



Leonardo da Vinci School

Leonardo da Vinci School Grades K-8

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Dates to Remember

June 16

8th Grade Graduation 6 pm

June 17

Last Day of School
1:30 pm dismissal

June 29

PTC Budget mtg 6 pm

July 26

LdV Blues Band
9 am at the State Capitol

September 6

Garden Clean Up
8 am - noon

September 7

First day of School!

September 17

Funderland 5-8 pm

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 put your articles in the newsletter box in the main office, or email them to dsandsons@sbcglobal.net. Events and products advertised in this newsletter are not necessarily endorsed by LdV PTC or SCUSD.

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Next Issue:

Sept 7

Deadline:

Aug 31 at 8:45 am

LABOR DAY Kindergarten Playground Clean-Up!

Monday, September 6th, 8 am - noon

Help to get the Kinder Playground in tip top shape for our for our new Dolphin friends. Bring your brooms, leaf rakes, buckets and sponges and get ready to sweep, scrub, rake and plant. We'll need a battery or gas powered leaf blower and weed whacker too. Children and welcome to attend but the bathrooms will be closed. Refreshments provided! Questions? Call Jeri Clark at 541-3182 or email grattidgefamily@yahoo.com

Student Meds

If you have a student who has meds in the office, please remind the parents to pick up those meds the last day of school. After that, the meds will be disposed of by health services staff.

Good for Our Souls

Cleaning out your shoe closet for summer? Soles for Souls, started by an LdV 5th grader, will donate your gently used shoes to the women and children living at the St. John's Homeless shelter. A collection box will be in the parent volunteer office all week.

Popsicle Sales

They are back! Sport's popsicle sales are ready to greet our warm weather. We will be selling MWF from 3-3:30 in front of school. Volunteers can contact Jayme Hungerford at 346-4632 or sjhungerford@comcast.net

Yearbooks On Sale Now!

What a deal...the LdV 20 year anniversary year-book is on sale now. Just \$25 for a hardbound, full-color book. Watch for sales in front of school Tuesday after school, and Wednesday and Thursday before and after school.

How Do We Say Goodbye (or not)

At the end of every school year we say goodbye to various members of our community. With eighth grade promotion we lose not just the students but their families (some of whom have been at LdV from almost the very start). This year also marks the retirement of long-time LdV RSP teacher Cheryl Lakich. We also say goodbye to some newer faces: our lab tech/librarian Rosie Zamudo and bilingual aide Ramon Guzman.

Then there are the faces we *might* not see back: fifth grade teacher, Sarah Buerger; middle school teacher Maria Galarza; psychologist Natalie Watkins (all new to LdV this year) —and our most notable *possible* loss is our beloved office tech, Rita Lewis. In this crazy year of pink slips and bumping rights their futures are uncertain. Take a moment to say goodbye...wish them all the best whatever the future holds...and keep your fingers crossed that it holds LdV.

Congratulations 8th Graders!

The 8th grade class of 2010 will be holding promotion ceremonies on Wednesday, June 16th at 6pm in the Amphitheater at William Land Park. After the ceremony they will be taking a dinner cruise on the Delta Dream. Congratulations to our class of 2010 and good luck in your future endeavors.

Dash Pledge Money Due

It's not too late to get your child's pledge money in. If you have questions, please contact Jayme at 346-4632 or sjhungerford@comcast.net

Save The Date For...

LdV's Annual Night at Funderland on Friday, September 17th, 5 - 8pm. Don't miss out on an opportunity to gather with LdV friends and families for an evening of late summer fun at Sacramento's favorite little amusement park, Funderland!

Get a Jump on 2010-2011 Hours

Yes! we will be assembling 700 packets for the first day of school and your help would be appreciated. Please contact Diane by phone or email and leave your best contact information so I can get you the date and time of packet assembling when it is decided.

Thinking About the First Day?

PTC will once again be hosting coffee on the first day. We will happily accept contributions of muffins, breads or juices. Or just plan to stop by to welcome new parents and catch up with old friends.

We will also be assembling newsletters in the volunteer office and can always use a hand.

CIE Case

Volunteers are now being sought for the 2010-11 school year. This is a creative and fun way to get some volunteer hours. Contact the PTC to see how you can participate.

Dolphin Art...

...is by middle school student, Mario R.

Fun Raisin' News from Ways & Means SUMMER HOMEWORK

Yes, just when you thought it was safe to turn off your thinking caps for a while, here come your friends Mr. Ways and Ms. Means with a summer-school homework assignment.

DON'T OPEN THAT LETTER!

You know the ones we mean - the ones from the magazine publishers warning you that your subscriptions are about to expire, asking you to renew. Don't do it! Your subscriptions are still good for several more months and our Fall magazine sale will be here before you know it! The magazine sale is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, so ignore those heart wrenching pleas and final notices until September and all will be right with the world.

SHOP TILL YOU DROP

We know you will be buying lots of groceries this Summer for barbecues, picnics, and parties. Be sure to use your Raley's Q-Cards, Safeway shopper cards, or other scrip to benefit LdV. And pass the word! Ask all your friends and neighbors to carry these cards when they shop. We got over \$3400 from Raley's this year, which is great! But we were hoping for \$5500, so shop, shop, shop, and we'll meet our goals next year!

HIT UP THE BOSS

A huge thank you to everyone who made charitable contributions to LdV through their employer's corporate giving and United Way programs. Please keep those contributions coming... We need all the support we can get. If you have not yet enrolled in your employer's plan, please do! E-mail us or see the PTC web site if you need the details.

BE A CUT-UP

Keep clipping those Box Tops for Education and saving foil juice pouches. They are worth money and they add up! We received almost \$1000 for box tops and pouches this year!

TUNE IN, TURN ON, JOIN THE COMMITTEE

Ways & Means had a lot of helpers this year and we want to say thank you to them all again. Thank you! There we said it. Now we want YOU to join us next year! We need more helpers for our fun-raisin' activities, and we need your help! We don't have lots of formal committee meetings, make motions and vote on things, or compare notes on Roberts Rules of Order. We just pitch in to help raise money for our school. So plan on joining us. The fun starts right away in September, as we start prepping the Entertainment books before school even starts. Then we will operate our salad shop again at Back-to-School Night. We follow that with the magazine sale starting on Sept. 21st. So set aside some time to help, and let us know when you are available. Because yes, fun-raisin' can be fun! Now go and have a great Summer, and we'll see you next school year!

For more information about any of the PTC fundraisers, see the Fundraisers Page on the PTC web site - www.ldvptc.org - or send an e-mail to waysandmeans@ldvptc.org. Or leave a voice message at 916-557-0389 Box 40. Thank you for your support of Leonardo da Vinci School!

from the District

Reminders from Health Services

As the school year is coming to a close, your thoughts may be directed more to summer outdoor activities. However, the summer break is a critical time to have your child seen by the medical doctor/clinician or dentist for required for the upcoming academic school year physical exams, dental exams, or medication authorizations.

- Kindergarten dental exam is due May 31. It can be obtained one year prior to entering kindergarten.

- First grade health physical is due by December 17. It can be obtained 18 months prior, which is usually the beginning of March before entering kindergarten.

- High school students must have health physicals before they can participate in sports.

- Students needing to take medication at school must have authorizations renewed every school year. The physician's order can be prescribed after July 1 for the upcoming school year. You can help your child be better prepared this fall by using the summer months to get these important examinations and forms completed to ensure your child's safety at school. If you have any questions about these requirements, contact Health Services at 643-9412.

Partners for School Readiness

Child Development is once again hosting Pre-Kindergarten five week Summer Camps from June 23rd to July 21st. Contact Clara Cid at 643-7858 for more information.

Unsung Hero

I just got a quick peek at the LdV 20th Anniversary Yearbook and boy, did Brandi Sidley and her team do a fabulous job? YES! Have all of those wonderful things happened in just one year? YES! You should probably buy a book to remember them all...

Thank you, thank you Brandi for all the many hours you spent taking and arranging photos and producing another amazing yearbook.



Community Events

- **Workshop on ADHD for Parents, Teachers and Others.** August 7, 9:00 - noon at UC Davis MIND Institute. Fee: \$50.00. Participants will leave with an understanding of how ADHD is diagnosed, evidence-based behavioral and pharmacological treatment options and classroom management strategies. For more information: Ruth LeBlanc, 703-0439 or <http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/ddcenter/events/events.html>

- **Tourette Syndrome Workshops,** August 5, 9:00 - noon (Comprehensive Behavioral Intervention for TICS) and 1:00 - 4:00 (Diagnosis and Medical Management of Tourette Syndrome). Trainings will be held at UC Davis MIND Institute. Fee: \$50 for one workshop/\$75.00 for both. For more information: Ruth LeBlanc, 703-0439 or <http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/ddcenter/events/events.html>.

- **Family Wellness Day** July 17: Learn about a variety of ways that promote Being Well at Body & Hearth, 4757 J St from 10 am to 3 pm. Meet educators, nutritionists and therapists. Contact Yuuko Feletto at 903-8756 or go to www.bodyandhearth.com.

- **Youth Musical Theater Workshop** at the Sierra 2 theater. Free informational orientation meetings at 10 am on July 10 (Rent - audition only - ages 10-18); Sept 4 (Music Man - ages 6-16). runawaystage.com 207-1226

- **A Musical Petting Zoo Event** on Sunday, Aug 15 from noon to 3 pm at Kline Music. Come and try out instruments for your school band. www.klinemusic.com

- **Join Lilliput Children's Services** as we celebrate 30 years of building families and making dreams come true on Saturday, September 11, 2010 from 4-7 p.m. Tickets \$50 at the California Museum 1020 O Street. Since 1980, through our foster, adoption and kinship services, Lilliput has been fulfilling the dreams of thousands of children wishing for a permanent family. This special evening will be complete with food, wine and cocktails, from local restaurants and wineries, plus music and artwork for auction. Make it part of your plan for the Second Saturday Art Walk (held the same evening, throughout the downtown and midtown areas). Registration information and details are forthcoming. To learn more, please visit www.Lilliput.org.

12th Annual Race for the Arts 5K WALK/RUN & Fun Runs

Leonardo da Vinci Art Programs will receive 100% of pledges designated to LDV Art on the Race for the Arts Entry Form

EVENT: RACEFOR THE ARTS – 5 km Run/Walk and Fun Runs on SATURDAY, August 28, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. - 5 km Run/Walk Start (3.1 miles) 9:30 a.m. – Kids' Fun Runs at WILLIAM LANDPARK Adults - \$25 Kids 12 and under - \$15 Entry fee includes Race T-shirt and post-race refreshments www.raceforthearts.com

Entertainment throughout, interactive booths, costumed characters and post-run party!

Get Free Fair Rides for Reading Books!

We want you to tackle that summer reading list! Any California kids in grades K-8 can Read 2 Ride. Just read 2 books, fill out a report form and redeem it at the fair for 2 free carnival rides. What a great way to reward kids for reading! For more information, visit the Poppy Pals Club! www.bigfun.org/kids/poppypals/read_n_ride.asp

Spring Photos are NOT Free!

It is costly to the school when Spring photos are not returned. Please return payment or unwanted photos to your child's classroom immediately.

Cafeteria Debts

Dear Parents: The end of the year is approaching fast. We still have a number of outstanding balances in the cafeteria.

Letters have been sent to you throughout the year and new letters went out this week. Please check your child's backpack or call 277-6774 to inquire about your child's account. Thank you for taking care of this as soon as possible.

—Tia Andrade, Cafeteria Manager

8th Grade Girls - Volleyball?

All 8th grade girls going to McClatchy that are interested in trying out for the school team should go to workouts at CKM starting June 22, in the main gym. Practice time will be 4:30 to 6:30 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. For more and updated info, go to the CKM Athletic website, click on the "Girl's Varsity Volleyball" site and look at "news" and "announcements."

USYVL Volleyball

For ages 7-15. Forms are available in the front office or register online at usyvl.org.

From the SCL

Please feel free to stop by the garage door Mon- Fri 8:30 am-3:30 pm, email diane-soule@sac-city.k12.ca.us, or leave a message for me at 277-7034.

—Diane Soule, SCL

100 Hour Thanks

Thank you to the Dieu family for opening their home to the 100 hours (and above) volunteers. It was a lovely evening!

Missing Some Tennies?

Is your child missing some black tennies? A pair has been sitting in the window of my office for a week.... they are definitely not my size, please claim them soon!

Outdated Transportation?

Wish you'd donated that old car in time for this year's tax write off? We're glad you didn't because now your donation can benefit you and LdV. Call toll free (866)2-GIVING or (866) 244-8464 for information about donating your old car, boat, RV or flying machine.

Absence Verification Online!

You can send your absence notification online through the LdV website at <http://schools.scusd.edu/leonardodavinci>.

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 escusa.

Call In Sick and 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, the date of absence and reason for being out of school. Please try to call BEFORE 11:30 am the morning of the absence. Unverified absences may result in truancies.

LdV Website

<http://schools.scusd.edu/leonardodavinci>

Summer Garden Work Days!

Sunday, June 13th, 8:00 am - noon
Sunday, July 11th, 8:00 am - noon
Saturday, August 28th, 8:00 am - noon
LABOR DAY! Wednesday September 1st, 8 am -noon

Join us throughout the summer to keep the garden weeded, watered and harvested. Children are welcome and refreshments will be provided. The bathrooms will be locked, but Raley's is just a few blocks away. If you'd like to work days other than those listed above it can be arranged. Please contact Jeri Clark, LdV PTC Garden Chairperson at (916) 541-3182 or email grattidgefamily@yahoo.com with any questions or to schedule your own personal work day.

Help Remember 2009-2010

LdV needs your sports and activity photos for our 2009-2010 year historical scrap book! Please send in a description of your photos (including dates and names) to Cindy Kazee at _undc@aol.com (mailto:undc@aol.com), or submit on a CD to the volunteer office before June 17th.

We are looking for photos of:

- * class field trips
- * sports
- * band & orchestra
- * Blues Band
- * debate & speech
- * running club
- * GATE
- * On Stage
- * Millennium Singers
- * talent show
- * Renaissance Fair
- * Winter Faire
- * Learning Garden
- * art studio
- * science fair
- * assemblies
- * ...and more!

PTC Funding Requests

In order to be considered for PTC funding, a request must be made in writing, and submitted by June 15 or in person at the first budget meeting. Forms are available in the front office.

If you are a VP or a Committee chair, it is very important that you attend the first budget meeting. We have a big task ahead of examining the flow of money into the PTC through fundraisers, and the distribution of the funds to all of our worthy programs, and your input is needed. We hope that by using the forms, we might be able to complete the proposed budget in one evening. Please check your calendar and clear the date of Tuesday, June 29. We are planning to meet at 6 PM for a quick pot-luck dinner, and will start the meeting promptly at 6:30. If a second meeting is needed, it is attentively scheduled for either July 20th or 21st. Contact Diane for location.