

# Leonardo da Vinci eK-8 School

Integrated Thematic Instruction Through Arts & Sciences

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## You Be the Judge!

The PTC Science Committee is seeking volunteers to help with the Science Fair on March 20. 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](mailto:cz.rosecrans@gmail.com)

## Honor Band

Congratulations LdV Band students: Kaylee Kazee, Leilani Hernandez, Gabriel Girardi who were chosen to participate in the Middle School Honor Band which will be performing on Wednesday, February 11 at 7:30 pm at Rosemont HS.

## Help Needed for Breakfast Around the World

Ready for a tasty treat to celebrate Chinese New Year on Thursday, February 19th? We'll be selling a variety of Chinese bao and hot tea out front from 8:30am-9:00am on 2/19/15, if I can get a few volunteers to help serve and sell. Please e-mail Val at [jayandval@earthlink.net](mailto:jayandval@earthlink.net) if you're available to help!

## Two of your Favorite Things!

Pizza and the LdV Blues Band! Come out and support the Blues Band, **Thursday, February 19th** at Zpizza. The new Greenhaven location is the new hot spot and they're have generously reached out to help local schools and programs. Blues Band is part of the "I Can Do That", a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit corporation providing Arts-related programs which enhance learning and enrich the lives of children with and without disabilities. I Can Do That! strives to create Arts, education, and cultural opportunities for children with disabilities, making the Arts accessible to people of all abilities.

## Movie Night Help

The next LdV Movie Night is Friday, Feb 27 at 1:30 pm. We are looking for parent volunteers to help at the event. Please contact [tiffany-ballard@scusd.edu](mailto:tiffany-ballard@scusd.edu) if you are interested.

## LdV's 9th Annual Father Daughter Dance Friday, February 20th, 7 - 10 pm

Tickets that are purchased via the invitation or through the newsletter insert before Friday, February 13th, will be delivered to your daughter in class. The event is only a few weeks away. Get your tickets early (this event sells out) and don't miss out on this wonderful LdV tradition!

## Reminder!

**Feb 20 & 23-27 are 1:30 pm Dismissal Days  
1-6th grade ONLY**

## Dolphins

This week's dolphin artist is 7th grader **Alina LM.**

## Boys Soccer Tryouts

**Feb 11th 3:15-4:45pm & Feb 12th 3:15-4:45pm**

All 5th - 8th grade boys are invited to tryout for LdV soccer. Tryouts on the LdV Soccer Field Season runs Feb through Mid - May. Weekdays after school Mon-Thu.

Shakespeare participants can be accommodated to play soccer as well.

<http://www.ldvsocceracademy.com/>

## ART Links Open Studio

Tuesday Feb 10 & Thursday Feb 12

3:15 - 4:15 in room 33b

## The Other Fair(e)s are Coming!

Science Fair and Renaissance Faire are coming soon and volunteers are needed. Contact Celia [cz.rosecrans@gmail.com](mailto:cz.rosecrans@gmail.com) for science, or UnChu at [tateskitchen@gmail.com](mailto:tateskitchen@gmail.com) for Ren Faire.

## ELAC Meeting

The next ELAC (English Learners Advisory Committee) meeting is Feb 19 at 9:15 am in the Café.

## Taste of LdV

Feb 23 is the date for the next Taste of LdV meeting.

## Academic Talent Search

The ATS qualifying exam will be offered at LdV on Feb 25 at 9:15 am in the LdV Library. Applications for current 4-8th grade students are available in the front office. Email [diane-soule@scusd.edu](mailto:diane-soule@scusd.edu) or leave a message at 277-7034 to request an application form be sent to your child in their classroom.

Applications are due Feb 18. Payment for test (\$15) should be sent with your child the day of the test. Information about classes and sample test questions can be found at the ATS website at <http://edweb.csus.edu/projects/ats>

## Boxtops Contest Time!!!

Raid your pantries! We are over halfway to our goal of \$1000 collected from boxtops and we are seriously lacking some Labels for Education! To make sure we get to our goal this year we are having a Contest to see which rooms can collect the most Boxtops For Education and Labels For Education! The classroom with the most Labels and the classroom with the most Boxtops will each get popcorn for everyone! If you have turned in a bag of Boxtops in the new year that you didn't write your room number on email me to claim it ([jen\\_mcelhannon@yahoo.com](mailto:jen_mcelhannon@yahoo.com)) When you turn in your Boxtops or Labels, make sure you write your room number on it. Please make sure your Boxtops include everything inside the pink dotted line and your Labels have the part that says Labels for Education and the barcode, otherwise they don't count. The Boxtops and Labels websites have info on bonus products! Contest ends Feb 18.

## Dates to Remember

**Feb 9**

No school

**Feb 10**

Open Enrollment visit 9:15 am

Open Studio 3:15 pm/33b

**Feb 11**

Winter Faire Wrap up mtg 6pm

**Feb 12**

100th Day!

Open Studio 3:15 pm/33b

**Feb 13**

Middle school Dance 5-7 pm/

Cafeteria

**Feb 16**

No school

**Feb 19**

ELAC mtg 9:15 in Café

**Feb 20-27**

Conference days:

1:30 dismissal

for 1-6 grades only

**Feb 20**

Father Daughter Dance

**Feb 23**

Taste of LdV mtg 6 pm

**Feb 25**

ATS Test 9:15/LIB

**Feb 26**

Principal's Coffee Chat 8:30 am

**Feb 27**

Open Enrollment visit 9:15 am

Movie Night Hero 2 @ 3:15 pm

## 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. Published by the parents of Leonardo da Vinci eK-8

**Next Issue: Feb 17**

**Deadline: Feb 18**



LdV's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual  
*Father Daughter Dance*  
 Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 10 pm  
 LdV Auditorium

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade is honored to host this year's French Twist, LdV's night of Father/Daughter fun, with dancing, food, and great prizes. Did your daughter show you her special French Twist Invitation? If she didn't be sure to ask her for it! Tickets are only \$25 for Father's (or favorite father figure) and all current LdV daughters. Look for the pink flyer in the newsletter for additional information, and a ticket order form. Tickets that are purchased via the invitation or through the newsletter insert before Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, will be delivered to your daughter in class. **The first round of ticket deliveries will be this Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.** The event is only two weeks away. Get your tickets early, and don't miss out on this wonderful LdV tradition!



**Calling all LdV Bakers...**

The 2015 French Twist Committee is in need of dessert donations for this event. We are seeking donations of at least 2 dozen dessert items. Specifically we are in need of: cookies, brownies, cream puffs, macaroons, mini cupcakes, truffles, petit fours, or any sweet treat that does not need to be sliced. Items can be delivered to the LdV auditorium Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, before 3pm!

If you have questions about dessert items, or if you'd like to volunteer for the event, please contact the 2015 French Twist Coordinator Jennifer Ellis, at [ldvfrenchtwist@gmail.com](mailto:ldvfrenchtwist@gmail.com)

**Siblings and Open Enrollment**

Please add your incoming Kinder or early Kinder sibling to the list on the front office window. Early kinder applications are available from Diane now. Kinder openings are through Open Enrollment only (even for LdV siblings). **Kindergarten registration began Tuesday, January 20** please contact your neighborhood school for information. Sibling Kinders must register through their neighborhood schools (not LdV).

**Open Enrollment dates:**

**LdV Kinder & 4h grade:** Feb 17-March 3.

Walk in: 2/25 9am-3pm; 2/26 noon-5pm; 2/27 9-11am

**Cafe da Vinci Serving Peet's**

Parents, watch for hot coffee and cocoa at drop off on Monday and Friday mornings. A 12 oz Peet's coffee is only \$1.50!

**Got a LLAMA?**

Ren Faire is looking for llamas, goats or other four legged Renaissance appropriate animals for the Faire. Please contact UnChu at [tateskitchen@gmail.com](mailto:tateskitchen@gmail.com) if you have one/some!

**Last Chance for a Piece of the Puzzle**

**Buy a Shirt to Show your Support - Flyers attached to this Newsletter**

There is now a Facebook page set-up for the 2041 International Antarctic Expedition (IAE) adventure, which departs in mid-March. "facebook.com/2041Expedition" This page provides lots of information about the expedition and Aidan's participation in it as a 2041 Antarctic Youth Ambassador. Please "LIKE" the page and share it with a friends and to ask them to "LIKE" it as well. Getting more "LIKES" will help make supporting their participation in this IAE more attractive to both potential sponsors as well as the media. For those who would like to offer support via a tax deductible contribution, our preferred method of contribution is as follows:

**FIRST CHOICE** - Check Payable to: "Leonardo da Vinci PTC" Tax ID: 68-0198753 Memo Line: "LdV 2041 Sustainability Fund" Mailed to: Leonardo da Vinci PTC 4701 Joaquin Way Sacramento, CA 95822 (A check sent direct will avoid the administrative and credit card fees which are about 8%.)

**SECOND CHOICE** - Contribution via my GoFundMe site [gofundme.com/2041Expedition](http://gofundme.com/2041Expedition)

All contributions will support Aidan's participation as well as Ms Williams. If we raise more funds than our target of \$33,000, those funds will be used to support LdV 2041 projects and sustainability in general, upon our return from the IAE. All contributions of \$25 or more sent directly to LdV or of \$50 or more contributed through GoFundMe will receive a charitable contribution receipt letter, so long as a mailing address is provided.

If you know of anyone who might be a potential corporate sponsor of \$500 or more, let us know. We have information to provide to potential sponsors of the benefits to them of sponsorship.



Visit [Facebook.com/2041expedition](http://Facebook.com/2041expedition) - "Like" the page and share it with friends!



Celebrate the life and times of Leonardo da Vinci ...



**LdV's 14th Annual  
On-Campus  
Renaissance Faire  
and Costume Day  
Friday – March 27**

**We Need Volunteers!**

**This is a terrific event and a fun way  
to get your parent hours.**

Morning? Afternoon? All day?

Lunch provided to those who spend the day with us.

Questions? Want to volunteer?

*Interested in at-home projects?*

email UnChu Littlefield at [tateskitchen@gmail.com](mailto:tateskitchen@gmail.com)

please be sure to put RenFaire in the subject line



## Looking for Something to Do?

### Science Fair Help

Help is needed for LdV Science Fair. Set up: March 19 (after school); Turn in: March 20 (morning); Judging: March 20 (evening). Contact Celia at [cz.rosecrans@gmail.com](mailto:cz.rosecrans@gmail.com)

### Buildings & Grounds

PTC is looking for a new Buildings & Grounds person. This position covers the overall school grounds excluding the Learning Garden, rallying parents for leaf clean up and small maintenance projects around campus. If you are interested please contact PTC President, Katherine Barrett at [k.b.barrett@comcast.net](mailto:k.b.barrett@comcast.net)

### Staff Appreciation

If you would like to contribute to our monthly Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts, please contact Stacie Lo at [stacielo@live.com](mailto:stacielo@live.com)

### 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 Stacie Lo at [stacielo@live.com](mailto:stacielo@live.com)

### Taste of LdV

If you want to be part of the planning and vision for Taste of LdV, please contact one of us to find out more: [niemeyers@comcast.net](mailto:niemeyers@comcast.net), [gwynnaeb@gmail.com](mailto:gwynnaeb@gmail.com) or [fordkat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fordkat@sbcglobal.net).

## Looking for Volunteer to...

### Drive Field Trips

Our special day classes would love to take their students on field trips. If you have your clearances in place and would like to help please contact [diane-soule@scusd.edu](mailto:diane-soule@scusd.edu) or to help 4-6 grade contact [phil-howard@scusd.edu](mailto:phil-howard@scusd.edu) or to help 7 & 8 grade contact [aeisha-jones@scusd.edu](mailto:aeisha-jones@scusd.edu) or 916-505-8623

### Supervise in Café da Vinci

Middle School students who have signed up for LdV Entrepreneurs will soon be training in preparation to opening the Café. Adults who want to help should contact [diane-soule@scusd.edu](mailto:diane-soule@scusd.edu).

Da Vinci Players present ...

# Much Ado

About Nothing

A Comedy by William Shakespeare

LEONARDO DA VINCI March 3, 5, 6  
K-8 SCHOOL 2015  
4701 Joaquin Way 7pm  
Sacramento Auditorium  
\$5.00 admission

Proceeds benefit the middle school Grego Shakespeare Festival Trip

## Word of the Week

Our new pillar is TRUSTWORTHINESS

The character word for this week is TRUSTWORTHY. Every child wants to be trusted by his or her family and friends. Once lost, however, trust is difficult to regain. For example, if a person who normally tells the truth tells one lie, that person can be viewed as less trustworthy. That is why children must carefully consider all of their actions before acting. Trust can be gained only by consistently acting in trustworthy ways.

"To be trusted is a greater compliment than to be loved." — George Macdonald

## Community Events

### High School?

• **Cristo Rey College Prep High School** Information Night: Shadow days: Feb 10, 18, 26. Placement tests: 3/7; 4/18; 5/16. For information or to RSVP: (916) 733-2660 or check the website: [crhss.org](http://crhss.org)

• The Family Visitation Day for the **Performing and Fine Arts Academy** will be held on February 12th, 2015 at 8:45am in the Benvenuti Performing Arts Center on the Natomas Charter School campus. If you plan to attend the Family Visitation Day it is important that you RSVP to the Academy Secretary, Christine Hobarb at 916-928-5353 x1008.

## From the District

**Open Enrollment** For more information go to [www.scusd.edu](http://www.scusd.edu) or contact Michael Crosby at 643-9075.

**School readiness fair** Feb 28 10am-2pm at the Serna Center free health screenings, Kinder enrollment info and more 643-7858

**Young Adult Bereavement Art Group** coordinated by the UC Davis Hospice Program in conjunction with the UC Davis Children's Hospital Bereavement Program. The next group will be on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30pm. It will be held for 8 weeks from February 10th, 2015 to March 31st, 2015.

Questions about the group may be directed to Don Lewis at 916-734-1139 or by e-mail to [donald.lewis@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu](mailto:donald.lewis@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu)

## Accepting Nominations

The District is accepting nominations for the 2015 Classified Champions of the Year and 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year Award. We encourage you to nominate outstanding certificated (teachers) and classified employees (staff such as clerks) who perform at levels over and above their district duties and who deserves to be recognized as a top employee in our district.

Please submit your nomination form by February 13, 2015 to the Human Resource Services Department, School Box 770.

Link to retrieve the Teacher of the Year Nomination form:

<http://www.scusd.edu/teacher-appreciation>

Link to retrieve the Classified Champion of the Year Nomination form: <http://www.scusd.edu/classified-champions>

## What's Happening After School?

### Science Club

The remainder of upcoming dates are as follows: 2-20, 3-6, 3-20, 4-10, 4-24, 5-8, 5-22 TIME: 8:00 - 9:00 am  
WHERE: LdV Science Lab (room 28)

### Dolphin Store is Open

Every Wednesday after school the Dolphin Store is open for business. Selling fun pencils, erasers, school supplies and more!

### Art

After school art lessons painting, drawing, watercolor, mask making, collage and printmaking \$12 per class (all materials included). For 2nd-8th grade students. Call Leslie Colby at 502-1227 to sign up.

### Learn Spanish

For any questions about this program please contact Mrs. Garcia Email: [ingridspanishstudio@gmail.com](mailto:ingridspanishstudio@gmail.com) Phone: (916)585-6020

### On/Off Stage

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

### LdV Ballet Folklorico

For more information call (916)585-6020 or e-mail [inlandsurfclub@gmail.com](mailto:inlandsurfclub@gmail.com)

### Sponsors Needed

We are looking for corporate or individual sponsors for our Solar Regatta program. LdV MS students are building 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!**

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).

### Got Bugs?

Students in room 20 love to visit with them. Live ones are good! Drop them off to room 20 whenever you find an interesting one.

### Art Contest

The Sacramento Bee's Media in Education (MIE) program and the Sacramento Kings are pleased to announce The Great Create visual arts contest! Whether your budding artist loves to draw, paint, take photos, or create posters, this contest will allow kids to use their imagination artistically.

Top winners will be selected from four categories and four age groups. There will be 36 semi-finalists and 12 finalists who will be announced at a Sacramento Kings home game in March 2015 and be awarded great prizes. In total, the value of prizes being awarded across the 48 winners will be over \$15,000. All art is due on February 28, 2015.

Enter online at [www.kings.com/greatcreate](http://www.kings.com/greatcreate). We can't wait to see how creative our kids are! Let the challenge begin!

Sacramento City Unified School District



*Come see  
our own  
Gabriel Girardi  
Leilani Hernandez  
Kaylee Kazez  
Aaliyah DeGrace-  
Voyles*

Middle School and High School Music  
Rehearsal and Concert

*Julia Massey!  
😊*

Dress Rehearsal February 10th 7 - 9 p.m.  
in the Rosemont High School Theater

Call Time for the Concert - February 11th 5:15 p.m.  
in the Rosemont High School Music Room

**Concert Begins at 6:00 p.m.**

LdV's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual

# French Twist

Prizes

Dancing

Photos



Desserts

## Father Daughter Dance

### Ticket Order Form

An Early Kindergarten - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Event  
(Current LdV Students Only)

**Friday, February 20th, 2015**  
**7 - 10 pm LdV Auditorium**

DJ

Boutique

\$25.00 per father (or favorite father figure) with all accompanying LdV daughters

Complete form, include payment, and return to your student's classroom teacher or to the box in the Community Liaison's office by 2/13/15.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Daughters Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket Price: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00

Quantity of Corsages Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

~ Please make all checks payable to: LdV PTC 7<sup>th</sup> Grade ~  
And Write your child's name and room number in the Memo Box

Ticket #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt Pd Cash: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amt Pd Check: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

LdV's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual *French Twist*

# Father Daughter Dance

Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 10 pm

LdV Auditorium



## *What is it?*

A chance for Fathers/Father Figures, and their daughter(s) to get dressed up, kick up their heels, and have some fun!

The dance will feature a DJ, desserts & beverages, prizes, photo booth, a boutique, and more...

## *Who's Invited?*

All currently attending LdV Daughters and their Father or Father Figure are invited to purchase tickets to the event.

## *Attire?*

Dressy attire is encouraged, but not required.

## *How do I Order and Receive My Tickets & Corsages?*

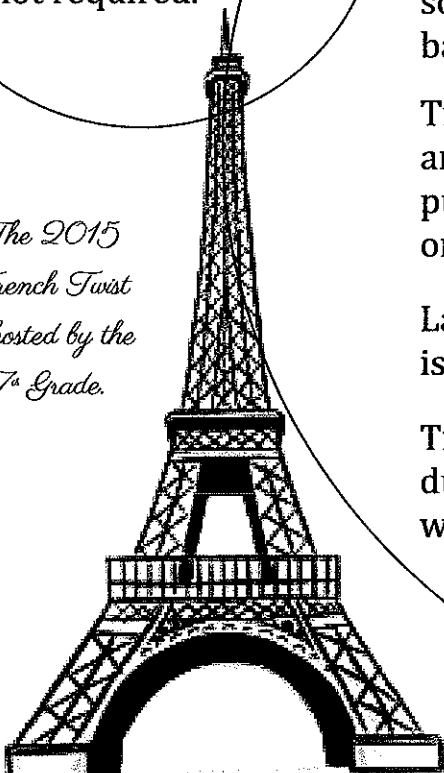
Invitations and ticket ordering information were handed out in your daughter's class this week (1/29), so make sure to ask your daughter(s) and check those backpacks!

Ticket order forms are available in the Newsletter and in the volunteer office. Tickets will be available to purchase at Winter Faire, and under the dolphin sign on various mornings and afternoons in February.

Last day to pre-order tickets and corsages is Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets will be delivered to your daughter(s) in class during the weeks of February 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Corsages will be available for pick up at the dance.

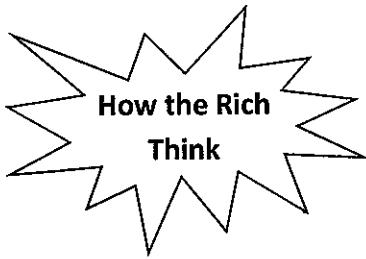
*The 2015  
French Twist  
is hosted by the  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade.*



# Be Rich & Free with Financial Education!

## Financial Education for Middle-Schoolers

Presented by Ben Anders, CPA and Eva Anders, 8<sup>th</sup> Grader at LdV

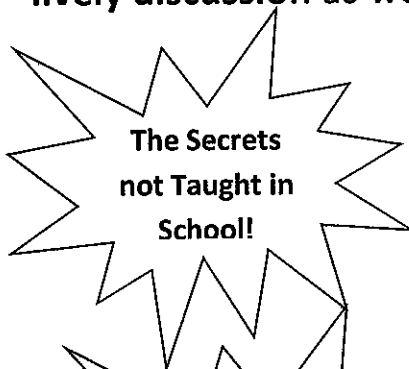


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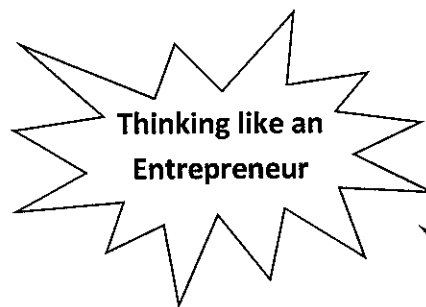
# Do you want to work hard all your life for money?

## Or do you want your money to work for you!

Join us Thursday afternoons from 3:15 to 5:15 for interactive games and lively discussion as we learn about:



The Secrets  
not Taught in  
School!



Thinking like an  
Entrepreneur



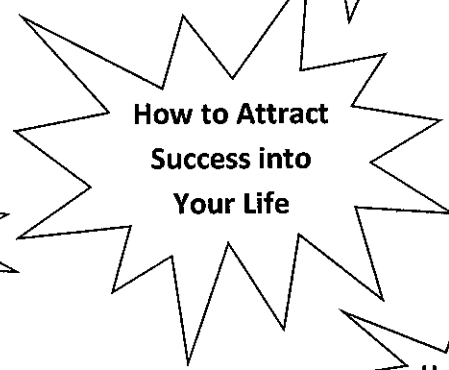
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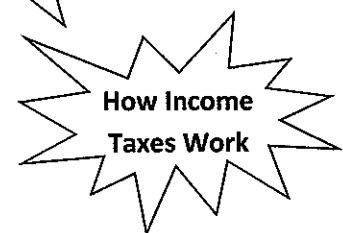
The Easiest Way  
to Get Rich



Budgeting



How to Attract  
Success into  
Your Life



How Income  
Taxes Work

**Just \$120 for 10 two hour sessions!**

That's only \$6 per hour!  
(And it comes with a free book)

### 10 Sessions:

Mar. 5, 19, 26  
Apr. 2, 9, 30  
May 7, 14, 21, 28

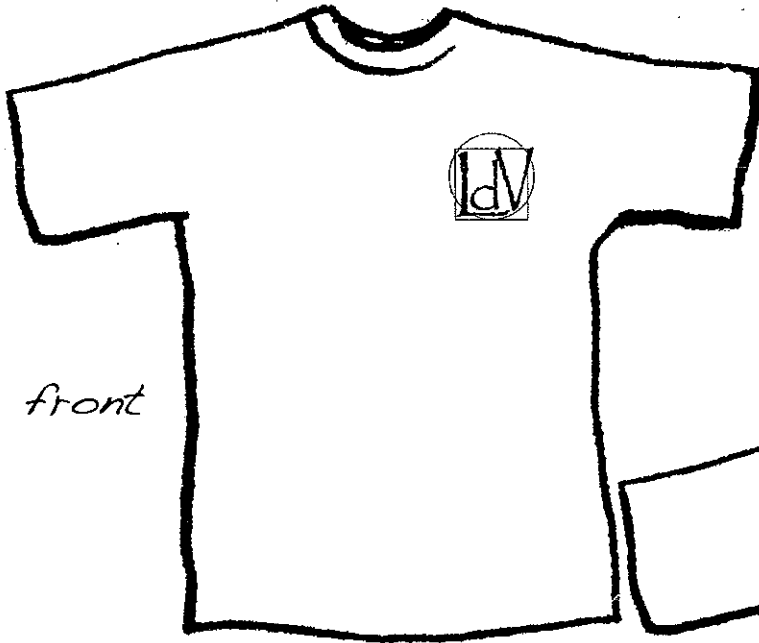
RSVP to Ben Anders By phone: 916-307-9666 or  
By email: [ben@InnovativeCPAs.com](mailto:ben@InnovativeCPAs.com)

**Hurry!!! Space is Limited to only 12 students!\***

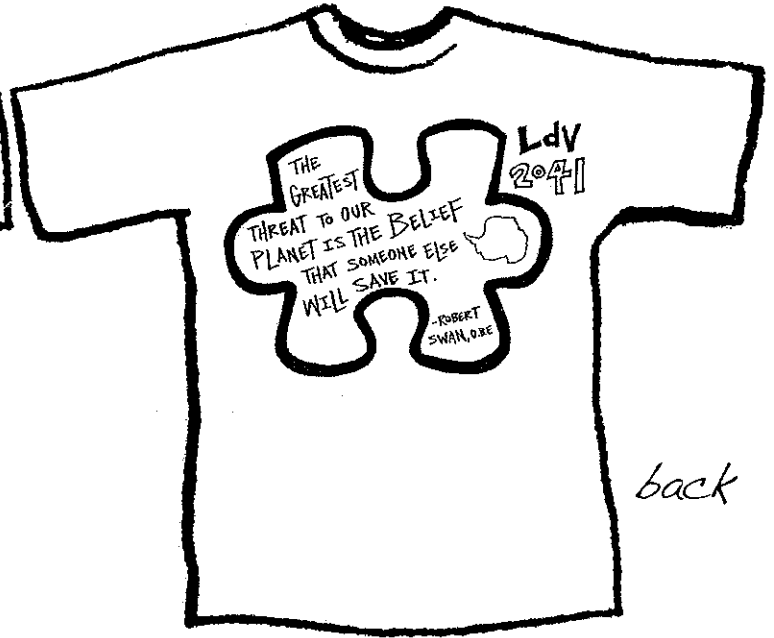
**\*Parents can accompany students for free! Reserve your space NOW!!!**



# How Cool is our School?



front



back

**One last chance  
to get your  
piece of the puzzle!**

Snow white tees have LdV on the front left and a 2041 logo on the back in black ink. T-shirts are 100% preshrunk cotton (but will shrink a little) and are similar in weight to Beefy T's.

**Orders DUE Feb 13. NO exchanges or returns!**

Make checks payable to: LdV 2041 Sustainability Fund.  
All profits go to help support Ms. Williams and Aidan's trek and the LdV Sustainability Partnership.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email/Best Contact Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher/Room Number

S _____ quantity	Youth Tee
M _____ quantity	
L _____ quantity x \$14	\$ _____
S _____ quantity	Adult Tee
M _____ quantity	
L _____ quantity	
XL _____ quantity x \$18	\$ _____
XXL _____ quantity x \$20	\$ _____
XXXL _____ quantity x \$22	\$ _____