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## Dates to Remember

### Sept 27

Field Trip Coordinator mtg 9:15/  
LIB

### Sept 28

Principal's Coffee Chat 8:30am  
Class Manager mtg 9:15/LIB  
Basketball Tryouts 2:15-3:30pm

### Sept 29

Basketball Tryouts 3:15-4:30pm

### Oct 4

SSC Mtg 5:30 pm/LIB  
Class PTC Rep Mtg 6 pm/AUD  
PTC Mtg 6:30 pm/LIB

### Oct 7

Swap Meet & Breakfast Treats  
9-noon

### Oct 9-13

Scholastic Book Fair

### Oct 10

Fall Photo Day

### Oct 11

Class meetings  
5-6 pm 7&8 grade  
5:30-6:30 pm ek-3rd gr  
6-7 pm 4-6th gr

### Girl's Volleyball Home Games @ 3:30 pm

Sept 27 vs Cal  
Oct 9 vs Cal  
Oct 11 vs Einstein  
Oct 23 vs Sutter

**Come support our team!**

Your school-related event  
could be featured here!

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Leonardo da Vinci eK-8

**Next Issue: Oct 2  
Deadline: Sept 28**

# Leonardo da Vinci eK-8 School

Integrated Thematic Instruction Through Arts & Sciences

## Basketball Tryouts...

...for 5-8th grade boys and girls are Sept 28 at 2:15 and Sept 29 at 3:15 in the LdV gym. Contact Coach Paul Pirkey at 508-3291 with any questions.

## Field Trip Coordinators & Class Managers!

Please try to attend your meeting this week: Field Trip Coordinators on **Wed Sept 27** at 9:15 am and Class Managers on **Thurs Sept 28** at 9:15 am. Meetings are in the Library. New coordinators & Managers should definitely attend, and veterans are asked to come to help with advice.

## Fall PTC Fundraiser News

Remember, the sale of only 2 or 3 subscriptions per family is all it takes for us to make our fundraising goal and help LdV PTC to support many campus enrichment activities such as assemblies, Renaissance Faire, Family Science Night and the Science Fair.

Catalogs went home last week and their are extra in the front office. If you are ordering online our school code is 2692168. If you have questions please contact Janetp958@aol.com

**Our last two turn in days are 9/28 and Oct 5 at 8:30 AM**

## Swap Meet & Breakfast Treats

Do you have some stuff you would like to sell but don't want to hold a yard sale at your house? Buy a spot at the Oct 7 LdV Swap Meet! Spots are only \$25. Forms are in the front office. Contact tiffany-ballard@scusd.edu for information.

Don't have anything to sell? Stop by to browse on October 7 between 9-noon and don't forget to fill up with breakfast treats sold by LdV Science Club.

## Office Help

Alphabetizing! Filing! Sorting! Remember how much you enjoyed filling out those first day packets? Every wonder what happens to those 6 pages for all 870 students? Once the confidential papers are sorted out the rest need alphabetizing and filing. Think you are up for it? Please contact diane-soule@scusd.edu if you can help.

## The Book Fair is Coming to LdV!

Volunteer at the Scholastic Book Fair! The profit from the Book Fair allows us to purchase new books for the LdV Library and classrooms. The Book Fair runs during school hours, from October 9 thru Oct 13, as well as Class Meeting night on Oct 11 from 5-7 pm. We also need volunteers for setting up the Book Fair on Friday, October 6, from 3 pm to 6 pm, and take down on Oct 13, from 3:30 pm to 6 pm. Please sign up to help at <http://signup.com/go/c2Cf72> or contact Sara Kennedy at 916-220-5033 or [sarakennedy@comcast.net](mailto:sarakennedy@comcast.net) with questions.

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## Volunteers Needed for the Da Vinci Dash!

The Da Vinci Dash is coming up fast! It's October 30th and we are looking for volunteers to help with planning this fun day! We need help making flyers and posters, securing sponsors and recruiting volunteers for the day of. Contact Lisa Riley at [drakeriley6@gmail.com](mailto:drakeriley6@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## Want to Promote your Company?

The Da Vinci Dash offers great visibility for your company. Consider sponsoring the Dash and get your company in front of hundreds of families. Interested? - Contact Ryann Miller at [ryshmillersbcglobal.net](mailto:ryshmillersbcglobal.net)

## Have Something to Share?

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

## Dolphins!

Thank you LdV art teacher Ms. Stiller and her Middle School students for a beautiful stack of Dolphin Art for the LdV newsletter masthead! This week's dolphin artist is 7th grader, **Joshua C.**

# More Front Page News!

## PTC is Looking for Volunteers for Three Really Important Jobs!

**Help Clean Up Our Act** - Our **Buildings & Grounds** team, Jennifer and Jason Moore are parents of an eighth grade student, so it is their last year leading weekend grounds clean ups. If you love the outdoors and would like to help keep LdV looking spiffy, we would love to have you work with them this year and take the helm next year. Please contact PTC President, Lisa Holland at [nurselisa73@yahoo.com](mailto:nurselisa73@yahoo.com) if you are interested or have questions.

**Light Up Our Life** - Soon to be leaving us, Jason Moore has also been heading up our **Fireworks** booth the last two years. We are looking for someone to take on this very important fundraiser ASAP. There are some veteran fireworks folks around to help, but we do need a lead person. If you are interested please contact PTC President, Lisa Holland at [nurselisa73@yahoo.com](mailto:nurselisa73@yahoo.com) if you are interested or have questions.

## LdV Dolphin Yacht Club!

Students gr. 6-8 are welcome to join Dolphin Yacht Club. DYC is LdV's team for the SMUD sponsored California Solar Regatta. The regatta is a competition where Middle Schools, High Schools, and Colleges from all over northern California build and race solar powered boats. This is NOT a model! It is a full-size boat built and raced by students! We are looking for students with a wide range of interests - there is something for everyone.

Parent volunteers are welcome and encouraged. There are many ways to help; from technical and building expertise to acquiring materials and sponsors. The team will meet zero period Tuesdays and Thursdays, and after school on Fridays.

If you would like to join the club, fill out the activity participation form in the front office and return it to Mr. Androlowicz or myself (Joe Scarpa). We ask for \$25 contribution to participate, but if this is a hardship let me know, there are some scholarships available. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at: [joe@jscarpa.com](mailto:joe@jscarpa.com). Joe Scarpa – DYC Mentor

## We Are Going Electronic!

In an effort to make LdV news even more accessible, we are going electronic. You can have news at your fingertips by signing up through our website [leonardodavincischool.org](http://leonardodavincischool.org). Thank you to the 734 families who are already signed up! If you did not receive an newsletter via email, not all the first day packets have been processed. If you don't want to wait go to our website [www.leonardodavincischool.org](http://www.leonardodavincischool.org) and sign up. We will continue paper newsletters until the majority of households have signed up, and will continue sending home flyers monthly as necessary. If anyone has a great suggestion for flyers, please let me know! Everyone will be receiving paper copies until we get this all figured out. Thank you for your patience with this process!

## High School Visitation Days

George Washington Carver School of Arts & Science: 8:30-10 am on Tuesdays 10/10, 11/14, 12/12, 1/16, 2/13, 3/13. Please call Mrs Agnos at 395-5266 to reserve your space.

## Teacher & Staff Appreciation

As you hopefully know, the community of LdV parents and Starbucks host an appreciation breakfast for our hard working teachers and staff on the Thursday mornings following class meetings. This year the School Climate committee has made an exciting change! Throughout the year each grade will be asked to host one breakfast. We will need about ten parents to make or buy a breakfast item and deliver it to the conference room next to Diane's office from 7:15-8:15 on the Thursday morning that is designated for your grade.

There will be sign ups available during your class meeting on the month before your grade is assigned to provide breakfast. September- EK; October-Seventh & Eighth; November-Fifth & Sixth; January-Third & Fourth; March-Second; April-First; May-Kindergarten

If you are one of the wonderful parents that has in past years brought in something monthly, you are of course welcome to continue to contribute any time!

If you have any questions please contact the VP of School Climate Carrie Sabillon at [carrie.sabillon@gmail.com](mailto:carrie.sabillon@gmail.com).

Thanks for helping the PTC make Teacher Appreciation happen!

## Found

Did you leave your fancy sunglasses at Funderland? See Diane in the front office.

## Know a Great Way to Earn Hours and Have Fun?

Did you know that attending a LdV sporting event (volleyball, soccer, basketball) counts for Parent Volunteer Hours? Every adult who shows team spirit and is a shining example of good sportsmanship is an asset to our teams.

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## 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

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## Community Events

**Children's Book Festival:** September 16 & 17 10am-4pm at Fairytale Town. This free program features readings and presentations by authors and illustrators of children's books. Fairytaletown.org or 808-7462 for more information.

**Safe & Super Halloween** in Space at Fairytale Town. October 20, 21 & 22. Tickets are on sale now and increase in price on Oct 20. Fairytaletown.org or 808-7462 for more information.

**Attendance:** Please note the attendance email is: [torresO@scusd.edu](mailto:torresO@scusd.edu)

**Attendance: 395-4636**

**Office: 395-4635**

### Attendance Information

Please email [torreso@scusd.edu](mailto:torreso@scusd.edu) with your students' absences and tardies or call 395-4635. 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 of your email. You will receive a reply if your email has been received. Absence verification must be made daily. Doctor's notes must accompany any medical excuse including tardies and early dismissals over 30 minutes. Unverified absences will result in truancies.

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### Student Medications

If your child needs medications during the school day, a new medication form needs to be filed. Forms must be complete before any meds can be left.

### Fundraiser News: **Contribute without Paying**

**How Do You Shoparoo?** It's so simple even I can do it. Look up Shoparoo on your smart-phone, 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!

**Shopping Online for Business or Personal Needs?** Go to our website: [leonardodavincischool.org](http://leonardodavincischool.org) (or go to or <http://amzn.to/1G0tjKX>); 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, desktop 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.

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

**Boxtops 4 Education** can earn money for LdV in three ways: **1. Shop and clip:** boxtops are found on General Mills cereal, Hanes apparel, Ziploc food storage, Avery office supplies, Hefty bags and more; **2. Shop online:** boxtops can be earned shopping online for Lands End, Toys R Us, and more; **3. Earn Bonus points:** by going online to [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com)

**Don't Forget to Use Your Nugget Scrip Card...** Truly the easiest and cheapest fundraiser at LdV...it costs you nothing to remember to use your NUGGET card (registered to help LdV) when you shop at Nugget. You get groceries and we get cash, it's a win-win!

**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.

## From the SCL (School Community Liaison)

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

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## From the Office Attendance Information Email Sick and Tardy

Please email torresO@scusd.edu with your students' absences and tardies or call 395-4635. 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 of your email. You will receive a reply if your email has been received. Absence verification must be made daily. Doctor's notes must accompany any medical excuse including tardies and early dismissals over 30 minutes. Unverified absences will result in truancies.

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**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 your child's absence report to lucy-mcginness@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.

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### 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!

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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:

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

**Elica Health Center:** 3701 J St, suite 201, Sacramento. Please call 454-2345 to make an appointment \$40.

Several **Rite Aide** locations also provide this service for a fee.

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