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Dates to Remember

October 7
ELAC 9:30 am
SSC 5:30 pm
PTC 6:30 pm

October 8
Fall Photo Day

October 9
Movie Night 6:30 pm/AUD

October 12-16
Scholastic Book Fair

October 14
Hoe Down Mtg 5:30 pm

Class Meetings
6-7 pm • K, 1-3rd grade
6:30-7:30 pm • 4-6 grade
7-8 pm • 7 & 8 grade

October 21
Explorit! Family Science
Night 6:30-8 pm

October 22
Principal/Parent
Coffee Chat 8:30 am

October 30
Hoe Down 5-9 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@sbcglocal.net. Events and products advertised in this newsletter are not necessarily endorsed by LdV PTC or SCUSD.

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Next Issue:
Oct 12

Deadline:
Oct 8 at 8:45 am

EXTRA !! EXTRA !!

News Flash! Due to INCREDIBLE POPULAR DEMAND, a third QSP Magazine Sale turn-in day has just been added on October 8th. The turn in will take place from 8:15-9:00 am BEFORE SCHOOL. This will be your ABSOLUTE LAST CHANCE to win prizes, Weepuls, Webkinz, and more, More, MORE!! Spin the Money Wheel with 7 NEW ORDERS. One child won \$100! Join the OVER 150 FAMILIES that have already purchased magazines during our fundraiser. Buy! Sell! Renew a subscription! All we need are 1 or 2 per family. And now you have an UNPRECEDENTED THIRD OPPORTUNITY to win prizes and have fun while supporting our school. TAKE IT!

PTC Meeting

Our monthly PTC meeting is this Wednesday, October 7, at 6:30 pm in the library. This is your "one-stop shop" to learn about school issues and upcoming events. If you are a classroom representative, thank you for signing up and keeping your class informed, and we look forward to seeing you there! All parents and teachers are welcome to attend.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the LdV Library October 12th thru October 16th, 9 am to 3:30 pm. We will also be open class meeting night, October 14th, 5 pm to 8:30 pm. Please come and support your library! The Scholastic Book Fair is your library's main source of funding, so come out and support reading at LdV!

Fall is in the Air

Can Winter Faire Be Far Behind?

A volunteer (or volunteers) is needed to help plan this year's Winter Faire. Without someone to chair it just might not happen. Planning needs to begin soon, so please contact Diane as soon as possible if you can help.

Fun Raisin' News

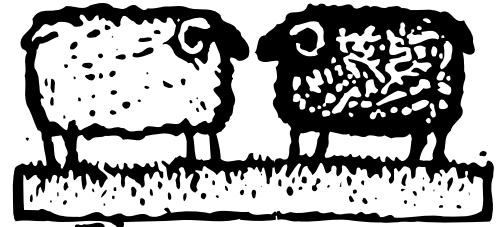
from Ways & Means

You may have seen Mr. Ways and Ms. Means scurrying about on campus a lot these past few weeks. They've been busy and hard at work encouraging you to give some money to support the many LdV programs and events the PTC sponsors for our children. These programs include our Blues Band, art, drama, speech and debate, sports, garden, yearbook, science fair, SLATE, and Reading Is Fundamental book program. In addition, the PTC sponsors such events as the Explorit Science Night, Renaissance Faire, Authors Visit, and Cultural Assemblies. Finally, the PTC gives money to every teacher to spend in their classrooms - over \$7000 this year. Now you can see why Ways and Means have been so busy! But with Mr. Ways "can do" attitude, and Ms. Means "know how," you can bet they'll get the job done!

Get into the Spirit of the Season...

"Mr. Lobo's Not-Very-Scary Spookshow" Famous Midnight Movie host of "Cinema Insomnia" and the "Sacramento Horror Film Festival" presents a fun all-ages show filled with strange short films, kitschy cartoons, and classic monster movie clips on a big screen! Creepy Costume Contest, Silly Screaming Contest, Peculiar Prizes, Gross Games and Free Candy! Bring a blanket and a teddy bear and B-b-b-be there! If you dare!

October 9th, 6:30 pm LdV School Auditorium - \$2 or Free if you come dressed as your favorite monster or weird character! *To benefit LdV 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students. Volunteers Needed! Contact Kate Ramos mkeramos@pacbell.net / 549-5734



Want to be In Charge of the Sheep Lungs?

On October 21, Explorit! will present an evening of hands-on exploration of science for LdV families. From 6:30 to 8 pm, the auditorium will have stations set up to explore earth science, the human body, illusions, electricity, and more. This event is sponsored by the PTC and is free.

We need parent volunteers to monitor the stations from 6 to 8:30 pm (no science experience is necessary). Please call Diane at 277-7034 if you can help.

Spirit Squad Tryouts

All 6, 7 & 8th grade girls are invited to tryout for the 2009-2010 Squad. Tryouts are Oct 5-9 from 3:15 to 4:30 pm. Plan to attend all week.

Word of the Week

This week our character word is DIGNITY. Whitney Houston sang a memorable song, "The Greatest Love of All." The lyrics were about self-love and dignity. The simple but powerful phrase: "No matter what they take from me, they can't take away my dignity" speaks to the true meaning of the word. Dignity is what a person of character would never willingly sacrifice. Dignity is self-respect.

Earn Hours!!

Looking for a parent with a child in Ms. Rouse's Beginning Band class who would be willing to pick up my child for band class in the morning, OR, bring my child home from band practice in the afternoon. Morning or afternoon session - - doesn't matter! We live in the Parkway Estates neighborhood, near Florin Rd. and East Pkwy. off Hwy. 99. Please call to discuss! Marcy 879-2135 or 428-5105.

It's Only My Opinion...

...but didn't the first four weeks go by awfully quickly? The flurry of forms and fundraisers may be settling down a little, but volunteer activity should really be kicking in now. New parents, please don't wait for an invitation...if you see something you are interested in doing—join in. Continuing parents—you are officially out of excuses! It is time for each person to bring their gifts to the table for our children to benefit from.

Right now we really need parents who can direct a cakewalk, spin some cotton candy, gather yearbook photos, oversee small scientists, create a winter wonderland—well the list of things that need to be done to continue to enrich our children's education is endless...but isn't it why we chose this school?

—Diane Soule, Editor

After School Art Lessons

Drawing, watercolor and acrylic painting, collage and paper mache for second through fifth grade students Tuesdays at Leonardo da Vinci from 3:15 to 4:45 pm. Cost is \$12 per week (all materials included). For more information or to sign up, call Leslie Colby at 391-8384.

From the SCL

TB test results and Sex Offender Background Checks must be on file before working in the classroom. Fingerprinting must be completed before driving on field trips.

Hours updates will be coming home soon, -really! Watch for them if you have carry over hours (or still owe a few).

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

TB Tests

Remember, you must have a current TB test result on file before you work with students or drive field trips.

Wondering What To Do?

The first weeks of school can be overwhelming and you may be feeling a little lost. Stop by the SCL office and ask questions.

There are many opportunities for volunteering on campus, please consider:

- Class Garden Volunteer
- Magazine Fundraiser
- T Shirt Distribution
- Jog A Thon
- Explorit!
- Harvest Hoe Down
- Yearbook Committee

• **Wash clothes** for the PTA Clothes Closet. Get volunteer hours by doing laundry for the on-campus PTA Clothes Closet which serves the entire district. Earn 1.5 hours per load of laundry. Call 277-4338, open Tues & Thurs 9 am to 2 pm.

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.

Keep JOOI at LdV

For the past two years LdV has had several students working in our community as Junior Optimists. We need a parent (or two) to step up to lead our band or junior community service volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Diane at diane-soule@sac-city.k12.ca.us.

Hoe Down Help

There are sign up sheets posted outside room 26 for goodies to be donated for the Harvest Hoe Down. Please plan to drop off your donation in room 26 on Friday morning Oct 30.



Want to volunteer? Sign up sheets are posted outside room 26. All parents are welcome!

CIE Display Case Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to create interesting cultural displays for the CIE display case located in the main hall by the office. This work can be done by an individual, family, or group of friends and volunteer hours can be earned for your efforts. If interested, choose one culture to highlight or a topic that celebrates our cultural diversity. Then contact Carolyn Raber to sign up (call 498-9765 or send an email to lovemy3knees@gmail.com).

Community Events

LdV's own Tim Sapunor (second grade teacher) has a supporting role in The Geery Theater's production of "When You Coming Back Red Ryder?" Showing Oct 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, & 24 at 8 pm at 2130 L Street. Sounds like a great idea for date night! For more info go to www.myspace.com/whenyoucomingbackredryder.

Free Citizenship Classes - Learn how to answer the N400 application questions; Practice writing and reading the words designated for the interview; Master the 100 Government and History questions; and Develop all the skills necessary to pass the interview. Mon & Wed 6-9 pm at 2401 Florin Rd. or Tuesday 6-9 pm or Monday & Wed from 1:30-3:30 pm at 2400 N St.

Are You Clicking??

Box Top Contest

Help LdV Win \$50,000

How? Go to www.thebigclip.com and enroll as a LdV supporter, then click once a day between now and October 31. Every daily click gives LdV more chances to win...tell grandma to click us too!

\$500 or \$20,000 for LdV

Please help us qualify to win \$20,000 in the "America's Favorite School" contest sponsored by Care2 and GreatSchools at www.AmericasFavoriteSchool.com. No purchase or donation is necessary to win.

By the way, GreatSchools.com has some pretty nice parent comments about our school...

Middle School Parent Meeting

Potential and current middle school parents are invited to join the Principal on Thursday, October 8 from 9:30 to 10:30 am for a discussion about middle school topics.

LdV 5th Graders' Hand Washing Makes the News

Students from room 24 & 25 made the news last week showing off the handwashing techniques they learned from our resident expert Dr Suzanne Lindgren. If you missed them on channel 10 news, go to the link on the LdV website: <http://schools.scusd.edu/leonardodavinci>.

**Last Magazine
Turn In Day
Thursday, Oct 8
8:30-9 am
in front of school!**

State Employees!

Did you know you can choose LdV as your beneficiary in the CA State employee's charitable campaign? Go to <http://www.csecc.org/> and enter Leonardo da Vinci Parent Teacher Council (PTC) as the 501 3(c) of your choice. Our Tax ID is 68-0198753; other information you may need: 4701 Joaquin Way, Sacramento CA 95822; 916 277-6496.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I like trains. So when my boy brought home this magazine deal you got going on, I thought I would see if any of my train magazines were in there. And what do you know, sure enough they were! So I checked to see how much it was and compared it to the renewal notice I got in the mail, and the price was exactly the same. But if my math is right, da Vinci will get over \$17 for each one I buy! So I checked again on the notice I got in the mail, and saw that I could save \$20 if I shelled out a hundred bucks for a 3-year renewal, but you know what? That extra \$20 I spend over three years by doing it with you all means over \$50 for my boy's school. You can't beat that with a stick! Be sure you send this home again next year!

—Dad Right on Track

Dear Dad,

Thanks for doing the math. You have convinced me to renew my subscription to Super Heroes Magazine!

—Editor

Dear Editor,

I tried to borrow my buddy's vacuum pump the other day, but you know what? He went and lost it before I could borrow it. The bum! I got tired of that stuff and decided to buy my own. So I went down to Harbor Freight on Stockton Blvd. with my new Entertainment Book and got just what I needed. And the 15% off coupon from your book saved me over \$20! I've only had the book a week and I think it has already paid for itself! Now I need one for my other car. Can I get another? Thanks!

—Coupon Crazy

Dear Crazy,

I'd like to borrow your vacuum pump—they were all out when I took my coupon to Harbor Freight. I did head on down Stockton Blvd to use my Steve's Pizza coupon and got \$6 off dinner!

—Editor

Got a story to share about how one of our fundraisers or events helped you? E-mail it to newsletter@ldvptc.org.

Fundraiser Updates

We've had 3 PTC Fundraisers and a Salad Bar in the first month of school! Whew! Ways and Means takes a breather this week while we tally the receipts and track our progress on our goal to raise \$30,000. We'll get back to you next week with an update on the accounting for all these, but there are still a few things we need you to do!

If you have not yet returned your unsold Entertainment Book(s) or Payment for it, please do so immediately. The books are not yours to keep unless you have paid for them.

Subscribe to or sell a few more Magazines, and then turn in your final sales. You can also shop online at QSP.com. If you are still selling magazines or items from the QSP catalog, please contact us ASAP to let us know. The best method is by e-mail to waysandmeans@ldvptc.org. You can also call our LdV Voicemail at 557-0389 Box 40. We'll run the sale as long as there is interest.

Go buy some groceries! That's right! You heard correctly. Go across the street to Raley's on Freeport and look at the wall at the front of the store by the cash registers. You will see a large sign showing that LdV has received over \$16,000 in donations from Raley's because of shoppers using their "Q-Cards". Of course, the other two schools listed have received \$40,000 and \$70,000 respectively. So what do we need to do? Use your Q-Card when you buy groceries! Or better yet, get ALL your family, friends, co-workers - EVERYONE IN SACRAMENTO! (well maybe not) - to sign up for a Q-Card with Leonardo da Vinci PTC listed as the beneficiary. The more people that use them, the more we earn, and it doesn't cost a thing! See Diane if you need some more Q-Cards to give to people, or just one for yourself, and she'll take care of the rest.

We'll be back next week with the results of our Book and Magazine sales, along with an update on our Mona Campaign. And hopefully we'll also tell you a little more about the Holiday Gift Catalog that will be coming home towards the end of the month. In the meantime, Mr. Ways and Ms. Means say, "Thanks for your support of LdV!"

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!

LdV Website

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