



# Leonardo da Vinci eK-8 School

Integrated Thematic Instruction Through Arts & Sciences

March 16, 2015  
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## Dates to Remember

### March 18

Author's Day for K-3rd grade  
Mother Son mtg 6pm/LIB

### March 19

Spring Photos

### March 20

Science Fair Turn In 8:30 am

### March 23 & 24

Indie Craft Fair 11am-4pm

### March 23

Taste of LdV mtg 6 pm/LIB

### March 24

ELAC 9:15 am/LIB

### March 25

Science Fair Night 6-8pm

### March 26

Principal's Coffee Chat 8:30am

### March 27

Renaissance Faire

1:30 dismissal 7&8 grade only

### March 28

LdV Blues Band @2110 5-8pm

### March 28-April 5

Spring Break!

### April 8

Fundraising mtg 5:30 pm

PTC 6:30 pm/LIB

### April 9

Mandatory New 2015-2016

Parent mtg

9:15 am or 5:15 pm/AUD

### April 17

6-8th grade movie night 3 pm

"Into the Woods"

### April 18

Learning Garden Workday

8-noon

Pancake Breakfast 9am-1pm

in the LdV cafeteria

### April 29

Move Up Class Meetings

**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: March 23**  
**Deadline: March 19**

## Award-Winning Sacramento Author to Visit K-3 Wednesday!

It's getting close to Kate David's visit! This Wednesday, March 18, we will welcome local children's author Kate David, who will present two assemblies to the K-3 classes. The K-1 assembly will be at 9:00, and the assembly for grades 2 and 3 will be at 10:45.

Last year Ms. David brought us her first book, *Murphy and the Magical Hat*. Her second book, *McKay and the Magical Hat*, is another engaging story with a magical theme. In this book, readers are reintroduced to Murphy and meet her little sister, McKay. Sparked from a conversation with a little boy at school, McKay now wonders what she can be when she grows up. Are there things she can't be? As the reader begins the imaginative journey with McKay to explore some of the things she can be when she grows up, they are reminded to embrace and break their own stereotypes about careers. What will McKay decide to be when she grows up?

*Murphy and the Magical Hat* was awarded third place in the Feathered Quill Book Reviews' Best Children's Book Illustrated category in 2014. Both books were awarded a Gold Medal from Mom's Choice Awards in 2014.

**Preorders (see form in this newsletter) are due today;** books will be presigned and delivered to your child on Wednesday. Please turn in completed orders to the box in the front office.

For more information on Ms. David and her work, go to [www.katedavidbooks.com](http://www.katedavidbooks.com).

## Welcome to LdV!

The LdV Community is happy to welcome **Ms Kelly Toomey**, our new fifth grade teacher (rm 24) and **Ms Chereese Conner**, our new office clerk. Stop in and say hi.

## STEM Fair Winners!

The Synopsys Sacramento Regional STEM Fair was held Saturday in Folsom, with hundreds of participants from middle and high schools throughout the region. About 20 LdV 6th graders presented their posters at Saturday's event in the Middle School (6th-8th grade) division. Each student present was interviewed at least four separate times by judges for either the category awards or special awards, and LdV students earned some of both types! Award categories included biological sciences, engineering, physical sciences, math and computer sciences, and more.

Sophia Peavy, Lola Jan and Alex DeNuzzo all earned Honorable Mention in their categories. In addition, Alex received an award from Intel including an Intel Processor. David Richards earned Honorable Mention for a special Navy Award, that included a medallion and signed letter from the Rear Admiral. Sophia Sidley, Julia Heckey and Darin Thao all earned 3rd place in their categories. Ben Powell earned a 2nd place and Will Gaudreau earned a first place award! Because of Will's first place award he is also nominated to participate in the California State Science Fair and the Broadcom MASTERS (Math, Applied Science, Technology and Engineering for Rising Stars) competition.

Reached by email en route to Antarctica, their science teacher Ms. Williams responded after learning of LdV's fantastic showing with "I am so proud and it's going to look like all I do is brag about them on board! Please tell them how proud I am, ALL of them! They all laid the groundwork for LdV in the future in an amazing way!!!! "BAM!!!"

## Pokeman Card News

After many persuasive pleas and petitions filled with student signatures, Ms. Buxton has agreed to save the day! Below is our new school Pokeman Card policy:

Students may play Pokeman during lunch on Thursday and Friday in the library. They may not trade, bet, or gamble in any way. Students will eat first in the cafeteria and when excused for recess they may go to the library on Thursday and Friday only. Students must continue to follow all library rules while they are in the library.

## Mother and Son Dance

### Committee Needs your Help!!

We are putting together the sub committees for The Mother and Son Dance Fundraiser. If you are in need of some extra hours or are interested in being part of the planning, please join us on Wednesday, March 18 at 6pm in the library. If you have any questions please contact Eugenia Cervantes at [Gina\\_sal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Gina_sal@sbcglobal.net) or Belinda Romo at [baro-4711@yahoo.com](mailto:baro-4711@yahoo.com).

## Little Hands Do Big Work

LdV kindergarten Girl Scout Troop 706 completed their first community service project. Kindergarteners Sophia Briggs, Audrey Bozio and Sonia Taylor dug out weeds and planted drought tolerant grasses and plants in the kinder waiting area. They also added decorated rocks to the planter boxes. Special thanks to Girl Scout Troop dad, Joel Briggs, for his help with irrigation and plant selection. If any LdV kindergarten girl would like to join Troop 706 please contact Sarah at [sistaylor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sistaylor@sbcglobal.net).

## We Have the Ugliest Classroom!

Thank you to everyone who voted in the Ugly Classroom contest. We won!

## Dolphins

This week's dolphin artist is 7th grader **Laura B.**

**It's not too late to volunteer to judge the Science Fair! We Need YOU**

Contact Celia at [cz.rosecrans@gmail.com](mailto:cz.rosecrans@gmail.com)



## 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)

### The Other Fair(e)s are Coming!

Science Fair and Renaissance Faire are coming soon and volunteers are needed. 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.

### 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

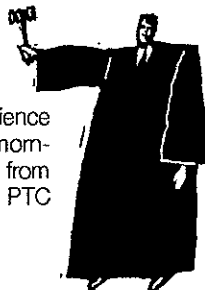
If you want to be part of the planning and vision for Taste of LdV, please contact one of us to find out more: [niemeyers@comcast.net](mailto:niemeyers@comcast.net), [gwynnaeb@gmail.com](mailto:gwynnaeb@gmail.com) or [fordkat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fordkat@sbcglobal.net).

### Photo Day Help

Looking for one or two parents to help with photo day on March 19. Volunteers get a photo deal. Email [diane-soule@scusd.edu](mailto:diane-soule@scusd.edu) if you are interested.

### You Be the Judge!

The PTC Science Committee is seeking volunteers to help with the Science Fair on March 20. Volunteers are needed to help check in projects in the morning before school 8-9:30am, and to help judge the projects that evening from 6-9pm. No experience is necessary and pizza will be provided! Contact PTC Science Committee chair Celia Rosecrans at [cz.rosecrans@gmail.com](mailto:cz.rosecrans@gmail.com)



## Support Aquaponics and the LdV Blues Band!

Come hear the LdV Blues Band perform at 2110 on March 28th! 10% of the proceeds of the show will be split between our Blues Band and Aquaponics. The Beatnik show will feature work done in science classes with Mrs Littlefield! Hope everyone can make it out to the opening/ closing nights, and to support our band!

## GALLERY 2110 PRESENTS

Milton 510 Bowens

A portion of the proceeds from every sale will benefit the Leonardo da Vinci Blues Band and Aquaponics programs.

# All Blues Ain't Blue

### Artist VIP Reception

Thursday, March 12, 2015  
5 PM - 8 PM

### 2nd Saturday Art Walk

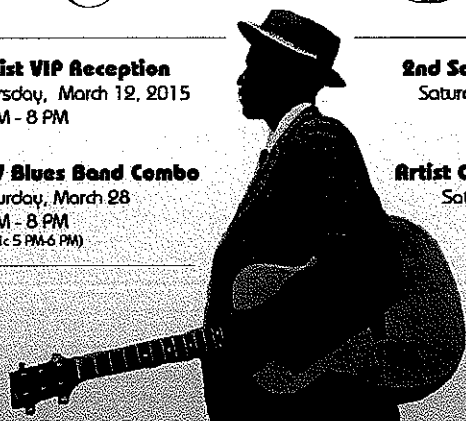
Saturday, March 14, 2015  
11 AM - 9 PM

### LdV Blues Band Combo

Saturday, March 28  
5 PM - 8 PM  
(Music 5 PM-6 PM)

### Artist Closing Reception

Saturday, April 4, 2015  
1 PM - 4 PM



GALLERY2110

1023 Del Poso Blvd  
Sacramento, CA 95815  
916-476-5500  
[gallery2110.com](http://gallery2110.com)

## What's Happening After School?

### Science Club

The remainder of upcoming dates are as follows: 3-20, 4-10, 4-24, 5-8, 5-22 TIME: 8:00 - 9:00 am  
WHERE: LdV Science Lab (room 28)

### 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

For any questions about this program please contact Mrs. Garcia Email: [ingridsspanishstudio@gmail.com](mailto:ingridsspanishstudio@gmail.com) Phone: (916)585-6020

### On/Off Stage

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

### LdV Ballet Folklorico

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

## Basketball News

### LdV's Annual K-6th Basketball Skills Camp

COST: \$50 PER STUDENT

50% OFF for students who have participated in any LdV K-6 teams/programs in 2014/2015

DATES: APRIL 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, & 17th

TIMES: 3:05 - 5:00 PM

CAMP FOCUS: Teaching kids fundamental basketball skills; such as form, ball handling (dribbling/passing etc.), man vs. man defense, team play, conditioning, and how to have fun while being competitive.

WHERE: LdV CAMPUS, IN THE GYM (At the back of the school)

**REGISTER BY MARCH 20th AND GET A CAMP T-SHIRT!**

Spaces are limited so email [Anthony-Bell@scusd.edu](mailto:Anthony-Bell@scusd.edu) if you wish to confirm or get more information.

# Beginners Cheer Clinic

Presented by the CKM High School  
Cheerleaders



Date: March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

Time: 8 am- 11 am

Location: CK McClatchy High School Field

Grades: 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> (All genders welcome!)

Price: \$10

For questions and registration please  
email [ckmcheer2013@gmail.com](mailto:ckmcheer2013@gmail.com)

All proceeds go towards supporting the 2015-2016  
CK McClatchy cheer squad!

## New K-1st ON STAGE class starting March 24!

Here's an opportunity for our youngest kids to try out some theatre! ON STAGE, LdV's afterschool theatre program, is now registering kindergarten and first grade students for the class starting on March 24. This class will be held each Tuesday for 8 weeks from 3 - 4:30pm in the auditorium. Kids will participate in theatre games and perform in a culminating play. For more information, call Cynthia Speakman at 916/502-0336. Interested? Fill out the attached registration form on this newsletter and turn in to the box in the parent office or to your classroom envelope.

## Fundraising Committee Needs Your Help!!

Interesting in hearing about what is upcoming for school fundraising? Want to have a voice in what direction we take?

Interested in running a fundraiser next year? Please come join our current fundraising chair, Laura Walter, at a meeting on Wednesday, **April 8** at 5:30pm in the staff conference room.

## The Red Rabbit is Coming...

The Red Rabbit Kitchen and Aioli Bodega are just two of the fine restaurants that will be providing for for A Taste of LdV.

Mark your calendar for May 2 at the Clunie Clubhouse. "Like" us on Facebook - Facebook.com/ATasteofLdV

The next meeting for Taste of LdV is March 23 at 6 pm in the library.

## Create Ceramics to Support the Antarctic Expedition

During the month of March go to Create Ceramics and 10% of your project will go to support the expedition. Just mention LdV!

# Leonardo da Vinci

# Pancake

# Breakfast

Proceeds support the middle school  
Science Club trip to Costa Rica

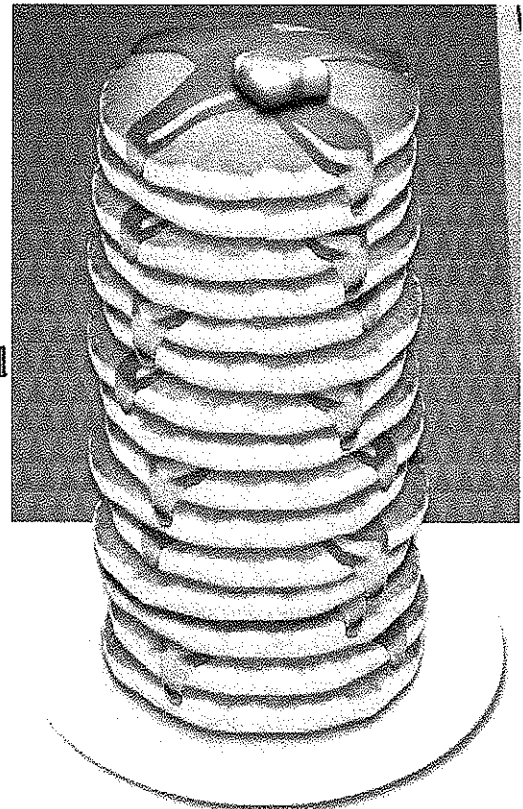
## Pancakes, Beverages, Sausage, & Fruit --- \$ 7

Located in the **Leonardo da Vinci**  
**School Cafeteria** 4701 Joaquin Way

\*Near Freeport Blvd x Stacia Way

## Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>

## 9 am - 1 pm



Tickets will be on sale in advance and at the door.

*Murphy and the Magical Hat* and *McKay and the Magical Hat* Preorder Form  
 Sacramento author Kate David will give a presentation to the K-3 classes on Wed., March 18.

(See article in today's newsletter.)



Student name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Room (for delivery): \_\_\_\_\_

**Inspire your reader with a personalized autographed book!!**  
 Preorder your copies today and **SAVE 30%!** Preorder price: \$15.00 each

Title	Quantity	Price Each	Price Total
<i>Murphy and the Magical Hat</i>		\$15.00	

Autograph this book to: (name):  
 \_\_\_\_\_

<i>McKay and the Magical Hat</i>		\$15.00	
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Autograph this book to: (name):  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of books ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Information:**

Cash: \_\_\_ Check: \_\_\_ (Please make check payable to Kate David) MasterCard: \_\_\_ Visa: \_\_\_ Am Ex: \_\_\_

Credit card no. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

CVV security code (3-digit no. on back or 4-digit on front of AMEX): \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form and payment to the box in the front office by Monday, March 16.**

# Make your Picture Day selection

Haz la selección para tu  
Día de la Foto

**Mark your calendar for  
Picture Day**

Marque tu calendario para el  
Día de la Foto



**1 CHOOSE | ELIGE**  
a background | un fondo

**2 COMPLETE | COMPLETA**  
the attached background selection form  
el formulario de selección del fondo que se adjunta

**3 RETURN | ENTREGA**  
the form to your photographer  
on Picture Day | el formulario a  
tu fotógrafo el Día de la Foto



All students will be photographed. Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want an individual portrait taken of your child. Your child may be included in a group portrait requested by the school.  
Serán fotografiados todos los estudiantes. Avisa al maestro de tu hijo si no quieres que se le tome un retrato individual. Tu hijo puede ser incluido en un retrato grupal solicitado por la escuela.

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**Lifetouch**  
School Portraits

✂ Detach & give to your photographer on Picture Day | Sepáralo y entrégaselo a tu fotógrafo el Día de la Foto

## Spring portraits support your school Los retratos de primavera apoyan a tu escuela

Send no money now, but please return this form to the photographer. After Picture Day, portraits will be sent home for your review.  
No envíes dinero ahora, pero envía este formulario al fotógrafo. Después del Día de la fotos, los retratos serán enviados a casa para su revisión.

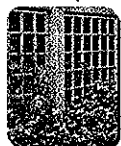
Student's name | Nombre del alumno/a

Teacher | Maestro/a

Choose a background (Please check only one) | Elige un fondo (Marca sólo una)



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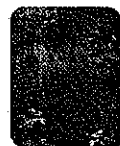
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Special instructions for the photographer (such as any tips or fun facts to get a great smile).  
Instrucciones especiales para el fotógrafo (como consejos o datos curiosos para lograr una sonrisa estupenda).

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



**LdV's 14th Annual  
On-Campus  
Renaissance Faire  
and Costume Day  
Friday – March 27**

**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.

Questions? Want to volunteer?

*Interested in at-home projects?*

email UnChu Littlefield at [tateskitchen@gmail.com](mailto:tateskitchen@gmail.com)

please be sure to put RenFaire in the subject line

FOR THE  
MONTH  
MARCH



# COME IN TO CREATE CERAMICS

AND TELL US YOU ARE FROM LDV

10% of the proceeds will be  
donated towards Aidan's  
Antarctic Expedition

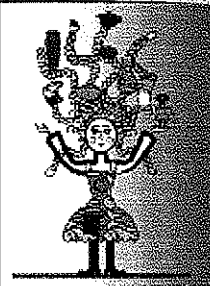
**Create**  
Ceramics

Pick some clay and paint it your way!

2333 Arden Way, #D  
Sacramento, CA 95825

PH. 916.900.4031

Closed Monday  
T-Sun. 10-6  
F-Sat 10-7



## Announcement of the Upcoming PTC Elections

It is time to start thinking about the tasks that are ahead of us in next school year. Therefore, we are happy to announce that the nomination for the Candidacies for the Executive Board of the Leonardo da Vinci Parent Teacher Council for the school year 2015-2016 has begun and the Elections will be held at the Open House in May. You can truly enrich the educational environment for all our children here at LdV by becoming a part of the board. You do have a voice—so why not let it be heard.

Please nominate yourself, your best friend or anyone you feel capable of doing a great job. Nominations **MUST** be received in the PTC mailbox in the main school office no later than the PTC meeting on Wednesday April 8, 2015. The responsibilities for each of the offices, according to the PTC bylaws, are:

**The President Elect shall:**

- a. Attend PTC meetings in preparation for the assumption of Presidential duties.
- b. Prepare the agenda for all PTC meetings in accordance with the Policy and Procedures Manual.
- c. Notify, in writing, officers of their election and chairpersons of their appointments.
- d. Assume the duties of the president in his/her absence.

The Vice President(s) shall, in the following order, perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President and in the absence of the president-elect.

**The Vice President of Membership shall:**

- a. Serve as Membership Chairperson. Keep a current list of paid members of the PTC, and provide a copy to the Secretary, Principal, and Community Liaison and to each Executive Board member when requested.
- b. Serve as Election Committee Chairperson.
- c. Ensure all classrooms are represented and informed of PTC business.
- d. Maintain PTC member e-mail addresses and distribute notices and announcements as directed by the President and/or Principal.

**The Vice President of Education Enrichment shall:**

Be responsible for recruiting and advising the chairpersons of the Science and Technology, Arts, Learning Garden, and Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Committees.

**The Vice President of Facilities shall:**

Be responsible for recruiting and advising the chairpersons for the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

**The Vice President of Fundraising shall:**

Serve as the chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee.

**The Vice President of School Climate shall:**

- a. Serve as Teacher/Staff Appreciation Chairperson.
- b. Be responsible for recruiting and advising the chairpersons for the Cultural Inclusive Education and Sports Committees.

**The Secretary shall:**

- a. Keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the PTC and the Executive Board. Provide each officer and representative with a copy of the minutes, upcoming agenda and committee reports, at least three days prior to the next meeting.
- b. Present minutes of the previous meeting to the General Membership for approval.
- c. Prepare all necessary correspondence of the PTC at the direction of the Executive Board.
- d. Keep a current copy of the Bylaws, a copy of the Policy and Procedures Manual, and a copy of Roberts Rules of Order.

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The Treasurer shall be the chief fiscal officer and shall be responsible for conducting the financial business of the PTC at the direction of the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall either solely or with a committee whose members have been approved by the Board:

- a. Keep permanent books and records to establish the items of gross income, receipts, and disbursements of the PTC as well as grade level and special fund accounts.
- b. Receive all moneys for the PTC, give a receipt, and deposit them in the name of the PTC in a bank approved by the Executive Board.
- c. Remit insurance premiums when due so that the insurance always remains in effect.
- d. Pay all bills as authorized by the classrooms or Executive Board of the PTC.
- e. All checks require two signatures. Authorized signers are the President, Treasurer, and any two PTC Executive Board members, or Executive Board designees.
- f. Keep the PTC informed of expenditures as they relate to the budget adopted by the PTC.
- g. Present a statement of account at every meeting of the PTC and the Executive Board and at other times when requested by the PTC.
- h. Prepare an annual report as a permanent record.
- i. Prepare all financial reports in conformance with state and federal laws for non-profit organizations e.g., Federal Form 990 and California Form 199. Submit with appropriate processing fee by the appropriate date.

The Historian shall:

- a. Assemble and preserve a record of the activities and achievements of the PTC.
- b. Act as custodian of records and other materials pertinent to the history of the PTC and the School.
- c. Keep pictorial history of school events.

The Newsletter Editor shall:

Serve as the chairperson of the Communication Committee and publish and distribute the Leonardo da Vinci weekly newsletter in accordance with the Policy and Procedures Manual.

### **CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM**

As a reminder, the offices open for nomination are: President Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, Historian, Newsletter Editor and the Vice President positions for Membership, Facilities, Fundraising, Community Outreach, and Educational Enrichment. Some of these positions have members who are eager to continue, we specifically need Pres Elect, Secretary, and VP Fundraising.

The election process may be waived in the event that none of the nominations are contested. One week following the close of nominations, an announcement shall be posted in the school newsletter stating the intended waiver of elections. If no protest is filed within one week of the announcement, the nomination slate will be considered final.

Each candidate must be a member of the PTC. If you are not a PTC member, not only can you not run for office but you cannot vote for a candidate. If you have not done so already, please join the PTC today \$10 for a single membership and \$15 for a two adult members of the same family.

If you would like to be considered for an office or would like to nominate someone, please provide the information below:

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINEE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PTC POSITION FOR NOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINEE'S PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

This information MUST be turned in no later than the PTC meeting on Wednesday, April 3. Forms should be turned in to the PTC box in the volunteer office. The PTC Election Committee will contact you to confirm your nomination. If you do not hear from the Committee and have submitted a nomination form, or if you have any questions, please contact the PTC President, Kim Niemeyer at niemeyers@comcast.net.

Thank you. We look forward to working with you on this important endeavor.  
Leonardo da Vinci PTC Election Committee