



# Leonardo da Vinci eK-8 School

Integrated Thematic Instruction Through Arts & Sciences

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## Welcome from the PTC President

Welcome new and returning LdV families. The '14-'15 school year will be an exciting year here at Leonardo da Vinci eK-8 School. My name is Katherine Barrett and I am your Parent Teacher Council (PTC) president for this school year. The PTC has several meaningful and exciting activities and events planned for this school year, including assemblies and festivals, science, art and garden activities, campus beautification projects, staff appreciation events, and lots of fundraisers. Please get involved and join us. Our first meeting is this week on **Wednesday night in the LdV Library at 6:30**. This meeting is a great opportunity to hear first-hand about some of the enrichment activities and fundraisers and how you can help.

I would like to welcome and introduce your PTC's new and returning executive board and committee chairs - David Johnson our new President Elect; Ryan Fong our new Treasurer; Cari Anderson our new VP of Membership; Mollie Morrison our returning VP of Educational Enrichment; Laura Walter our returning VP of Fundraising; Jen Schewdler our new Secretary; Terrie Hammad our returning Historian; Diane Soule our returning Newsletter Editor and School Community Liaison; our returning Arts Chair is UnChu Littlefield; our returning Learning Garden Chairs Jeri Clark, Alysia Nordberg, and Greg Richards; our returning Science Chair Celia Rosecrans; and our returning Yearbook Editor Brandi Sidley. These new and returning members are great assets to our community. But wait, that's not all. You too could be apart of the PTC Executive Board. There are several essential positions still open like VP of Facilities; Buildings & Grounds Chair; Culturally Inclusive Chair; Library Chair; and finally the Ways and Means Chair. So, come on and join us.

And one last thing. For those new families, LdV is a fantastic hub of learning. Part of what makes LdV so special is that each of us plays a critical role in the functioning of the school. LdV is one of the premier urban public schools in all of California. We have great teachers and staff like our very own Principal Davis and Assistant Principal, Ms. Ballard. What continues to make LdV so unique are the parents, teachers, and staff working together to provide meaningful content, effective instruction, in an integrated theme-based way, to help transform our children into inquisitive, responsible, citizens, neighbors, and leaders, ready for the challenges of the diverse world of tomorrow.

Over the next couple of weeks, think about how you can get involved, do your part, and maybe even something a little extra. Welcome back and let's have a great year!!!

- Katherine Barrett, PTC President

## Please Attend!

Everyone is encouraged to attend the first general meeting of the LdV PTC (Parent Teacher Council) this Wednesday (9/3) at 6:30 pm. You do not need to be a member to attend but everyone is encouraged to join the PTC. In addition to participating in decision making through attendance at PTC meetings, membership entitles you to vote in annual elections and by law revisions.

## Magazine Sale Kick-off

Our BIG FALL FUNDRAISER - Magazine Sales - will kick off on Tuesday, September 16th. An average of 2 or 3 subscriptions per family is all it takes for us to make our fundraising goal! Look for more information on the magazine sale in two weeks.

## School Supply Kits Arrived!!

Thank you to those families that ordered a School Supply Kit last spring! Your child should have received it in their classroom today. If your child did not receive their kit, please email Laura Walter at [laura.q.walter@gmail.com](mailto:laura.q.walter@gmail.com). Also, the kits were put together with the supply lists that the teachers provided to the school website at the end of the year. It is possible that there may be some changes made this summer to the list by the teacher, I apologize in advance for that. Since this is a newer program for LdV, there are still some kinks to work out. If you have any comments or suggestions about how to make the program better for this coming spring, please email me. Thank you.

## Getting an Upgrade?

We are looking for a donation of a washer and dryer in good working order. Please contact Ms. Ballard if you have a donation [tiffany-ballard@scusd.edu](mailto:tiffany-ballard@scusd.edu).

## 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.

## Goodies!

Did you stop to chat and have some goodies in front of school this morning? Thanks to PTC parents for donating goodies and to Joan & Espresso Metro for coffee. It was a wonderful way to begin our school year.

## CORRECT TIMES!

Back To School Class Meeting on Sept 10  
Band & Orchestra Mtg 5-5:30 in room 1  
5:30-6 pm Teacher introductions in the gym  
6-7 pm classrooms

## First Day Packets

It takes a lot of people a lot of time to put together the first day packets. Hours go into accumulating important information, creating flyers, copying and trimming, collating ALL the pages, stuffing envelopes, counting and delivering.

I bet you can neatly and completely fill out less than 20 pages (per student) in less time. Then just send them back to school. Thank you - Diane

## Speaking of Packets...

The Back to School meeting times were incorrect on the class meeting flyer. Correct times are below.

## First School-wide Event of the Year!

### LdV's Annual Night at Funderland

LdV families will completely take-over Sacramento's favorite little amusement park to take a spin on the rides, enjoy fun food and treats, and join in many other fun activities with friends new and old!

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 12th from 5-8PM

The LdV 6th grade has reserved the park exclusively for this event. Plan on making it a family night and let the 6th grade provide dinner, treats and all kinds of fun for you!

Tickets for unlimited ride wristbands will be on sale before/after school for only \$12 (admission is free, but a wristband is required for attractions). Purchased tickets are redeemable for wristbands at the event. Cash only, please. Watch for ticket sales beginning on Friday (the 5th) before and after school including kinder dismissal!

This annual event sells out so plan on buying tickets early. See you there!

## 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.

## Dates to Remember

Sept 3  
5:30 pm SSC  
6:30 pm PTC/LIB

Sept 9  
9:15 am ELAC/LIB

Sept 10  
Back to School Class Meetings  
5 pm Band & Orchestra Parent  
mtg room 1  
5:30-6 pm Announcements  
6-7 pm Classrooms

Sept 12  
Family Night at Funderland  
5-8 pm

Sept 16  
Magazine Sale Kick Off

Sept 19  
Learning Garden Work Day  
3-6 pm

Sept 25  
Principal's Coffee Chat 8:30 am

Sept 26  
Theme Celebration 9 am  
mMovie Night

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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## From the SCL (School Community Liaison)

**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.

**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!

**First Day Packets:** Please complete your first day packet and return them to the classroom as soon as possible. Extra forms can be found on our web site or in the front office.

**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.

### 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!

### 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/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.



### 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.

#### 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)

## Unsung Heroes

This year's packets (880 of them!) were put together by a mere 4 parents, 1 grandparent and the phenomenal young adults from the Sac City College Transitions



Program. I am not exaggerating when I say we could not have completed this job without them. We have a new partnership with this special group of young adults so watch for them around campus and give them a warm hello.

*(For those of you unfamiliar with Unsung Heroes, this is where we acknowledge the parent who goes a little farther...the teacher who inspires a little more...the staff person who really shines...the student who makes a special effort. Submit your Unsung Hero's name with a brief explanation of who they are and why you chose them along with your name. If you'd like to acknowledge a job well done even if you don't know who to credit, that's okay too. Email, call or leave a note for me. —Diane Soule, Editor)*

### Ch-ch-changes!

There are new faces on campus this year. New early Kinder and Kinder students, and families moving away means over 100 new students with their families. Staff reassignments, retirements, and adding a sixth grade resulted in several new teachers at LdV: Room 2 will have Ms Sparks teaching Kindergarten; Room 11 - Mrs Abitz, 2nd grade; Room 18 - Mrs Boettner, 2nd grade; Room 23 - Mr Aldridge, fifth grade; Room 21 - Ms Williams, sixth grade; Room 29 - Ms Katsura, sixth grade; Room 32 - Mr Croft 7/8 social studies; and Room 31 - Ms Jones middle school SDC. We also welcome back as the interim teacher in fifth grade - Mr Waller in room 24.

Some teachers have moved around: Ms Lombardi's 1st grade is now in room 7; Ms Meade has moved to third grade and is now in room 10; Mrs Hebert has moved to second grade in room 12; Mr Maroldy is in room 25 (still teaching 5th grade); and Mrs Stiller is teaching middle school art in room 26...so there might be some lost students (and parents) wandering around. Let's make an effort to make our new community members welcome. Remember when you were new?

Welcome!  
We are glad  
you are here!



## Fund Raising News

### Entertainment Books Coming Next Week!

Right on the heels of the first week of school we will be distributing copies of the 2015 Entertainment Book for Sacramento.

This year's book features a GREAT LOW PRICE, \$30 and contains thousands of money-saving coupons for local businesses, including restaurants (fast food to fine dining), entertainment venues, hotels, retail establishments, services, and more! New this year will be an APP for your phone, so that you can carry the book with you wherever you go! Some students (grades 3rd - 6th) will receive a copy of the book in class next week to bring home. Others of you will receive the book at Back to School Night.

The book you receive is a sample for you to review. It is NOT free to keep. This is a major fundraiser for the PTC and needs your support. You are expected to either SELL the book or BUY it yourself. Preferably, you will buy the book AND sell several more copies to friends and associates. There will be a letter included with the book which explains all the details, prices, and more. Look for it next week!

### Magazine Sales Kickoff--Tuesday, September 16th

Our other BIG FALL FUNDRAISER - Magazine Sales - will kick off on Tuesday, September 16th. As with the Entertainment Books, we ask that all families make an attempt to buy and sell the Magazine subscriptions. An average of 2 or 3 subscriptions per family is all it takes! Look for more information on the magazine sale in two weeks. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Traditionally we raise between \$10,000-\$12,000. The PTC relies on this money to continue to provide the amazing enrichment activities here at LdV that your children love to participate in each year! Please help us continue to provide these experiences for your child by participating in this fundraiser!

### SCHOOL CENTS Fundraiser at Arden Fair Mall

Thank you to everyone who participated in the School Cents program at Arden Fair last year! We received 4th place which brought in \$1000 for the school! We are going to do the fundraiser again this year! Here is how it works: After you have finished shopping/eating at Arden Fair Mall, take your receipts to the customer service desk near JC Penney's. Tell them that you are from LdV and would like to record your receipts. They will record and stamp them for you and then give them back to you. It is that simple. For every dollar we spend and record at Arden Fair Mall, LdV receives 5 points. At the end of the school year in May, the highest points schools will receive cash prizes! Please encourage family and friends to record their receipts for LdV as well. If you forgot to have them recorded, no problem! You can take them back for up to 90 days from purchase. I will also have a box in Diane's office for you to drop off the receipts, so that I can turn them in for you. There will be envelopes provided near the box for you to fill out and put your receipts into. Thanks for participating!!

### 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 Campbell's 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!

### 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.

### Character Education

Parents, ask your children about LdV's character education program. The first week's focus is STAR—can they tell you what it stands for? (Stop, Think, Act and Review). This week they will hear about being trustworthy and truthful to others at all times. Being active listeners; using their ears, eyes and heart. Showing respect to others by giving up put downs. And showing respect to yourself by always doing your personal best. Today, LdV students began learning about the first pillar of character: RESPECT for others.

### 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.

### Book Fair is Coming to LdV!

If you love books and your school library, come and volunteer at the Scholastic Book Fair! The profit from the Book Fair allows us to purchase new books for the LdV Library. 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!

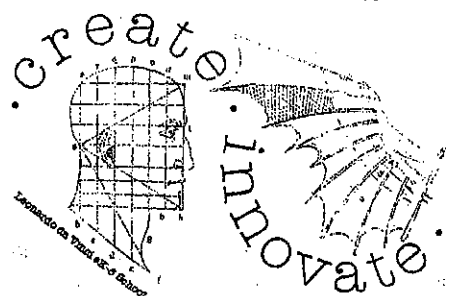
Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Contact Sara Kennedy at 916-220-5033 or [sarakennedy@comcast.net](mailto:sarakennedy@comcast.net) with questions.

### 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.

### Don't Forget to Order this Year's Theme Shirt!



## From the Office Attendance Information Email Sick and Tardy

Please email 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 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.

## From the Handbook: Attendance

Failure to report absences or tardies will result in an automated phone call to your home or workplace. State policy requires that a student who is absent 3 or more days with no communication explaining the absence will be considered truant and a letter will be mailed home with a copy kept in that student's file. Excessive excused absences (5 or more) can also be cause for a truancy letter. SART Letters are also issued for students who miss school due to vacations. It is recommended that families who utilize the school breaks for vacations and not miss instructional time. Families with students on a SART or SARB contract lose sibling preference.

### Tardy Policy

Excellent attendance and punctuality is a positive life skill. Students who arrive after 9:00 am are considered tardy. Seventh and eighth grade students who arrive after the scheduled starting time of any class will be marked tardy. Students are required to be on time to class, every day. Doctor/court notes must be provided for State approved tardies. Habitual tardiness will result in a State mandated Student Attendance Review Team or Board meeting (SART or SARB). Middle school students who are tardy to any class may be issued detention.

Families of students with 3 or more unexcused tardies of 30 or more minutes will receive a truancy letter.

### Dress Code

The dress code at Leonardo da Vinci eK-8 School sets a standard that is in the best interest of students and is considered appropriate for school. All students, staff, teachers, parents, and volunteers are expected to be neat, clean, and wear clothing that does not draw undue attention to the wearer. Examples are bare midriffs, short skirts/shorts, tank tops and cut offs.

Students' clothing and shoes should be appropriate for physical activities such as running, jumping, dancing, and kicking. Safety should be a factor when dressing for school.

The following apparel is not considered appropriate for students and cannot be worn at school:

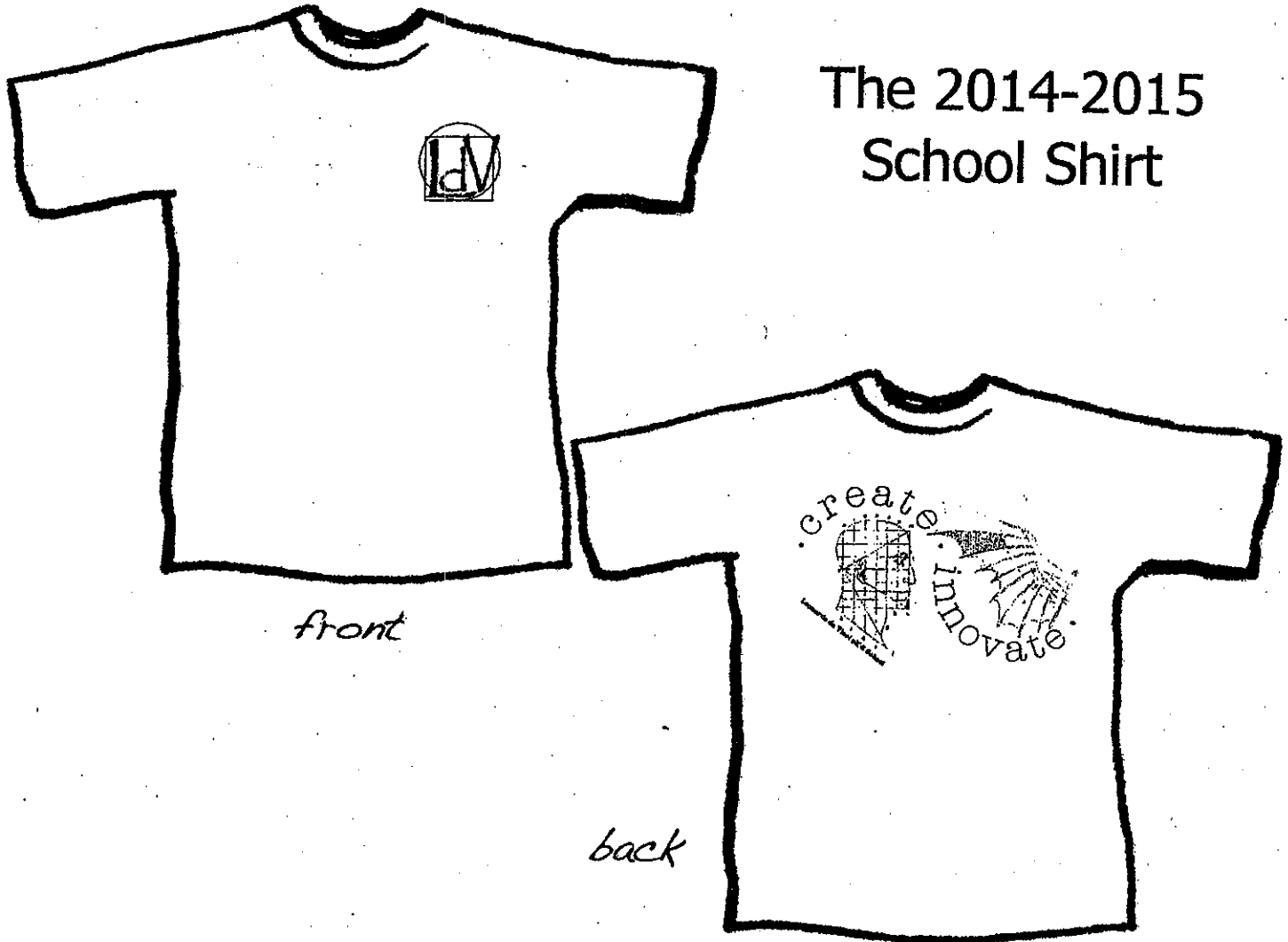
- Shoes without back and toe support, or with high heels, cleats, or spikes. Examples of inappropriate shoes are platforms, flip flops, slippers, t-strap sandals, clogs, and "jellies." Students who choose to wear "salt water" type sandals are at risk of bee stings and stubbed toes.
- Bare midriff, t-strap, see-through material, spaghetti-strap tank tops, low scoop neck, deep 'v', or tank tops with straps that are less than one inch wide. Shirts meant as underwear that are thin, revealing, or see-through. Muscle shirts with low cut armholes. Undergarments may not show.
- Cutoffs, pajama pants, baggy clothes (more than one size larger), or saggy pants (not belted at the waist).
- Short shorts, skorts, or skirts - the test for required length of shorts, skorts, and skirts is to stand and extend the arms straight down at the side. The garment must be longer than where the fingertips touch.
- Shirts or jackets with inappropriate slogans: beer, cigarettes, insults, money, or promoting a negative or illegal lifestyle, etc.
- Headgear of any kind in the classroom. Hats may be worn outside only to shade the face/eyes.

The best advice is that if you are unsure whether the item of clothing will comply with the dress code, then it is best to wear something else. When students violate the dress code, parents will be notified and students will be sent home until they are dressed appropriately for school. If a student continually violates the dress code, he/she will serve detention and receive appropriate behavioral consequences. Parents will be notified in the event that the dress code is altered.

Thank you for your cooperation, and your good example of appropriate dress for our students!

# Show Your Pride on Both Sides

The 2014-2015  
School Shirt



Tees and sweatshirts have LdV on the front left  
and a large "Create • Innovate" logo on the back.

Women's cut T-shirts with a vee neck (like last year), which has more tapered sleeves than the  
traditional tee and is a lighter weave.

Choice of bright turquoise shirt with black art or black shirt with sapphire blue art.

All traditional cut T-shirts are 100% preshrunk cotton (but will shrink a little)  
and are similar in weight to Beefy T's.

T-shirts are available in sapphire w/black ink or black w/sapphire ink.

Zippered hoody sweatshirts are 9 oz. 50/50 cotton/fleece (and will shrink some too).  
Sweatshirt colors are charcoal gray with sapphire ink. Kids sizes also come in neon blue w/black ink.

Please read order form and fill out carefully—there will be no exchanges.

Orders due WEDNESDAY, September 17  
**Order Form on Back**

# Choose your style, size, color & quantity

Sapphire Shirt Black Ink	
S _____ quantity	Youth Tee \$ _____
M _____ quantity	
L _____ quantity x \$14	
S _____ quantity	MEN'S Adult Tee \$ _____
M _____ quantity	
L _____ quantity	
XL _____ quantity x \$18	
XXL _____ quantity x \$20	
XXXL _____ quantity x \$22	

Black Shirt Sapphire Ink	
S _____ quantity	Youth Tee \$ _____
M _____ quantity	
L _____ quantity x \$14	
S _____ quantity	MEN'S Adult Tee \$ _____
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XL _____ quantity x \$18	
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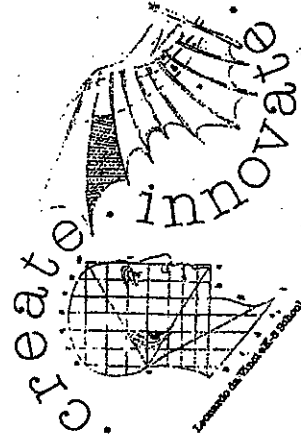
Black Shirt Sapphire Ink	
S _____ quantity	Women's Cut Tee \$ _____
M _____ quantity	
L _____ quantity	
XL _____ quantity x \$17	
XXL _____ quantity x \$19	

Turquoise Shirt Black Ink	
S _____ quantity	Women's Cut Tee \$ _____
M _____ quantity	
L _____ quantity	
XL _____ quantity x \$17	
XXL _____ quantity x \$19	

Sapphire Ink on Charcoal Grey	
S _____ quantity	Youth Crew Sweatshirt \$ _____
M _____ quantity	
L _____ quantity x \$18	
S _____ quantity	Adult Crew Sweatshirt \$ _____
M _____ quantity	
L _____ quantity	
XL _____ quantity x \$22	
XXL _____ quantity x \$26	
XXXL _____ quantity x \$28	

Youth Zip Hoodie	
S _____ quantity	\$ _____
M _____ quantity	
L _____ quantity x \$21	
Adult Zip Hoodie	
S _____ quantity	\$ _____
M _____ quantity	
L _____ quantity	
XL _____ quantity x \$25	
XXL _____ quantity x \$28	
XXXL _____ quantity x \$30	

Black Ink on Neon Blue	
S _____ quantity	Youth Crew Sweatshirt \$ _____
M _____ quantity	
L _____ quantity x \$18	
S _____ quantity	Youth Zip Hoodie \$ _____
M _____ quantity	
L _____ quantity x \$21	



\*Take \$1 off for every 2 shirts you purchase.

The more you buy, the more you save!  
 (For example, buy 2-3 shirts save \$1, buy 4-5 shirts save \$2).

**DUE Wednesday, September 17.**

**NO exchanges or returns!!!!**

Make checks payable to: LdV PTC.

All profits go to help support LdV's arts and sciences programs.

Total Number of shirts \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*minus volume discount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL attached \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

WITHOUT MUSIC  
LIFE WOULD BE  
A MISTAKE

## LdV Band!!!

Welcome back...and welcome to LdV Band! Check out our three band classes offered this year!

- Advanced Band – Meets DAILY in Room 1, from 8:05am – 9:55am. Open to grades 3 -8. (This is a graded, zero period class for middle school students ONLY. Grades are not given to elementary students due to the way our grading programs have been set up.) Open to any student who has completed one year of beginning band, or who has taken at least four to six months of private music lessons on a band instrument.

Our first day of class will be Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> 2014! Returning students, please plan to bring your instruments so you can check them out for the year. ☺

- Middle School Beginning Band – Meets DAILY in Room 1, from 9:00am – 9:50am. (This is a graded, first-period elective class open only to middle school students.) Interested in learning to play a band instrument, like flute, saxophone or drums? This is the class for you! ☺ You will learn how to read music and how to play a band instrument of your choice. Instruments are available to check-out from our school for FREE! Sign-up for Beginning Band as your 1<sup>st</sup> period elective and I hope to see you soon!
- Head-Start Beginning Band – Meets Mondays through Thursdays in Room 1, from 7:15am – 8:00am beginning on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 2014.\* This class is an opportunity for students in grades 3-8 to learn to play a band instrument, just like our Middle School Beginning Band! This class has a \$30/month fee, however instruments are available to check out for FREE.  
\*Students will remain in the band room until the cafeteria/playground opens.

More information will be shared about all of our music classes at LdV on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 5pm in Room 1. Come join us to learn more about all of the opportunities available for your students!

**Questions about Band? Please feel free to e-mail Mrs. Nakayama at [wogrouse@aol.com](mailto:wogrouse@aol.com) or [Jennifer-Nakayama@scusd.edu](mailto:Jennifer-Nakayama@scusd.edu).**

# “Chess is everything: art, science and sport”

~Anatoly Karpov

- Chess is an exercise of infinite possibilities for the mind.
- Chess develops mental abilities used throughout life: concentration, critical thinking, abstract reasoning, problem solving, pattern recognition, strategic planning, creativity, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation, to name a few.
- Chess can be used very effectively as a tool to teach problem solving and abstract reasoning.



Teacher: Mr. Sirard

Location: Room 35

Dates/time: Friday's from 3:10 - 4:10

Fall trimester - \$50.00 (Due 9/19)

September 19, 26

October 3, 10, 17, 24

November 7, 14, 21

Winter Trimester - \$60.00 (Due 12/5)

December 5, 12

January 9, 16, 30

February 6, 13, 20, 27

March 6

Spring Trimester - \$60.00 (Due 3/13)

March 13, 20, 27

April 17, 24

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



Please fill out and return the form below with payment (please make checks payable to LdV Chess Club) to the Chess Club box in the front office.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' names \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency phone number to use during class \_\_\_\_\_

I can help in the following way:

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I still have questions, (please call me!)

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