



Leonardo da Vinci K-8 School

Integrated Thematic Instruction Through Arts & Sciences

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Dates to Remember

- Oct 19**
Student Council Assembly & Election 9 am
- Oct 20**
Winter Faire mtg 6:30 pm/LIB
- Oct 21**
Middle School Science Club
3:15 rm 28
- Oct 23**
Learning Garden Work Day
8 AM - Noon
- Oct 28**
Harvest Hoe Down 3:30-8 pm
- Nov 1**
Basketball @ SES
- Nov 2**
SSC 5:30 pm
PTC 6:30 pm
- Nov 3**
Basketball @ Brannan
- Nov 6**
Learning Garden Work Day
8 AM - Noon
- Nov 9**
Class Meetings
- Nov 15**
Photo Retakes
- Nov 15-18**
1-6th grade
parent conferences
1:30 pm dismissal 1-6 gr only
- Nov 21-25**
Fall Break - No School

Assemblyman Roger Dickinson has sent out a challenge

Can LdV's Fifth Grade Collect More Cans Than the California State Assembly?

We think they can--and the whole school is going to help! From now until November 17th, LdV families will be donating canned food to the boxes in their classrooms. Two other schools are competing and the fifth grade with the most canned food collected will receive an Assembly Resolution in their honor! They will also be invited to the Capitol press conference to announce the winner Assembly or Fifth graders. The canned food will be distributed with 750 turkeys to local families in need. Letis show Sacramento how much our LdV community cares and step up to the challenge! Please contact Mikan Gosuico or Diane Soule with any questions. Thank you for your help.

Time for Another Fling?

Please join us in planning the 2012 Spring Fling! on Monday, **October 17** at 6:15 pm at Crepeville. We will be having a quick meeting to look at dates, confirm a location and get started planning. Liked it last year? Didn't like it last year? Didn't go last year? Help make it the best adults only fundraiser at LdV by joining us. Contact Diane with any questions.

Winter Faire Meeting

October 20 at 6:30 pm in the library. All classroom reps should attend.

Are You Ready for the Harvest Hoedown?

Come one, come all to the 2011 LdV Harvest Hoe Down on Friday, Oct 28 from 3-8 pm! Games, food, Bounce Houses, Rock Climbing, our famous Cake Walk and more will be here for you! Help support the LdV Music department and have a fun family night!

Parents can you help? Please sign up for fast (and fun) parent hours, outside of room 1. We also need donations of hot dog buns, sodas, and more. Sign ups for food donations are posted outside of room 1. Thank you for your support. We hope to see you there.

Super Soupers

Do you like to make soup? The Climate Committee is looking for families to make a pot of soup and/or baked goods for the Staff to enjoy on November 18th. This is part of a school-wide appreciation of our teachers and staff. So before we break for the Thanksgiving holiday week, we will share a tasty meal to warm up with. If you are interested, please sign up on the window outside of Diane's Office. Please make sure your soup is in a crock pot so that it will stay warm. We would like the soups to be dropped off in the mail room either before school or at drop off as it is a minimum day schedule. Also, it would be great if some of the soups are vegetarian. Thanks for helping to make our school great. Jayme, sjhungerford@comcast.net, Climate Committee

Shirts!

School shirts are coming soon. Email diane-soule@scusd.edu if you can help sort and deliver one morning...I hope Friday.

LdV PTC Learning Garden Work Day THIS! SUNDAY, October 23rd, 8 AM Noon*

Work to be done: Clearing out and prepping garden boxes and beds for winter crops, weeding, planting, weather proofing the wood planters, and other general garden clean up tasks.

What to bring: We have lots of tools to use but if you have your favorites please bring them along. Kids are welcome to attend, but the bathrooms are closed (Raley's is across the street!).

To get to the garden: The garden is located next to the playground in the back of the school. You can drive your car right up to the garden through the parking lot, or enter, on foot, through the kindergarten playground gate.

Questions? Call Jeri Clark, LdV PTC Garden Coordinator, at 916-541-3182 or email grattidgefamily@yahoo.com.

*Garden Work Days are weather permitting. We garden in light rain and light winds. We do not garden in strong winds or heavy rain.

It's Fall

What comes with fall? Lots and lots and lots of leaves! If you would like to help get them up off the grounds, please contact Ryan at rymetta@mac.com

Guilty?

Its possible you are feeling a little guilty about not helping work on the middle school courtyard. Fear not, there will be plenty of opportunities. Please contact Ryan at rymetta@mac.com so he can add you to the contact list.

Judges Training

Volunteers interested in training to be Speech & Debate judges are asked to attend training on Friday, Oct 21 from 5-6 pm at Genevieve Didion K-8 School in room 23. For further information contact jannelle-rattigan@scusd.edu. Any LdV volunteer can participate.

Are You COO Material?

We are looking for a parent volunteer to adopt the Dolphin Store. The store can be open at your availability, and you can choose what to offer for sale. If you are interested, or would like more information contact Sybil at Lawson partyof4@aol.com.

Dolphin!

This week's dolphin is by 7th grade student Bianca R.

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 K-8 School.

**Next Issue: Oct 24
Deadline: Oct 20**

Monitor Lunch More

We have hired lunch monitors but are still looking for parents who would be available between 11:45 am and 1 pm to help monitor lunch. Volunteers must be fingerprinted. Come in, sign in, and introduce yourself to Mr Reyes, Mr Bell and Mr Basquez and help watch over our students.

Good Coffee?

We are looking for volunteers to help the middle school students run **Caf da Vinci**. We have built a great team of students with a loyal following of coffee and hot cocoa drinkers and we hope to bring curbside coffee and caf sales back soon. We will not be able to do so without volunteers to oversee the students. This year we will be running the Cafe Monday and Friday mornings. The commitment begins at 8 am and the Caf closes about 10 am. Can you help? Please contact Diane at diane-soule@scusd.edu as soon as possible. This is a great way to make your volunteer hours and work with some really great kids (they do not need to be your kids for you to volunteer).

Donations please!

Donations of sugar packets would be greatly appreciated.

Need Parent Hours?

Judges are needed for debate tournaments. No experience necessary. Training, food and beverages will be provided. Please contact me if you are interested. *Mr. Jackman, Dolphin Debate Team Faculty Advisor, 277-6496 x 1131*

Is Sales in Your Blood?

Are you a born sales person? The Yearbook Committee needs a sales person to help with ad sales for this year's book. Interested, contact Brandi Sidley (brandi@sidleystudios.com or 916-505-7917).

GATE Teacher Needed

Do you have a subject that you are passionate about? LdV is looking for a teacher to share their expertise with our 5th and 6th grade GATE students. The curriculum should be fast-paced and in-depth, but the subject is flexible. So, if you are a teacher or an LdV parent (or team of parents!) interested in teaching after school once a week, I would love to hear your ideas. Send a note to Ms. Johnson in Room 8, or contact her via district email: Linda-Johnson@scusd.edu.

Learning Garden Work Days

Sunday, October 23rd, 8 AM - Noon
Sunday, November 6th, 8 AM - Noon

From the SCL

(School Community Liaison)

Field Trip Fact: It has come to my attention that there has been an increase in adults who want to either drive their own students ONLY or accompany on a field trip but NOT chaperone.

Please be very clear, you are NOT eligible for volunteer hours (since you are not doing anything more than enjoying the trip) you do however need to have TB clearance and fingerprinting on file.

What Counts: Volunteers must be taking responsibility for students other than their own children to be considered as a Volunteer. Simply watching Morning Sing, or chatting at the back of a classroom is not considered Volunteering. If you are in a classroom to help, please do so. Classroom observation must be scheduled with the teacher and does not count as hours.

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

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 8:30 am-3:30 pm or email me at diane-soule@scusd.edu, or leave a message at 277-7034.

Free TB Testing

Tests taken this year will be good until 2015. Testing is done by the District at the Serna Center every other week from 3:30 to 5 pm. It's a two step process: given on Tuesday and read on Thursday. Call 643-9412 for information.

Examen de tuberculosis (TB) gratis en la Serna Center

Los exámenes hechos este año están válidos hasta el 2014. El distrito ofrece los exámenes cada otro martes entre las 3:30 y las 5:00 de tarde en el Serna Center (5735 47th Ave - al este de la autopista 99). Hay dos partes del examen - dan las inyecciones los martes y leen los resultados los jueves. Las fechas particulares de los exámenes están disponibles en nuestra oficina.

Test Proctor Needed

A parent is needed to proctor the ATS (Academic Talent Search) test in February. A minimum of two volunteer hours would be earned. Contact diane-soule@scusd.edu for more info.

Garden Recess Volunteers Needed!

Many LdV students love to be in the garden during recess but they can't without adult supervision. The most important times to have the garden open are 10:30 - 11am (1st recess) and 12 - 1 pm (lunch recess). Requirement to become a recess garden volunteer is the same for driving on a field trip, plus attending a garden volunteer training session the first Friday of every month, at 8:30 AM or 2:30 PM. We will meet in the School Community Liaison's office and head to the garden from there.

If you cannot attend the scheduled training session, please contact the garden coordinator (contact information provided below) and one will be arranged just for you.

Once you are trained to supervise in the garden you can schedule a regular time, or you can open it up on a whim. No gardening experience necessary! Try it once and the smiles and joy you bring to our grateful LdV students will convince you to open the garden again and again!

Questions? Contact the LdV Learning Garden Coordinator at 916-541-3182 or email grattidgefamily@yahoo.com

Hoe Down Help

Band & Orchestra parents are encouraged to sign up to work the Hoe Down on October 28, but any parent can join the fun. Sign up sheets are posted outside of room 1.

Know Your Grout?

A volunteer is needed to grout two 8th grade murals. Please contact Mrs. Little in room 25 if you can help.

Clothes Closet Volunteers

The PTA Clothes Closet is swamped and in need of volunteers ASAP! Help is needed doing laundry (at your home) and sorting and tagging clothes at the Clothes Closet located at the back of the LdV campus. The Clothes Closet at LdV is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Interested volunteers can drop by on Thursdays but should call first on Tuesdays 277-4338. LdV parents will earn hours for volunteering with the Clothes Closet.

Open House The PTA Clothes Closet will be hosting an Open House on **Thursday, October 27**. Stop by and see the wonderful things they do.

In the spirit of community giving

please donate canned food to our Assembly/5th Grade Challenge

if each family and every staff person donates 5 cans we could collect over 2,000 cans!

Show the California State Assembly how much our LdV community cares!

Looking at High School?

8th graders & their families are invited to an informational meeting on the Civitas program and a free dinner at Civitas International event. At Rio Americano High School on Thursday, October 27th. The meeting is from 5 to 6 p.m. in room A-6. Dinner to follow at 6 p.m. Please RSVP. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Civitas coordinator, Linda Reed, at lreed@sanjuan.edu or visit our website at: www.riocivitas.com.

November is Free!

A volunteer is needed to create an interesting cultural display for the November 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, and contact Kate Ramos at 519-5734 or mkeramos@pacbell.net. What is coming? December Russia, January Korea, February Nepal, March Irish, April Croatia, May Mexico, June Yearbook.

Writing Tutor Available

Writing tutor available for grades 4-6 in rm 23 from 3:15 to 4:15 on Wednesdays. Interested students or their families can contact J. Painter at 492 1677 or email portpaint@sbcglobal.net. Writing skills developed can focus on specific assignments or general skills. Class size will be limited to 5 students. Please give a call if you think your child would benefit from this service!

Help Get LdV Students to School

Did you know you can earn hours by helping families transport their children? If you responsibly volunteer to drive a student who is not related to you, and is not in a shared carpool, hours are available.

- We are looking for a Friday ride from the Curtis Park area. I have 7th grader, live by Sierra 2 and work at home on Thursdays. Please let me know if you are able/willing/interested. Thank you ó Becky and Jonathan A_Floral_Affair@comcast.net or 747-8646.
- I would greatly appreciate a ride for my daughter to and from her Kindergarten class everyday. She would need to be picked up and dropped off in the Midtown area. I am more than willing to pitch in for gas and/or return the favor anyway I can. Let me know if you're interested. Wendy 916.261.0006 THANK YOU!

Where Are You Dropping Off and Parking?

Spaces in the three parking lots with numbers or staff designations are for teachers and staff to park in. This includes the spaces in the front parking lot. Please do not use them for drop off even if you think you will only be a second, or that no one else is around.

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.

LdV on the Web-The weekly newsletter (without additional flyers) can be found on the LdV web site: scusd.edu/leonardodavinci.

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.

Call In Sick & Tardy

Please phone in your students' absences and tardies by calling **557-0389** wait for the message to begin and then press 49#. 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). You may also send your notification by email to Sally-Uhlig@scusd.edu.

Please call or email by 10 am. Unverified absences will result in truancies. Absence verification must be made daily.

Llamada para avisar de enfermedad o retraso

Favor de llamar a 557-3089 (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 (est enfermo/a, tiene una cita con el doctor, tiene un funeral familiar, etcetera es suficiente). Le pedimos que llame antes de las 10:00 de la mañana para evitar una ausencia sin escusa.

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 \$39. That means a 5 day trip costs \$225 and if you decide to take both your kids...

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 doctor's note. Three tardies over 30 minutes without such documentation will result in a truancy notice.

Early Dismissal?

Please be aware that **every** student's early dismissals from class are very disruptive to the learning environment of the whole class.

Please consider before and after school appointments as a more considerate alternative. Thank you

LdV Bumper Stickers

Have you seen cars around town sporting those cool Euro-style LdV bumper stickers? You can have one too, just send in \$3 for each along with your name, phone number or email and your child's name and room number. Place your order in a sealed envelope marked Bumper Sticker and drop it in the box in the front office. We will send the sticker home with your child. Proceeds benefit the 5th grade.

Attention Grocery Shoppers!

All of the requested Raley's Q Cards went home in backpacks. It is imperative that you register them and use them as soon as possible. We are unable to access any more cards until 50% of the cards have been used. The sooner you use them, the sooner more cards can be available to other community members. If you have decided not to use the card, please return it. Keep in mind, this fundraiser (that costs you nothing) brings in a minimum of \$5,000 a year...that becomes assemblies, art studio supplies, middle school sports, classroom start up funds and more.

Are You a Nugget Shopper?

Do you have a Nugget Card? We have 7 loyal Nugget Card users who generate about \$30 a month. Just think how much money 20 shoppers would generate! If you would like a Nugget or Food 4 Less card contact diane-soule@scusd.edu.

Safeway Shoppers

Please be sure to register your Safeway reward card or RENEW it before Nov. 1. All cards must be renewed yearly! LdV id: 6660689

Clip & Save Box Tops for Education!

Submit them in a zip-top plastic bag or envelope with your student's classroom number on it. The classroom that collects the most coupons in September will celebrate with a sno-cone party! Help the LdV PTC raise much needed funds for school-wide programs and events! Best of all, it is FREE!

Belong

It's not too late to join the PTC membership is less than \$20 and shows your support of all the PTC does for the students of LdV. Forms are available in the front office. If you have joined the PTC and not received a membership confirmation email, check your spam then contact jeannie_hansen@comcast.net for information or help.

Recess Garden Volunteer Training

1st Friday of every month
8:30 AM and/or 2:30 PM

Meet in the School Community Liaison's Office

Fun Raisin' News

from Ways & Means

You may have seen Mr. Ways and Ms. Means scurrying about on campus a lot these past few weeks. They've been hard at work encouraging you to give some money to support the many programs and events the PTC sponsors for our children. But it's been well worth it! \$27,000 in magazines... \$8,000 in Entertainment Books... \$6000 for Mona. WOW!!! You guys have been awesome! This week we take a break while we continue to tally the results.

Reading Materials

If you still have any Magazine or Entertainment Book sales to submit, please get them in NOW! If you have not returned your Entertainment Book, return it or pay for it. Cost is \$30.

Prizes and Parties

Once we have all the orders tallied we will order prizes and set a date for the Ice Cream Bash and Pig Races. Stay tuned...

Thanks again to all who participated in our Fall Fundraisers. We couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you for your support of LdV!

For more information about PTC fundraisers visit www.ldvptc.org, or send an e-mail to waysandmeans@ldvptc.org.

Testimonial

Do you love to save money like I do? One of the ways that I can always count on is coupons from my annual Entertainment book. The best part of buying a book this year was the price, \$30. In years past it has always been \$40, so I feel I already got a real bargain.

Some of my favorite coupons include **Gunther's Ice Cream, United Coffee House, Sunflower Drive In, Yogurtville and Eat a Pita**, all buy one get one free! On the entertainment front, you cannot beat the coupon for a free admission to a movie on your birthday, **Discovery Museum, Funtastic Play Centers** and **Bouncetown**, again buy one get one free admission.

The book also encourages us to try new places, this year, **Zinfandel Grille** and the **4th Street Grille** are first the list, but not the last by any means.

Finally, as a way to save even more, I got a few girlfriends together and we traded coupons. So, I have now quadrupled my savings with coupons I know I will use throughout the year. However, the best added bonus is that by purchasing a book, I know that LdV and our kids will benefit.

I hope if you were on the fence about buying a book that my thoughts and experiences have helped you to decide that it is a win, win situation. You WILL save and the school/kids will benefit.

Thank you.
Terrie - Kinder Parent

What's Happening After School?

Love Shakespeare? Love Plays?

Starting Monday, October 24th, SHAKE-SPEARE CLUB will be meeting in room 33 from 3 - 4pm each Monday. This is a club for middle school students only who want to learn about Shakespeare, see some local theatre productions, try their hand at acting ... and go to Ashland Shakespeare Festival in June. In order to be eligible for the Ashland trip, students must be active members of the Shakespeare Club. Advisors: Mr. Sirard and Ms. Chapman

Chess Club

Fridays afterschool in room 33 from 3-4 pm.

Science Club

The first meeting of Middle School Science Club is Friday, Oct 21 from 3:15-4:30 pm in room 28.

Middle School Speech & Debate Speech & Debate meets every Wednesday in room 6 from 3:15 to 4:30 pm. Contact Mr Jackman in room 31 or Melissa at mellisab-oettner@gmail.com.

After School Art

Tuesdays from 3:15 to 4:45 pm for 2nd-6th grade students. \$12 per week covers instruction and supplies. Call Leslie Colby at 391-8384 for information/sign up.

Learn Spanish at LdV

Lango is offering a Spanish class for LdVis K-4 students this fall. Cost is \$159 for 8 classes including materials for new students. Classes will be held Wednesdays from 3:15-4:00 pm in Room 35. Visit www.langodavis.com to learn more about the program and enroll in a class. Or contact Helen Hadani, Director of Lango Davis, at helen@langodavis.com or 530-220-0453 for more information. Enrollment is limited.

ONSTAGE Afterschool Drama

Classes are available for grades K-8 and are held in the auditorium after school from 3 - 5pm. Call Cynthia Speakman at 502-0336.

NEW! ONSTAGE Advanced Theatre Classes for Grades 7-8

This is a new opportunity for all those middle school students who have taken ONSTAGE (or other drama) classes before and are ready for a new challenge. On Tuesday afternoons, ONSTAGE instructors will be offering an advanced theatre conservatory for students who want to take their acting to the advanced level. Call Cynthia Speakman at 916/502-0336.

Sacramento Youth Running Club

Formerly daVinci Dashers, the Youth Running Club will meet at the field at Sutterville Elementary School from 3:20 to 4:05 pm. Any fitness level is accepted (but expected to run). Contact Jenny at Rannerjen@surewest.net with questions.

Afterschool GATE

Did your GATE identified 2-4th grade student bring home a flyer for the Tuesday afterschool GATE class? If not and you are interested contact Ms Johnson in room 8.

Word of the Week

October's pillar is RESPONSIBILITY.

If a child spills a glass of milk, he or she is expected to clean it up. When a child does so without being told, he or she is ACCOUNTABLE, our character word for the week. An accountable child is willing to accept responsibility for his or her actions. Being accountable is a sign of maturity.

The buck stops here. ó Harry S. Truman

What Is Your Child Wearing?

Almost all the paperwork is in, and so far you have all attested to reading the Handbook...so why are students wearing hats, too short skirts and shorts, spaghetti strap tops and backless sandals? The LdV dress code requires modesty and school appropriateness. Please go over the dress code found in the Handbook with your child.

Remember, the dress code includes adults on campus. Please be good examples to our students!

What's on Your Child's Feet?

Good news: we have a newly finished gym floor. Bad news: it is pretty expensive to recondition a gym floor. Good news: you can help us make the floor last longer and it's easy. Please be sure your child is wearing appropriate footwear on the days they have PE. Any non-skuff sneaker or tennis shoe will do.

Community Events

- Children's Theatre Department at Sacramento City College presents Storytime Theatre production of **Snow White and Rose Red** on Saturday & Sunday at Noon, through Oct 16 in the West Sacramento Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Avenue, West Sac. Call for Reservations & Info: 916-558-2174
- Sacramento Theatre Company's School of the Arts Youth Series presents: **A Year with Frog & Toad**, 1/19-22; **Godspell Jr**, 2/10-12; **Julius Caesar**, 3/7-11. For information: www.sactheatre.org or 443-6722.
- **Jesuit Open House** on Sunday, **Oct 16**, noon to 3 pm. Pre register at www.JesuitHighSchool.org

From the District Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

CAC provides training and information to parents, educators and anyone interested in working for students who receive Special Education services. On the calendar: **Oct 18**-IEP training; Nov 11-Personal safety and bullying; Jan 17-Executive Functioning; Feb 21-Modifications & accommodations; March 20-Estate planning; April 17-Speech/OT/Sensory support; May 4-Annual parent conference; May 15-Self-advocacy and June 12-planning meeting. Contact Becky at 643-9163 or www.scusdcac.org for further information.

Notice of Pesticide/Herbicide Use

LdV is scheduled for service by SCUSD's Small Grass Crew every Wednesday. The crew may or may not spray every Wednesday. If they do spray, they will post notice in the front row 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.