

Leonardo da Vinci School  
 Integrated Thematic Instruction Through Arts & Sciences

## Leonardo da Vinci eK-8 School

### Dolphin Yacht Club

Would you like to support the Dolphin Yacht Club? Help us make a splash in our first year at the Northern California Solar Regatta. 7th and 8th grade LdV students are building a full sized, solar powered boat to race against other middle and high school teams from all over Northern California.

#### Get your name on our solar boat!

**Individual Sponsorships** – Donate \$50 or more and your generosity will be recognized by having your name featured on our boat.

**Corporate Sponsorships** – Starting at \$100, your company logo will be featured on our boat.

#### Set a Date for Suzie's

Help send a middle school student on a science field trip! Join us for a late lunch, dinner, or a snack at Suzie Burger on Thursday, **January 16** from 2-10 PM. Suzie is serving great burgers, Philly cheesesteaks, hot dogs, fries, shakes and soft-serve ice cream...25% of the profit helps the science club kids pay their way to Florida for an ocean adventure learning experience of a lifetime!

#### Parking Lot Closed

Due to traffic congestion and for the safety of our children, the front parking lot will be CLOSED from 8:30-9:15 am and 2:30-3:15 pm. Please park politely in the neighborhood or use the drop off/pick up route.

Please be safe and patient in the drop off/pick up zones. We are all anxious to be on our way.

#### 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!

#### 2014-2015 Siblings?

Be sure to place incoming sibling names on the list on the window outside my office. You will still need to go through Open Enrollment (grades K, 4, 7) or complete a wait list application (grades eK, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8). This is simply for us to know how many spots to plan for. Contact me with questions at [diane-soule@scusd.edu](mailto:diane-soule@scusd.edu).

#### Thank YOU and Happy 2014!

The LdV staff truly appreciates all the treats and gifts that were showered upon them in the last days before break. We hope you know how wonderful it feels to be appreciated by the LdV community.

We hope you had a terrific break and that your 2014 will be fantastic!

#### Fine Art

LdV teacher Linda Johnson has a show at Café Dantorel (formerly Crepeville) now through Feb 5. There are many framed prints and some originals on sale. Take a break, have some coffee or hot cocoa, and maybe take home a gift for yourself or someone special!

Café Dantorel is located in Curtis Park at the corner of 2nd Avenue and 24th Street, near the Sierra 2 Center and is open daily 7am-10pm.

#### Nacho, Nachos...

Get your nachos on Fridays. The Science Club will be selling nachos on Fridays after school during January and February for \$2. All proceeds will go towards helping the Science Club travel to Florida.

#### Pancake Breakfast

The Science Club will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, **January 25**, 2014 from 9am-12pm in the LdV Cafeteria. Tickets are \$6; look for presale of tickets soon. All proceeds will go towards helping the Science Club travel to Florida.

#### Email Difficulties

Some district emails are not going out or being received in a timely manner. If you do not receive a timely response please resend. Thank you!

#### Photos Wanted!!!!

So many events, so little time. I am currently looking for photos of the following events: Chinese Acrobats & Winter Faire

If you have any shots that you would like to share for the yearbook and/or the historian binder, please send me anything you have. Diane has created a box in her office called HISTORY. You can either drop a CD off in that box or email me directly at [terrie\\_hammad@hotmail.com](mailto:terrie_hammad@hotmail.com).

Thank you so much for your assistance.  
—Terrie Hammad, LdV Historian and Yearbook Coordinator

#### An All-New Spring Fling!

If you are interested in helping plan this fun adult event, please join us on Monday, January 13, at 6:30 at Café Dantorel's. If you have any questions, contact Kim Niemeyer at [niemeyers@comcast.net](mailto:niemeyers@comcast.net) or Gwynnae Byrd at [gwynnaeb@gmail.com](mailto:gwynnaeb@gmail.com).

#### On Stage Starts Early this Year!

As you noticed we began registration in December for our On Stage classes so we could get started earlier this year. We will begin classes the 2nd week of school (Jan. 14) for On Stage K-3 and 4-6th classes and the Off Stage program. 3pm in the Auditorium. Please see attached registration form for details. WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU ON STAGE. —Cynthia Mitchell Speakman, 916-502-0336

#### Dolphins

Dolphin art by LdV 8th grader Ariana S.

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#### Dates to Remember

**Jan 8**

SSC 5:30 pm  
PTC 6:30 pm

**Jan 9**

Basketball vs Brannan  
Girls 3:30 • Boys 4:30

**Jan 14**

Basketball vs Bacon  
Boys 3:30 • Girls 4:30

**Jan 15**

Class Meetings

**Jan 16**

LdV Night at Suzie Burgers  
2-10 pm

Basketball vs MLK  
Girls 3:30 • Boys 4:30

**Jan 25**

Pancake Breakfast  
9 am-noon

**Jan 21, 22 & 25**

Basketball playoff, semifinal  
& championship games

**Jan 31**

CIE Breakfast Around the  
World

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](mailto:dsandsons@sbcglobal.net). Events and services advertised in this newsletter are not necessarily endorsed by LdV PTC or SCUSD.

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**Next Issue: Jan 13**

**Deadline: Jan 9**

## From the SCL (School Community Liaison)

**Tally Sheets:** Please turn sheets into your child's class or to the Volunteer Office at the end of the month.

**TB test results and Sex Offender Background check clearances:** Must be on file before working in the classroom. Fingerprinting must be cleared before driving on or chaperoning fieldtrips.

**Feel free to stop by** the garage door Mon-Fri 7am-3:30pm or email me at [diane-soule@scusd.edu](mailto:diane-soule@scusd.edu), or leave a message at 277-7034.

### Over Stuffed!

When the holidays are over and it's time for resolutions, you may be looking for somewhere to hide those leftover holiday candies. As always, your donation of leftover (or brand new) candy is always appreciated by the staff. Please bring donations to Diane's office and I will see it is properly distributed to thankful staff members.

**Thank you to those of you who have already dropped some off. I have been sharing every day with a much deserving staff.**

### LdV on the Web & Facebook

The weekly newsletter can be found on the **NEW LdV web site:** [leonardodavincischool.org](http://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](mailto: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. Please "like" us if you would like news about LdV, meeting reminders, and event updates.

### Déja Vu?

If you read the newsletter weekly, some of the content may see familiar. Many parents choose to read the newsletter sporadically, and articles are run repeatedly so they can catch up. It may be frustrating for you (and me) but read carefully since pages might seem the same but rest assured no two issues are exactly alike!

## Can You Donate...

### Not for Our Teeth!

Early Kinder is looking for a donation or "at cost" pricing for dental Alginate (dentist stuff). Please contact [elly-graves@scusd.edu](mailto:elly-graves@scusd.edu) or stop by room 2 if you can help.

### A-a-choo!

The LdV budget is tight and supplies are dwindling. Please ask your teacher if there is something you can donate...like a box of tissues. Bless you!

## From the Office Allergy Alert

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.

### Did You Know...

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 our other students after a rash or chicken pox is required by SCUSD health services.

### No More Extra Buttons! Attendance News

Now you can simply dial 557-0389 and leave your child's absence information.

**Fingerprinting Requirements:** 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!

**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.

**Attendance:** Students are allowed 10 excused (illness with a parent's excuse, death in immediate family, child's appearance in court) absences per the year. Each additional absence from illness must have a doctor's note to be cleared.

**Call In Sick and Tardy:** Please phone in your students' absences and tardies by calling 557-0389 and 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). Absence verification must be made daily.

You may also send your notification by email to [sally-uhlig@scusd.edu](mailto:sally-uhlig@scusd.edu). Unverified absences will result in truancies.

**Llamada para avisar de enfermedad o retraso:** Favor de llamar a 557-0389 para avisar que su hijo/a va a estar ausente o va a llegar tarde. Deje su nombre, el nombre de su hijo/a, el número del salón, el día de ausencia o retraso, y la razón ("está enfermo/a", "tiene una cita con el doctor", "tiene un funeral familiar", etcetera es suficiente). Le pedimos que llame antes de las 10:00 de la mañana para evitar una ausencia sin excusa.

**Late to School?** Students who are over 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 a parent signature or an official doctor's note. Three tardies over 30 minutes without such documentation will result in a truancy notice.

**Badges:** Every parent on campus must sign in to the main office. If you are working anywhere on campus 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.

### Word of the Week

Some things are made for sharing, like good news, good company, and rainbows. Somehow, the act of sharing seems to add to our feelings of satisfaction. Sharing feelings and company is also helpful following sad news and hard times.

SHARE, our character word of the week, is a familiar word in all families. Typically, parents get involved in children's arguments when there is little sharing. For example, brother says, "It's mine; give it back!" and sister responds with a loud, "He won't share!" Although there are limits to what can and should be shared, sharing can be encouraged.

"What I gave, I have; what I spent, I had; what I kept, I lost." —Unknown

### Support Basketball

Basketball season has begun, and we are fortunate this year to be hosting almost every game in the LdV gym. Parents who attend games, show good sportsman behavior, and help out our Campus monitor by keeping an eye on the crowd, are eligible for Volunteer Hours.

### About the Newsletter

This newsletter is provided by the LdV PTC in conjunction with the LdV School Community Liaison. Please read it weekly in order to keep up with what is happening in our community. This is where you can get ideas about where and how to participate. This is also where you can announce any school related activities by submitting a short article about the event. Please be sure to include the date, time, and a contact name and number.

### School Cents Receipt Box

Are you forgetting to drop by Guest Services after you have shopped at Arden Fair Mall? Do you have a wallet full of receipts that could be logged in for points for the school? Not to worry. Put all of your Arden Fair Mall receipts from the last 90 days in an envelope with your child's name and room number and drop it in the box in Diane's office. I will log them in at Arden Fair Mall and return them to you. Turn around for properly labeled receipts will be 2 weeks. Any questions, contact Laura Walter at [laura.q.walter@gmail.com](mailto:laura.q.walter@gmail.com)

### Open Enrollment News

Due to the late dates for online Open Enrollment we are adding some visitation dates. Remember - A parent must attend a visitation in 2013-2014 for students to be eligible for a 2014-2015 wait list.

#### Visitation Dates:

eK-6th grades remaining dates: January 14, 15, 17 at 9:15 am  
Additional dates for eK-6th grades are: February 21 and March 7 at 9:15 am. No reservation required.

Middle School Visitation dates: January 30 & 31 at 8:15 am

Additional date: February 7 at 8:15 am

Middle school applicants will be asked to provide a portfolio including: grades, attendance, behavior and a teacher letter of recommendation.

#### Open Enrollment Dates:

For Kinder and 4th grade ONLY! February 18-March 7

For 7th grade ONLY! January 27-February 11

**Our site based wait list** (grades 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8) opens at 8 am January 22, 2014.

### Dolphin Store Open

#### Monday & Tuesday AM & PM!

The LdV Dolphin Store is open after school on Mondays (until 3:15 pm) and before school on Tuesdays (beginning at 8:30 am) AND after school on Tuesdays (until 3:15 pm). The store has school supplies and healthy snacks for students.

### Neighbor Concerns

Our main office has received a number of calls from neighborhood residents. Specifically, the general concerns are: driveways being blocked, cars parked the wrong way on the streets, speeding, driving over/through leaf piles and children running out into the street. Could we make an effort to be good neighbors?

### 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.

### Sponsors Needed

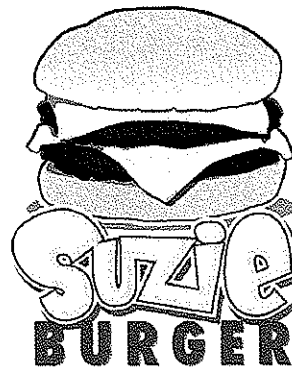
We are looking for corporate or individual sponsors for our new Solar Regatta program. Middle school students will be building and racing a **full size solar power boat** to race against other middle and high school teams from northern California. **Picture your company's name on LdV's boat!**

We are hoping for donations of expertise (engineers, designers, videographers, etc); materials, and funds. Please contact Joe Scarpa if you want to help in this exciting project or want more information. [joe@jscarpa.com](mailto:joe@jscarpa.com) (please put "solar" in the subject line).

### Transportation Needed!

Do you have a child at LdV and McClatchy? Are you interested in earning \$150 a month to pick up my son and daughter after school and drop them off at our home near Florin Rd. and East Parkway? If so, please contact Marcy: (916)879-2135

# FAMILY FUNDRAISER NIGHT LEONARDO DA VINCI SCIENCE CLUB



**BRING IN THIS FLYER  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16TH  
2PM TO 8PM**

**25% OF ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO  
THE LEONARDO DA VINCI SCIENCE CLUB**

NO LIMIT TO SIZE OF PARTY. FLYER MAY BE COPIED AND/OR REPRODUCED.  
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## Fund Raising News

### Arden Fair Receipts for December

Our School Cents Program through Arden Fair is going strong!! Thank you to those families & friends who are recording their receipts at the Customer Service desk at the mall! For the month of December, there is a little change in the how they process receipts. They are asking that if you bring receipts to the Customer Service desk during December that you fill out an envelope (provided at the desk) with school name on it, put your receipts in the envelope and drop the envelope in the box. You will not get these receipts back. However, if you do need your receipts back, then hold onto them until January when you can go back to the Customer Service desk and they can record them for you right on the spot and give them back to you. If that is too much work for you, you can simply put your receipts in an envelope with your child's name and room number and put them in the box in Diane's office. I will take them in January to be recorded and return them to you.

### Looking for Ways to Complete Your Class Fund Dues?

We still have Z Best books available for sale at \$20 each. For each book you sell, the school gets \$10 and \$10 would go to credit your child's Class Fund dues. You can contact Laura Walter @ [laura.q.walter@gmail.com](mailto:laura.q.walter@gmail.com) or stop by Diane's office and check with her.

### Clip, Save, and Send In Box Tops & Labels for Education

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

**Labels for Education** can be found on Campbells Soup, Pace, Pepperidge Farm, Glad products, and more. Go to [labelsforeducation.com](http://labelsforeducation.com) to see product lists and special offers. We use these labels for points that help us purchase balls and other playground equipment.

**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, Arvey 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 Something EXTRA Card

Truly the easiest and cheapest fundraiser at LdV...it costs you nothing to remember to use your EXTRA card (registered to help LdV) when you shop at Raley's and Bel Air. You get points and groceries and we get cash, its a win-win!

### It's Never Too Late for Magazines

You or your family and friends can order magazines throughout the year by shopping at the on-line site [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com) and using our SCHOOL CODE 2692168. Late orders will not warrant prizes. Thanks for supporting LdV! Any questions or concerns, contact Laura Walter at [laura.q.walter@gmail.com](mailto:laura.q.walter@gmail.com)

### On Target

Whenever you use a Target card (debit or credit), Target donates 1% of your purchase to the school of your choice. (Plus you get a 5% discount and free shipping online).

### Employee Contribution Programs for LdV

Many companies offer employees a way to give donations to our school in their pay check. If giving money to our school in your pay check sounds like something that would work for you or someone you know, ask your work if they offer this option. Many of these programs are run through the United Way - our number is 4626.

### 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.action-donation.org](http://www.action-donation.org) for your no obligation evaluation of your donation.

### Please Return Your Z Best Books

Remember, LdV will be charged for every book not returned or paid for! Any questions or concerns, contact Laura Walter at [laura.q.walter@gmail.com](mailto:laura.q.walter@gmail.com)

### Other Online Shopping

If you shop on-line for gifts, or even everyday purchases from merchants like Apple, Cabela's, Old Navy, Lands End, Barnes & Noble, and Staples, we need your help! Box Tops for Education has a Marketplace, which is basically a portal to all the places you probably already go to buy books, clothing, toys, electronics and even flowers online. Take the extra step and go to [www.boxtops-4education.com](http://www.boxtops-4education.com) first and register to support LdV. Merchants donate anywhere from 1-10% of your total sale to the school, it is easy as that and doesn't cost you a penny.

### New Spanish Session

On January 6th, 2014 a new session of Spanish classes will be starting. Mondays eK-2nd grade, Tuesdays 3rd-5th and Wednesdays 6th-8th and/or intermediate-advance Spanish level. Cost is \$30 a month + \$12 material fee or 3 months for \$75 +\$12 material fee. If you have any questions regarding schedules or registrations forms contact Mrs. Garcia (916)585-6020 or [ingridspanishstudio@gmail.com](mailto:ingridspanishstudio@gmail.com).

You can also pick up a registration form in the front office, there is a designated box for Spanish Class.

### Computer Classes

#### Spanish & English Speaking Parents

Meet on Tuesdays, 9:45-10:35 am and Thursdays 11:40 am-12:30 pm in the LdV computer lab for help with Zangle and other computer needs. Contact Mrs Garcia at 585-6020 with questions.

### What's Happening After School?

**After School Art** lessons with Leslie Colby: "great things to make and build" - sculpture, paper maché, painting & more. Tuesdays from 3:15-4:45 pm \$12 per class. Contact Leslie at 502-1227

**On Stage / Off Stage** Questions? Contact [cynthia.speakman@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.speakman@gmail.com) or 916-502-0336 with questions.

**LdV Ballet Folklorico Club** for boys & girls K-8 grade. The group will perform at LdV's annual Cinco de Mayo Festival. Contact Mrs. Garcia (916)585-6020 or pick up a registration form (front office)

**Spanish Immersion Classes for Kids** New Classes of different levels start every month. Pick up a form in the front office or contact Mrs. Garcia (916)585-6020 for info.

**Beginning or Advanced Orchestra** program meet this Monday or Tuesday afternoon in room from 3:15pm - 4:05pm in Room 1. Meet our new LdV Orchestra Teacher, Mrs. Pamela Buck, and learn how orchestra classes will work at LdV! No experience required!

**Kid Tuff Empowering Program** helps build character, visual alertness and mental and physical toughness in all children. Three month program is \$75. Forms in front office. Contact Nora Finch 601-9076 for information

### Shopping Online for Business or Personal Needs?

#### Shop Amazon through the LdV Link and Support our School!

Simply click on the LdV Amazon link then continue with your shopping.

#### Directions:

1. Go to our website: [leonardodavincischool.org](http://leonardodavincischool.org) or the LdV Facebook page
2. Click on the Amazon link
3. Log in to your Amazon account just like you normally would
4. Complete your purchase

It's just that easy and LdV will earn up to 8% on all of your Amazon.com purchases!



## Looking for Something to Do?

### Grounds Clean Up

We are looking for parents of all abilities but would be grateful for anyone with masonry, carpentry or plumbing skills. Contact Ryan at rymetta@mac.com with questions.

### Work at Home

We are looking for a volunteer to take over as our Box Top and Label coordinator. Now is a perfect time to learn from our outgoing coordinator. Please contact Cindy at UNDC@aol.com.

### A New Kind of Spring Fling!

Our annual Spring Fling is getting a makeover, and we need your help to make it a spectacular success! We've already secured a new location (to be revealed soon!), and now we need creative minds to help with decorations, food, PR, and more! The more people who participate in planning, the less work each of us will have. Our goal is to make this a whole community event, not just for LdV parents.

If you are good at marketing/communications, or have connections with the food & beverage industry, this will be a great opportunity for you. Contact Kim Niemeyer @niemeyers@comcast.net, or Gwynnae Byrd @gwynnaeb@gmail.com, to get involved.

### Volunteers Needed at the Clothes Closet

The PTA Clothes Closet is swamped and in need of volunteers ASAP! Help is needed doing laundry (at your home) and sorting and tagging clothes at the Clothes Closet located at the back of the LdV campus. The Clothes Closet at LdV is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Interested volunteers should call first 277-4338. LdV parents will earn hours for volunteering with the Clothes Closet.

### Are You Feeling Shadowy?

Sometimes it seems like a volunteer position such as PTC Treasurer seems like a lot to take on. This year is the perfect time to step up to this position because you will have months to learn from the pro who is currently doing the job. I am not overstating the fact that **no experience or background is necessary for the job**. It is however a job that is important to our community, and we really need some one or two to step up. If you have been thinking about it, now is the time.

We are also looking for a PTC Sports chair ASAP.

Please contact diane-soule@scusd.edu if you are interested or want more information.

### Highlight Your Culture

Volunteers are needed to create interesting cultural displays for the CIE display case located in the main hall by the office. The case can be adopted by an individual, family, or group of friends to highlight a cultural of their choice. Choose a culture to highlight or a topic that celebrates our cultural diversity, then decide on the month and contact Anna Consulo at Anna.Consulo@riteaid.com or call 916-803-2170.

### Collate and Conversate

Seven hundred and thirty newsletters are collated and stapled every Monday morning. If you would like to help we would love your company and its worth at least an hour of volunteer time (one newsletter a week guarantees you at least 37 hours for the year). We begin at 8:30 am (no children please).

### Lunch Recess

Volunteers are always needed to help keep an eye on the playground and halls at lunch. Please see Campus Monitor Randy Reyes if you can help.

### Café da Vinci is Open!

Middle School students who have signed up for LdV Entrepreneurs have opened the Café. Adults who want to help should contact diane-soule@scusd.edu. Donations of paper towels are always appreciated!

### President's Ponderings

Happy new year everyone and welcome back to school. I hope that you had a wonderful break and enjoyed the time with your children and families. Now it is back to the wonderful rigors and routine of school and classroom, field trips and activities. May 2014 bring you and your children success in all your endeavors.

Here at the PTC we get the ball rolling this week with our general meeting on Wednesday. From the Science Fair to Renaissance Faire, cultural activities to campus cleanups, fundraisers to teacher appreciation days, there are a lot of events coming up to start planning for. Join us in the library at 6:30 to learn all about them and get involved. We also expect to hear a recommendation from our ad-hoc Committee on Technology regarding the iLdV proposal, and may consider a motion, so I encourage you to attend and participate in the conversation.

Welcome again to the new year! 2013 was a great year for the LdV PTC and I know that 2014 will be even better. Talk to you soon and see you at school. Ciao!

—David DeNuzzo - PTC President

## From the District

Changes to Fingerprint Counter Days and Times of Operation - **Fingerprint hours and days of operation are: 8-11am and 1-5 pm on Mon, Wed, Fri.**

**Common Core Workshops** - Workshops continue in January. Contact Dr Iris Taylor at iris-taylor@scusd.edu or 643-9120 for more information.

**Free TB Testing** - Tests taken this year will be "good" until 2017. Testing is done by the District at the Serna Center every other week from 3:30 to 5 pm. It's a two step process: given on Tuesday and read on Thursday. The schedule is on the website.

**Examen de tuberculosis (TB) gratis en la Serna Center** - Los exámenes hechos este año están válidos hasta el 2017. El distrito ofrece los exámenes cada otro martes entre las 3:30 y las 5:00 de tarde en el Serna Center (5735 47th Ave - al este de la autopista 99). Hay dos partes del examen - dan las inyecciones los martes y leen los resultados los jueves. Las fechas particulares de los exámenes están disponibles en nuestra oficina.

**Citizenship Classes** - at Jones Skills and Education Center 5451 Lemon Hill Ave. Classes every Tuesday from 3:30-6:30 pm.

### Looking at High School?

• **George Washington Carver School of Arts & Science Visitation Days:** Call 228-5760 to reserve your space on any of the following days - Jan 14, Feb 4, Mar 11 or April 8. Tours are 8:30-10 am. [www.carverartsandscience.org](http://www.carverartsandscience.org)

• Middle and High School families and students are invited to experience **New Tech High School** by attending New Tech Preview Day, on Friday, January 24th. Two sessions are offered each Preview Day, 8 to 9:30 AM or 9:30 to 11 AM. During Preview Day you will have the opportunity to tour the campus, visit classes, and meet with our Principal and staff. Please call New Tech at (916) 433-2839 to RSVP for a Preview Day.

Parents and Students may also schedule a Monday shadow day by calling the office at (916) 433-2839.

• **Natomas Charter School Performing and Fine Arts Academy** will be having its annual Family Visitation Day on January 28th from 8:30-10 a.m. To reserve a space for the Visitation Day, parents should go to [www.natomascharter.org](http://www.natomascharter.org) and review the application. The application cover letter includes instructions for registering for Visitation Day.

**SOUTH SACRAMENTO INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIP**

c/o Bethany Presbyterian Church  
5625 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento CA 95822  
916 428-5290

December 14, 2013

Dear Students , Staff and Parents of Leonardo da Vinci K-8

Thank you for your generous contributions to the 2012 KCRA 3 KIDS CAN drive. The South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership appreciates that you have chosen to donate your contributions to our emergency food closet. Your help means a great deal to us and the people who need our services.

Our food closet is located behind Bethany Presbyterian Church at 24<sup>th</sup> Street and Fruitridge Road. We are serving more than 7,500 people a month. During November the number of people served was over 9,000. These people come from the zip codes that make up your school attendance area. Some of your donations have already been used to provide food for families over the Thanksgiving Holiday. As a result of your donations and those of other schools we anticipate that we have sufficient canned goods to carry us through January. We are grateful for this supply.

We know that this drive takes a lot of work and time. It also demonstrates that you care about others in your community.

Thank you again for your generous donations. We were privileged to work with you this year and look forward to the opportunity to work with you again next year.

You are special people!

*Margaret Brown*

Frances Lee  
SSIP KIDS CAN Coordinators

Margaret Brown

Cc; Mary Meagher – Foodlink

*Thank you! We received over 800 pounds from you. Thanks for participating.*

# SCHOOL CENTS



**1,000 Bonus Points for attending Arden Fair Kid's Club!\***

Saturday, January 4, 2014 from Noon - 2 PM

Located in Center Court near Nordstrom.

This month, Radio Disney presents a special guest appearance with  
**G. Hannelius from Disney Dog with a Blog!**

\*1,000 bonus points per child. Check in at Arden Fair table to earn your points!

**Purchase an Arden Fair VISA Gift Card in January and earn 5X points!**

Minimum Gift Card purchase of \$20.

**Shop these stores in January and receive TRIPLE points for your school:**

Bath and Body Works, Claire's Boutique, Gap, Sanrio Surprise, and Zumiez!

**School Cents Midway Winners will be announced in February Newsletter**

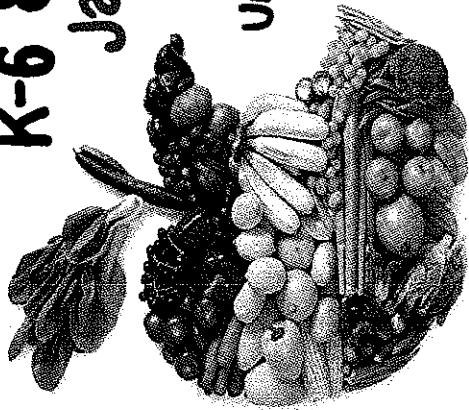


If you have any questions, please call the School Cents Coordinators at (800) 762-1641.

## ARDEN FAIR

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# K-6 & K-8 Menus January 2014



**Sacramento City  
Unified School District  
Nutrition Services**  
Brenda Padilla, M.S., Director

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider  
and employer. Menus subject to change.*

**Monday, January 6**

**Breakfast**  
Maple Burst Mini Pancakes

**Lunch**  
Mini Beef Cheeseburger  
Buddy Sliders  
OR  
Kona Coast Teriyaki Chicken

**Side:** Hawaiian Style  
Whole Grain Brown Rice

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW EXTRA SETS OF HANDS.**

Join our team in a school cafeteria!  
Start at \$10.77 per hour.  
Apply online at [www.scusd.edu](http://www.scusd.edu)  
or call 916-277-6716 today  
for more information!

**Tuesday, January 7**

**Breakfast**  
Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast

**Lunch**  
New!! Tyson Chicken  
Tender Filets  
OR  
Savory Jennie O' Roasted  
Turkey Breast w/Turkey  
Gravy

**Side:** Idahoan Mashed  
Potatoes  
Whole Grain Roll & Jelly

**Wednesday, January 8**

**Breakfast**  
Bacon Scramble Square

**Lunch**  
Zesty Chicken Patty  
Sandwich on  
Whole Grain Bun  
OR  
BBQ Beef Rib-B-Q on  
Whole Grain Hoagie Roll

**Side:** Baked Potato Spuds

**Thursday, January 9**

**Breakfast**  
Chicken Tortilla Crispito  
Wrap w/salsa

**Lunch**  
House Baked Whole Grain  
Crust Wedge Pizza,  
Pepperoni  
OR  
Cheese

**Side:** Hot Corn Kernels

**Friday, January 10**

**Breakfast**  
Sunnyfresh French Toast  
Sticks

**Lunch**  
Rainbow Trout Melt  
on Whole Grain Bun w/  
Tartar Sauce  
OR  
Mozzarella Cheesy Bread  
Stick

**Side:** Campbell's Mega  
Noodle Soup

**Monday, January 13**

**Breakfast**  
Pillsbury Blueberry Mini  
Waffles

**Lunch**  
Mandarin Orange Chicken  
OR  
Artisan Style Whole Grain  
French Bread Cheese Pizza

**Side:** Hawaiian Style  
Whole Grain Brown Rice

**Tuesday, January 14**

**Breakfast**  
Turkey Sausage Breakfast  
Bagel

**Lunch**  
**NEW!**  
Tyson Chicken Tender Filets  
OR  
Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ  
Roasted Chicken

**Side:** Whole Grain  
Roll & Jelly  
Green Beans

**We are pleased to provide**

**FREE AND  
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MEALS**

for all students who qualify. It's simple to apply  
and we accept applications all year.

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[www.scusd.edu/applyformeals](http://www.scusd.edu/applyformeals)  
or call 916-277-6716

**Wednesday, January 15**

**Breakfast**  
Sunrise Pork Sausage  
Sandwich

**Lunch**  
Bow Tie Pasta w/ Beef  
Marinara Sauce  
OR  
Cheeseburger on a  
Whole Grain Bun

**Side:** Baked Potato Spuds

**Chionophobia**

**Word Play**

"Chionophobia" is  
the fear of snow or  
being snowbound.

**Thursday, January 16**

**Breakfast**  
Pillsbury Triple Berry French  
Toast

**Lunch**  
Salisbury Steak & Gravy  
OR  
Fernando's Cheese & Bean  
Whole Grain Burrito w/Taco  
Sauce

**Side:** Idahoan Mashed  
Potatoes  
Goldfish Pretzels

**First things First**

**BREAKFAST @SCHOOL**

For first-class learning!

Featuring Healthy Fruits & Grains!

**Friday, January 17**

**Breakfast**  
Pillsbury Mini Cinnamon Buns

**Lunch**  
Crispy Breaded Baked  
Chicken  
OR  
Chicken

**Catch of the Day!**  
Trout Treasure Shapes

**Side:** Whole Grain  
Biscuit & Jelly  
Hot Corn Kernels

**Available Daily**

Lunches include Garden Salad Bar &  
Milk—Non or Low-Fat, Unflavored

Entrée Choices:

Meatless: Both w/ Mozzarella Stick  
#1-Vegan Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich  
#2 Yogurt Meal  
Other Hot lunch entrees:  
#3 (see monthly non-cheese options)  
#4 House-Made (see daily menu)  
Menu is Subject to Change

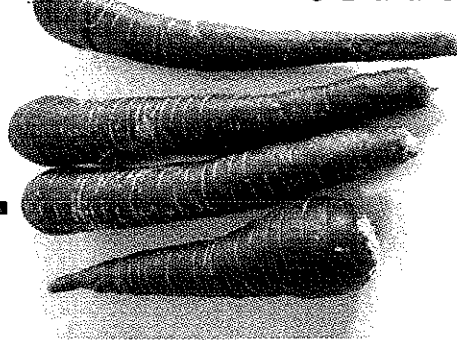


# What's on YOUR plate?



## Purple Carrots?!

It's true -- until a few hundred years ago, carrots were purple, not orange. Dutch farmers in the late 16th century began to take "mutant" white and yellow carrots and cultivate them selectively until they had developed something closer to the sweet, tasty orange carrots we love today!



Learn more at [www.CHOOSEMYPLATE.GOV](http://www.CHOOSEMYPLATE.GOV) or [http://kidshealth.org/kid/stay\\_healthy/food/pyramid.html](http://kidshealth.org/kid/stay_healthy/food/pyramid.html)

**Monday, January 20**

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
1929  
1968  
1964  
Awarded Nobel Peace Prize

**No School**

**Tuesday, January 21**


**Breakfast**  
Italian Turkey Sausage Breakfast Square

**Lunch**  
**NEW!**  
Tyson Chicken Tender Filets OR Lite Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo

**Side:** Potato Smiles

**Daily Options for Breakfast**

**Entrées:**  
#1-General Mill's Whole Grain Cereal Choices  
OR  
#2-Daily Choice, (listed on the menu)  
And /Or  
Fruits, Milk, Graham Cracker



**Wednesday, January 22**

**Breakfast**  
Pancake Pork Sausage Wrap

**Lunch**  
Spicy Sichuan Chicken OR Beefy Manwich on Whole Grain Bun

**Side:** Hawaiian Style Whole Grain Brown Rice & Green Beans

**EZSchoolPay.com**

**Simple, Safe & Secure**

**LUNCH \$2.00**

**Pay for meals on-line at EZSchoolPay.com!**

**Thursday, January 23**

**Breakfast**  
Chicken Tortilla Crispito Wrap w/salsa

**Lunch**  
House Baked Whole Grain Crust Wedge Cheese Pizza OR Popcorn Chicken Chunks w/ Lite Ranch or BBQ Dip

**Side:** Corn on the cob

**DON'T GET!**

GRAINS DAIRY FRUIT OR VEGGIES PROTEIN

Take at least ONE FRUIT OR VEGGIE

... and at least THREE of the five items total so your meal counts as a complete lunch!



**Monday, January 27**

**Breakfast**  
Maple Burst Mini Pancakes

**Lunch**  
Mini Beef Cheeseburger Buddy Sliders OR Kona Coast Teriyaki Chicken

**Side:** Hawaiian Style Whole Grain Brown Rice

**Friday, January 24**

**Breakfast**  
Twin Quiches (Turkey Sausage, Egg & Cheese)

**Lunch**  
**Hot Off the Grill!**  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich OR Kettle Cooked Saucy Beef & Cheese Taco w/ Taco Sauce

**Side: Campbell's**  
Tomato Soup  
Whole Grain Tortilla Chip Bites

**Thursday, January 30**

**Breakfast**  
Chicken Tortilla Crispito Wrap w/salsa

**Lunch**  
House Baked Whole Grain Crust Wedge Pizza, Pepperoni OR Cheese

**Side:** Hot Corn Kernels



**Credit Policy**

If your student forgets meal money, credit will be given for up to three days for each meal. Students and households will be reminded of negative balances. To avoid charges, **Prepayments** are accepted in line or on-line at [www.EZSchoolPay.com](http://www.EZSchoolPay.com). Please clear balances promptly as they carry over each year. **Thanks!**

**Friday, January 31**

**Breakfast**  
Sunnyfresh French Toast Sticks

**Lunch**  
Rainbow Trout Melt on Whole Grain Bun w/ Tartar Sauce OR Mozzarella Cheesy Bread Stick

**Side: Campbell's**  
Mega Noodle Soup

**Wednesday, January 29**

**Breakfast**  
Bacon Scramble Square

**Lunch**  
Zesty Chicken Patty Sandwich on Whole Grain Bun OR BBQ Beef Rib-B-Q on Whole Grain Hoagie Roll

**Side:** Baked Potato Spuds

**Tuesday, January 28**

**Breakfast**  
Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast

**Lunch**  
**New!!** Tyson Chicken Tender Filets OR Savory Jennie O' Roasted Turkey Breast w/Turkey Gravy

**Side:** Idahoan Mashed Potatoes  
Whole Grain Roll & Jelly

# ON STAGE & OFF STAGE

## What's the difference?

### ON STAGE

Was started at LdV 13 years ago to introduce theatre arts to children from Kindergarten to 8th grade.

Children benefit from:

- creating characters
- working together to create a story
- memorizing lines
- learning to project their voices
- discovering the basics of theatre arts
- building confidence

### OFF STAGE

Was started last year to introduce students to those skills that go on off of the stage to help create a production.

Students learn about:

- Designing and painting sets
- developing props
- creating costumes
- lighting
- sound and music
- stage hand skills

## Who are the instructors?

Cynthia Speakman - Originator of the program - has over 20 years of experience as an actor and a degree in Elementary & Special Education.  
(On Stage - K-3rd Grade)

Julie Anchor - Actor and director for over 20 years in theaters in Sacramento and Jackson is also sharing her expertise by helping in the Off Stage classes.  
(On Stage - 4-6th Grade)

Allen Pontes - A theater professional who has extensive experience on stage and with the many facets of theater addressed in Off Stage, will also assist in 4-6th classes.  
(Off Stage 3-6th Grade)

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*For those who have had some acting experience we are introducing  
16 Week Classes which will produce a published play*

*K-3 on Tuesdays // 4-6th on Wednesdays*

*And*

*there are two 8 week sessions for K-3 on Thursdays in the Spring.*

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## HOW TO ENROLL? IT'S EASY!

1. Fill out the form on the back of this sheet.
2. Write a check payable to On Stage (even for Off Stage class).
3. Leave form and check in On Stage box in Parent Office  
or in your classroom PTC envelope by Friday, December 20, 2013.  
(we will accept payment up to the first day of class)

Classes meet once a week from 3:00-5:00 in the Auditorium.

(Limited partial scholarships available)

**ENROLL TODAY... SPACE IS LIMITED!!!**

Questions Call Cynthia Speakman 916-502-0336 or [cynthia.speakman@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.speakman@gmail.com)



# Spring registration 2014 Enrollment Form

Participant _____	Grade/Rm _____	DOB _____
Parent/Guardian _____	e-mail _____	
Address _____	Day Phone _____	
City/Zip _____	Cell Phone _____	
Home phone _____	Other Cell phone _____	

## **SESSION CHOICES SPRING 2014**

### **16 Week Production Classes**

In this class we will produce a published play.

- K-3 Tues. Jan. 14-May 15 \$175  
 4-6th Wed. Jan. 15-May 16 \$175

### **8 Week Classes**

#### **Beginning Acting**

- K-3 Thurs. Sess 1 Jan. 16-Mar 13 \$110  
 K-3 Thurs. Sess 2 March 20-May 8 \$110

### **OFF STAGE**

#### **3-6th Off Stage TUESDAYS**

Jan. 14-May 16th \$175

In this 16 week program students learn about set building, sound effects, lighting, props and costumes. They draw ideas, build model sets then draw and paint the final backdrop for the 16 Week Production Class. Throughout this time they are also creating costumes, and props and some sound effects. Some of the students take on stage hand responsibilities. Allen Pontes and Julie Anchor collectively bring over 50 years of experience in all aspects of the theatre world.

**NOTE: STUDENTS MUST HAVE SIGNED FORM AND PAYMENT BEFORE ATTENDING CLASS.**

Please make check payable to **On Stage**

Place your check for classes- attached to this enrollment form in the ON STAGE envelope in the parent office or your classroom PTC envelope by Friday December 20th

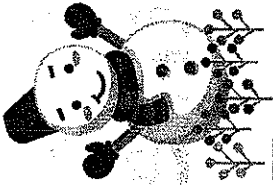
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or Call Cynthia Speakman at 916-502-0336  
or cynthia.speakman@gmail.com

**No Refunds for Cancellation or Dismissal**

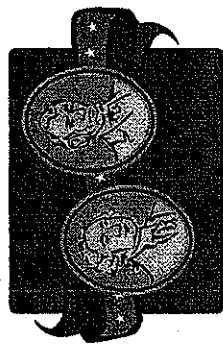
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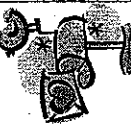



# January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Grades 7-12 Open Enrollment Dates: Jan 27-Feb 11 Walk in dates: Feb 5, 6, 7			1 Winter Break: December 21 - January 5	2	3	4
5	6	7 Basketball - bye	8 5:30 pm SSC 6:30 pm PTC / LIB	9 Basketball vs Brannan	10 Student of the Month-Dec	11
share						
12	13	14 9:15 am OE Visit Medical Mayhem Assembly 4-8 grades 9-9:50 K-3rd 10-10:50 Basketball vs Bacon	15 9:15 am OE visit Class Meetings eK 5-6pm 6-7 pm eK-3rd grades 6:30-7:30 pm 4-6 grades 7-8 pm 7&8 grades	16 Basketball vs MLK	17 9:15 am OE Visit	18
compassion						
19	20 No School Martin Luther King Jr Holiday MLK Day of Service Learning Garden Work Day 8-noon	21 MS Finals periods 1&2	22 MS Finals periods 3&4	23 FT LdV BB, eK MS Finals periods 5&6 8:30 am Parent Coffee Chat	24 End of Semester MS 1:30 pm dismissal MS only	25 Basketball Pancake Breakfast & Game
honesty						
26	27	28	29 FT rm 16, 17	30	31 CIE Breakfast Around the World 20 Hours Due	
sincere						
					<b>MS Open Enrollment Visitation Days 8 am</b>	



# February 2014 tentative

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
K-6 grade Open Enrollment Dates: Feb 18- Mar 7 Walk in dates: Mar 5, 6, 7						1 Basketball ALL-STAR game 8 am- 4 pm Barbeque!
2	3	4	5 FT 7th grade 5:30 pm SSC 6:30 pm PTC /LIB	6	7	8 Garden Work Day 8am-noon 
dependable 						
9	10	11	12	13 100th Day	14	15
trustworthy	No School Lincoln's Birthday		6th gr FT Greek Architecture Walk		Middle School Dance 6:30-8 pm 	
16	17	18	19	20 FT rm 5 9:15 am ELAC	21 eK-6 gr Visitation 9:15 Father Daughter Dance	22
promise	No School President's Day					<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">             1-6 grade              Conference Day              1:30 pm dismissal           </div>
23	24	25	26	27	28	
loyalty				8:30 am Parent Coffee Chat	End of Trimester Dr Seuss' Birthday Read Around the School 	
1-6 grade Conference Days 1:30 pm dismissal—Feb 21, 24-28						

