heavy pot over medium heat, stirring occasionally until golden, 15-20 min

Transfer Chiles to a blender and add garlic, vinegar, cumin, oregano, ½ tsp salt, sugar, cloves, and one cup water. Blend until smooth  
Add chile puree to pot and cook, stirring, 5 minutes

Add remaining 5 cups water, hominy, beans, zucchini, corn, and ½ tsp salt and pepper and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, partially covered, stirring occasionally, until zucchini is tender, about 20 min. season with salt and pepper.

Serve with accompaniments.

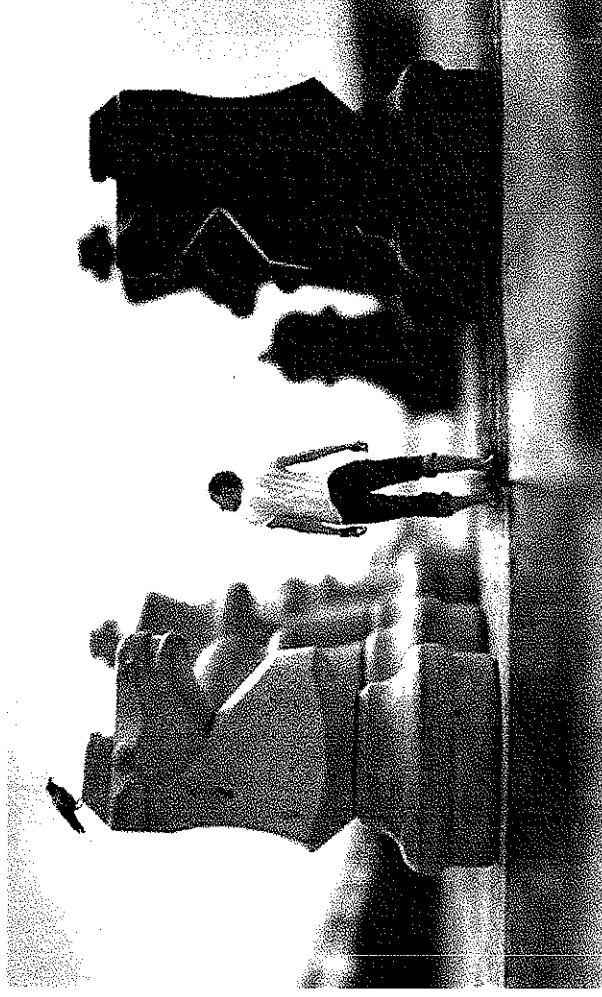
\* Pozole is even better if it's made up to 2 days ahead.



# “Chess is everything: art, science and sport”

## ~Anatoly Karpov

- Chess is an exercise of infinite possibilities for the mind.
- Chess develops mental abilities used throughout life: concentration, critical thinking, abstract reasoning, problem solving, pattern recognition, strategic planning, creativity, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation, to name a few.
- Chess can be used very effectively as a tool to teach problem solving and abstract reasoning.



**Teacher:** Mr. Sirard  
**Location:** Room 35  
**Dates/time:** Friday's from 3:10 - 4:10

**Winter Trimester - \$60.00 (Due 1/16)**  
December 5, 12  
January 9, 16, 30  
February 6, 13, 20, 27  
March 6

**Spring Trimester - \$60.00 (Due 3/13)**  
March 13, 20, 27  
April 17, 24  
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Please fill out and return the form below with payment (please make checks payable to LdV Chess Club) to the Chess Club box in the front office.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' names \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency phone number to use during class \_\_\_\_\_

I can help in the following way:

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I still have questions, (please call me!)

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# ON STAGE & OFF STAGE

## What's the difference?

### ON STAGE

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

Children benefit from:

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

### OFF STAGE

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

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

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

## Who are the instructors?

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

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

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

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We offer 12 Week Classes for those who have had some acting experience

We will produce a pre-written play

1st-3rd on Thursdays // 4th-6th on Wednesdays // 3-6th OFF STAGE on Thursdays

And for experienced or non-experienced

there are two 8 week sessions: one for 1st-3rd and another for K-1st on Tuesdays in the Spring.

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## HOW TO ENROLL? IT'S EASY!

1. Fill out the form on the back of this sheet.
2. Write a check payable to On Stage (even for Off Stage class).
3. Leave form and check in On Stage box in Parent Office  
or in your classroom PTC envelope by Friday, January 23, 2015.  
(we will accept payment up to the first day of class)

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

(Limited partial scholarships available)

**ENROLL TODAY... SPACE IS LIMITED!!!**

Questions Call Cynthia Speakman 916-502-0336 or [cynthia.speakman@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.speakman@gmail.com)



# 2015 Spring registration

Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Rm \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

At 4:45 p.m. student will (Choose one)

be picked up promptly by parent or \_\_\_\_\_

be taken back to the Children's Center by On Stage staff

be taken to 4th R by On Stage staff

walk home without adult supervision

other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

***If parents do not arrive or call by 5:10 their child will be taken to Children's Center (who they will have to pay).***

## Please circle your SESSION CHOICE:

All classes are from 3:00-5:00

12 Week Production				8 Week Classes			
Grade	Day	Dates	Cost	Grade	Day	Dates	Cost
1-3rd	Thurs.	Jan.29-April 24	\$160	1-3	Tues. Sess 1	Jan.13-Mar. 10	\$120
4-6th	Wed.	Jan.28-April 24	\$160	K-1	Tues. Sess 2	March 17-May 5	\$120

### OFF STAGE - 12 weeks

3-6th Thurs Jan.29-April 24 \$160

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

Please make check payable to **On Stage**

Place your check for classes- attached to this enrollment form in the ON STAGE envelope in the parent office or your classroom PTC envelope **by Friday, January 23rd**

**We will accept payment up to the first day of classes**

**(If you would like to make a donation for scholarships please designate that on your check and thank you.**

Questions: [cynthia.speakman@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.speakman@gmail.com)

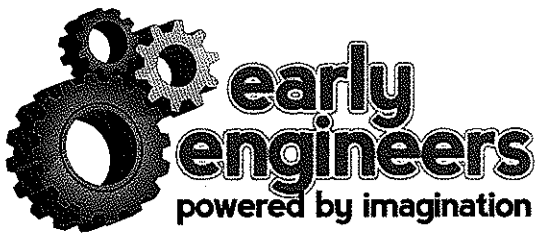
**No Refunds for Cancellation or Dismissal**

### 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



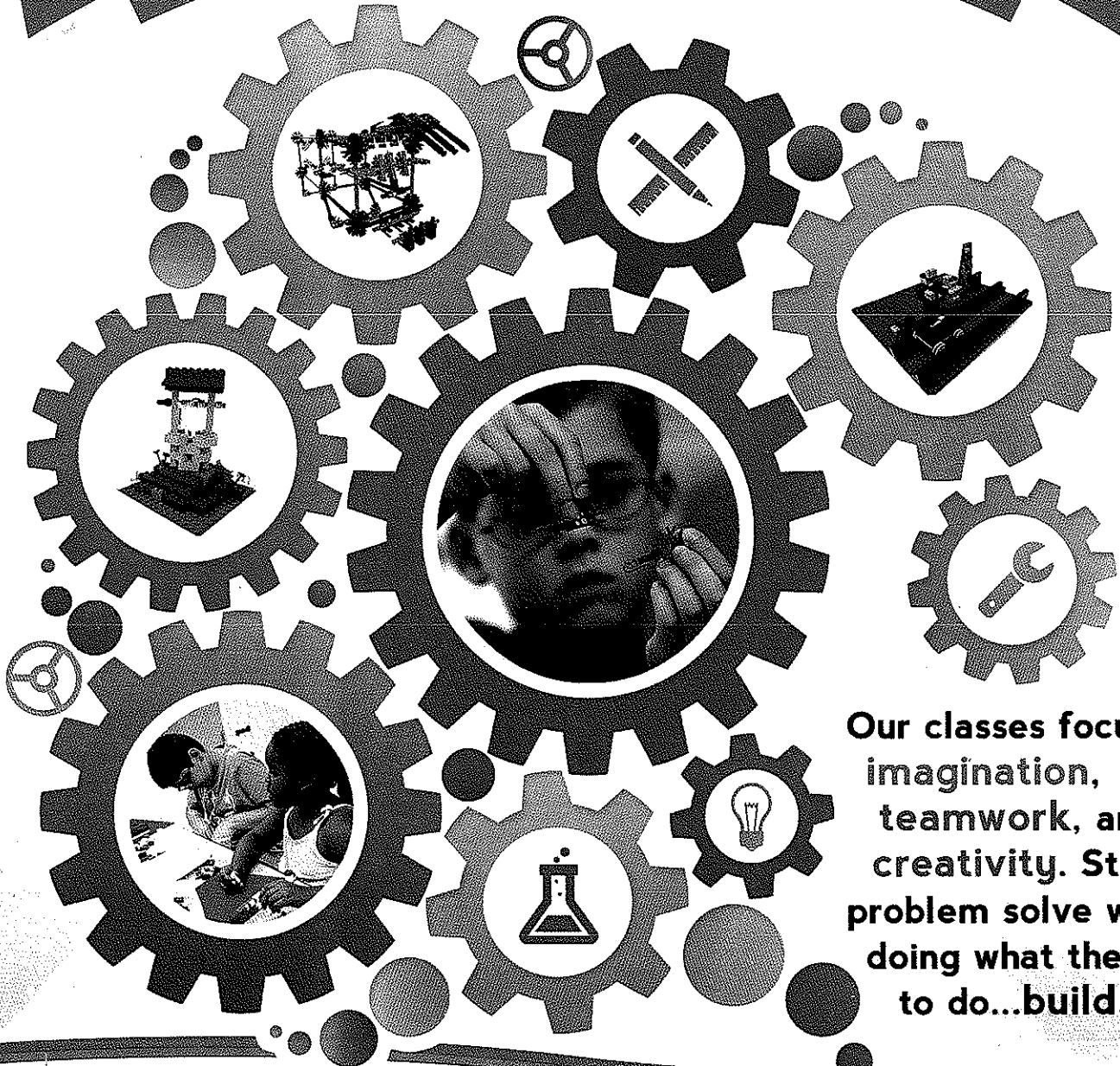
**NEW!**

**LONGER CLASSES & MORE BUILD TIME!**

**NEW!**

**SMALLER CLASS SIZES!**

**COME BUILD WITH US!**



**Our classes focus on imagination, teamwork, and creativity. Students problem solve while doing what they love to do...build!**



**916-419-7644  
EARLYENGINEERS.ORG**



# After School Building Classes at Leonardo da Vinci Elementary!

## Class Details:

Day of the week: Monday  
Time: 3:10-4:20pm ← New! Longer class!  
Classroom: Library

## Session Dates:

Session C: 1/26, 2/2, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23  
Session D: 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/17, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 6/01

## Registration Form

Please do not return this form to the school office. To register using this form, please mail to:  
Dream Enrichment Classes, 1820 Tribute Rd, Suite F Sacramento CA 95818  
— The fastest way to register and reserve your space is to register online at [earlyengineers.org](http://earlyengineers.org) —

Parent/Guardian: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
If Kinder:  AM  PM  ALL DAY | Room #: \_\_\_\_\_ My child normally attends afterschool care:  Yes  No  
After Early Engineers class my child will:  
 Be picked up by a guardian from the Early Engineers room  Walk home or be independently released to the parking lot  Go to afterschool care

## Enrollment Options

### Spring Bundle

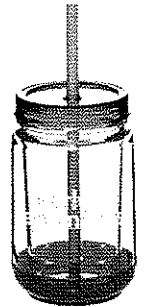
The Spring bundle includes: Registration sessions C and D, a FREE gift and **5% off** regular session pricing!  
~~\$ 210.00~~ Discounted Price: \$199.50

### Session C

Session C: 1/26, 2/2, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 | 2 payments of: \$45.00

First payment due at registration **by credit card**. An equal second payment will be auto-charged 4 weeks from session start.

Check this box if you'd rather pay in full now



**FREE GIFT WITH SPRING BUNDLE!**  
These double-walled, BPA free mason jar to-go cups feature a secure screw-on lid and matching straw!

Multiple payments!

## Permissions Waiver

By signing below I agree that I have read, understand and accept the information provided on this flyer. If I have provided my credit card information below, I authorize Early Engineers to charge my card for the items I have requested, including an auto-charged second payment if selected. I waive any right to claim against Early Engineers owners, staff and teachers in the event of an accident, injury or loss of personal items. I understand I am committing to and reserving a place in the designated session(s) above. If I cancel, the remainder of paid tuition (adjusted to reflect attended classes) will be refunded minus a \$25 cancellation fee. Discounts will be removed and free items will be charged based on the current selling price. I understand it my responsibility to remind my child to attend their Early Engineers classes and to pick up my child from the designated classroom at the designated end time. I authorize the release of my child's artwork and photo for display purposes by Early Engineers, my child's school and/or School District.  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Options

Visa  Mastercard  Discover  American Express OR  Check (Attach, payable to "Early Engineers")

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## Have questions?



Call us at 916-419-7644



Find us online at [www.earlyengineers.org](http://www.earlyengineers.org)

Leonardo da Vinci

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