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Dates to Remember

Jan 25

Taste of LdV Planning Meeting 6pm - Library

Jan 26

ELAC mtg 9:15/LIB

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 1-5

Quarter Crusades

Feb 3

SSC 5:30 pm
PTC 6:30 pm

Feb 6

Learning Garden Workday
8-noon

Feb 8

NO SCHOOL - Lincoln Birthday
Taste of LdV Planning Meeting 6pm - Library

Feb 12

MS Dance 4-6 pm

Feb 15

NO SCHOOL - President's Day

Feb 17

100th Day of School

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.

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Published by the parents of Leonardo da Vinci eK-8

**Next Issue: Feb 1
Deadline: Jan 28**

Leonardo da Vinci ek-8 School

Integrated Thematic Instruction Through Arts & Sciences

Family Science Night this Wednesday from 6-7:30 pm

Hands on Science for ALL AGES. Please join us in the LdV auditorium this Wednesday for an ALL NEW Science Night.

Volunteer! This is a brand new Family Science Night, 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.

Thanks to All for a Successful Author Day Visit (and Yes, You Can Still Order Books)

Our Author Day activities with author Matthew Gollub were lots of fun. You can still order signed copies of his books at discounted prices; see the order form attached. Just be sure to get your order form in, with payment attached, by **Tuesday, February 2**. Make your check out to Matthew Gollub, and be sure to put your child's room number on the form. (FYI: It may take a couple of weeks after the deadline for the books to be delivered, as Mr. Gollub will be traveling.)

Thanks go out to many people for making this event a success, including Diane Soule for advice, assistance, and good humor, Principal Davis and Vice Principal Ballard for their enthusiasm and welcoming spirit, Ms. Meade for distributing books beforehand, Coach Bell for fixing the CD player, and all our teachers for being good sports and talented kinetic interpreters of text. Also a big thank you to Kathy Buxton for recommending Mr. Gollub and to the PTC for their financial support.

Because next year will be my last year coordinating this event, it would be great to work on Author Day 2017 with a parent (or parents) interested in continuing this exciting and enriching part of LdV's tradition. If you love books and might like to participate, please give me a call at 916.930.0348. —Patricia Heinicke, Author Day coordinator

LdV Girls Soccer Tryouts

Grades: 5th - 8th

Dates: Mon Feb 8th, Tue Feb 9th, Wed Feb 10th

Time: 3:30 - 5 pm

Where: LdV Soccer Field

Announcement: Roster will be posted on bulletin board in front of the school the morning of Thurs, Feb 11th
Season: Feb through mid-May, First match March 7th
Shakespeare Participants Can Be Accommodated To Play Soccer

Questions? Please Contact Coach Todd at 799-1092 or DunbarSoccer73@gmail.com

—Todd Dunbar, LdV Girls Soccer Coach – 8th season

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

Open Enrollment information is on pages 2 & 4 of this newsletter

Lady Dolphins Win!

Congratulations to Lady Dolphins on taking home the 1st place trophy in the Dixon Tournament! The ladies played 3 games Saturday including their championship game! Though our captain went out with a twisted ankle in the championship game against Sutter, the team rallied to take the win! Fast recovery to our captain and keep up the momentum Lady Dolphins!!!

Get Into Glass Art

Join us for an afternoon of indulging your creative side, relaxing with friends, and raising funds to support the new glass kiln for Leonardo da Vinci ek-8 school. We'll gather at the studio of Bullseye Glass Resource Center Bay Area to create our own unique and colorful glass art. No experience is necessary, and all materials and instruction are provided.

Here's how it works: We recruit 10-16 people to take a 2.5 hour class at a cost of \$100 per person. Bullseye Glass Company will donate up to \$800 to Leonardo da Vinci ek-8 school based on how many of us sign up. These funds will be used to support LdV Art Links Program and bring glass art to our students. The money raised will go to buying a new glass kiln for our school.

Our group's class will be: First Glass Fusing on April 2nd from 10:30 - 1pm at Bullseye Glass Resource Center Bay Area, 4514 Hollis Street, Emeryville, CA 94608

The knowledgeable instructors at Bullseye Glass will teach us everything we need to know and then turn us loose to create our own designs. After the class, our pieces will be loaded into the kiln for firing. They'll be available for pickup a few days later. To reserve seats for this event, visit <https://bullseyeglass.givezooks.com/events/leonardo-da-vinci-school-april-2>

—Elly Graves, LdV early Kinder teacher

Taste of LdV 2016 - March 12th

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 are on sale now - \$35 per ticket and \$60/ couple.

Dolphins!

This week's dolphin is by 7th grader Emily L.

From the SCL (School Community Liaison)

About the Newsletter

This newsletter is provided by the LdV PTC in conjunction with the LdV School Community Liaison. Please read it weekly in order to keep up with what is happening in our community. This is where you can get ideas about where and how to participate. This is also where you can announce any school related activities by submitting a short article about the event. Please be sure to include the date, time, and a contact name and number.

Déja Vu?

If you read the newsletter weekly, some of the content may seem 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 its 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!

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Please note: the correct email to use to report absences is chereese-conner@scusd.edu

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.

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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

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.

More Front Page News!

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 (rfong@aol.com) or Mr. Androlowicz (stan-androlowicz@scusd.edu).

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).

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.

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

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).

Looking for Girl Soccer Players

Todd Dunbar (LdV Girls Soccer Coach) is looking for girl soccer players born in 2007
Coach Todd has been assigned the U10 Union FC girls team (born in 2007) for 2016. Union tryouts are coming up Friday January 29th 5-6:30 pm. Union teams practice off 50 and Watt at Larchmont Community Park. Questions? Call or Text Todd @ (916) 799-1092 Register at: <http://unionsacramentoofc.org/union/registration-2/>
GIRL'S TRYOUTS: @ El Camino Fundamental High School: 4300 El Camino Ave • Friday January 29th, 5-6:30 pm • Saturday January 30th, 9 -10:30 am • Sun, January 31st 9-10:30 am @ Mather Sports Complex: 3755 Schriever Ave • Tues, February 2nd, 6 - 7 pm

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 Café da Vinci is Closed?

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

Donations Requested

- Room 31 would appreciate the donation of dictionaries (4th grade and up) and colored markers.
- 5th grade would appreciate the donation of two long garden hoses
- Succulent Cuttings: We are looking for donations of small succulents or cuttings for art projects. Please leave in front office, thank you.
- Gears of Many Sizes: Got some old 1, 2 or 3 inch gears sitting around? Let our Open Studio kids make them into ART! Please bring donations to the front office.
- Got Bugs? The students in room 20 would love to visit with them. Live ones are good! Drop them off to room 20 whenever you find an interesting one.

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.

Teacher of the Year and Classified Champion

SCUSD is accepting nominations for the 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year and the 2016 Classified Champions of the Year Award. We encourage you to nominate outstanding certificated and classified employees who perform at levels over and above their district duties and who deserves to be recognized as a top employee in our district.

Please submit your nomination form by February 12, 2016 to the Human Resource Services Department, School Box 770.

Nomination form links: <http://www.scusd.edu/teacher-appreciation> <http://www.scusd.edu/classified-champions>

Word of the Week

Our new pillar is TRUSTWORTHINESS
The character word of this week is SINCERE. Sincerity is a quality to be treasured in friends and family members alike. It is easy to appreciate sincere people because they are genuine and honest. A sincere person does not say what he or she thinks you want to hear. Instead, a sincere person says what he or she actually thinks and feels. By choosing sincerity, a person is likely to be more trustworthy.

"Learn what you are, and be such."

—Pindar



Learning Garden Workdays

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: alexisbar-tine@sbcglobal.net

Unsung Heroes

Two LdV signature events happened last week, Author Day and Winter Faire! Neither of these events could happen if we did not have amazing volunteers at the helm. Thank you to **Patricia Heinicke** for another inspiring Author Day, and **Vanessa Lotto** for another magical Winter Faire.

(For those of you unfamiliar with Unsung Heroes, this is where we acknowledge the parent who goes a little farther...the teacher who inspires a little more...the staff person who really shines...the student who makes a special effort. Submit your Unsung Hero's name with a brief explanation of who they are and why you chose them along with your name. If you'd like to acknowledge a job well done even if you don't know who to credit, that's okay too. Email, call or leave a note for me. —Diane Soule, Editor)



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LdV Incoming Siblings!

If you have:

- early Kinder: Get an application from Diane
- Kindergartner: Apply online during the dates listed above
- First-6th grader: Get an application from Diane

LdV Sixth Graders!

If you plan to remain at LdV for Middle School, no application is necessary. Watch for "Intent to Return Forms" in April.



Looking for Something to Do?

Volunteer Hour Opportunity:

Need a fun way to get your volunteer hours in? Join Taste of LdV's planning meetings: 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)

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: 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.

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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!

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.

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 labelforeducation.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, 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).

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 Vunteer Hours? Every adult who shows team spirit and is a shining example of good sportsmanship is an asset to our teams.

It's Easy to Recycle at LdV!

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.

• C.K. McClatchy High School is developing a four year **Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA)** program beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. The mission of VAPA is to promote higher academic achievement, develop marketable career skills, encourage continued education, and enhance the quality of life in our community through the Arts. VAPA students will be provided with opportunities to explore careers within the broad fields of art, entertainment, and media; to understand the relationship between academic success and success in the workplace; and to develop the necessary skills to sustain a meaningful career in their chosen field. The experience and training students receive VAPA will give them a solid educational foundation and prepare them for continued education and future career opportunities. Our graduates will be creative contributors to society and a positive influence within the community. In order to be considered for VAPA admission, you must return a completed application packet no later than February 18, 2016. All VAPA Students will be placed in a Zero period PE course as a freshman to facilitate participation in the Freshman Art Experience class required for VAPA. For more information and an application, please visit the C.K. McClatchy VAPA website: <http://ckmvapa.org>

GREAT BOOKS, GREAT PRICES SIGNED BY AUTHOR MATTHEW GOLLUB

LDV Elementary was proud to welcome the trilingual, world-traveling children's author **Matthew Gollub** for a lively Author Day on Friday, January 22. After drumming, sharing stories and reading tips for families, Mr. Gollub was available to sign his acclaimed books. The ones with CD are great for car rides! **All prices are 15% - 20% 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 by February 2. See slide shows and audio clips of books at www.matthewgollub.com!

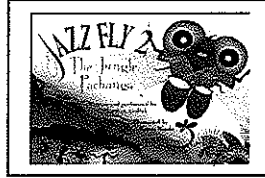


THE JAZZ FLY Book with audio CD

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: _____

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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 \$15.00
 _____ English PB w/ CD at \$9.00

Dedicated to: _____

*Published but not written by Matthew



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 \$15.00
 _____ English PB w/ CD at \$10.00

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 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 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 PB at \$6.00

Dedicated to: _____

THE MOON WAS AT A FIESTA

A charming folktale that explains why the moon is sometimes out during the day.
 _____ English HC at \$14.00
 _____ English PB at \$6.00

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: _____

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

_____ **Imagination Nation**
 _____ **Michael's Soccer Triumph**
 _____ **Mailman Joe**

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: _____

Student's name _____ Teacher/Classroom: _____ Total: \$ _____



Leonardo da Vinci

Wednesday, January 27th

6:00 - 7:30 pm, LdV Auditorium

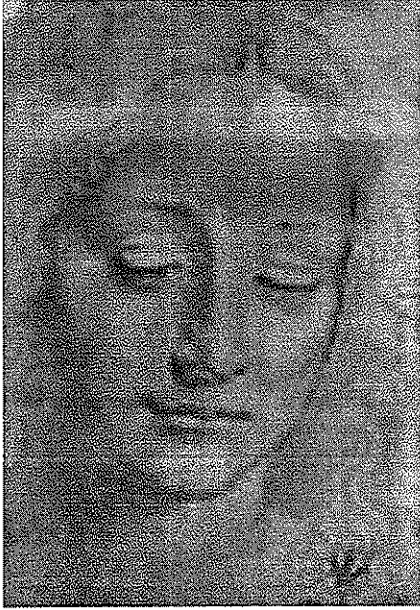
Form teams to
tackle science
challenges

Build, create &
explore with
your family

Have fun!

- **Bring your family and friends for a fun filled evening of science and exploration and family team challenges!**
- **New family science night venue presented by:
Sierra Nevada Journeys.**

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.

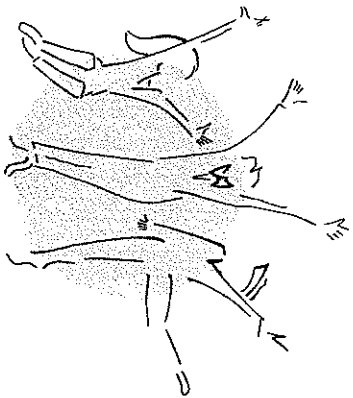
Are you interested in coordinating the Renaissance Faire
in 2017? This would be the perfect year to shadow.

To volunteer or with questions please email

UnChu Littlefield at tateskitchen@gmail.com

please be sure to put RenFaire in the subject line

Sing Dance Act



YOUNG
ACTORS
STAGE

After School Musical Theater Workshop

Young Actors Stage is coming to Leonardo da Vinci this spring with an exciting Broadway Jr production!

Experience the thrill of the stage while you journey under the sea with Ariel and her aquatic friends. You'll sing, dance and act each day to some of your favorite Disney songs.

For details and registration go to:

www.YoungActorsStage.com

Leonardo da Vinci Cast



Parent Information/Registration:

Saturday, January 30, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Location: YAS Studio (3747 W. Pacific Ave, 95820)

Workshop Session:

February 29 - May 8

Rehearsals: Mon/Wed (3:30-6:00)

Location: Leonardo da Vinci

Performances:

May 7 & 8

Location: 24th Street Theater (Sierra 2)

Grades: 1-8

Tuition: \$225 (by Jan 30)

\$25 late fee (after Jan 30)

early engineers

After School Building Classes at Leonardo da Vinci Elementary!

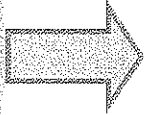
Class Details:

Day of the week: Monday
 Time: 3:10-4:20pm
 Classroom: K-2 in Library and 3-6 in Computer room

Session Dates:

Session C: 2/22, 2/29, 3/7, 3/28, 4/4
 Session D: 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23

Registration Form



Please do not return this form to the school office. To register using this form, please fax or mail to:

Dream Enrichment Classes 1820 Tribute Rd, Suite F Sacramento CA 95815

— The fastest way to register and reserve your space is to register online at 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
 Registration for sessions C and D, a FREE gift and 5% off regular session pricing!
 \$171.00



FREE GIFT WITH SPRING BUNDLE!
 Register for the Spring Bundle and receive a free robot hand grabber with moveable fingers!

Session C: 2/22, 2/29, 3/7, 3/28, 4/4, \$75.00
 Session D: 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, \$105.00

Instead of paying in full, I'd like to pay 2 payments.
 I will pay half today and, after my child's fourth class, will have the final half auto-charged to my card.

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: ____/____ CW: _____

Contact Us



916-419-7644



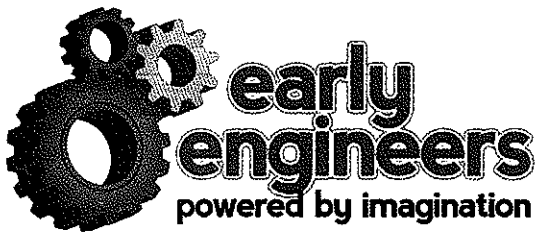
www.earlyengineers.org



Fax: 1-866-665-4845

Leonardo da Vinci

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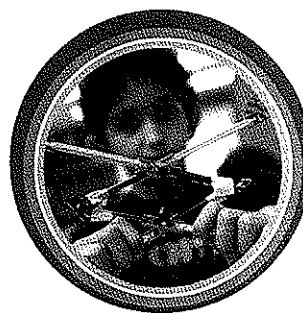


Afterschool BUILDING Classes!



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Science Technology Engineering Math



Early Engineers is a LEGO and K'NEX based building program that exposes children to STEM related concepts and vocabulary, through weekly building projects. Triggering an early interest in STEM helps children increase their chances of success in high school, college, and real life.

916-419-7644

EARLYENGINEERS.ORG



I can't wait to

**Discover something
new with my crew**

**Be the star of my
own story**

**Be an explorer on a
real-life adventure**

**Be a superhero with
powers I choose**

Be a Girl Scout

When you just can't wait for what you'll do next,
you can do anything.

So what are you waiting for?

Join us for more information. Details on the back.

Cuando no puedes esperar más hasta la próxima
aventura, puedes lograr cualquier cosa.

¿Qué estás esperando?

**Acompáñenos para más información. Más
detalles en el otro lado.**



I can't wait to build a Girl Scout troop.

For all girls in grades

Kindergarten – 3rd grade

Wednesday, February 3 6:30 p.m.

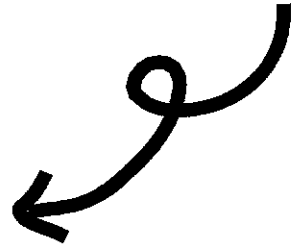
Round Table Pizza

1307 Florin Rd. Sacramento, CA

Friday, February 19 6:30 p.m.

Belle Cooledge library

5600 South Land Park Dr. Sacramento, CA



Join us at one of the meeting that works best for you! For all girls in grades K – 3rd grade and their caregivers/parents, find out how you can become Girl Scouts together!

Volunteers are needed to lead new troops. As a volunteer, you introduce girls to new experiences that show them they're capable of more than they ever imagined. We provide free training and support, no Girl Scout experience is necessary.

For more information contact:

Patrice Bolton-Johnson 916.453.5251 or Patrice.bolton-johnson@girlscoutshcc.org

Visit us at

girlscouts.org/join

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KIDZ LOVE SOCCER

City of
SACRAMENTO
Parks and Recreation

SIGN UP NOW FOR

**WINTER
SOCCER
FUN!**



All participants receive a Kidz Love Soccer Jersey!



Day/Dates	Class	Ages	Times	Code	Location
Mondays 1/25-3/21*	Soccer 2	7-10	3:30-4:15pm	151188	Cottonwood Park
	Soccer 1	5-6	4:15-5:00pm	151189	
	Pre Soccer	4-5	5:00-5:35pm	151190	
Fridays 1/22-3/11	Mommy/Daddy & Me	2-3 ^{1/2}	9:00-9:30am	151207	William Land Park Doc Oliver Field
	Tot/Pre Soccer	3 ^{1/2} -5	9:40-10:10am	151195	
	Tot/PRe Soccer	3 ^{1/2} -5	3:40-4:15pm	151196	
	Soccer 1	5-6	4:15-5:00pm	151197	
Saturdays 1/23-3/12	Mommy/Daddy & Me	2-3 ^{1/2}	9:00-9:30am	151205	East Portal Park
	Tot Soccer	3 ^{1/2} -4	9:40-10:10am	151176	
	Pre Soccer	4-5	10:10-10:45am	151177	
	Soccer 1	5-6	10:45-11:30am	151178	
	Mommy/Daddy & Me	2-3 ^{1/2}	11:40-12:10pm	151206	

8 Weeks

***No Class 2/15**

Fee: \$94

For registration information, call
(916) 808-6060, or register online at:
www.parksandreconline.cityofsacramento.org

For Ages 2 – 10 Years

Shin Guards are required for all classes
except Mommy/Daddy & Me Soccer

Permit # Y-180

Class Status Hotline:
1-888-372-5803

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Follow Kidz Love
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Presented by North American Youth Activities, CA non-profit 3241599



(916) 451-4900

www.fancyfeetdance.net

Fancy Feet now has a Land Park Location

**Land Park Location: (Upstairs) Planet Gymnastics 3202 Riverside Blvd
ENROLL NOW FOR DANCE CLASSES & TRIAL CLASSES ONLINE**

Classes start the week of January 5th 2016

Promo code: freetrial

Tuesday

4:00pm-4:50pm Ballet 1	Ages 5-7	Instructor Miss Abigail
5:00pm-5:50pm Lyrical	Ages 5-8	Instructor Miss Abigail

Wednesday

10am-10:45am Twinkle Babies	Ages 2-2.5	Instructor Miss Lindsay
11am-11:50am Twinkle Stars	Ages 3-4	Instructor Miss Lindsay

Thursday

5:00pm-5:50pm Hip Hop 1	Ages 5-7	Instructor Miss Samee
6:00pm-6:50pm Jazz 1	Ages 6-9	Instructor Miss Samee

Friday

9:00am-9:50am Twinkle Stars	Ages 3-4	Instructor Miss Lindsay
10am-10:45am Twinkle Babies	Ages 2-2.5	Instructor Miss Lindsay

Registration Fee: \$20 Monthly Tuition: \$60 Drop In Rate: \$15

**Any questions about classes or how to enroll please visit our website
Or call 916-451-4900. Please do not call Planet Gymnastics.**



Studio Policies/Rules:

Registration Fee: \$20 Monthly Tuition: \$60 Drop In Rate: \$15

- All payments are through our monthly auto pay system. A card on file will be charged on the 1st of every month. If your card does not process before the 5th a \$10 late fee will be assessed
- All parents must wait in the downstairs waiting room. Parents will be allowed to go into the classroom for the last 10 minutes of the last class of the month. They will be able to see how their child is progressing and be able to take photos and videos of their child.
- If your child is 4 or older you do not have to sit and wait in the waiting room. You are permitted to drop off and pick up.
- All students are invited to be a part of the Fancy Feet Annual June recital. Participating in the recital is optional. The recital is held at Sheldon High School in June. Costumes are a flat rate of \$60 due March 1st. Recital dates Friday, June 10th or Sat. June 11th. Dress rehearsal is Sat. June 4th.
 - No make-up classes are permitted.
 - Water bottles are permitted in the cubbies in the dance room

Class Descriptions

Twinkle Babies Ballet/Tap (ages 2-3)

Our Twinkle Babies dance class is a forty-five minute introductory dance class that is unique and important in the dance industry. The secret to the class is that it is structured *and* fun! It contains ballet, tap and creative movement. Young dancers learn the basic steps while learning how to follow direction and imitate movement in a positive environment. Engaging music is used to get these little dancers inspired to dance. The use of props such as "dancing bears", hula hoops and maracas, enables the young dancers to use their imagination, creativity and, most of all, have fun!

Twinkle Star Ballet/Tap/Jazz (ages 3-4)

Twinkle Star Dance is an age specific 50 minute class containing ballet, tap and jazz/creative movement. The purpose of the class is to introduce young dancers to the three styles of dance and inspire movement and creativity within a positive environment. Dancers also learn basic steps and terminology in all three styles. For example, all dancers will learn what a "plie" is and how to demonstrate one. The use of fun, age appropriate music engages the young dancers' minds and bodies. The use of props such as maracas for the "freeze dance" makes the end of class the most fun!

Ballet level 1 (ages 5-7)

This level emphasizes correct postural alignment, principles of turn-out, balance, control and elementary barre exercises. Center work consists of a repetition of barre work, carriage of the arms, and positions of the body in relationship to the eight points of focus of the stage.

Lyrical

Lyrical is a dance style that is fusion of ballet and jazz techniques. The class uses music that helps the dancer convey emotions. The class will help dancers create body awareness and will also develop muscular strength and flexibility. This a fun class and is open to beginning dancers that have no experience.

Jazz

Jazz combines many styles and techniques from ethnic and contemporary dance, to ballet. Rhythm, upon which all dance forms depend, is particularly integral to jazz dance. The first half of class consists of exercises which stretch and tone muscles and develop support for proper stress-free alignment of the skeletal structure.

Hip Hop

The term "Hip Hop" greatly limits the scope of a typical Hip Hop class. From R&B and House to Club and Pop, Hip Hop classes utilize upbeat music from various genres, in addition to the latest Hip Hop hits. The resulting outcome is an energetic class that not only teaches you Hip Hop movements and technique, but also instills rhythm and precision in your muscle memory.

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 excusa.

Students are allowed 10 excused (illness with a parent's excuse, death in immediate family, child's appearance in court) absences per the year. Each additional absence from illness must have a doctor's note to be cleared.

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

Leave a Reason - We are asking that you email you child's absence report to chereese-conner@scusd.edu 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.

Fingerprinting Requirements: Yes, you do need to be fingerprinted to go on a field trip...whether you are driving children or not. The District requires any adult who is not fingerprinted to be in sight of a certificated person at all times, but it is vital that teachers be free to watch their students, not the grown ups who are there to help. So fingerprint please!

Pick up & Drop Off

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

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

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

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

Notice of Pesticide/Herbicide Use

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

Your Family Pet Belongs at Home

LdV is a pet free campus. For the safety (and cleanliness) of our community please leave any size pets at home (unless okayed by teacher for sharing). Thank you.

LdV Attendance Line: 557-0389

Email: chereese-conner@scusd.edu