



Leonardo da Vinci eK-8 School

2014 Author Day is this Friday!

Bay Area author Dashka Slater will be at LdV this Friday, and we have lots of activities planned:

10:50-11:35 - K-3 grade assembly (auditorium)

12-1 - Lunch with the author

1:00-1:45 - 4-6 grade assembly

2:15-3:00 - Workshop in Rm. 15

3:00 - Book signing

Growups are welcome to attend the assemblies.

Books preordered for signing will be available for pickup in the library at the noontime lunch or after school. If you can't make it then, we will deliver your order to your child's classroom next week.

Ms. Slater is the author of several books for young children: *Baby Shoes*, *The Sea Serpent and Me*, *Dangerously Ever After*, and *Firefighters in the Dark*. A recipient of a Creative Writing Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, Slater is also an award-winning journalist whose articles have appeared in such publications as *Newsweek*, *Salon*, *The New York Times Magazine*, and *Mother Jones*. She is also the author of a novel, *The Wishing Box*, which the *Los Angeles Times* named to its list of the year's best fiction in 2000.

Ms. Slater frequently speaks at schools, libraries, and literacy festivals. You can visit her website at www.dashkaslater.com.

Welcome to LdV Dashka Slater!

"A Taste of LdV"

Next Meeting for "A Taste of LdV" is Tonight at 6:30pm. As you found out at the last class meeting, our "adults only" Spring fundraiser, A Taste of LdV, is June 7th. This is your party - and we want to hear from you! The meeting is at 6:30 pm at 1449 Sherwood Ave, Sacramento 95822. Can't make the meeting, but still want to be part of the fun? Contact Gwynnae Byrd at gwynnaeb@gmail.com, 202-1297 or Kim Niemeyer at niemeyers@comcast.net, 709-6093.

Royal Seating?

We are looking for a chair suitable for a royal rear to use for the queen's visit at Renaissance Faire. If you have one to lend please contact UnChu at tateskitchen@gmail.com.

Water Please

I am looking for a parent volunteer to water the front and side flower beds a couple of times a week. Either stay a little at drop off time or come a little early for pick up? Please see Diane in the front office or email diane-soule@scusd.edu if you can help.

Tri-Fold Boards are Here!

Need a board for the upcoming Science Fair? Pick them up at the Dolphin Store on Mondays and Thursdays after school. \$5 for white or \$7 for color. What a deal!

LdV Talent Show News

Talent show auditions will be this Wednesday March 26 during the student's scheduled lunch time OR afterschool at 3:00. Students need to bring whatever they need to perform (music/instruments/etc.) to room 24. IF they have any questions or can not make the auditions they need to come to me sometime next week to set up a separate audition time. Thanks Mr. Maroldy

ARTLinks Open Studio

Tuesday and Thursday, March 25 & 27 in Room 33b from 3:15-4:15pm

Open Studio is a free after school Art Studio opportunity available to every child at LdV. Students will create artwork for an LdV ART Links or community service project. Parents, please plan to stay during all Open Studio visits. We need you as volunteers for the students and it facilitates end of project timing. Yes, you can bring a friends child to the open studio but please make sure each parent has had a conversation about attendance and pick-up to keep the Open Studio session light and fun for each child. PLEASE Remind your student artists that they are attending Open Studio to make artwork and that this time is an extension of their learning day. They are to remain in Room 33b throughout the duration of the project. Open Studio is made possible by the LdV PTC. Please email UnChu Littlefield tateskitchen@gmail.com with questions

Shop?

Could you do a little shopping for Renaissance Faire? Places such as Michael's Costco/SAMS Club, and Hobby Lobby are a few of the stops. All receipts will be reimbursed. Please contact UnChu at tateskitchen@gmail.com.

Lend Us Your Likes

Help raise money for our entry into the Northern California Solar Regatta (<https://www.smud.org/en/about-smud/environment/renewable-energy/solar-regatta.htm>). Please go to this site (<https://www.facebook.com/WestCoastMortgageGroup>) and "Like" their page. If they get over 500 likes, they will make a donation to our project. SPREAD THE WORD!

Dolphin!

Dolphin art by LdV 8th grader Daniela R.

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Dates to Remember

March 24
Soccer @ SES
girls @ 3:30 • boys @ 4:45

March 25
Open Studio 3:15-4:15 pm

March 26
Soccer @ Still
boys @ 3:30 • girls @ 4:45

March 27
Open Studio 3:15-4:15 pm

March 28
Spirit Day
Crazy Hair & Outfit
Author Day

Encouraging young learners
Integrated Thematic Instruction Through Arts & Sciences

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.

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Deadline: Mar 27

President's Ponderings

Hello again everyone! Spring has sprung and it's a busy time at LdV. I hope you'll take advantage of the many activities that are coming up in the next few weeks.

Firstly, ARTLinks Open Studio is again hosting after-school art studio sessions on Tuesday and Thursday 3:15-4:15 this week. This is a community service of the PTC Arts Committee and is free for all students, though we ask that parents also attend to help supervise. Thank you to UnChu Littlefield and her dedicated team for making this happen.

On Friday is our annual Author Day visit with novelist, journalist, and children's author Dasha Slater. Ms. Slater will be speaking to the children at two different assemblies, as well as hosting a writer's workshop, signing books, and having lunch with members of the LdV community. A huge thanks to Patricia Heinicke for again organizing this wonderful PTC event.

Looking ahead to next week, we have our annual science fair turn-in and judging on Friday, April 4th. Contact Celia Rosecrans cz.rosecrans@gmail.com to volunteer. The following Friday is our annual Renaissance Faire on April 11th. Lots of volunteers are needed so Contact UnChu Littlefield tateskitchen@gmail.com if you can help. And the best thing about both of these PTC sponsored events is that Celia and UnChu will feed you! So sign up now!

And finally, looking further ahead, we need some new faces to take on leadership roles in the PTC, and help organize our annual LdV PTC Fireworks Sale. These are important jobs and we need some dedicated people to take the reins from those who are stepping aside. So make a plan now to get involved and look for more details elsewhere in this newsletter.

See you at school! Ciao! —David DeNuzzo - PTC President

Word of the Week

JUSTICE, our character education word of the week, is a basic foundation for fairness. In fact it is so important that it is a part of our nation's Pledge of Allegiance and the cornerstone of our government. In the United States there is always a fair way that citizens are held accountable for their behavior and that is justice.

"I always felt from the beginning that you had to defend people you disliked and feared as well as those you admired."

—Roger Baldwin

LdV Soccer Update – Week #3

Boys & Girls still undefeated!

Both teams started the week on Monday with matches against LAS. The girls won 5 to 0 and the boys won 5 to 2. Wednesday was the big match day with both teams taking on an undefeated Didion team. The boys went first and ended up a draw at 1 to 1 – it was a really close match. Then the girls went and handed Didion their first loss -

winning 1 to 0. The lone goal came from left wingback Alexis Cano who bent in a corner kick.

Girls: 4 wins 1 Draw

Monday #4: LdV 5 LAS 0

Wednesday #5: LdV 1 Didion 0

Goals: Justine Jackson 2 (brace)
Alexis Cano 1
Celeste Cox 1
Joseline Nolasco 1
Sienna Carrillo 1

Boys: 4 wins 1 Draw

Monday #4: LdV 5 LAS 2

Wednesday #5: LdV 1 Didion 1

#4 Goals: Luis Magana 3 (hat-trick)
JoJo Mamola 2 (brace)

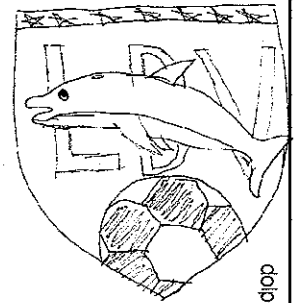
#5 Goals: JoJo Mamola 1

Next Week:

#6 Mon March 24th LdV vs SES @ SES 3:30g & 4:45b

#7 Wed March 26th LdV vs Still @ Still 3:30b & 4:45g

**Watching the soccer matches counts as volunteer time!



dolphin art: Sienna C.

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 - 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 2018. 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.

Zangle News

SCUSD is replacing its outdated student information program Zangle with Infinite Campus, a state-of-the-art data management system used by more than 2,000 school districts across the country. Infinite Campus rolls out on April 21. The switch to Infinite Campus is necessary because Zangle's parent company is no longer in business. Right now, SCUSD is operating Zangle without service support, maintenance or new upgrades.

Fortunately, Infinite Campus is very easy to use, can be accessed from anywhere and has a mobile app so parents can check attendance and grades with their phones.

Funding for Infinite Campus is coming from Measure Q, a bond measure passed by voters in November 2012.

Under SCUSD's implementation timeline, Zangle will be available for use until 5 p.m. on April 11. Neither Infinite Campus nor Zangle will be available April 12-20 (Spring Break) for the transition to the new system.



SAVE THE DATE:

Mother & Son "Decades of Dance"

We're excited to announce the Mother & Son Dance will be taking place again this year! Guys, be prepared to take a step back in time with your mom (or other favorite lady in your life, aunt, grandmother, etc.) at this special event where we'll visit past decades starting with the 1950s and work our way back up to 2014!

When & Where: Friday, May 16th • 7pm - 9:30pm • LDV Auditorium

Highlights Include: Live DJ • Dancing • Sweet Treats • Fun Shop • Cool Prizes • Photo Shoot

PLUS...Come represent your favorite decade by dressing up for a chance to win a prize awarded to the "Best Dressed Mom/Son(s)"

Parents interested in helping can contact: Alexis Wasilichin at alexisbartine@sbcglobal.net or Christie Garcia at christieg75@gmail.com



Looking for Something to Do?

You Could Light Up Our Life

Many years ago, LdV parent David DeNuzzo was inspired to pursue the opportunity to run a fantastic new to LdV fundraiser...A Fireworks Booth. David did all the research, attended classes, filed paperwork, found us a premium location, and has basically lived at the booth every July ever since. With all the really hard work done, David would like to pass the baton to a parent or parents who could work with him this year and take it over from there. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER TO LdV. The work you do on this summer fundraiser will complete your hours for the year! And you will have a lot of fun! PLEASE contact David at dfd@denuzzo.com with questions or to volunteer.

Join the PTC Board

Are you interested in serving on the PTC? Many positions are open including (but not limited to) President elect. Please contact Cindy at UNDC@aol.com

You Be the Judge!

The PTC Science Committee is seeking volunteers to help with the Science Fair on **April 4th**. Volunteers are needed to help check in projects in the morning before school 8-9:30am, and to help judge the projects that evening from 6-9pm. No experience is necessary and pizza will be provided! Contact PTC Science Committee chair Celia Rosecrans at cz.rosecrans@gmail.com.

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.

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.

An Opportunity to Showcase Your Business or Talent

If you: Own or have connections to a food or beverage business, or are a talented chef in your own kitchen; Are an interior designer or have a flair for space planning and making spaces look cool; Are in the marketing/communications field; Are an entertainer or DJ; Enjoy planning unique events; Have a company you'd like to promote or showcase...You won't want to miss the opportunity to be a part of this year's biggest party! Contact Kim Niemeyer at niemeyers@comcast.net or Gwynnae Byrd at gwynnaeb@gmail.com for more information on how to participate!

NEW Photos Wanted!!!!

So many events, so little time. The yearbook deadlines are fast approaching, so I am currently looking for photos of the following events: Winter Faire, Father Daughter Dance, Author's Day Event and Ms. Diane kissing the guinea pig. Additionally, I wanted to let everyone know that I will also be asking for photos of the following future events: Dr. Suess' Birthday, The Tempest Performances, The Mother Son Dance, The Science Faire and the Ren Faire. If you have any shots that you would like to share for the yearbook and/or the historian binder, please send my anything you have. Diane has created a box in her office called HISTORY. You can either drop a CD there or email me directly at terrie_hammad@hotmail.com. Thank you so much for your assistance.

—Terrie Hammad, LdV Historian & Yearbook Coordinator

Are The New Online Tests Really Different?

Starting next month, SCUSD students will join thousands across California participating in a practice run of new online tests that will eventually replace the paper-and-pencil California Standards Tests (CSTs). The new tests, called Smarter Balanced Assessments, allow students to demonstrate what they are learning through writing and by solving complex problems, which makes them different from the multiple-choice, bubble-in CSTs.

For example, consider this released test question from the fourth grade math CST:

Which decimal should replace the question mark to have the numbers in order from least to greatest?

- 0.28
- 0.32
- 0.54
- ?
- 0.86

Is the answer: A) 0.24 B) 0.45 C) 0.61 or D) 0.93?

To compare this question to a Smarter Balanced Assessment math question, go to <http://sampleitems.smarterbalanced.org/itempreview/sbac/index.htm> here.

The Smarter Balanced Assessments are aligned to the new Common Core State Standards, which define what students should know and be able to do at every grade level.

Common Core Standards focus on skills in addition to content, and challenge students to think critically, solve problems, analyze text and create written arguments. The standards are generally more demanding and rigorous than the outgoing California Content Standards.

To take a full Smarter Balanced Practice Test, go to <http://www.scusd.edu/changes-state-testing>.

This year's spring testing is a "test of the test" aimed at providing the state with information about which questions fairly and equitably allow students to demonstrate what they know. It also allows schools to learn

SCUSD is committed to helping parents learn about both the new tests and the Common Core Standards through a series of workshops. Go to <http://www.scusd.edu/commoncoreworkshops> to see the schedule.

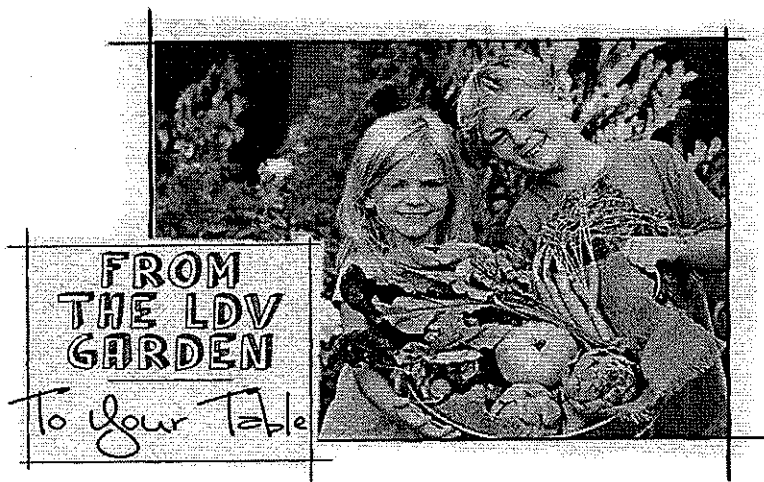
We Need Volunteers!

The annual LdV Renaissance Faire is just around the corner. Friday, April 11!
Faire opens at 9 am to our students. We need volunteers to help run all the stations.
All day shift - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
Lunch will be provided.

or

Morning shift - 9:00 am to 11:30 or Afternoon shift - 12:00 to 3:00
Help after to clean up, and or set up on Thursday, April 10 would be greatly appreciated.
This is a really busy but fun-filled day.

Please contact me if you are able to come join us - UnChu Littlefield at tateskitchen@gmail.com



Fava Beans are growing in Ms. Wickham's class garden box thanks to parent garden volunteer, Ms. Archer, and the room 12 children!

Alexis Wasilchin

Arugula and Fava Bean Dip with Crostini

Epicurious
Makes 8 servings

Ingredients

1 cup shelled fresh fava beans (1 ¼ pounds in pods) Or shelled fresh or frozen edamame
¼ cup olive oil
1 ½ cups packed baby arugula (1 ½ oz), divided
3 tablespoons grated Pecorino or Parmesan
¼ tsp grated lemon zest
½ teaspoon fresh lemon juice
Mint for garnish

1 baguette
1 TBSP olive oil
½ tsp salt

Preparation

Cook fava beans in boiling water, uncovered, until tender, 3 to 4 minutes, then drain and transfer to an ice bath to stop cooking. Gently peel off skins (if using edamame, don't peel).

Pulse fava beans in a food processor until very coarsely chopped, then transfer half of mixture to a large bowl. Add ¼ cup oil, ½ arugula, cheese, lemon zest and juice, ½ tsp salt, and 1/8 tsp pepper to favas in processor and puree until smooth. Add to bowl. Coarsely chop remaining cup arugula and gently fold into fava bean mixture.

Preheat oven to 350

Cut 16 diagonal slices (1/3 inch thick) from baguette and lay on a sheet pan drizzle with 1 TBSP olive oil and sprinkle with ½ tsp salt. Bake until golden and crisp, 8-10 minutes.

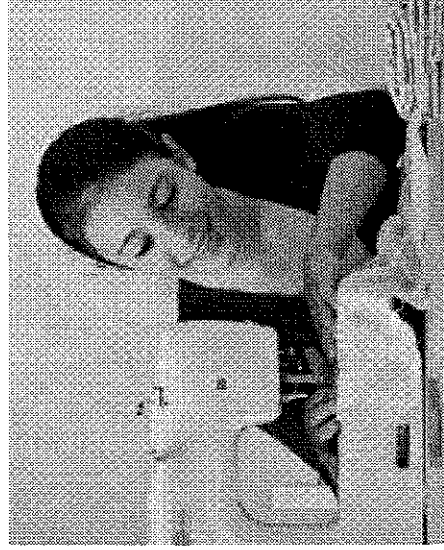
Serve the dip spread on crostini or in a bowl with vegetables and crostini.

Our LDV Learning Garden is supported by our PTC!

The most fun you will have all summer!

Sewing

Summer Camp



Kids ages 9 and up, will love this fun & creative sewing camp. Experience my cool music filled sewing studio. Learn basic sewing skills while creating an amazing sewing project using a professional sewing machine.

simply-sewing.com

Woodshop

Summer Camp



The Woodshop is a woodworking program designed to teach boys and girls, ages 6-12, basic woodworking skills using real tools. Guided by an experienced carpenter, kids will safely experience the excitement of building a variety of really fun projects while learning a wide range of woodworking skills.

thewoodshop.us

All camps are held in the same location to make it easy for siblings & friends to attend together.

Visit our websites for all the details

Sac. Youth Flag Football, Basketball & Cheer League!



A Non-Profit Organization

Register now
online & you
could win an
Amazon Kindle!

Now offering 3 sports for you
to choose from! Pick football,
basketball or cheer and have
the same great experience!

Want to coach or
volunteer? Give
us a call or send
us an email!

Who is eligible to play?

Open to all Kindergarten through 8th grade boys and girls.

When does the season start?

Practices start soon, games start in April

What makes this league so incredibly AWESOME!?

Professional referees, emphasis on sportsmanship, devoted coaches who have passed background checks, low registration fee (only \$80! Includes jersey and loads of extras!) certified 501(c)3 non profit, convenient locations for games and practices.. are just a few things that make us special.

REGISTER NOW! @ GSFFL.org

Want more information? Give us a call! (916) 458-4625

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