

# Leonardo da Vinci eK-8 School

Integrated Thematic Instruction Through Arts & Sciences

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## From the PTC President

Greetings LdV families, friends, and faculty. School is now in full swing. It's hard to believe we've just ended our first quarter. Recently, I've been pondering why, at this point in the school year, so many classes are struggling to find parent volunteers; why voluntary class contributions are low; and why some of our strongest fundraisers did not yield more positive outcomes. Perhaps you have been wondering the same thing. So, I thought it critical to remind our learning community of a few things. One of the benefits of attending LdV is that parent volunteering and the voluntary supplemental classroom fees provide our children with access to individualized education and learning. These fees and the periodic fundraisers help provide a continuity of education from year to year despite the vagaries of school district budgets.

Unfortunately, parent volunteering and participation has waned significantly this year as compared to previous years. The practical reality is that this means that there may be a scaling back or cancellation of the individualized 'centers' or 'workshops' for grades eK-3. For all grades it means that field trips will be canceled if the trend continues. Even volunteering one time per semester for an hour or two can significantly impact the educational experience and impact.

Similarly, LdV's curriculum is supplemented with field trips and special presentations. If all parents do not contribute, even if partial, the result necessarily means the cancellation of the field trips and special presentations. Parents who contribute the suggested class fee are not being asked to contribute excess funds. If all parents are not willing to equally share the burden and cost of LdV curriculum, the unique educational experience we are all trying to create will evaporate.

LdV has garnered a reputation and standard of excellence in part because of parent participation at many levels. Please help to keep the excellent programs in place by volunteering and paying the suggested class fees. Thank you —Katherine Barrett, PTC President

## From the ASB President

Kiki Walker, your school ASB president has now set up a Suggestion Box in the front office. This Suggestion Box is open for all grades to submit ideas about Spirit Days and ways to improve our school. The student council will review all the suggestions submitted on Friday each week. We will share the ideas with the Leadership Club. All ideas will be considered, the best ideas will be voted on and put into action. Thank you, Kiki Walker

## Eat to Support DYC

Last year LdV's first ever entry in SMUD's Solar Regatta won first place in the design category. A pretty impressive win considering they competed against middle schools and high schools from all over California AND THEY BUILT THE BOAT FROM SCRATCH!

The Dolphin Yacht Club is competing again this year and are building from scratch again. How can we support them? Eat! Please put **Thursday, November 13** on your calendar for a family dinner at **Suzie Burgers**. The following week the fundraiser moves to **Chipotle on Friday, Nov 21**.

## Harv's Car Wash

Thank goodness we have finally had a little rain - but now the car is a mess! Please purchase a car wash ticket to Harv's Car Wash and support the Dolphin Yacht Club and help build our solar powered boat. For \$19.95 you get the Manager's Special including: Full Exterior Wash including windows; interior vacuum; and a complete interior wipedown. Tickets do not expire and would make great holiday gifts!

Order tickets with the form in the front office with a check made out to LdV PTC and put "DYC" in the memo line. Tickets will be delivered to your student in their classroom. Or buy tickets from Diane.

## Need Hours?

### LdV PTC Learning Garden's Expansion Work Day on Sunday, Nov.16th, 12-4

This is a great opportunity for those parents who cannot volunteer during the week! You can help by:

- Spreading wood chips throughout the garden
- Wood preserving treatments
- Bring cardboard for garden beds, wheelbarrows & shovels needed

Refreshments will be provided

For any questions contact: Greg Richards @ greg\_richards@rocketmail.com or Linsey Martin @ linsey\_martin@yahoo.com

## Kids Can! Food Drive

Our yearly Canned Food drive begins next week and we are hoping to collect a thousand cans. See Mr. Maroldy in Room 24 with questions.

## Dolphins

This week's dolphin artist is 7th grader **Kendall M.**

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

Our first Taste of LdV this year was a huge success! There was excellent food and drink, fun games and activities, amazing auction items, and fabulous art.

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

If you want to be part of the planning and vision for next year's event, please contact one of us to find out more: niemeyers@comcast.net, gwyn-naeb@gmail.com or fordkat@sbcglobal.net.

We will be meeting on December 2 to talk about details. Come join us!

## 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!

## Fall Fundraising Totals!

Thank you all the families and friends who participated in our Fall Fundraisers! We made \$4654.03 from our Entertainment Book Fundraiser. Our goal was \$5000. So we came really close to meeting our goal. Good Job!! If you still have your Entertainment book out, please return or pay for it. It could bring us closer to our goal!

We raised \$8394.48 from our Magazine Sales Fundraiser!! Our goal was \$9500. We also came close to meeting this goal! We still have time to get closer to our goal.

Magazine sales go on throughout the school year by ordering online through the company's website, www.gaschoolstore.com. Think Christmas/holiday gifts. This money will go to support the amazing programs that our PTC brings to our school. We truly appreciate your support for the LdV!!

## Fundraising Opportunity for Class Fee Credit

Would you like to another way to pay for your child's class fee? We have one for you!

Starting November 17th and running through December 2, you have the opportunity to sell See's Candy for the holiday season. The company is offering 22% return to LdV on our sales if we sell \$500 or more as a school. So if you sell \$200 worth of candy, then \$44 would be credited to your child's class fee. The more you sell, the more money you make toward the class fee! Already paid your class fee, you can still participate and your profit will go toward your child's class general fund. More info to follow at class meetings next week. Flyers and order forms will be available in Diane's office on Monday, November 17.

Any questions contact Laura Walter at laura.q.walter@gmail.com

## Dates to Remember

- Nov 10-19**  
Canned Food Drive
- Nov 10**  
Basketball @ Still  
Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30
- Nov 11**  
Veterans Day - NO school
- Nov 12**  
Open Enrollment Visit 9:15 am  
Class Meetings  
5 pm early Kinder  
6 pm - K, 4-6 grades  
6:30 pm - 1-3 grades  
7 pm - 7 & 8 grades
- Nov 13**  
1:30 pm dismissal grade 1-6  
Basketball @ Didion  
Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30  
Suzie Burger Fundraiser
- Nov 14**  
1:30 pm dismissal grade 1-6
- Nov 16**  
Learning Garden Workday  
noon-4 pm
- Nov 18-20**  
1:30 pm dismissal grade 1-6
- Nov 18**  
Basketball @ SES  
Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30
- Nov 21**  
**1:30 pm dismissal grade 1-8**  
Chipotle Fundraiser
- Nov 22-30**  
Fall Break - NO school
- Dec 3**  
PTC 6:30 pm
- Dec 5**  
Open Enrollment Visit 9:15 am  
MS Winter Dance 4-6 pm  
On Stage Performance 5:30 pm
- Dec 11**  
Winter Faire
- Dec 13 & 14**  
Track 7 Fundraiser
- Unusual HOURS Alert**  
Keep the following dates in mind:  
Tuesday Nov 11 is Veteran's Day Holiday - **No school**  
Nov 13 & 14 and Nov 17-20 are conference days and 1:30 pm dismissal for grades **1-6th ONLY**.  
Friday, Nov 21 is a record keeping day and **1-8 grades have 1:30 dismissal**  
Nov 24-28 is Fall Break - NO school.
- 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: Nov 17**  
**Deadline: Nov 13**

## 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:** October tally sheets are due! Please turn it into your child's class or to the Volunteer Office. October Tally sheets were in last week's newsletter and are available on the website.

**Carry Over Hours:** Hours from 2013-14 are only carried over to this year if they were worked AFTER May 15, 2014 (and turned in). Thank you to every parent who worked over their required hours last year (most of you). Our program shines because of you!

**TB test results and Sex Offender Background check clearances:** Must be on file before working in the classroom. Fingerprinting must be cleared before driving on or chaperoning fieldtrips.

**Feel free to stop by** the garage door Mon-Fri 7:30am-3:30pm or email me at [diane-soule@scusd.edu](mailto:diane-soule@scusd.edu), or leave a message at 277-7034.

### Please Remember

When approaching an leaving our campus...We ALL have children to drop off or pick up. We ALL have places we need to go. But the most importantly ALL of us need to be safe and courteous. Good behavior under pressure is a great lesson for the children in your car to witness.

And please do not block driveways, walk on lawns or run the stop signs in our neighborhood!

### Fingerprinting Requirements

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

### Driving on a Field Trip?

The district requirements for insurance (when driving kids on field trips) are as follows: minimum of liability \$50,000/\$100,000 and property is minimum \$25,000.

### No Free TB Testing

SCUSD no longer offers free TB screening. It is recommended you see your primary care provider, or make use of a community clinic. For your convenience, the following are resources you could use:

**Rite Aide:** 980 Florin Rd or 2751 Del Paso Rd. NO appointment necessary. \$20

**Wellspace Health:** four locations. Please call 737-5555 for details. \$16

**Elica Health Center:** 3701 J St, suite 201, Sacramento. Call 454-2345 for an appointment \$40.

### About the Newsletter

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

### Déjà Vu?

If you read the newsletter weekly, some of the content may see familiar. Many parents choose to read the newsletter sporadically, and articles are run repeatedly so they can catch up. It maybe frustrating for you (and me) but read carefully since pages might seem the same but rest assured no two issues are exactly alike!

### LdV on the Web & Facebook

The weekly newsletter (without additional flyers) can be found on the **LdV web site: [leonardodavincischool.org](http://leonardodavincischool.org)**.

You may also download Tally Sheets in either Word or Excel. The files can be completed and emailed to [diane-soule@scusd.edu](mailto:diane-soule@scusd.edu). When you email a tally you will receive a reply. If you do not receive a reply it means your email was not received.

Like Us on Facebook and stay up to date on LdV events! <https://www.facebook.com/LeonardodaVinciK8>

Please Remember the FB page is purely informational and to support our school and it's culture. Please "like" us if you would like news about LdV, meeting reminders, and event updates.

### TREATS!

Thank you to all the families who have dropped off leftover Halloween candy! The staff at LdV appreciate a little chocolate pick me up at the end of some days...and your donation of some seasonal candy is very appreciated. Drop off in Diane's office please! Thank you!

### ARTLinks OPEN STUDIO

**Tuesdays, Nov 18, Dec 2**

**Thursdays, Nov 13, 20 Dec 4**

in Room 33b from 3:15-4:15pm and

**early dismissal days: 1:30-2:30 pm**

Open Studio is a free after school Art Studio opportunity available to every child at LdV. Students will create artwork for an LdV ARTLinks or community service project. Parents, please plan to stay during all Open Studio visits. We need you as volunteers for the students and it facilitates end of project timing. Yes, you can bring a friends child to the open studio but please make sure each parent has had a conversation about attendance and pick-up to keep the Open Studio session light and fun for each child. PLEASE Remind your student artists that they are attending Open Studio to make artwork and that this time is an extension of their learning day. They are to remain in Room 33b throughout the duration of the project. Open Studio is made possible by the LdV PTC. Please email [UnChu.Littlefield@scusd.edu](mailto:UnChu.Littlefield@scusd.edu) with questions



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

Saturday, December 13 & Sunday, December 14

### Lifetouch Info

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

### Holiday Wreaths!

Yes, it's almost that time of the year. 5nd grade will be selling Holiday Wreaths. Ribbon donations are now being accepted & can be dropped off in Rooms 23, 24, or 25 and Volunteer Office. Contact Jessica Doan ([Jessica\\_doan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Jessica_doan@sbcglobal.net)), text (916) 798-3819 or Christine Ault ([christine@christineault.com](mailto:christine@christineault.com)) for more info. **Still only \$20 each**

### Got Bugs?

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

### Markers Wanted

The students in Room 31 would appreciate the donation of new markers for an art project they are working on this year. Any brand or style would be appreciated. Please leave donations in Ms Howard's mailbox. Thank you.

### Looking for Something to Do?



### Collate and Conversate

OVER 800 newsletters are collated and stapled every Monday morning. If you would like to help we would love your company and its worth at least a week hour of volunteer time (one newsletter a week guarantees you at least 37 hours for the year). We begin at 8:30 am (no children please).

### Buildings & Grounds

PTC is looking for a new Buildings & Grounds person. This position covers the overall school grounds excluding the Learning Garden, ralling parents for leaf clean up and small maintenance projects around campus. If you are interested please contact PTC President, Katherine Barrett at [k.b.barrett@comcast.net](mailto:k.b.barrett@comcast.net)

### Staff Appreciation

If you would like to contribute to our monthly Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts, please contact Stacie Lo at [stacielo@live.com](mailto:stacielo@live.com)

### Highlight Your Culture

Volunteers are needed to create interesting cultural displays for the CIE display case located in the main hall by the office. The case can be adopted by an individual, family, or group of friends to highlight a cultural of their choice. Choose a culture to highlight or a topic that celebrates our cultural diversity, then decide on the month and contact Stacie Lo at [stacielo@live.com](mailto:stacielo@live.com)

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

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We will be meeting on December 2 to talk about details. Come join us!

### 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).



## Fund Raising News

### School Cents Fundraiser News

You are invited to Arden Mall once a month at 12pm for fun and exciting Kids Club events! Each child who signs up to become an Arden Fair Kids Club member will receive a VIP card that is punched during each event. You can sign up for Kids Club by joining us for one of our events, or sign up any time at our Guest Services counter in front of JCPenney. These events are FREE!

December - Kids Club is on Winter Break - but we'll see you again in 2015!

Check in at the Customer Service counter and Leonardo da Vinci will earn 1,000 bonus points for the School Cents fundraiser! Visit [www.ardenfair.com/events/KidsClub](http://www.ardenfair.com/events/KidsClub) for more information.

### Entertainment Books Need to be Returned or PAID For

The Entertainment Book is \$30. You are responsible for the book so please either SELL it or RETURN it to your classroom teacher. All money should be returned in the envelope provided with your child's name and room number on it. It can be given to your child's teacher or dropped in the box available in Diane's office. Make checks payable to: LdV PTC.

**Additional Books are on sale in the front office.**

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

Go to [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com) and enter our school code 2692168. You can renew your current subscription or purchase new ones. Remind family and friends to renew their subscriptions, too!

### Clip, Save, and Send In Box Tops & Labels for Education

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

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

**Boxtops 4 Education** can earn money for LdV in two ways: **1. Shop and clip:** boxtops are found on General Mills cereal, Hanes apparel, Ziploc food storage, Arvey office supplies, Hefty bags and more; **2. Earn Bonus points:** by going online to [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com)

### Don't Forget to Use Your Something Extra Card

Truly the easiest and cheapest fundraiser at LdV...it costs you nothing to remember to use your EXTRA card (registered to help LdV) when you shop at Raley's. You get points to earn money and groceries and we get cash, its a win-win!

...and your Target card. Whenever you use a Target card (debit or credit), Target donates 1% of your purchase to the school of your choice. (Plus you get a 5% discount and free shipping online).

### Shoparoo

It's so simple even I can do it. Look up Shoparoo on your smartphone, download the app, answer some easy questions (you can choose to be anonymous) then shop! Within 2 weeks of your shopping at stores like Raley's, Target, WalMart, Trader Joe's, even Berkeley Bowl - take a picture of your receipt through the Shoparoo app and submit it. You can cross out any purchases or credit information you wish. It's that simple. Shoparoo then uses the information to help retailers market their products. It remains anonymous and LdV wins!

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

Go to our website: [leonardodavincischool.org](http://leonardodavincischool.org) or the LdV Facebook page; Click on the Amazon link; Log in to your Amazon account just like you normally would; Complete your purchase. It's just that easy and LdV will earn up to 8% on all of your Amazon.com purchases!

### Free E-Waste Pick Up

Schedule your FREE pick up by visiting [www.eWaste4good.com](http://www.eWaste4good.com) Fill in your contact information and within a few days a dispatcher will contact you to schedule an at home or office pick up date. Your electronics will be picked up, recycled and the proceeds will be donated to LdV. You can also call for pick up at 800-317-3112

Items that can be picked up, WORKING OR NOT! Televisions, monitors, fax machines, desk-top 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.

## \$1793.80 raised so far...

### Amazon Fundraiser!

Do you shop on Amazon? If so, PLEASE USE OUR LINK when you make your purchases. You can find it on our school website or on our facebook page. For every purchase you make we get at least 4% in return from Amazon. We have earned almost \$1800.00 from Amazon since we started this program last winter. Please help us continue to raise money for our school by USING OUR LINK. Want to know for sure that we received credit for your purchases, just email Ms. Ballard at [tiffany-ballard@scusd.edu](mailto:tiffany-ballard@scusd.edu).

## What's Happening After School?

### Basketball!

Earn Parent Hours by attending Basketball games, supporting our teams, and modeling good sportsmanship.

- 11/10** LdV @ Still  
Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30
- 11/13** LdV @ Didion  
Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30
- 11/18** LdV @ SES  
Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30
- 11/20** BYE
- 12/2** LdV vs Brannan  
Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30
- 12/4** LdV vs Didion  
Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30
- 12/9** LdV vs Bacon  
Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30
- 12/11** LdV @ Cal  
Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30
- 12/16** LdV vs Birney  
Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30
- 12/18** LdV @ Sutter  
Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30
- 1/6** LdV vs Still  
Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30
- 1/8** LdV vs SES  
Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30
- 1/12** BYE
- 1/15** LdV vs Brannan  
Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30
- 1/20** LdV vs Bacon  
Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30
- 1/22** LdV vs MLK  
Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30
- 1/27** 1st Round playoff
- 1/28** Semi final
- 1/31** Finals

### Science Club

For 6-8th grade students. Science labs and investigations beyond the classroom. Twice a month on Friday morning. \$30. Sign ups in the front office.

### Dolphin Store is Open

Every Wednesday after school the Dolphin Store is open for business. Selling fun pencils, erasers, school supplies and more!

### Art

After school Art Lessons painting, drawing, watercolor, mask making, collage and print-making \$12 per class (all materials included). For 2nd-8th grade students. Call Leslie Colby at 502-1227 to sign up.

### Learn Spanish

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

### On/Off Stage

Please call 916-502-0336 for information.

### LdV Ballet Folklorico

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

### Head-Start Beginning Band -- Join Us Next Year! :)

Did you miss the opportunity to join Beginning Band this year? Yes, our Head-Start Beginning Band is a year-long class and we can't add new students after the first few weeks of class so we can continue our progress together...but don't worry -- we start fresh every year and are open to grades 3 - 8. Look for information in the first few newsletters in September and come to our Music Parent Info Meeting which is always held a half-hour before the kick-off for Back-To-School Night. (Head Start Band always begins the day after Back-To-School Night.) Remember, Head Start Band has tuition fees of \$30 per month, or \$230 for the year. Feel free to check out information which is still posted on bulletin boards around the school, and next to our door at Room 1. Hope to see you next year! :)

## From the Office Attendance Information Email Sick and Tardy

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

### Llamada para avisar de enfermedad o retraso

Favor de llamar a 557-0389 (y seleccione 49 #) al empezar el mensaje) para avisar que su hijo/a va a estar ausente o va a llegar tarde. Deje su nombre, el nombre de su hijo/a, el número del salón, el día de ausencia o retraso, y la razón ("está enfermo/a", "tiene una cita con el doctor", "tiene un funeral familiar", etcetera es suficiente). Le pedimos que llame antes de las 11:00 de la mañana para evitar una ausencia sin excusa.

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

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

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

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

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

**Late to School?** Students who are over 30 minutes tardy must be accompanied to the main office by their parent or guardian to obtain a tardy slip. All tardies over 30 minutes must have a parent signature or an official doctors note. Three tardies over 30 minutes without such documentation will result in a truancy notice.

### Please Bring Your ID

If you are taking your child for early dismissal or are sending someone from your emergency card list, please note ID will be required. It is school policy to show proper ID before a student is released. It is for the safety of your child, please do not grouse at the staff who are keeping our children safe!

**Badges:** Every parent on campus must sign in to the main office. If you are working anywhere on campus get a "Volunteer" badge and sign in the Volunteer book. If you are visiting a classroom, please sign in the book under Mona Lisa and wear a "Visitor" badge. Please sign out in the appropriate book before leaving. These precautions are for the safety of everyone on campus.

### Medications at School

Parents need to renew their children's medication forms every year. If your child had medication administered by school staff last year, you need to submit a new form this year. You will also need to bring in new medication for this year. Health Services disposes of all unused medication at the end of each year.

### Allergy Alert

For the safety and consideration of our students with severe nut allergies we are striving to become a "nut free campus." Thank you for your support of our efforts.

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

### Pick up & Drop Off

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

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

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

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

### Notice of Pesticide/Herbicide Use

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

### Your Family Pet Belongs at Home

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

### Word of the Week

If you were running a race, would you stop ten feet short of the finish line? With the goal plainly in sight, most people actually speed up and run through the finish line. But what would you do if the finish line was ten miles away? What would you do if you fell down and skinned your knee at the beginning of the race? Children and adults who do not quit—who continue their "race"—are people with PERSEVERANCE, our character word of the week.

Whether they are trying to solve a difficult math problem or working hard to make a sports team, children who keep trying often become successful in life. Many popular expressions encourage perseverance, including, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again," and "Winners never quit and quitters never win."

"Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did."

—Newt Gingrich

### Feel like a Hot Cup of Coffee or Tea when Cafe da Vinci is Closed?

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

### How Much Will Your Trip to Disneyland Cost LdV?

Unexcused absences (any school day missed for reasons other than illness, doctor's appointment, death in family or religious reasons) costs LdV almost \$45. That means a 5 day trip costs \$225 and if you decide to take both your kids...

### Check Your Child's Schedule

The lunch and recess schedules for all grade levels are readily available on the school website ([leonardodavincischool.org](http://leonardodavincischool.org)). If you are picking your child up for an appointment, or bringing a lunch they left behind, it is easier and quicker to find them in class than on the playground. Please consider timing your trip around your child's schedule. Thank you.

### Got Breakfast?

Studies show eating a healthy breakfast before school improves attendance and academic performance...and breakfast is FREE this year at all SCUSD schools. The LdV cafeteria opens at 8:30 am.

## Community Events

### Looking at High School?

• **Cristo Rey College Prep High School** Information Night: Shadow days: Nov 12, 20; Dec 4, 10; Jan 13, 29; Feb 10, 18, 26. Placement tests: Jan 10, 3/7; 4/18; 5/16. For further information or to RSVP: (916) 733-2660 or check the website: [crhss.org](http://crhss.org)

• **TURKEY DRIVE** help Sacramento Food Bank feed families this holiday season, drive by and drop off turkey donations on Friday, Nov 21 between 4:30 am and 7 pm at 3333 Third Ave, Sac 95817 (near 34th & Broadway) [www.sacramentofoodbank.org](http://www.sacramentofoodbank.org)

**It's not too late...  
Please Return Your  
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Books NOW!**

# Solve-a-Thon!

Congratulations to our middle school students! Every student participated in our first annual Solve-a-Thon and collectively solved 1253 math problems correctly in under one hour! I'd like to thank them for their effort and acknowledge their commitment to this new event. Next week, students who received pledges for their involvement will be coming back to collect their donations. The LdV math department appreciates your continued support for our program and the newest of our traditions, Mathematica. Money raised will help drive a student-run Mathematica event next year. And oh by the way, it isn't too late to contribute. Thanks in advance for your contribution. Mr. Maltby



# SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



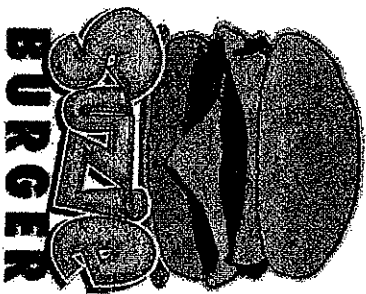
Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Leonardo da Vinci Dolphin Yacht Club. Come into the 4001 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento Chipotle on **Friday, November 21st**, from **5:00pm to 9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Leonardo da Vinci Dolphin Yacht Club.



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DOLPHIN YACHT CLUB**



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# LdV 2014-2015 Basketball Schedule

**11/10 LdV @ Still**

Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30

**11/13 LdV @ Didion**

Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30

**11/18 LdV @ SES**

Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30

**11/20 BYE**

**12/2 LdV vs Brannan**

Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30

**12/4 LdV vs Didion**

Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30

**12/9 LdV vs Bacon**

Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30

**12/11 LdV @ Cal**

Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30

**12/16 LdV vs Birney**

Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30

**12/18 LdV @ Sutter**

Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30

**1/6 LdV vs Still**

Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30

**1/8 LdV vs SES**

Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30

**1/12 BYE**

**1/15 LdV vs Brannan**

Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30

**1/20 LdV vs Bacon**

Boys 3:30 Girls 4:30

**1/22 LdV vs MLK**

Girls 3:30 Boys 4:30

**1/27 1<sup>st</sup> Round playoff**

**1/28 Semi final**

**1/31 Finals**

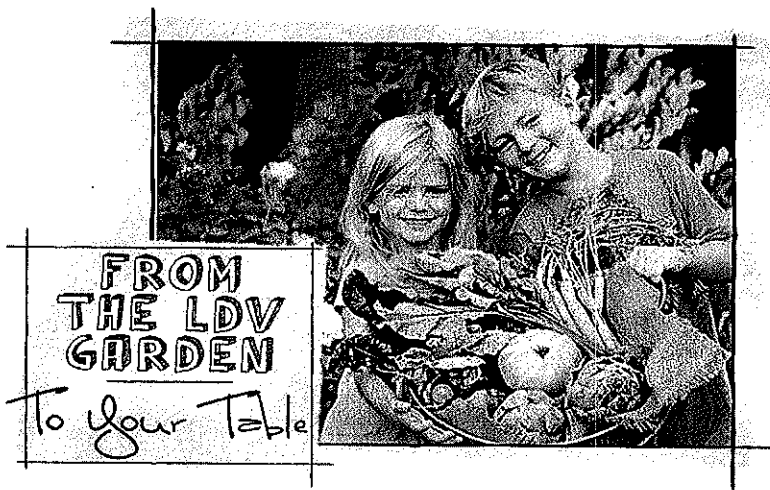
## **Parents**

### **Remember!**

You can earn Volunteer Hours by attending Basketball Games and modeling good sportsmanship for our audience members.

# LdV Basketball!





Thank you to everyone that participated in our Big Spoon fundraiser. We raised \$144 towards our cooking program!

Alexis Wasilchin

### Fourth Grade Mission Gardens

Thanks to parents Kris Ore and Char Klassen, Ms Dodd's and Ms. Bustos' fourth grade classes have been working on planting California Mission Gardens. In Ms. Dodd's class the students planted leeks, carrots, beets and peas. When they're ready to harvest they will add barley and beans to make a traditional soup. I can't wait for that recipe! Both classes will also plant herbs and plants native to our California Missions. What an exciting experience for our fourth graders!

Today I'm focusing on the *golden beets* that Ms. Dodd's class planted. Beets are one of my favorite vegetables for fall season. Not only are they very good for you (high in many vitamins and minerals) but they are beautiful on a roasted vegetable platter, as an hors d'oeuvres, or in a yummy fall salad:

### Golden and Crimson Beet Salad with Oranges, Fennel, and Feta

(adapted from Bon Appetit)

Roasted beets (see recipe below)

4 oranges, peeled and segmented (catch juices in a small bowl for dressing)

1 small fennel bulb, trimmed, quartered and sliced paper thin

¼ cup chopped fresh mint

¼ cup chopped fresh parsley

¼ cup chopped toasted hazelnuts

1 small shallot, finely chopped

1 TBSP Balsamic vinegar

2 TBSP Olive oil

1- ½ cup crumbled feta

salt and pepper

Combine oranges, fennel, mint, parsley, hazelnuts, and shallot to bowl with roasted beets. Transfer 2 tsp of the orange juice to a small bowl; whisk in vinegar and olive oil. Season with salt and pepper. Stir into beet mixture. Mound salad on a platter and sprinkle with cheese.

### Roasting Beets

Preheat oven to 400

2 large red beets - top and bottom cut (about ½ inch)

2 large golden beets - tops and bottom trimmed.

3 tablespoons olive oil.

Place beets in a glass or metal pan (I like to separate the beets by color so the red beets don't stain). Place 1 inch of water in the bottom of the pan. Drizzle with olive oil and cover pan with tinfoil. Bake for about 1 hour to 1-1/2 hrs, or until the beet is easily pierced with a knife.

Peel beets with a knife or your hands (the skin peel off easily). Cut into ½ inch cubes or slices. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. They can be made 1 day ahead and chilled.

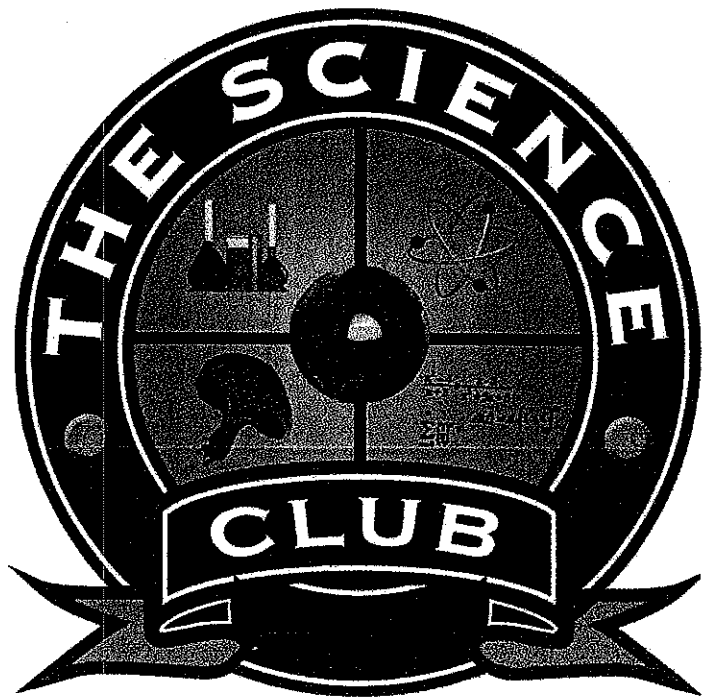


**Beginning November 2014**

**LdV**

**Science**

**Club**



**TEACHER:** Mr. Androlowicz

**WHO-** LdV 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

**WHEN:** Friday mornings, twice a month – FIRST meeting November 7<sup>th</sup>!

11-21, 12-5, 12-19, 1-9, 1-23, 2-6, 2-20, 3-6, 3-20, 4-10, 4-24, 5-8, 5-22

**TIME:** 8:00 am – 9:00 am

**WHERE:** LdV Science Lab (room 28)

**FEES:** \$30 per student

The science club is an opportunity for students who are interested in science to explore, learn, create, and experience a variety of scientific related concepts as an extension of what is learned in the classroom. The science club offers students the chance to compete against each other in various scientific challenges that test their creativity and imagination. Students will be able to conduct a variety of labs or investigations that will teach them about different scientific concepts and ideas. In addition, students will have the chance every other year to experience science outside of the classroom first hand through fieldtrips or eco-adventures that are designed to open up their understanding and provide an appreciation for nature and the world around them.

*Please complete the attached registration form and submit with payment to the SCIENCE CLUB box in the front office.  
Please make checks payable to LdV PTC/Science Club*

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Ticket Price: only \$19.95 each!

Quantity of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$19.95 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount included with order: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make all checks payable to LdV PTC, DYC in memo line. Return order & check to box in front office.

office use only: Ticket #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt Pd Cash: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amt Pd Check: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_



# Fresh Holiday Wreaths Are Back!

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22-inch fresh evergreen wreath with a custom-made bow  
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**For More Info Contact**

Jessica Doan  
jessica\_doan@sbcglobal.net

Christine Ault  
christine@christineault.com

**Your LdV 5th grade class has fresh 22" holiday wreaths on sale now thru Nov 21**



## Your custom wreaths are only \$20 each

To place an order, please follow these 3 easy steps:

1. Choose a bow style
2. Place this order form and payment in box in the front office no later than **Fri., Nov 21st**
3. Pick up your custom-made wreaths at the school's front entrance between 8:00-9:00 am on **Fri., Dec 5th**  
*Wreaths not picked up will be delivered to your child's classroom*

Accepting pre-orders **ONLY**

**COMPLETE & RETURN THIS FORM TO FRONT OFFICE BY NOV 21ST:**

Your Name (or LdV parent contact) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Qty @ \$20 ea \_\_\_\_\_ *Checks payable to LdV 5th Grade*

Your child's name and Rm # \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email & Text # \_\_\_\_\_

*Choose your bow style*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Traditional** example: red or maroon

\_\_\_\_\_ **Novelty** example: candy cane, snowflake, snowman

\_\_\_\_\_ **Elegant** example: gold, silver or metallic accented



## CHANGES TO THE K-6 REPORT CARD

The SCUSD K-6 report card has been revised to align to the California Common Core State Standards (CA CCSS) for mathematics and English Language Arts that will be implemented state-wide in 2014-15. Parents will notice the following on the new report card:

- A 4-point grading scale indicating the four levels of standards achievement
- An alpha scale of O (outstanding), S (satisfactory), P (progressing), or N (needs improvement) that indicates progress in the learning expectations for each domain or strand of standards
- New categories for math and English Language Arts aligned to the CA CCSS
- A section on *Behaviors that Support Learning* reflecting social emotional learning competencies and work habit skills that are critical to academic success

## A STANDARDS-BASED REPORT CARD

Similar to the previous report card, the new report card is a standards-based report card. This type of report card lists the most important standards students should learn in each subject at their particular grade level. Instead of traditional letter grades, students receive a mark of 1-4 that indicates how well they have mastered the required standards. The marks will show their level of achievement with the Common Core State Standards. Students will get separate marks for effort and work habits. Standards-based grading focuses on the student's achievement rather than how quickly they learned or how many times it took them to master the standards.

If you would like further information about the new report cards please see the K-6 report card website located at <http://www.scusd.edu/k-6-report-cards>



## K-6 Report Card Grading Scales

### ENGLISH

#### **Academic Performance Level for Standard Achievement**

- 4=Exceeds Standards:** Exceeds grade level expectations; demonstrates strong independence
- 3=Meets Standards:** Meets grade level expectations; requires minimal support
- 2=Approaching Standards:** Approaching grade level expectations; requires moderate support
- 1=Minimal Progress:** Minimal progress on grade level expectations; requires significant support
- NA=Not Addressed:** Standards were not addressed in the marking period

#### **Academic Performance Level for Learning Expectations**

- O=Outstanding:** Exceeds grade level expectations
- S=Satisfactory:** Meets grade level expectations
- P=Progressing:** Student is near to meeting grade level expectations
- N=Needs Improvement:** Does not meet grade level expectations
- NA=Not Addressed:** Standards were not addressed in the marking period

### SPANISH

#### **Nivel de Rendimiento Académico para las Expectativas del Aprendizaje**

- 4=Excede los Estándares:** Excede las expectativas de su nivel de grado; demuestra mucha independencia
- 3=Cumple con los Estándares:** Cumple con las expectativas de su nivel de grado; requiere de apoyo mínimo
- 2=Progresando Hacia los Estándares:** Se está acercando a las expectativas de su nivel de grado; requiere de apoyo moderado
- 1=Progreso Mínimo Hacia los Estándares:** Ha tenido un progreso mínimo hacia las expectativas de su nivel de grado; necesita mucho apoyo
- NA=No Se Aplica:** Estos estándares no fueron cubiertos en el periodo de calificación

#### **Nivel de Rendimiento Académico para las Expectativas del Aprendizaje**

- O= Sobresaliente:** Excede las expectativas de su nivel de grado
- S= Satisfactorio:** Cumple con las expectativas de su nivel de grado
- P= Progresando:** Está cerca de cumplir con las expectativas de su nivel de grado
- N= Necesita Mejorar:** No cumple con las expectativas de su nivel de grado
- NA= No Se Aplica:** Estos estándares no fueron cubiertos en el periodo de calificación

### HMONG

#### **Cov Theem Kawm Tau Ntawv rau Tus Qauv Qhia Ntawv**

- 4=Kawm Tau Tshaj Tus Qauv Qhia Ntawv:** Kawm tau tshaj theem qib kawm cov ntawv yuav tsum tau kawm; muaj peev xwm ua tau tus kheej
- 3=Kawm Tau Raws li Tus Qauv Qhia Ntawv:** Kawm tau raws theem qib kawm cov ntawv yuav tsum tau kawm; yuav tsum tau muab kev txhawb pab me ntsis
- 2=Kawm Tau Yuav Luag Txog Tus Qauv Qhia Ntawv:** Kawm tau yuav luag txog theem qib kawm cov ntawv yuav tsum tau kawm; yuav tsum tau muab kev txhawb pab hauj sim
- 1=Kawm Tau Tsawg Heev:** Kawm tau tsawg heev nyob rau theem qib kawm cov ntawv yuav tsum tau kawm; yuav tsum muab kev txhawb pab kom ntau tshaj
- NA= Tsis Tau Qhia:** Tsis tau siv tus Qauv Qhia Ntawv los qhia nyob rau lub caij no

#### **Cov Theem Kawm Tau Ntawv**

- O=Zoo Heev:** Ua tau tshaj theem qib kawm cov ntawv yuav tsum tau kawm
- S=Zoo Tsaus Siab:** Ua tau raws lis theem qib kawm cov ntawv yuav tsum tau kawm
- P=Ua Tau Zoo Tuaj:** Tus tub ntxhais kawm ntawv ua tau yuav luag txog theem qib kawm cov ntawv yuav tsum tau kawm
- N=Yuav Tsum Tau Ua Kom Zoo Zog Ntxiv:** Tsis tau ua tau li theem qib kawm cov ntawv yuav tsum tau kawm
- NA=Tsis Tau Qhia:** Tsis tau siv tus Qauv Qhia Ntawv los qhia nyob rau lub caij no