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!!! F-I-R-E-W-O-R-K-S !!! Earn Volunteer Hours For Next Year !! Help Raise \$10,000 For LdV !!

Buy fireworks from LdV this 4th of July and help raise money for our school. Help sell them at our booth and earn volunteer hours for next year. It's a win-win!! E-mail David DeNuzzo - dfd@denuzzo.com - for more information of stop by the fireworks table in front of the school at 8:45 am, 12:30 and 3:00 pm.

Scrip Sale - Last Days For Huge Savings !

Our ginormous SCRIP sale is going on now. Get \$10 fireworks scrip coupons for just \$9, or 12 coupons for \$100, a \$20 savings! Plus each ticket gets you an entry into our raffle for a huge fireworks assortment. You can even 'check out' scrip to take home and sell to your family, friends, and neighbors. So get some scrip and save!

Want to have a BLOCK PARTY? Save \$100 on the MONSTER Backyard Bash, or \$160 when you take BOTH the Backyard Bash and Barrage!! But all these special offers end Thursday, so don't delay! Remember, LdV keeps the profit from every sale!

E-mail David DeNuzzo - dfd@denuzzo.com - for more information of stop by the fireworks table in front of the school at 8:45 am, 12:30 and 3:00 pm. — Thank you for your support of LdV!!

Community Support Needed

Has your child been in LdV Band or Orchestra? Have you ever enjoyed an LdV concert? You may not realize this, but the instruments our children use come from the SCUSD Music Library that is located on our campus. Running this Library is a very special lady named Ilda Ballin. Since they share space in the gym area of LdV, our Coach A and Mrs. Ballin have become friends, and Coach A would like the LdV Community to join him in a very special fundraiser to help Mrs. Ballin acquire an electric wheel chair so that she can continue to enjoy a mobile lifestyle.

Anyone who would like to join Coach in his effort to assist Mrs. Ballin, please leave donations in the box in the front office. Please make checks payable to LdV PTC - Ilda's chair. Just a dollar per student can make a big difference! Thank you!

Library News from Ms. Buxton

Our dying library checkout system, Athena, will be replaced this summer by Destiny! This is exciting news! Destiny is a newer, more capable system that is used in the SCUSD high school libraries and many of the middle school libraries. The new system will require re-training of the parent library helpers in September as it is very different from Athena.

There will be no more checkout of library books this year. Please return any library books by June 1st. Textbooks will be returned after Finals. If your student is going to Ashland, please return all books before leaving.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers and parent helpers. You make it possible for the students to check-out books! Please keep an eye out for sales of blue tape this summer or shoeboxes for the library. Thank you!

Attendance

Please email chereese-conner@scusd.edu with your child's absence or tardy.

Dolphins

This week's dolphin artist is 8th grader **Kyle W.**

Funderland - Save the Date!

LdV's 12th Annual Evening at Funderland will be Friday, September 18th. This LdV community event gives our families a chance to hang out with friends, ride unlimited rides, and even eat dinner. The proceeds will help next year's 6th grade class raise money for their trip to Sly Park Environmental Education Center. Mark your calendars now!

MEDICATION REMINDER!!!

If your student has medication(s) kept at the school office/classroom, PLEASE pick up the medications by Friday, June 12. Medications not picked up by this date will be destroyed.

For school year 2015-2016: An "Authorization for Administration of Medication by School Personnel" form needs to be completed by you and your child's physician (including those self-carrying and self-administering asthma inhalers) annually. All medication to be administered by school staff needs to be labeled and brought to the school office by a parent or guardian.

Spelling B-e-e

MLK Library sponsors an Annual Spelling Bee for grades 1-8. Contests are July 15 & 16. Applications must be returned to MLK by July 1. I have lists of words available for studying ahead.

Keep Saving Labels & Boxtops!

Thank you to all who sent in Boxtops and Labels this year! We collected over \$1500 worth of Boxtops alone! Please remember to bring in your remaining Boxtops and Labels for Education to close out the school year and start your summer collecting fresh! Rooms six and seven thoroughly enjoyed their ice cream party last week and there were a lot of longing looks from the other classes. Next year will bring new contests and fun so keep collecting! — Thank you! Jen

Dates to Remember

June 10

8th grade Promotion 5pm
at Land Park Amphitheater

June 11

Last Day of School
1:30 dismissal

August 26

Packet Stuffing 10 am rm 28

August 26 & 27

Middle School Dolphinpalooza



Don't Forget
to Purchase
your Fireworks
in front of
Land Park Ski
& Sports
at 4207 Freepoint Blvd

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

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Deadline: Sept 3

More Front Page News!

Will the Last Day Surprise You?

Did you know lost library books and cafeteria bills result in NO report cards? Overdue notices have been sent out and now is the time to pay those bills. Students who are not returning next year will not have their grades released until bills are paid and books are returned or paid for.

Don't Renew, Yet!

We will be running our annual magazine sale next fall so please hold your renewals until we are back in September. We will also be offering a \$20 Entertainment Book app that will be good all over the US...how great will that be?

Da Vinci Dashed!

If your child had a pledge for last week's Jog A Thon, please send the money in ASAP. Honoring the pledges will help with our playground equipment and support our sports teams (League Champions)!

Photos, Photos and More Photos ...

Even though the yearbook is now completed, I am still collecting photos to be used in the Historian Binder for this school year. This binder picks up where the yearbook leaves off and is located in Diane's office for everyone to enjoy.

I would love to include the following events in the binder...

• Cinco de Mayo Performance • Taste of LdV • Talent Show - 5/15 • Mother Son Dance - 5/15 • Jog-a-thon - 5/28 -29

If you have any photos that you are willing to share, please either email them to me at terrie_hammad@hotmail.com or drop a disc or flash drive in the HISTORY box also located in Diane's office. - Thank you, Terrie Hammad, LdV Historian and Yearbook Coordinator

DolphinStock Rocked, Thank You!

Thank you to Ned and Terrie Hammad for organizing this year's DolphinStock event. Standing ovation to all the performers who donated their time and talents to the event. Thank you to the following donors for awesome drawing prizes. Kline's Music for the ukulele; Cerezo Martial Arts for the month of free karate lessons; Ned Hammad for the month of free guitar lessons; and Dan Davies at Dynacraft for the Cycocyle.

LdV on the Web & Facebook

The weekly newsletter can be found on the LdV web site: 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. 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.

**Remember, if you have completed
your hours commitment,
any hours worked after May 15 count toward
your 2015-2016 commitment!**

from the District

Kindergarten Readiness Summer Academy July 1-31, 2015. at ten sites throughout the district. Apply now through June 3. Call 643-7858 for information.

First Day of School 2015-16 - will be Thursday, September 3 - before the Labor Day holiday. This shift will give staff, parents and students more time to return to the routine of school after summer break. We hope to move the start date up even further in years to come, bringing SCUSD more in alignment with neighboring districts. -Superintendent Banda

Unsung Hero

Cindy Kazee has tirelessly served LdV in the eight years her children have gone to school here. She served on the PTC in various roles including two years as PTC President. She has been behind the scenes on many major events, smiling and serving the community for the benefit of our school and our children. Cindy goes above and beyond day after day, including making video slide shows for events like the Sly Park field trip and our 8th grade graduation. Cindy organizes fund raisers, bakes cookies, and volunteers with grace and good humor. With her daughters' graduation, we are saying good bye to a valued member of our community. Thanks, Cindy!



(For those of you unfamiliar with Unsung Heroes, this is where we acknowledge the parent who goes a little farther...the teacher who inspires a little more...the staff person who really shines...the student who makes a special effort. Submit your Unsung Hero's name with a brief explanation of who they are and why you chose them along with your name. If you'd like to acknowledge a job well done even if you don't know who to credit, that's okay too. Email, call or leave a note for me. -Diane Soule, Editor)

My Unsung Heroes...

There are always volunteers who do and do and do with very little recognition....and the fear of pointing out one or two and leaving out others strikes me every year, but here goes...On a weekly basis these folks touched my life directly while working in our community:

My newsletter team: 37 newsletters (some of them took 2 hours to staple) wow, thanks for another great year!

Ryan Fong: So much patience...

Jeri Clark, Alexis Wasilchin and the Learning Garden team: food from the LdV Garden, cooked in the LdV garden!

UnChu Littlefield: Art. Everywhere.

David DeNuzzo: Fireworks, again.

Ada Littlefield & Zach Martinez: Popsicles & treats

Janet Foskett & Theresa DeFazio: Filing

Mary Moya: Alphabetizing and flowers everywhere

Cindy Kazee: Did you say "yes" every time?

Laura Walter: Always smiling (you might have been gritting your teeth once or twice)

Stacie Lo: Staff food!

All the people who stopped by and said "I have 5, 10, 30 minutes, do you need help?"

Letha Witt: you make LdV Shine!

All the volunteers, administration, teachers and staff who believe as I do, that at the end of the day, IT IS ALL WORTH IT!

...and a Fond Farewell

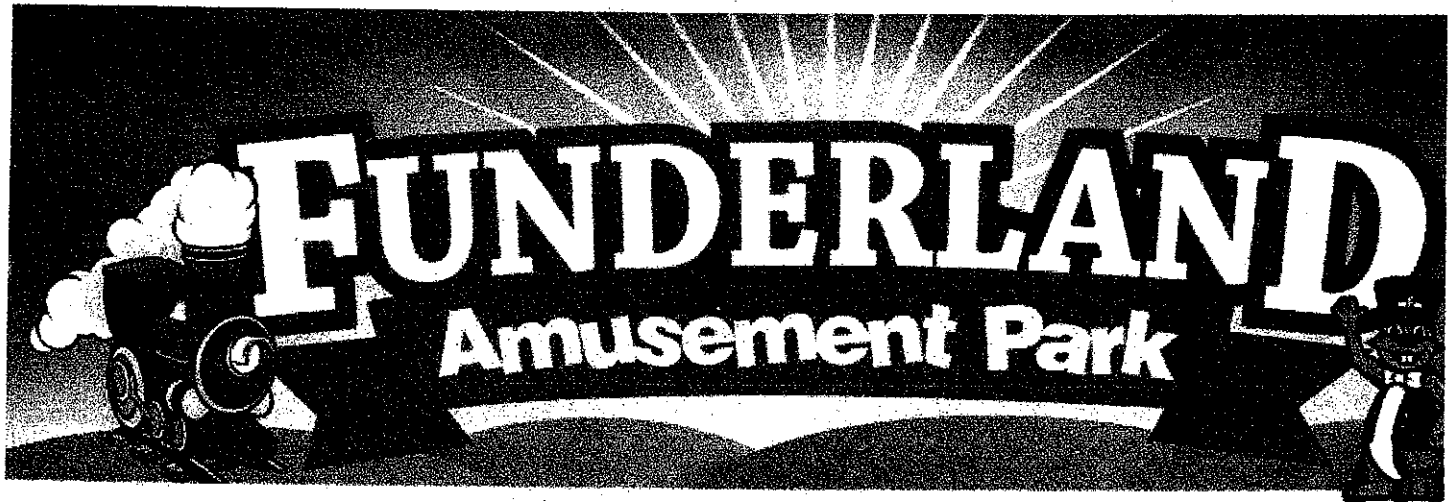
Every 8th grade promotion is bitter sweet - a lot of the students have been at LdV for eight or nine years and I have had the fortune to watch them grow up before my eyes. It is equally hard to say good bye to the parents with whom I have worked side by side for those eight or nine years. Some years there are more than others, and some years the parents are just unforgettable. This year you are unforgettable...

Thank you for another great year at LdV. -Diane Soule, Newsletter Editor

Have a Fabulous Summer!

"May and June Students of the Month"

GRADE	RM	TEACHER	ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT	CITIZENSHIP	ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT	CITIZENSHIP	
Early Kinder	2PM	Eily Graves	Gabriellah Danh	Michael Backovich	Joseph Rios	Adira Weiner	
		Jennifer Sparks	Martin Levine	Sophia Briggs	Amelia Havener	Audrey Bozio	
	3	Lisa Brown	Alyssa Miranda	Anthony Basquez			
		4	Jane Walton	Gillian Saldana	Nyiah Hennick		Santino Valles
1st-3rd SDC	20	Patty Ryan	Isaac Gomez	Alexandria Reyes	Cole Lyda		
		Veasna Nim	Christian Guerrero	Francisco Villalpando	Elias Avila	Nessa Weiner	
	5	Jamie Maroldy	Jordan Bailey	Audrey Mishell	Vivian Waslichin	Julia Yarbrough	
		7	Stacey Lombardi	Claire Grady	Ofelia Lopez	Marco Murphy	Malia Preston
Second	11	Sean Abitz	Carissa Slinger	Zaidee Lirch	Pennie Howes	Chris Martinez	
		12	Allison Hebert	Maya Norberg	Emma Mark	Fela White	
	18	Julie Boettner	Lila DeMund	Riley Victor	Jace DeNuzzo	Diego Barragan-Cespedes	
		8	Linda Johnson	Nicole Archer	Keyon Jones	Lucy Cooper	Gianna Solari
Third	9	Marbeth Niehaus	Olen Niemeyer	Mariela Avalos Daniels	Adela Ortega	Brianna York	
		10	Kim Meade	Dominic Brau	Isaias Chavez	Isabella Castro	Asher Ballard
	4th-6th SDC	33A	Phil Howard				
			15	Vienna Bustos	Finnegan Morrison	Tino Munoz	Nikita Negrulya
Fourth	16	Brian Moore	Courtney Stinson	Adriana Thomas	Gabi Larsen	Bella Romo Anthony Foster	
		17	Deborah Dodd	Tanner Meade	Joshua Cervantes		
	Fifth	23	Jim Aldridge	Marcos Villalpando	Maryvn Puga	Marissa Guerrero	Vivian Zalunardo
			24	Toomey	Melody Lednicki-Lehman	Rico Duran	Reagan Mar
Sixth	25	Dan Maroldy	Kim Lopez	Sanae Cunningham	Daniel Molina	Ashley Lima	
		21	Kim Williams				
	22	Rhonda Wallace	Mariana Garcia	Emma Ernigh (academic achievement)	Lola Jan	Sophia Sidley (academic achievement)	
Band	29	Cathy Katsura					
		1	Jennifer Nakayama	Genna Bourguin	Mallory Fuller	Melody Lehmen	Declan McGee



**The 12th Annual LdV
FUNderland FUNder-raiser**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Friday, September 18

5:00 – 8:00 pm

Tickets: \$15

It's FUN for all ages....

Enjoy unlimited rides, friends, food & drinks, and much more!

*Proceeds go to next year's 6th grade class to raise money for their trip to
Sly Park Environmental Education Center*

KEEP CLIPPING!!

THIS SUMMER, REMEMBER TO CLIP
AND COLLECT YOUR BOXTOPS AND
LABELS FOR EDUCATION



LOOK OUT FOR BONUS POINTS!!

AS ALWAYS, MAKE SURE TO WRITE YOUR NAME AND
ROOM NUMBER ON YOUR SUBMISSION!

FAR-AWAY FAMILY MEMBERS CAN MAIL THEIR
BOXTOPS AND LABELS DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL 😊



Dear LdV Community,

This year marks my 5th year leading the LDV PTC Learning Garden Committee, and I am excited to say my last. Those of us who run volunteer committees know how important it is to find the right group to not only carry on with the work that has been done, but to build upon that work and make things even better. I have one more year at LdV before my youngest graduates, and I will be spending my volunteer time behind the scenes finishing up important garden work on campus, and moving on to broader community work with Soil Born Farms and the Growing Together Initiative. There are amazing things happening in the school garden committee in our region and I'm thrilled to be a part of it.

I have been privileged to work with so many wonderful parent volunteers, teachers, LdV staff, garden committee members, and students throughout the years that while I will miss it, I will never forget all of the great memories we have shared and the great work we have done together. Thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to lead the garden committee, and to create an outdoor learning space for every student at our school.

I look forward to cheering on the work of the *new LdV Learning Garden Committee*: Greg Richards, Alexia Wasilchin, Linsey Martin, Jessica Waterbury, and Jennifer Bennett. This is a great group of dedicated and talented LdV parents who, with the continued support of the generous LdV community, will continue to grow the LdV PTC Learning garden.

Love & School Gardens,

Jeri Clark, LdV PTC Learning Garden Coordinator 2008 - 2015

- **Thank You!**

The garden takes a lot of volunteers to keep it running. Thank you to all of the LdV families and staff that came out to one, or many, of the Learning Garden Work Days that were held throughout the year. There are too many of you to list (such a blessing), but please know how grateful the garden committee is for your support, and how important the work you do in the garden is to every student on this campus.

A special THANK YOU to: Assistant Principal Tiffany Ballard, for helping out at many of the work days this year. Your support means so much to the great work that the garden accomplished this year, and to our school's wonderful Facilities Manager, Leatha Witt for her enthusiastic support this year.

Due to upcoming construction on the campus garden work days have been postponed. If you would like to put on an email list for future garden work days please contact **Greg Richards**, at greg_richards@rocketmail.com

- **Cooking & Nutrition in the Learning Garden!**

Thank you Alexis Wasilchin (Learning Garden Cooking Coordinator), the PTC, and the first grade teachers and families for making the first year of the cooking and nutrition program at LdV a big success. Alexis looks forward to expand the program to the second grade next year and is looking for parent volunteers from the first and second grade classroom to help facilitate the program.

Alexis was also very busy this year coordinating 4 special cooking opportunities in the garden for every student at LdV. Hundreds of students worked together during recess, preparing fresh and nutritious food from recipes that were based on items that were growing in the garden. This endeavor was made possible by the generous cooking volunteers that helped to create a fun and delicious environment in the LdV garden for every student at the school.

Thanks to Alexis Wasilchin, and the continued support from the LdV PTC, the cooking and nutrition enrichment program at LdV is poised to become a very special part of the school. If you would like to find out more about how you can help either through volunteering or providing produce and services please contact LdV PTC Learning Garden Cooking and Nutrition Coordinator: **Alexis Wasilchin Bartine**, alexisbartine@sbcglobal.net

- **Classrooms in the Garden**

This year, thanks to the garden expansion there were more classrooms in the garden than ever before. These classrooms were able to get out the space because of their amazing teachers and parent classroom garden volunteers.

A special thank you to this year's classroom garden volunteers: Laura Amaya and Jessica Waterbury (1st grade), Monica Eggerbretson and Nancy Victor (2nd grade), Greg Richards and Linsey Martin (3rd grade), Kris Ore, Char Klassen and Anne Graybill (4th grade), Alysia Nordberg & Elizabeth Lee (5th grade), and last but not least the fabulous 6th grade teachers Ms. Williams and Kathy Katsura!

If you are interested in helping to get your student's class into the garden next year please contact the LdV PTC Learning Garden Volunteer Coordinator: **Linsey Martin**, linsey_martin@yahoo.com

"If you have a library and a garden you have everything you need."

Marcus Tullius Cicero

FROM
THE LDV
GARDEN

To Your Table



Everyone loves a grilled cheese sandwich but our LdV students LOVED the Garden Grilled Cheese! Try it at home with your favorite vegetables!

Alexis Wasilchin

Garden Grilled Cheese Sandwiches

1 Tablespoon olive oil
2 leeks, thinly sliced (light green part)
1 fennel bulb, thinly sliced (bulb only)
1 bunch Swiss Chard cut or torn into smaller pieces
1 bunch Kale, de-stemmed and cut or torn into smaller pieces
salt and pepper to taste

Butter

Sliced wheat or white bread

Grated Monterrey Jack cheese

(I also like to add white sharp cheddar and parmesan to the Jack)

Heat oil in a skillet and sauté vegetables for around 5 minutes until the chard and kale has wilted. Remove vegetables. Butter one side of the bread and place the butter side down in the skillet. Pile a handful of grated cheese on the bread and top with a spoonful of the veg mixture. Top with another piece of bread, buttered side up. Grill until lightly browned and flip over, continue grilling until the cheese has melted. Repeat with remaining ingredients.

- you can substitute your families favorite vegetables!

Our LdV
Learning
Garden is
supported
by our
PTC!

We are so fortunate at LdV to have such a beautiful garden and volunteers who have created it and maintained it over the years. This year, in addition to cooking projects in the garden, we were able to launch a cooking curriculum in 1st grade that was very successful. I am so appreciative of all the volunteers who helped make all of these projects possible and especially to Jeri Clark who paved the way. I hope that we can continue on our culinary journey next year. Please let me know if you are interested in participating. Thank you! Happy Summer!

Alexis Wasilchin

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