

LEONARDO DA VINCI



PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November

5th & 19th : Popcorn Tuesday

12th: PTO Meeting St Brendan's Inn

5th-20th: Marcus Theatre Ticket
Fundraiser

Save the Date

2nd Annual Trivia Night at the Green
Bay Distillery on 2/20/20

PTO Board Update

The Annual PTO Meeting was held on October 8th. During the meeting the Annual Budget was reviewed and Helen Vande Hei, PTO Treasurer, answered all questions regarding the projected revenue and expenses for the year. The budget is posted on the LdV PTO website.

The current PTO Officers are now in their last year of their 2 year terms. The next elections will be held in March 2020 and will be confirmed at the October 2020 Annual Meeting. The teachers and staff at LdV are among the best and it's an honor to be able to provide them with support. This can only be done with parent involvement. Please consider submitting your bios for these positions soon! Officer-elects will be able to shadow the current board members after elections. Do not be deterred if you do not have prior experience.

The PTO welcomes Roxanne Denneau to the PTO Board! Her nomination was approved by the board during the meeting.

[Leonardo da Vinci Website](#)

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CURRENT PTO OFFICERS

President- Mary Rupp

Vice President-Phuong Hudson

Treasurer-Helen Vande Hei

Secretary-Lisa Hansen



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 of 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](#)



Harvest Fest

Thank you to Brittany Dickey for yet another fantastic Harvest Fest! It was a great event for families to have fun with one another and to meet their children's friends and their families!

The middle schoolers had their Monster Mash event and it was also a huge success! Hats off to the Dragon Council for organizing such an awesome dance for their peers!

Thank you also to everyone who donated their time, baked goods and items off of the sign up genius for this event! It's great that we can all work together to help pull off this big event!

Special thanks to DJ Joe Anderson, LdV 7th grader, and Bonnie Miller Des Jardins for doing such fantastic jobs entertaining the crowd!

Marcus Theatres Fundraiser

Leslie Vogel is once again leading this wonderful fundraiser! Hind Gautam will be joining her as this will be Leslie's last year with us. Ticket sales will be from November 5th-20th, 2019 with delivery on the 26th. Please keep an eye out for more details coming soon!



Popcorn Tuesdays

Popcorn Tuesdays start this 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! **Pro Tip:** Have your kids sign their names on their cards and the cards are kept at school. Plus, 2 cards will cover the entire school year!

Chipotle Fundraising Night

Thank you to everyone who joined us on 10/9/19 at Chipotle! It was a super successful event! Chipotle donated 33% of their profits during the fundraiser's time period for a total of \$337.48.

Classroom Wishes Granted

We are now on the second year of the "Classroom Wishes Granted" program. The idea came about as an extension of the holiday giving tree concept. Teachers submit to the PTO Board material goods and services they might be "wishing" for in their classrooms. This has been a very successful program and it is our hope to continue to connect teacher needs with parent generosity in order to further enhance our terrific school! Please check out the link below for ways that you can help grant wishes!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4ca8ae2ca6fc1-granting>

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>
Volunteer Recruiter:	<u>Jennie Moreno</u>
Garden of Infinite Possibilities:	Jim Lunde
Box Tops:	<u>Betsy Munchoff</u>
Scrip:	<u>Shannon Schultz</u>
Pennies for Popcorn:	<u>Margarita Johnson</u> & <u>Jenny Komp</u>
Staff Appreciation:	<u>Lisa Knuth</u>
Back to School Gathering:	Open Position
Harvest Fest Chair:	<u>Brittany Dickey</u>
Marcus Cinema Chair:	<u>Leslie Vogel</u> & <u>Hind Gautam</u>
Trivia Night Chair:	<u>Heather Stefaniak</u>
Chess Committee:	<u>Angela Whipp</u> & Andrew Becker
Apparel Coordinators:	<u>Katie Houle</u> & <u>Margarita Johnson</u>
PTO Public Relations:	Vijay Kumar



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

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

Leonardo da Vinci School PTO Meeting Minutes October 8,2019

Attendance- Mary Rupp, Phuong Hudson, Helen Vande Hei, Lisa Hansen, Tammy Van Dyke, Angela Whipp, Lisa Knuth, Tracy Sette, Katie Houle, Brittany Renkas, Tiffany Bowles, Jann Larrison

Call to order- Mary Rupp, PTO President, called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

President Report – Mary Rupp reminded PTO Members that there are many PTO Committees and other opportunities to support the school. The PTO website has been revised and great information is now located on the site.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on 10/10/19, 10/15/19 and 10/18/19. The PTO will have a table promoting the organization and selling the remaining LdV school apparel as we head into online sales. Those interested in assisting with staffing the table were encouraged to sign-up.

The members in attendance were also asked to give some thought to if there was a better time of day for the PTO to meet. There will be time at the end of the meeting to discuss.

The Trivia Night Committee will be meeting on 10/22/19. This is a new committee and is welcoming new members. Please contact any member of the board if you are interested in joining. Currently, the committee has revised donor letters and is recruiting donors for games.

The Marcus Theatres Fundraiser begins 11/5/19 and runs through 11/20/19. Fliers will be distributed to families with information. It was requested that the PTO purchase 4-\$25 gift cards for Fall and Spring sales, for a total of \$200 to be used as prizes as a way to encourage sales. This request was approved.

The Chipotle fundraiser will be held on 10/9/19. Thirty-three percent of the profits for the night will be donated to the LdV PTO.

Vice President Report-Phuong Hudson informed the members in attendance that Roxanne Denneau submitted her bio for the Board Member position. This is for a 2 year commitment and this position will also be responsible for updating the PTO Facebook page. The PTO Board Members will vote near the end of the meeting.

The Back to School Event Committee is the only remaining PTO Committee which needs a Chairperson. Please let any PTO Board Member know if you're interested.

The Harvest Fest is ready to roll on 10/18/19. The majority of the sign-up genius volunteer slots have been filled. The only remaining spots are for set-up, take down and one monitor. Twenty-five pizza will be ordered and juice boxes have been donated.

Treasurer Report- Helen Vande Hei went over the current financial figures and the Annual Budget for 2019/2020. The entire breakdown can be found on the PTO website. Helen reviewed the routine extracurricular activities expenses that the PTO uses money towards (4Th grade Madison field trip, Pi Day, End of the Year Carnival). Also, discussed was the increased income from fundraisers such as Trivia Night, LdV Apparel and Marcus Theatres.

Currently, the PTO has \$10,038.86 in checking and \$18,112.98 in savings.

Helen also reviewed changes to the LdV PTO website. The school apparel sale link is now currently located on the site, as well as the events calendar.

Election-Mary Rupp read Roxanne Denneau's bio to the members in attendance. The PTO Board voted unanimously in favor of approving her to the board.

Staff Representative Report-Tammy VanDyke stepped in for Allison Hockers who is currently on maternity leave.

The plans for the middle school dance on 10/18/19 were reviewed. The Dragon Council have taken lead and have planned all of the activities. There will be a costume contest, a live DJ, the cereal tombstone walk (or possibly soda pop walk), and candy amount guess games.

The Dragon Council has asked the PTO to provide funding for the items needed. The board voted in full approval.

Baby gifts will be purchased by the PTO for Mrs. Mayenschein and Mrs. Hockers.

Lisa Knuth reviewed the remaining needs for Feed the Teacher at Parent/Teacher Conference. PTO will cover the cost for any remaining costs. Moe's will be ordered for lunch since this provides many dietary needs options.

Lisa also discussed Holiday Scrip. Tammy VanDyke will ensure that she receives a list of all regular staff that receive the gifts.

Apparel Update-Katie Houle informed the members in attendance that the LdV apparel online sale will go live beginning 10/10/19 through 10/24/19. Existing clothing items and coffee mugs will be sold at a 50% discount during October Parent Teacher Conferences. Special thanks to Cathie Stahl, a LdV parent who assisted with the sale information fliers.
Chess Club Update-Angela Whipp provided an update on the current status of chess club. The chess club originated as a PTO sponsored activity, however, it will now be part of the after school offerings at LdV for the first 30 students signed up.

The chess club is currently planning on hosting a chess tournament for January 11th, 2020. Ten volunteers will be needed to run the event. Also, a facilities request will need to be submitted for custodial services since it will be a weekend event.

Angela informed the committee that she spoke with other chess club leaders in the area and an app was suggested which adds additional information to students. The program would be \$10 per student when purchased as a school group, \$49 for individuals. Angela requested that the PTO pay the \$10 for families who could not afford the extra fee. However, the board recommended they would pay the \$300 in entirety, assuming that the app is on the district's green list (for safety).

Meeting Schedule-The PTO Board asked the members in attendance if holding PTO meetings after school would be easier to attend. Most members did not have strong feelings on the topic, however, Tammy VanDyke informed the board that scheduling it for this school year would be difficult due to space availability at the school. Recording meetings or having them live on the website were suggested ideas and those options will be looked into for future meetings.

Concerns-Jann Larrison expressed concern regarding the mulch on the playground. The area at the base of the slide is very wet and does not appear to be drying out. Tammy VanDyke informed her this was district facility concern. Ideas were suggested to try in the future.

Next Meeting November 12th, 2019 at 6:30pm at St Brendan's Inn

Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

