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### IMPORTANT DATES

**OCTOBER 2:** School Site Council (SSC) meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the Library

**OCTOBER 2:** PTC Rep Training, 5:45 p.m. in the Auditorium

**OCTOBER 2:** PTC meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Library

**OCTOBER 7-11:** Scholastic Book Faire, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Library

**OCTOBER 8:** Fall School Picture Day

**OCTOBER 16:** Winter Faire Coordinators meeting, 6 p.m. in the Cafeteria

**OCTOBER 25:** Da Vinci Dash (school jogathon)

**OCTOBER 30:** Whole Child Wellness meeting, 8:30 a.m. in the Library

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# LDV NEWS

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## WINTER FAIRE COORDINATORS ORIENTATION MEETING: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Winter Faire will be here before we know it! Each classroom must have a Winter Faire & Boutique Coordinator. If interested in fulfilling these awesome classroom positions, please attend our introduction meeting on October 16 from 6–7 p.m. in the cafeteria. If you have questions about Winter Faire, please contact [ldwinterfaire@gmail.com](mailto:ldwinterfaire@gmail.com) or (916) 802-9870, or for the Boutique please contact [ashleycocke@gmail.com](mailto:ashleycocke@gmail.com) or (916) 698-3520.

## GET TICKETS NOW FOR ART IN THE DARK: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

LdV's annual Art in the Dark fundraiser will be held on Friday, November 1, from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall in West Sacramento. During this unique event, Shelby Haines, teacher of LdV's visually impaired students, will take you on a sensory awareness experience like no other, as you get a glimpse into the lives of those with blindness. Join her for an adults-only evening of wine, small bites (provided by Tate's Kitchen), and a unique art adventure led by UnChu Littlefield. At the end of the evening you will have created a masterpiece to take home!

Tickets to Art in the Dark are \$50/person or \$90/couple, and can be purchased online here:

**Single Ticket:** [bit.ly/AITD-2019-Single](https://bit.ly/AITD-2019-Single)

**Couple's Ticket:** [bit.ly/AITD-2019-Couples](https://bit.ly/AITD-2019-Couples)

Limited seating is available for this event, and all proceeds will benefit the Visual Impairment Program.

## SIGN-UPS NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE FALL BOOK FAIR: OCTOBER 7-11

It's Scholastic Book Fair time! If you love books, kids, and your school library, come and volunteer at the Scholastic Book Fair! The Book Fair runs from October 7 – 11, 2019, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (3 p.m. on Thursday). We also need volunteers for setting up the Book Fair on Friday, October 4, from 3 – 6 p.m. and take down on Friday, October 11, from 4 – 6 p.m.

We're using SignUp.com to organize our volunteers. Here's how to sign up:

1. Visit the sign-up site: <https://signup.com/go/jWVTvbE>
2. Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
3. Sign up! It's easy — you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Sarah Marsh Krauter at (209) 608-2259 or [marshkrauter@gmail.com](mailto:marshkrauter@gmail.com) and she can sign you up manually. Thank you for your support of the book fair!



WANT TO SUBMIT AN ITEM TO THE LDV NEWSLETTER? WE HAVE A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!  
PLEASE SEND YOUR NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO [LDVNEWSITEMS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LDVNEWSITEMS@GMAIL.COM). THANKS!

## FROM THE WHOLE CHILD WELLNESS COMMITTEE

### What is a Wellness Policy?

A Wellness Policy is an important tool for parents, our school, and the district in promoting student wellness, preventing and reducing childhood obesity, and assuring that school meal nutrition guidelines meet the minimum federal school meals standards. It contains goals specifically for health education, physical education, health services, nutrition promotion and education, school gardens, counseling services, employee wellness, and safe environments. The full text can be read at <http://www.scusd.edu/post/scusd-school-wellness-policy>. It is also in our Whole Child Wellness binder, located in the parent resource office.

### How does it affect our school?

As a school community moving in a positive healthier direction, changes will include celebrating holidays and birthdays with healthy snacks or games instead of sweets, stricter regulations for food sales on campus, rewarding students with movement instead of food, and more. A draft of our LdV-specific Wellness Policy is in the Whole Child Wellness binder, located in the parent resource office. Stay tuned for specific tips and ideas. Parents with hands-on ideas are encouraged to join our team as we prioritize and implement the District Wellness Policy. Our community is diverse and strong, and your skills in fitness, gardening, nutrition, stress management, grant writing, cooking, or social media are needed! **We will meet at 8:30 a.m. on 10/30, 1/22, 2/26, 3/5, and 5/28.**

### How are your mornings going?

Make breakfast smoother by prepping food and laying out tableware the night before. Pancakes, egg muffins, and whole-grain muffins can be made ahead of time and frozen. Keep fruits and whole-grain breakfast bars in a bowl on the counter and hard boiled eggs in the refrigerator for healthy on-the-go meals. Find more tips at [www.actionforhealthykids.org/healthy-breakfast-at-home/](http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/healthy-breakfast-at-home/)

## LDV SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETING: OCTOBER 2

LdV's School Site Council is a volunteer committee comprised of teachers, parents, and administrators who monitor academic progress and prepare an annual program and budget plan for academically underperforming student groups. The LdV SSC is comprised of five parents (Marina Miranda, Jennifer Laffam, Kris Williams, Jason Weiner, and Dave O'Toole) and five teachers and administrators (Debbie Keller, Vice Principal Tiffany Ballard, Principal Devon Davis, and two teachers to be named).

The SSC meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the school library at 5:30 p.m., and parents are always invited to attend and share their thoughts on spending and academic performance priorities. Questions or comments may be directed to any committee member. The current SSC chair is Dave O'Toole, (916) 346-9045.

## LEARN ABOUT OUR COLORCYCLE PROGRAM: DON'T THROW OUT OLD MARKERS!

Did you know that there is a way to recycle used markers, rather than throwing them in the trash? We're encouraging all LdV students to drop off used markers (all brands — they don't have to be Crayola) in the ColorCycle box in the front office. The markers will be sent to a facility where they will be converted into clean fuel, which can be used to power vehicles, heat homes, cook meals and more! Please contact Heather Anderson at [scissorsbeatpaper@gmail.com](mailto:scissorsbeatpaper@gmail.com) with questions.

## DINE OUT FOR SCHOOL CENTS

Arden Fair has begun their new Gold Star Store promotion as part of the School Cents program. From now until the end of October, LdV parents (as well as friends and family members) can dine at Seasons 52 restaurant at Arden Fair Mall and receive a FREE flatbread with purchase if they mention the School Cents program. Additionally, Seasons 52 will earn LdV TRIPLE points for all purchases in September and October!

## WAYS TO DONATE TO LDV

### SHOPAROO

Look up Shoparoo on your smart phone, download the app, answer some easy questions (you can choose to be anonymous) then shop! Within two weeks of your shopping at stores like Raley's, Target, WalMart, or Trader Joe's, 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!

### AMAZON

Go to our website: [leonardodavincischool.org](http://leonardodavincischool.org) (or go to <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 purchases!

### BOX TOPS

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. Box Tops 4 Education can earn money for LdV in three ways:

- 1. Shop and clip:** Box Tops are found on General Mills cereal, Hanes apparel, Ziploc food storage, Avery office supplies, Hefty bags and more.
- 2. Shop online:** Box Tops can be earned shopping online at some of your favorite retailers.
- 3. Earn Bonus points:** Visit [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) to find out how!

### NUGGET SCRIP CARD

Truly the easiest and cheapest fundraiser at LdV ... it costs you nothing to remember to use your Nugget Scrip Card (registered to help LdV) when you shop at Nugget. You get groceries and we get cash: it's a win-win!

### DONATE 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 visit [www.actiondonation.org](http://www.actiondonation.org) for your no-obligation evaluation of your donation.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL PICTURE DAY: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8**

## THE DA VINCI DASH IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

Please save the date for this year's Da Vinci Dash: Friday, October 25!

This awesome jogathon is an important fundraiser, so please plan to support the Dash with your time and donations. We would love some extra help with planning, promoting and "day of" support. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Ryann Miller and Lisa Riley at LDVdavicindash@gmail.com. Join us as we DASH to success!



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### POLICIES & REMINDERS

#### BADGES

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

#### MEDICATIONS

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.

#### ALLERGIES

For the safety and consideration of our students with severe nut allergies, we are striving to become a "nut free campus." Thank you for your support of our efforts.

#### FINGERPRINTING

Yes, you do need to be fingerprinted to go on a field trip, whether you are driving children or not. The District requires any adult who is not fingerprinted to be in sight of a certificated person at all times, but it is vital that teachers be free to watch their students, not the grown-ups who are there to help. So fingerprint please!

#### 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 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.

#### PLEASE LEAVE PETS 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.

## ONSTAGE AND OFFSTAGE CLASSES TO START FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER

Registration is now open for OnStage and OffStage fall sessions at LdV.

**OnStage:** In this program, which is all about creativity and imagination, we create a play with the kids and then learn all of the theatre skills to bring it to performance. Classes available for 1st – 3rd grade, Tuesdays 3:15 – 5:15 p.m., or Thursdays 2:15 – 4:15 p.m. OnStage/Improv combo classes available for 4th-8th grade, Fridays 3:15 – 5:15 p.m.

**OffStage:** In this program, children learn backstage skills (i.e. creating sets and props, stage managing, and more). Classes available for 4th – 8th grade, Thursdays 2:15 – 4:15 p.m.

Cost for classes is \$205/child for 8 weeks. Please visit our website at [www.onstagesac.com](http://www.onstagesac.com) to register. Please email [onstagesac@gmail.com](mailto:onstagesac@gmail.com) or phone (916) 502-0336 with questions. Thanks!

## SIGN UP FOR THE CHILL CLUB!

Sign-ups are now available for the CHILL Club Mindfulness Program, presented by the Whole Child Wellness Committee. CHILL Club will meet Mondays from 3:12 – 4:12 p.m. from October 7 to December 9. For more information, please visit [www.CHILLSacramento.org](http://www.CHILLSacramento.org).

## BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Boys and Girls Basketball teams are this week! Tryouts are open to 5th – 8th grade students and will be held in the gym at the following times:

**Monday, September 30: 3:30 – 5 p.m.**

**Tuesday, October 1: 4:30 – 6 p.m.**

**Wednesday, October 2: 3:30 – 5 p.m.**

**Thursday, October 3: 3:30 – 5 p.m.**

Please contact Coach Paul Pirkey at 916.508.3291 with questions.



THIS WEEK'S DOLPHIN ART BY:  
**EUGENIA CHAZOV**  
7TH GRADE

# UPDATES FROM THE PTC

## NEWS FROM OUR LEARNING GARDEN TEAM

### Thank you to our volunteers!

A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers that came out on Sunday, September 22 for the Garden Clean Up Work and Party Day! We were so encouraged to have many willing and eager volunteers. Thank you to everyone who raked, cleared, weeded planting beds, trimmed roses and pomegranate trees and mowed grass in order to get our garden ready for this upcoming school year!

### Interested in being a Learning Garden rep?

We are still looking for people who are interested in being Learning Garden volunteers this year. Each classroom needs a representative and many classes still do not have anyone signed up. No experience necessary, so please inquire if you have any interest! Contact Jen Jennett: [jen\\_mcelhannon@yahoo.com](mailto:jen_mcelhannon@yahoo.com) or Lisa Holland: [lisa-holland@leonardodavincischool.org](mailto:lisa-holland@leonardodavincischool.org) with questions.

### Upcoming Learning Garden events:

- **Garden Planting Days:** We will be seeding our Learning Garden planting beds during the noon recess time from 11:45 a.m.–12:55 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2 and Thursday, October 3. Anyone who is interested in helping during this time, please contact Lisa Holland: [lisa-holland@leonardodavincischool.org](mailto:lisa-holland@leonardodavincischool.org) or just show up!
- **Garden Work and Party Days:** October 20 and November 17 from 8 a.m.–12 p.m. Bring the family and help with general garden work. We will be clearing the area behind the classes and will also have some other small projects to work on. Equipment and donuts provided, no experience necessary, just show up and be ready to have fun!
- **Garden Recess Time:** We would like to have the Learning Garden open for lunch recess on as many days as possible, but to do so we need your help! If you are available from 11:45 a.m.–1 p.m. on any school day, please consider signing up to open the garden for kids to roam and explore during lunch recess. Interested? Questions? Contact Lisa Holland: [lisa-holland@leonardodavincischool.org](mailto:lisa-holland@leonardodavincischool.org)

### LDV Learning Garden Shutterfly site!

Interested in helping with the garden or just staying up to date with our various events? Join our Shutterfly site! Email Lisa Holland: [lisa-holland@leonardodavincischool.org](mailto:lisa-holland@leonardodavincischool.org) to request to be added.

## PTC REP TRAINING: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Thank you to the parents who signed up as the PTC Representatives for their students' classrooms! Classroom PTC Reps are a critical link in the chain of communication to all families about school-wide issues and PTC initiatives. If you've served before, you know that there's some information that only gets disseminated at PTC meetings. Especially this first year without our trusted School-Community Liaison (we miss you, Diane!), your role in campus communications is more important than ever.

The October 2 PTC meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Before the meeting, please plan to join us at 5:45 p.m. in the Auditorium for a quick orientation to the role of PTC Representative. We'll share tools, experience and tips for being a great PTC rep. Thank you for being part of the LdV community!

## PTC MEMBERS: PLEASE VOTE

At the September 4, 2019 PTC meeting, a motion was made to provide \$752.50 in funding for the purchase of a large format printer. A vote on this motion will be taken at the October 2, 2019 PTC meeting. All PTC members are invited to comment and vote on the approval of these funds on October 2, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the library.



## ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

If your student needs to miss school for any reason, please email [torresO@scusd.edu](mailto:torresO@scusd.edu) or call 395-4636 to report the absence, and follow these guidelines:

- **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". Students get only ten "A" health absences for the year, and after that a doctor's note is required.
- **Leave a Reason:** We are asking that you email your child's absence report to [torresO@scusd.edu](mailto:torresO@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, so please remember to do so.
- **Risk of Infection:** When your child has chicken pox, a skin rash, lice or other infectious health challenges, you need to follow up with the main office when your child returns to campus. A doctor's note that the child has been treated and is okay to be back among other students after a rash or chicken pox is required by SCUSD health services.
- **Tardy Policy:** Students who are more than 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 an official doctor's note. Three tardies over 30 minutes without such documentation will result in a truancy notice.