

LEONARDO DA VINCI



PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

# NEWSLETTER

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December

4<sup>th</sup> - Popcorn Tuesday

4<sup>th</sup>: Smart Cow Fundraiser (E. Mason Location Only)

10<sup>th</sup>: Final Date for Holiday Scrip Order

18<sup>th</sup>: Popcorn Tuesday

January

8<sup>th</sup>: PTO Meeting 6:30pm St.

Brendan's

**IMPORTANT:** Please note the change of location for January's PTO Meeting!

St. Brendan's is located at 234 S.

Washington, Green Bay.

Appetizers will be provided.

## PTO Meetings

The LdV PTO Officers are interested in hearing from YOU regarding what you would like the PTO to offer. The PTO's activities and fundraisers are all volunteer based and require participation from all for the best possible results! If you have any ideas, please feel free to contact any of the officers.

Also, PTO Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month during the school year (excluding December) at 6:30pm. Parent turnout has been low and the PTO Officers are looking into ideas to increase attendance. Please consider putting the meeting dates and times in your calendars and if you have any ideas to increase attendance, please feel free to share at the next meeting!



## Appreciation

Special thank you to Leslie Vogel and JoAnn Metzler for organizing the Marcus Theater Fundraiser. It takes a lot of dedication to organize such a successful event!

## CURRENT PTO OFFICERS

President- Marisa Hanson

Vice President- Mary Rupp

Treasurer- Phuong Hudson

Secretary- Lisa Hansen



### **Marcus Theatres PTO Fundraiser**

The Marcus Theater Fall PTO Fundraiser was a giant success! Thank you to everyone who participated. This year's fundraiser had record breaking results! We saw record sales of \$11, 225.50 with a total profit of \$1683.83. The money raised will go towards defraying the cost of field trip transportation and other student centered activities. The fundraiser will return in the Spring!



### **Smart Cow Yogurt Bar Fundraiser**

Mark your calendars! December 4<sup>TH</sup> is the Smart Cow Fundraiser for Leonardo da Vinci School. A percentage of the proceedings are donated to the school. It's a terrific and delicious way to raise money for our school!

**PLEASE NOTE:** The event for Leonardo da Vinci School will only be held at the East Green Bay location. The address is 2450 E. Mason Street, Green Bay.

### **Volunteers Needed**

We also have a couple open positions for chairs and coordinators for the Renaissance Faire. You are welcome to grab a friend and "job-share" any of these positions. It's a great way to get to know other parents and stay involved with the school.

We are currently seeking individuals or teams to fill the following roles:

**RENAISSANCE FAIRE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR CHAIR:** Work in conjunction with Renaissance Faire Coordinator and fellow committee members to plan and coordinate the volunteers needed for this annual PTO fundraiser which occurs on May 17th. Your role is vital in promoting and advertising the volunteer needs for this event as well as managing and supporting the volunteers needed as determined by the Renaissance Faire committee. The previous chair will be available to help get you started and support you in your role.

**RENAISSANCE FAIRE DINNER CHAIR:** Work in conjunction with Renaissance Faire Coordinator and fellow committee members to plan and coordinate the details of the dinner for this annual PTO fundraiser on May 17th. This simple meal has historically consisted of soup in a bread-bowl and the addition of some simple sides such as raw veggies or fruit. The soup has been ordered from a local catering business based on the number of meals pre-ordered by families who plan to attend the Renaissance Faire. This role would also involve overseeing the volunteers necessary to serve and clean up the meal that evening.



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### **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, this week 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) or submit a paper order form to the office ([page 1](#) and [page 2](#)).

Also, don't forget the always popular Popcorn Tuesdays are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month. Popcorn cards can be purchased from JoAnn Metzler in the school office for \$2.50. Correct change is appreciated. This is an easy and delicious way to support the PTO and to treat your kids.



### **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](#)**

## Leonardo da Vinci School PTO Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2018

### Attendance-

Marisa Hanson, Mary Rupp, Phuong Hudson, Lisa Hansen, Jan O'Neil, Katie Higgins, Veronica Corpus-Dax, Katie Houle, Cassandra Baumgart, Allison Hockers, Tammy Van Dyke, Jann Larson, Brittany Dickey, Tiffany Bowles

**Call to order-** Marisa Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

**President's Report-** Marisa Hanson reviewed the agenda for the evening's meeting.

- PTO Committee Members will be looking for input on future meetings and activities held by the PTO. Ideas on how more parents and families could be involved will be a continuing topic at future meetings.
- Newsletters will be once per month as opposed to every other week. Email blasts will provide information in between newsletters. The group was asked if they felt that the email blasts were too frequent. Everyone agreed that blasts were an effective form of communication.

**VP Report-** Mary Rupp explained further the PTO Committee Members desire to increase attendance at meetings. The group was asked for their input regarding meetings held at a new location. Examples such as coffee houses or local restaurants were given. Brittany Dickey reported that St. Brendan's and Tiletown have been locations that other organizations have used in the past. The committee agreed that they would look into those locations.

- Renaissance Faire was discussed. The committee suggested that the theme be revisited since it's the 5<sup>th</sup> year in order to keep the event fresh. However, it was discussed that the new chairperson for the event has began holding meetings and activities are beginning to shape up. It was agreed not to make any major changes for this school year.
- Traditionally, an auction has been part of Renaissance Faire. The possibility of separating the auction from the faire in order to create an adults-only event was discussed at length. The committee will look into ideas and has asked the group to also brainstorm.

**Treasurer Report-** Checking account balance of \$9,042.14. Savings account balance of \$18,095.12. Total balance of \$27,137.26. These figures do not include the last apparel sales. There are no approved upcoming expenses. Online apparel sales have been slow. It's thought since it's a new process, there will be eventual growth as families adjust to the new system.

- New ideas for fundraising were discussed. Heartland Pizza was mentioned as possible business to contact, as well the Dough Shoppe since they are both known as helping local organizations.
- Box Tops are continuing to be ongoing fundraising option.
- Marcus Cinema sales have been slow, however, they are expecting to increase as the due date quickly approaches.
- Holiday Scrip information has been sent out to families.

**Staff Representative Report-**Allison Hockers gave a thank you card to the PTO from teachers and staff regarding the food donations during Parent/Teacher Conferences.

- The PTO Committee Members asked Allison if she could begin emailing the PTO milestone events in the teachers lives in order for them to be recognized or celebrated.
- Wishlist Items for teachers' classrooms were also discussed. An electronic giving tree will be looked into as well as other ways to recognize teachers.
- The Teachers Favorite Things List was mentioned as another way to recognize teachers during the holidays and other important times. The list can be found on the PTO website and will be updated as needed.

**SPAC Update-** This topic will be removed from upcoming PTO agendas since it's a district wide committee as opposed to a school committee. If information arises directly involving LdV, Tammy Van Dyke will address at the next PTO meeting.

**Harvest Fest-**The event was well attended and went well overall. Ideas were discussed about the event in the future.

- There were some safety concerns. Kids were going outside without their parents' supervision. Since this is not a school sponsored event and is a PTO event, it was discussed how to stress to parents that it's very important to ensure the safety and safe behaviors of their children.
- Middle school students have expressed an interest in having their own Halloween party. This could lessen some of the concerns regarding Harvest Fest.
- The new timeframe of 5-7pm seem to worked well.

**Volunteer Survey Update-**All information is up-to-date. One person who volunteered for Harvest Fest did not submit their background information. It's important to stress to parents that it is their responsibility to ensure their information is current. This will be stressed during forth coming newsletters.

**Brainstorming-**The committee reminded the group that all ideas for future meetings are welcomed. Also, people were asked to invite fellow LdV parents to future PTO meetings.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:28.**

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