



LEONARDO DA VINCI EK-8 SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 4: School Site Council (SSC) meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the library

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SEPTEMBER 11: Back to School class meetings for parents and guardians: 4:45 – 5 p.m. informational meeting for band in room 1; 5–6 p.m. Early Kinder and Middle School (7th & 8th grade) class meetings; 5:30-6:30 p.m. 4th-6th grade class meetings; 6–7 p.m. Kindergarten–3rd grade class meetings

SEPTEMBER 13: LdV Night at Funderland, 6th grade fundraiser, 5–8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 16: Magazine fundraiser kickoff

SEPTEMBER 19: English Language Advisory Council meeting, 9:15 a.m. in the library

SEPTEMBER 24: Field Trip Coordinators meeting, 9:15 a.m. in the library

SEPTEMBER 26: Principal Chat with Parents, 8:30 a.m. in the library

SEPTEMBER 26: Class Managers meeting, 9:15 a.m. in the library

NEXT ISSUE

EMAIL: SEPT 9
DEADLINE: SEPT 5

PAPER: SEPT 30
DEADLINE: SEPT 26

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WELCOME TO THE 2019 – 2020 SCHOOL YEAR FROM PTC PRESIDENT VAL FELDMAN

Hello, my name is Val Feldman. Welcome back! I am excited to be your PTC president this year. This is my 13th year as a parent at LdV and this fall I feel so lucky, as I have felt every fall, that my family is part of the Leonardo da Vinci community. We are going through some BIG changes this year, including the retirement of our School Community Liaison, Diane Soule. It is going to take many people to help with the tasks Diane did to help our school run smoothly. The first sign that we will manage this huge transition is that you are holding this newsletter in your hands. Another change is that I am replacing our past two term president Lisa Holland, who not only facilitated several exciting projects for the school but brought tremendous energy and dedication to the job. PTC raises funds to fuel the programs that make our school unique, from Blues Band to S.L.A.T.E. Please consider becoming a PTC member, serving as a class representative, or attending a PTC meeting. **Our first meeting is this Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the library.**

BIG CHANGES FOR THE LDV NEWSLETTER

Thank you for taking time to read our first newsletter of the 2019-2020 school year! With the new year comes some big changes for our school, following the retirement of School Community Liaison and Newsletter Editor Diane Soule at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Diane was part of the LdV community for 26 years, first as a parent, and then in her official roles with the school, and she put in untold hours making the LdV newsletter into an amazing source of information for our school community. It would be impossible to replace Diane, and we will all miss her presence at school so much this year!

For this school year, we will continue to send out an email version of the newsletter each week, with a hard copy sent home the first week of each month. Taking over the role of newsletter editor will be first grade parent Sarah Pye. If you'd like to submit an item to be featured in the newsletter, please send your information to our new newsletter email address: ldvnewsitems@gmail.com. Deadlines will remain the same as last year: please send submissions by the Thursday of the week before you'd like your item to run. Thanks, and here's to another great school year!

LDV SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL: MEETING WEDNESDAY

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 Laflam, 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).

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

SAVE THE DATE FOR FUNDERLAND: SEPT 13, 5-8 P.M.

LdV's Annual Funderland Tradition is Friday, September 13th, 2019 from 5-8 p.m. Gather with LdV friends and families for an evening of fun! Rides! Food! Fun booths and games! Tickets will be available for purchase in front of school September 3rd-13th. Unlimited ride wrist bands are \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door.

GET READY FOR THE DA VINCI DASH: OCTOBER 25

The Da Vinci Dash is just around the corner: Friday, October 25th! This awesome and fun jogathon is an important and big PTC fundraiser. So 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, contact Ryann Miller and Lisa Riley at LDVdavicidash@gmail.com. Join us as we DASH to success!

LEARNING GARDEN ORIENTATION: SEPT 4, 8:30 A.M.

The LDV Learning Garden has big things happening this year! Our Garden orientation will be September 4th between 8:30 and 9. If you are interested in volunteering in the garden or being a classroom garden coordinator, please stop by!

PLEASE DONATE TO THE USED BOOK SALE

We will be holding the used book sale once again in the spring! Please donate gently used children's books, chapter books, graphic novels, cookbooks, magazines, books in Spanish, and young adult novels. There is a collection bin in the front office. For questions contact Jen Jennett at jen_mcelhannon@yahoo.com

TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

The School Climate Committee and LdV parents host an appreciation breakfast for our hard-working teachers and staff on the Thursday mornings following class meetings. Throughout the year each grade will be asked to host one breakfast. We will need about twelve parents to make or buy a breakfast item and deliver it to the conference room next to the main office by 8:30 on the Thursday morning that is designated for your grade. Typically donated items range from baked casseroles to fruit and muffins. Your class manager will send out a Volunteer Spot sign up a couple of weeks before your assigned date:

September: 7th and 8th grades

November: 5th and 6th grades

January: 3rd and 4th grades

March: 2nd grade

April: 1st grade

May: Early Kinder and Kindergarten

If you have any questions please contact the VP of School Climate Carrie Sabillon at carrie.sabillon@gmail.com. Thanks for helping the PTC make Teacher Appreciation happen!

DREAM ENRICHMENT CLASSES: FALL SCHEDULE

Leonardo da Vinci Early Engineers Classes: Mondays, 3:25 – 4:35 p.m.

Session A: 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4

<https://www.dreamclasses.org/schools/leonardo-da-vinci-elementary>

Leonardo da Vinci HoneyCode (Computer Coding) Classes: Fridays, 3:25 – 4:35 p.m.

Session A: 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 12/6

<https://www.dreamclasses.org/schools/leonardo-da-vinci-elementary>

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 (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 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 for your no-obligation evaluation of your donation.

IMPORTANT INFO FROM THE OFFICE

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

If your student needs to miss school for any reason, please email 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 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.

PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

What Time Does Your Child Get to School? School begins at 9 a.m. Unless your child attends a before school class or breakfast, our campus is not open until 8:30 a.m. Please do not leave children without adult supervision before 8:30 a.m.

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!

CHECK YOUR CHILD'S SCHEDULE

The lunch and recess schedules for all grade levels are readily available on the school website (leonardodavincischool.org). If you are picking your child up for an appointment, or bringing a lunch they left behind, it is easier and quicker to find them in class than on the playground. Please consider timing your trip around your child's schedule. Thank you.

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!



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.