

# Leonardo da Vinci eK-8 School

Integrated Thematic Instruction Through Arts & Sciences

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## PTC News

Greetings LdV families! Thank you for turning out to the Back to School Night and the Funderland fundraiser and thank you to all of the dedicated parent volunteers who make such wonderful events happen. I want to take this opportunity to briefly describe the importance and practical effect our fundraisers have on your child's classroom.

The Parent Teacher Counsel ("PTC") organizes many of the fundraisers at the school and the parents who join PTC can help sculpt the projects that get funded. For example, PTC is contributing money to help fund a part-time librarian, a position that was eliminated due to budget cuts. The PTC is contributing money for general office supplies and \$10/student for each teacher for classroom supplies. Last year the PTC contributed a significant amount of money for the Chromebooks that the children will be using this year.

This year the PTC's operating budget is \$53,400. Under the leadership of David DeNuzzo and with the help of dozens of volunteers, the LdV fireworks sales were a great success netting approximately \$11,000. Almost all of the fireworks profits will help fund the new playground. To advance the Arts and Science mission at LdV, as well as this year's theme "Create & Innovate," the PTC is funding two Artist in Residence positions. One will be held by our very own UnChu Littlefield, an LdV parent. Ms. Littlefield oversees the popular ARTLinks program at school as well as spearheading the organization and success of the Renaissance Faire thus earning her the well-deserved title "Ren Faire Queen". The Renaissance Faire is just one of the many arts programs the PTC funds. Others include the art show, visiting authors, and the Learning Garden located in the back of the school. As for science, the PTC is funding a new Math Festival in the amount of \$2,200, Robotics Club, Solar Regatta, and a science fair. All of these Arts and Science opportunities would likely not exist without parent volunteering and the fundraising that we organize.

Fundraising is the sole source of revenue for PTC and it is important to appeal to a wide base for support, including outside persons and businesses. For that reason we invite all parents to participate in the PTC and bring your creative ideas to help PTC make informed decisions and help us refine our fundraising and request for volunteers. The PTC makes its funding decisions based on input from parents and it is important that it hears from as many parents as possible.

A BIG thank you to all our wonderful volunteers!!!! Wishing you another great week!  
—Katherine Barrett, your PTC President.

## Treasurers Meeting

If you have volunteered to be a class treasurer or plan to head a fundraiser this year, please plan to attend the treasurer meeting on **Sept 23 at 6:30 pm** in the Library. We have a new PTC treasurer so please attend even if you have been a treasurer before.

## ARTLinks Meet and Greet!

New and returning ARTLinks volunteers please join us for an orientation and Informational session on **Tuesday September 23rd and/or Thursday September 25th. 3:15 to 4:00 in room 33b.**

If you are unable to attend either of these days, please send me a note and we will arrange a meet.

Thank You and see you soon! —UnChu Littlefield, tateskitchen@gmail.com

## Dolphin Yacht Club Meeting

The DYC will be meeting Friday, September 26th from 3:15 to 4:45 in rm. 35. New members welcome. —Joe Scarpa, joe@jscarpa.com or 492-0257

## Got Breakfast?

Studies show eating a healthy breakfast before school improves attendance and academic performance...and breakfast is FREE this year at all SCUSD schools. The LdV cafeteria opens at 8:30 am.

## Got Bugs?

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

## How Will We Winter Faire?

Winter Faire is scheduled for December 11th this year and we are looking for a new chair or committee. Interested? Contact diane-soule@scusd.edu

## 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

## Excel Skills?

I have a few hundred "Just One Thing" forms that need to be input into an excel spreadsheet in a timely manner. Please contact diane-soule@scusd.edu if you can complete this gargantuan task for parent hours.

## That's Entertainment!

The PTC Entertainment Book Fundraiser is now underway with a fundraising goal of \$5000! Hopefully you got a copy of the book, or saw one at Back-to-School Night, and have done one of three things: Bought it and returned your payment of \$30 in the envelope provided with the book; Sold it to someone else and returned the payment of \$30; Or requested additional copies to sell for the fundraiser. (If you do not intend to buy or sell the book, you should return it immediately - WITH THE ENVELOPE - so that someone else can sell it!) Remember, every book sold generates money for LdV! With the SAME LOW PRICE this year, we really need to sell more books. So if you want 'em, let us know ASAP. The sale runs through Friday, September 26th.

## Mag-Nificent News!!!

Have you been waiting for the right time to renew your Magazine subscriptions? Well that time has arrived! Last Tuesday, September 16th, we had our kick off for the annual Great American Fundraising Magazine Sales Drive with an assembly in the school auditorium. The students are so excited about this fundraiser! This sale generates huge income for the school-\$10,000 last year! - an it offers the kids a chance to win many exciting prizes. All the information came home in a packet last Tuesday. First turn-in date is this Tuesday, September 23, so be ready to renew, subscribe, and sell! (There are special prizes for this 1st turn in, so get a move on!) We only need an average of 3 or 4 subscriptions per family to meet our goal. Let's do it!

## Too Early to Think About Christmas?

We don't think so! Come us in Room 33B for an After School Art Studio to create a one of kind gift for family and friends with Square 1 Art. Here is how it works: Pick one of the dates to come join us in the art studio from 3-4 pm on: Sept. 30, Oct. 2, Oct. 6 or Oct. 9. Next, your child will create a one of a kind drawing filled with color. Then we ship all the artwork off to the company, Square 1 Art. Finally, they create a catalog filled with items that have your child's art work on them. You can then order anything from the catalog and it will be here in time for Christmas! You will have a one of a kind art piece to give family and friends created by your own amazing artist!! Check out their website at www.square1art.com

## Drill Needed

Do you have a working power drill you no longer need? Our Plant Manager would appreciate the donation.

## Dates to Remember

### Sept 23

Girls Volleyball @ Miners 3:30

ARTLinks Meet & Greet  
3:15 pm/Rm 33b

Treasurer Meeting 6:30pm/LIB

### Sept 25

Principal's Coffee Chat 8:30 am

Girls Volleyball vs Cal 3:30

ARTLinks Meet & Greet  
3:15 pm/Rm 33b

### Sept 26

Theme Celebration 9 am

Movie Afternoon  
The Lego Movie 3pm/cafeteria

Dolphin Yacht Club mtg  
3:15/rm 35

### Sept 30

Girls Volleyball @ Wood 3:30

### Oct 2

Girls Volleyball vs Still 3:30

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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Next Issue: Sept 29

Deadline: Sept 25

## From the Office Attendance Information Email Sick and Tardy

Please email [sally-uhlig@scusd.edu](mailto:sally-uhlig@scusd.edu) with your students' absences and tardies or call 557-0389 wait for the message to begin and then press 49#. By email or phone, 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). Please use "absence" in the subject line. You will receive a reply if it has been received. Absence verification must be made daily. Unverified absences will result in truancies.

### Llamada para avisar de enfermedad o retraso

Favor de llamar a 557-0389 (y seleccione 49 #) al empezar el mensaje) 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 11:00 de la mañana para evitar una ausencia sin excusa.

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.

**Bring a Doctor's Note** - If your child misses school for a visit to the Doctor or Dentist, please bring a school excuse note for their attendance. It does make a difference on a student's attendance report. The attendance code for a Doctor's visit is "M" which is unlimited and without the doctor's note it is an "A". All students get 10 health absences "A" for the year, after that a doctor's note is required.

**Leave a Reason** - We are asking that you email your child's absence report to [sally-uhlig@scusd.edu](mailto:sally-uhlig@scusd.edu) as early as possible (before 10 a.m.). Please use "attendance" in the subject line and include the child's name, teacher, room number and the date of illness and/or tardy, and the reason. The reason is very important but does not need to be detailed; a simple "She/he is sick today" will suffice. You will receive a confirmation email. Many parents report absences stating their child will be absent, but do not state the "REASON" please remember to so.

**Wondering about attendance codes?** P = Personal absence - Education Code section 46014 is for: student's court appearance (requires verification), funeral services (one day, in state...three days, out of state; need verification such as a funeral program or name and address of the funeral home), parent's employment conference (requires prior principal approval), student is the custodial parent of a child who is ill or has a medical appointment during school hours. Observance of a religious holiday or ceremony (recommend 3 days advance notice to school).

**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.

**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.

### 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!

**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.

### Medications at School

Parents need to renew their children's medication forms every year. If your child had medication administered by school staff last year, you need to submit a new form this year. You will also need to bring in new medication for this year. Health Services disposes of all unused medication at the end of each year.

### 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.

**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!

### Pick up & Drop Off

**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.

### 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.

### Word of the Week

Have you ever told a child, "You're not listening!"? You probably meant, "You aren't doing what I asked you to do." This type of listening is about remembering and following directions. The character word for this week is about a different listening skill - listening for UNDERSTANDING. Listening and showing understanding are skills that help children learn to resolve conflicts, make friendships, and show compassion. Children who are understanding are more likely to have strong, healthy relationships.

*The reason why we have two ears and only one mouth is that we may listen the more and talk the less.* -Zeno of Citium

### Feel like a Hot Cup of Coffee or Tea when Cafe da Vinci is Closed?

LdV PTC School Climate Committee has donated a KEURIG K Cup coffee maker for the use of teachers and parents. It is located in the front office for your use. You are welcome to bring your own pod and cup, or purchase a pod from Diane for only \$1. We have several strengths of coffee, as well as hot chocolate, and flavored coffees. Available for ONLY \$1

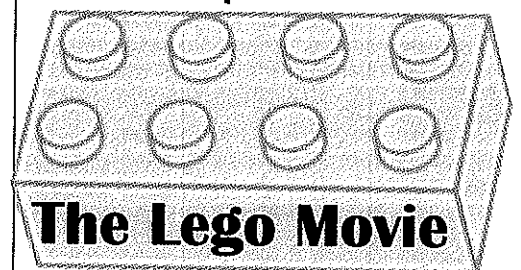
### How Much Will Your Trip to Disneyland Cost LdV?

Unexcused absences (any school day missed for reasons other than illness, doctor's appointment, death in family or religious reasons) costs LdV almost \$45. That means a 5 day trip costs \$225 and if you decide to take both your kids...

### Check Your Child's Schedule

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

LdV presents



**For only \$5 a person  
enjoy pizza and a drink  
and watch "The Lego Movie"  
Friday, September 26  
from 3-5 pm  
in the LdV Cafeteria.  
The snack bar will be open  
selling, popcorn, soda, and  
other movie snacks.**

**Watch for ticket sales  
before and after school  
this week.**

**Proceeds will benefit the  
kinder soccer field and  
LdV facilities.**

## From the SCL (School Community Liaison)

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**Tally Sheets:** A September tally sheet is in your first day packet. Please turn it into your child's class or to the Volunteer Office at the end of the month.

**Carry Over Hours:** Hours from 2013-14 are only carried over to this year if they were worked AFTER May 15, 2014 (and turned in). Thank you to every parent who worked over their required hours last year (most of you). Our program shines because of you!

**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 7:30am-3:30pm or email me at [diane-soule@scusd.edu](mailto:diane-soule@scusd.edu), or leave a message at 277-7034.

### Please Remember

When approaching or leaving our campus...We ALL have children to drop off or pick up. We ALL have places we need to go. But the most importantly ALL of us need to be safe and courteous. Good behavior under pressure is a great lesson for the children in your car to witness.

And please do not block driveways, walk on lawns or run the stop signs in our neighborhood!

### Fingerprinting Requirements

Yes, you do need to be fingerprinted to go on a field trip...whether you are driving children or not...whether you are going by bus 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!

### Driving on a Field Trip?

The district requirements for insurance (when driving kids on field trips) are as follows: minimum of liability \$50,000/\$100,000 and property is minimum \$25,000.

### No Free TB Testing

SCUSD no longer offers free TB screening. It is recommended you see your primary care provider, or make use of a community clinic. For your convenience, the following are resources you could use:

**Wellspace Health:** four locations. Please call 737-5555 for details. \$16

**Elica Health Center:** 3701 J St, suite 201, Sacramento. Please call 454-2345 to make an appointment \$40.

### 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.

### Déjà 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 maybe frustrating for you (and me) but read carefully since pages might seem the same but rest assured no two issues are exactly alike!

## Community Events

• **It's Library Card Sign-up Month:** To receive a Sacramento Public Library card, bring your photo ID and proof of current address to a public library. If you are under age 18, a parent or guardian will need to show ID and proof of address to obtain the card.

• Fun, fitness, and philanthropy on the same day...**The 10th annual Mustard Seed SPIN rolls on September 28, 2014!**

Kids ride for kids during this great charity bike ride that starts and ends at William Pond Park. All proceeds are donated to the Mustard Seed School for homeless kids.

REGISTER or DONATE online [www.mustard-seedspin.org](http://www.mustard-seedspin.org)

### Waterbury Memorial Fund

As some have heard, an LdV family has suffered an unexpected loss this week and the community of families at our school have asked how they can help. Our hearts go out to the Waterbury family who lost Brett, husband to Jessica and father to LdV students Atticus (3rd grade) and Micah (1st grade). He was a beloved husband, father, and friend. A page was created to raise money to help ease the financial burden of funeral expenses for their family. If you are able to, please donate. Any amount is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

<http://www.gofundme.com/e9mrkx?fblogin=2>

### LdV on the Web & Facebook

The weekly newsletter (without additional flyers) can be found on the 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/LeonardodaVinciKB>

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.



## Looking for Something to Do?

### Volunteer at the Book Fair

The Book Fair runs from October 6th thru Oct 10th, 9 am to 3:30 pm and during Class Meeting night on Oct 8th from 6:00 to 8 pm. We also need volunteers for setting up the Book Fair on October 3rd, from 3 pm to 6 pm, and take down on Oct 10th, from 3 pm to 6 pm.

Please sign up for Scholastic Book Fair - here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/H98VyN>
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually. Contact Sara Kennedy at 916-220-5033 or [sarakennedy@comcast.net](mailto:sarakennedy@comcast.net) with questions.

### Volunteers Needed for Science Night

The annual LdV Science in Your World family night is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, from 6:30-8pm. I am in need of 15 volunteers to make this a successful event. Set-up starts at 5:30 and the event starts at 6:30. If you are only available for set-up, that's okay! Duties include watching over a table with a science themed topic (static electricity, magnetism, etc.) for the duration of the event and then packing everything up and stacking the tables. Please let me know if you are available to help out. Its a great way to earn your parent hours and share some science with our LdV community.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you all. -Celia Rosecrans, [cz.rosecrans@gmail.com](mailto:cz.rosecrans@gmail.com) LdV Science and Technology Chair

### Collate and Conversate

OVER 800 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).

### 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)

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## Fund Raising News

### Entertainment Sales

At Back to School Night, you should have received an Entertainment Book from your child's teacher. We are asking that each family try to sell at least 1 book this year.

The Entertainment Book is \$30. You are responsible for the book so please either SELL it or RETURN it to your classroom teacher. All money should be returned in the envelope provided with your child's name and room number on it. It can be given to your child's teacher or dropped in the box available in Diane's office. Make checks payable to: LdV PTC. Please Support LdV and participate in the sale.

### Magazine Sale

Go to [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com) and enter our school code 2692168. You can renew your current subscription or purchase new ones. Your student will get credit. Don't forget to tell family and friends to renew their subscriptions, too!

### School Cents Fundraiser at Arden Fair Mall

Every time you shop at Arden Fair Mall from August 1, 2014 to May 15, 2015 you can earn cash for LdV! Just take your receipt down to the Guest Services Desk across from JCPenney. They will record your total, stamp your receipt and hand it back to you.

We get 5 points for every dollar you spend. As our points add up, LdV gets cash prizes!!

Our goal is to reach 40,000 points by December when the first big payouts are awarded.

You can also drop off your receipts in the box in Diane's office and we will take them to Arden Fair for you. Any questions contact Laura Walter at [laura.q.walter@gmail.com](mailto:laura.q.walter@gmail.com)

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### 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 two 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. 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. You get points to earn money and groceries and we get cash, its a win-win!

...and your Target card. 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).

### Shoparoo

It's so simple even I can do it. Look up Shoparoo on your smartphone, download the app, answer some easy questions (you can choose to be anonymous) then shop! Within 2-weeks of your shopping at stores like Raley's, Target, WalMart, Trader Joe's, even Berkeley Bowl - take a picture of your receipt through the Shoparoo app and submit it. You can cross out any purchases or credit information you wish. It's that simple. Shoparoo then uses the information to help retailers market their products. It remains anonymous and LdV wins!

### AMAZON! Shopping Online for Business or Personal Needs?

Go to our website: [leonardodavincischool.org](http://leonardodavincischool.org) or the LdV Facebook page; Click on the Amazon link; Log in to your Amazon account just like you normally would; Complete your purchase. It's just that easy and LdV will earn up to 8% on all of your Amazon.com purchases!

### Free E-Waste Pick Up

Schedule your FREE pick up by visiting [www.eWaste4good.com](http://www.eWaste4good.com) Fill in your contact information and within a few days a dispatcher will contact you to schedule an at home or office pick up date. Your electronics will be picked up, recycled and the proceeds will be donated to LdV. You can also call for pick up at 800-317-3112

Items that can be picked up, WORKING OR NOT! Televisions, monitors, fax machines, desktop copiers, telephones, vacuum cleaners, keyboards, mice, networking equipment, wires and cords, household phones, medical equipment, video games, computers, calculators, cell phones, printers, scanners, laptops, power tools, small appliances, stereo systems, refrigerators, washers and dryers...and more. All electronics are recycled locally in California.

**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.actiondonation.org](http://www.actiondonation.org) for your no obligation evaluation of your donation.

### Many Thanks!

Thank you, LdV, for making Funderland 2014 a wonderful and exciting evening for everyone!

Many thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers and all of the families that supported the event. Despite the heat, we had a successful event that ran smoothly. We sold 446 tickets plus had a profitable outcome at the food and fun booths, raising about \$4,700.

We would also like to thank Starbucks for the donated coffee, Raley's for the ice and creamers, Little Caesars for discount on the pizza and East Bay Restaurant Supply for gloves and napkins. And, of course, thank you Funderland team! What a community we have!

Please note, if you volunteered but did not sign up on Volunteer Spot, please let Ryan ([rcfong@aol.com](mailto:rcfong@aol.com)) or Kristen ([fordkat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fordkat@sbcglobal.net)) know so your time can be counted towards the Sly Park Discount.

## Know a Great Way to Earn Hours and have Fun?

Did you know that attending a LdV sporting event (volleyball, soccer, basketball) counts for Parent Volunteer Hours? Every adult who shows team spirit and is a shining example of good sportsmanship is an asset to our teams.

## What's Happening After School?

### Orchestra

Please join Ms. Gueffroy for our after school strings program. Come learn to play the violin, viola, cello or string bass. Beginners will meet Monday from 3:15-4:05, Beginners and Intermediates on Tuesday at the same time and Advanced/Orchestra will meet Thursday from 3:15-4:05. We have instruments and music available to borrow. Monthly cost is \$30. You can contact Ms. Gueffroy at [sharigueffroy@gmail.com](mailto:sharigueffroy@gmail.com) or by phone at 916-320-2730.

### Learn Spanish Today

My goal is to bring Spanish to life by facilitating culturally enriched activities and authentic scenarios. I create innovative curriculum that emphasizes speaking, listening, reading, writing and is adapted to the learning needs and goals of each student.

Students will be taught the basics of Spanish communication and at the end of the program will be able to interact in common life situations.

Lesson plans include: Full immersion in conversational Spanish, reading, writing, music/dancing, stories, art, and introduction to Latin American Culture and games. Students will converse from the first day of class as if we were in a Spanish Speaking Country.

Spanish immersion classes for kids begin October 6, 2014

DATE GRADE TIME

Monday 10/06/14 Grades K-2, 3:15-4PM

Tuesday 10/06/14 Grades 3-5, 3:15-4PM

Wednesday 10/06/14 Grades 6-8 3:15-4PM

Students can join in the program at any time.

For any questions about this program please contact Mrs. Garcia Email: [ingridspanish-studio@gmail.com](mailto:ingridspanish-studio@gmail.com) Phone: (916)585-6020 Fees payable to: Ingrid's Spanish Studio. Drop off payment & form at LdV Community Liaison Office (Diane's Office) — Ingrid Jeovanna Isabel Guzmán Justo de Garcia, Spanish Instructor (A Native Spanish Speaker)

### On/Off Stage

OnStage is an after-school theatre arts program for students K-8. In workshop, students learn the basic theatre skills to allow them to create characters and tell a story. OffStage is a partner program aimed at teaching kids the basics of working backstage: set, prop design, stage management and more.

Why teach kids theatre arts? Theatre arts instruction can build confidence, improve reading and verbal skills, build teamwork skills, and encourage kids to imagine and create.

Classes begin the week of September 22nd. Please see registration form attached to this newsletter or call 916-502-0336 to have one e-mailed to you. See you OnStage!

### LdV Ballet Folklorico Dance Club

Students will learn about the Culture and Heritage of Mexico through dance, music, and colorful clothing that represent the many regions of what is now Mexico. We also incorporate pre Spanish dance called dances mother of modern folkloric culture.

We are planning many exciting performances throughout the school year we have many options. Parent participation is needed for fundraising and performances.

Date: 09/26/14 Time: 3:15-4:00 pm

Where: LDV Cafeteria Practice Day: Fridays

Registration Fee: \$25.00 + Costumes cost (Payable to Mrs. Ingrid Jeovanna I. Garcia)

Please Drop off payment & Form at LdV Community Liaison Office (Diane's Office). For more information call (916)585-6020 or e-mail [inlandsurfclub@gmail.com](mailto:inlandsurfclub@gmail.com)

— Mrs Garcia, Coordinator & Dance Instructor

Thursday, October 02, 2014  
Leonardo Da Vinci - K-8

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# Why Do We Fundraise?

The LdV PTC funds a multitude of amazing enrichment programs that your child participates or can participate in during and after school.

Our current PTC budget for the 2014-2015 school year is

## \$38,000

In order to meet that budget, we ask the parents of students at LdV to help us raise the money.

If we break this down per family (of which we have 420 at the school this year), we are asking each FAMILY to commit to raising \$90 for the PTC.

This is where the fundraising comes in each year. We hold fundraisers so that you do not have to pay the \$90 out of your pocket! We are hoping that with the fundraisers you can ask family and friends to help support your child's education.

### What does that look like for the upcoming Fundraisers?

1. Entertainment books are \$30 a book (our profit is \$15 per book). Sell 6=\$90!  
Or
2. Magazine Sales- Sell 5-6 subscriptions or renewals =\$90  
Or
3. Sell an 2 Entertainment books + 3-4 Magazine Subscriptions = \$90  
or
4. Write a check for \$90 to "Make Mona Smile"

These are just a few ways you can work it out so that your family can make their contribution to the PTC budget for the year. We hope that every family will make a commitment to fundraise for at least \$90 this school year.

Thank you for your support!  
Laura Walter -Fundraising Chair