

LEONARDO DA VINCI



PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November

2nd: Online Apparel Sale Opens

16th: Online Apparel Sale Closes

PTO Board Update

The new school year is well underway and hopefully any kinks and snags have been worked out. Wow, what a new learning experience. We hope you are all persevering at home and keeping with the DaVinci spirit of leaders and learners.

Due to Covid, we have a limited selection of fundraising opportunities this school year. Scrip will still continue as usual. You can access Scrip through the PTO website. We will also be going ahead with the teacher holiday scrip program this year. Information will be sent out early to mid-November. We are also having our holiday apparel sale. The online apparel sale opens November 2nd and closes November 3rd. Details will be emailed soon.

[Leonardo da Vinci Website](#)

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CURRENT PTO OFFICERS

President- Lisa Knuth

Vice President- Melissa Samuels

Treasurer- Helen Vande Hei

Secretary- Brittany Dickey

PTO in the Know!

What's to know about "PTO in the Know", you ask? So many exciting items! The LdV PTO website is the most current location to find all the info you need regarding sign-up geniuses for all PTO related events and programs. Also, you will find financial information, the PTO calendar, board member information and whatever else you need. Come check us out!

[Leonardo da Vinci Website](#)

Playground Expansion Project

The PTO is looking for a parent or a group of parents to volunteer as our Playground expansion committee. We would like to expand our playground equipment, primarily adding more swings. We need a group of committed individuals to collect bids and present them to the PTO Board. Please email the PTO if you are interested. ldavincipito@gmail.com



Pi Day 5K

Although the event may be virtual this year, the **Pi Day 5K** will be held this year. To help kick off the fundraising efforts, you may purchase **Festival Foods cards** for \$20. The Pi Day team will receive half of the profits from the sale of the cards. The card includes 6 coupons for 5% off \$75+ at Festival Foods and 3 coupons for \$5 off \$25+ at Buffalo Wild Wings. If interested in purchasing, please send a check to Mrs. Hockers at 139 S. Monroe Ave, Green Bay, WI 54301 and she will be sure to get the cards to you. Any questions can be emailed to Mrs. Hockers, alhockers@gbaps.org.

PTO Chair and Committee Positions

Please see below for a listing of PTO Committees and open chair positions. Please contact the chair of any committee you'd be interested in joining. If you like more information about an open Chair position, please contact any PTO Board member.

Chairs

Fundraising Chair:	<u>Hind Gautam</u>
Box Tops:	<u>Betsy Munchoff</u>
Scrip:	<u>Shannon Schultz</u>
Pennies for Popcorn:	<u>Margarita Johnson</u>
Staff Appreciation:	<u>Jennie Moreno</u>
Apparel Coordinators:	<u>Katie Houle & Margarita Johnson</u>
PTO Public Relations:	<u>Roxanne Denneau</u>
Playground Expansion:	"volunteers needed"



Easy Fundraising with the da Vinci PTO

The PTO has several easy ways to help generate funds for the events and projects that we sponsor throughout the year. Our students and teachers and staff work so hard all year, and we are thrilled when we can make things a little easier for all them. Check out our [fundraising webpage](#) and look at some of the easy options we have to add money to our budget.

In addition, we would like to highlight our scrip program. Great Lakes Scrip Center offers gift cards for over 300 stores and brands. You simply buy a gift card for a purchase you were going to make anyway, and a percentage of the gift card face value is donated to the PTO. You can order the cards [online](#) using our enrollment code (BC37E41C36926). Please click this link to read more about how to use Scrip:

Many employers offer a match program when their employee chooses to donate towards a non-profit. If you're interested in donating towards the LdV PTO, which uses the funds to support our students, staff and school, please consider discussing this option with your Human Resource Department.



PTO Connect

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their information to the PTO Connect. Don't forget, teachers will not distribute a class list, so the PTO Connect is the best way to get in touch with classmates and families. If you haven't included your information yet, use the link below to get connected with the great community at Leonardo da Vinci! Please note, if you have submitted your information in previous years, it is carried forward into the new year. However, if you have a new student at da Vinci, (including younger siblings new to the school) please consider adding your information.

The PTO link is only shared with parents who submit their information. It is never posted anywhere public.

[Click here to add your information to the PTO Connect](#)

Check out our website! [Leonardo da Vinci Website](#)
"Like" us on Facebook! [Leonardo da Vinci Facebook Page](#)
ldavincipto@gmail.com

If you no longer wish to receive these emails, please reply and request to be removed from the list

Leonardo daVinci School PTO Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2020

Attendance: Lisa Knuth, Melissa Samuels, Helen VandeHei, Brittany Dickey, Tammy Van Dyke, Allison Hockers, Katie Houle, Vaughn Bowles, Roxanne Denneau, Jann Larson, Angela Whipp, Manisha Chaturvedi, Bueki Ansa-Otu, Kristin Gerczak, Kimberly Meader, Vaishali Gala, Jennie Moreno, Tammy Deppe, Beth Dolar, Phuong Hudson, Jan O'Neil, Elynn Li, Anand Ulaganathan, Abigail Malcolm, Renwen Yu, Margarita Johnson, Marie Miller, Amanda Hatton, Lisa Kardish, Katie Houle, Sam Setty, Jessi Wettstein, Swati Joshi, Ashley Johnson, Mary Rupp

Call to Order/Introductions

Lisa Knuth - PTO President, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

President's Report - Lisa Knuth

The PTO approved a Playground Expansion Project. We are looking for a parent or two to volunteer as a chair for this project. If anyone is interested or knows someone who could help, please email the PTO. We are planning on adding swings and possibly more equipment. We have information on the company who supplied the existing equipment but are open to finding new companies who may be more competitive.

Fundraising will look different this year. Trivia Night has been cancelled as we are not sure when we'll be able to gather in large groups again. The apparel sale is staying as is. We will wait to see what decisions the district makes for future fundraising. We are going ahead with the teacher holiday Scrip program this year. Teachers get a card with the names of the families who donated towards their gift, individual amounts donated are not listed. Information will go out early to mid-November.

Remember to send positive notes as well as your concerns to teachers. This is a difficult year for everyone.

Vice President's Report - Melissa Samuels

The PTO website has been updated. To find the website, you can just google Leonardo da Vinci School for Gifted Learners to find the weebly website. Where and when the PTO meetings occur is listed on the home page. Newsletters will be updated monthly and posted in the News section. You can also find "Teacher's Favorite Things" on the website. In the Fundraising section, we're just using Scrip this year. The PTO Newsletter will also include information on Scrip (PTO gets a percentage back for every gift card purchased). Amazon Smile also gives a kickback to the PTO. PTO minutes are also listed on the PTO website.

Treasurer's Report - Helen VandeHei

Helen went over current financial figures and the annual budget for the 2020-2021 school year. The entire breakdown can be found on the PTO website. Our fundraiser last year was 30% higher than the year prior. There are not a lot of expenses this year so the budget is minimal for many items. Funds were increased for extracurricular support and enrichment, staff support, and the Playground Expansion Project. Once a committee is formed and bids are in for the Playground Expansion Project, we will set a budget for that.

Secretary's Report - Brittany Dickey

The PTO Connect has been updated and sent out to participating parents. If you would like to join, please click the link in the Newsletter or visit our website. One form should be filled out per child and per family. If you submit a form, you will receive a digital copy of the directory.

Principal's Report - Tammy VanDyke

Thank you to parents for supporting students at home.

Zoom will be coming to all the daVinci students in the next 2-3 weeks to help with breakout groups instead of Google Meets. There will be a little bit of a learning curve, so please be patient. Parents have been bringing up the need to socialize outside of the school setting. School is accountable when using school virtual communication accounts, so we are looking into finding parent volunteers on Wednesdays to be Zoom facilitators during social Zoom time for free discussion, not necessarily on an academic subject. Parent's

would just have an ear in the room to make sure the kids are talking appropriately. Sign up genius will be sent out to schedule volunteer hours.

Please ask your child to turn their cameras on during class. 6-8 grade students, in particular, are having a difficult time leaving their cameras on.

Virtual announcements started last week and the Learner Leader awards start this week. Awards will be given to students during class time and then mailed home.

Staff Representative report - Allison Hockers

Teachers are working hard and trying the best they can with technology issues. Thank you to parents and the PTO for your help.

The 2020-2021 PI Day team just started and they are selling Festival Cards. Email Allison if you would like to purchase one. They are \$20, \$10 goes directly to PI Day funds.

Apparel Update - Katie Houle

The "Determined Dragons" t shirt sale was a hit and profited \$420. The new sale starts Nov. 2 ends Nov. 16. Delivery will be in early December. Design and apparel process is slow, but new exciting items will be available.

Additional Questions and Comments

Lisa Knuth thanked Roxanne Denneau for updating the Facebook page. Lisa also thanked Vaughn Bowles for joining the PTO. Helen VandeHei thanked the past PTO members.

The next Zoom PTO meeting will be held in January.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm