

LEONARDO DA VINCI



PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

NEWSLETTER

October 2024

Mark your Calendars

- **October 4th:** Panda Express virtual fundraiser:

Place your order for pickup or delivery on Friday, October 4!

Any time, Any location! Panda will donate 28% of sales to the

PTO: **Online orders only**

Apply code **926476** in the Fundraiser Code box during online checkout at www.pandaexpress.com or via App

- **October 15th 5:30-6:30 pm** Hybrid PTO meeting at the School Gym. Please check your email a couple of days prior to the meeting for the zoom link if attending virtually otherwise see you in person!
(subscribe @ ldavincipto@gmail.com)

- **October 24th:** Harvest fest: The fun elementary school event hosted by the PTO in collaboration with the middle school! Games, dance, music, food, prizes and much more!

The mission of the PTO is to supplement and enrich the educational experience at Leonardo Davinci school and foster collaboration between parents and teachers at the school. The PTO is a not-for-profit organization that relies on fundraisers and donations from members. In the past, the PTO has supported students and teachers by donating school supplies such as musical instruments, books, science models, PE equipment, supporting field trips, organizing events and activities such as Trivia night and October fest and making donations for smart boards. We show teachers appreciation by supporting their dinners during PTO conferences, lunch during teacher appreciation week and present gifts during the holidays!

Our first meeting of the year was held via zoom on 9/12/2024. Click here for the [meeting minutes](#)

2024-2025 Teacher's wish list

Interested in donating items to the classroom? Teachers have put a list together of items needed. If you purchased items, please put your name next to the item so that we know the wish was granted.

[Click here for the list!](#)

2024-25 Teacher's Favorite Things

Want to give a special something to a teacher but not sure what they like?

[Click here for a list](#) of your teacher's favorite things!

Popcorn Tuesdays with Margarita Johnson: Popcorn Tuesdays are a fun way of getting involved with the PTO and spending time with your student, their friends and other families. Sign up [here](#) today!

Dragons Apparel with Charlene Kleindl: Interested in Dragons Apparel and Merchandise, the store will open two weeks before Harvest fest and will stay open through Harvest Fest. Please check the website for updates.

[SCRIP](#)/Holiday Scrip/[Marcus Cinema](#)/Back to school events contact Becca Tassone

SCRIP is a fantastic fundraiser that gives a rebate to the PTO when families purchase gift cards to stores, restaurants, gas stations and other retailers that they frequent. Gift cards from over 750 brands are available for purchase. Simply pay for your purchases with gift cards or e-gift cards that you store on your phone and the PTO will receive a rebate of 2% - 20%.

Use the link below to get started and be sure the correct enrollment code is listed:

Enrollment code:

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Link: [Scrip](#)

Keep up to date with the **monthly restaurant fundraisers!** It is a wonderful way to dine, hang out with other families and make new friends while raising funds! Reach out to [Hind Gautam](#) with any questions

PTO Connect

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their information to the PTO Connect. Do not forget, teachers will not distribute a class list, so the PTO Connect is the best way to contact classmates and families. If you have not included your information yet, use the [link](#) to connect 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 connect is only shared with parents who submit their information. It is never posted anywhere public.**

When your child graduates or if you move out of the school, please inform us so your profile may be deleted, and you are not inundated with messages from us! We don't automatically take you off the mailing list.

Easy Fundraising with the da Vinci PTO

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

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 Chairs

- Harvest Fest: Morgan Doshi and Jackie Krutz jackiekrutz@gmail.com
- Scrip/Holiday Scrip/Marcus Cinema/Back to School:
Becca Tassone and Jeff Pergolski: becca_razza@hotmail.com
jeff.pergolski@gmail.com
- Popcorn: Margarita Johnson mapuc@hotmail.com
- Trivia night: Pooja Bambha Arora
- Apparel: Charlene Kleindl charkleindl@gmail.com
- Game night: Neisha Schmidt: nlschmidt@gbaps.org
- Chess Club: open
- Restaurant Fundraiser: open
- Dave and Buster's: open

2024-2026 Board Members

President: Hind M. Gautam: hindmgautam@gmail.com

Vice President: Nikhil Aurora: anikhil@gmail.com

Treasurer: Margarita Johnson: mapuc@hotmail.com

Secretary: Becca Tassone: becca_razza@hotmail.com

Check out our website!

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Email us!

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

More about PTO connect:

The beginning of the school year is always an exciting time to share your contact information with our LdV families. The PTO Connect is an excellent way to meet and stay connected with families in your child's grade. This information is especially useful for planning birthday parties and playdates.

****** Only those families who have chosen to submit their information are included in the PTO Connect. Typically, the updated PTO Connect link is sent out to participating families by the end of September. When you receive the link, we ask that you do not share the information with others.

****** The PTO Connect is a live document. This means that as new submissions or changes are received, the updates are made by an officer and will then be reflected in the document. The URL will stay the same and can be accessed at any time with up-to-date information.

****** Each year a link is provided to a brand-new online document. All prior years' links have been disabled and cannot be accessed.

****** Please review the information for each of your children. If there are any changes to be made now or at any time throughout the year or you wish for any information to be removed, fill out a new form and we will update your entry. There is a section within the form to list changes or items to be removed. Please be specific. The entry form can always be accessed from our website. Here is the [link](#).

****** Students are listed by grade and each grade has an individual tab within the spreadsheet. Students are **not** broken up by base team. **The PTO does not and will not have lists of base teams at any point throughout the school year, as the school keeps this information confidential.**

****** The PTO Connect is not printer-friendly, and since it is updated from time-to-time, we suggest you create a link on your phone or mobile device or add it to your favorites for easy access whenever you need it.

Families who have chosen to be included in the PTO Connect are also added to our e-mail contact list and will receive regular communication from the PTO. If you wish to opt out of PTO e-mail communications, please let us know.

Feel free to contact us with any questions!