

LEONARDO DA VINCI



PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

# NEWSLETTER

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### February

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

10<sup>th</sup>: Register for Pi Day!

20<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trivia Night at Green Bay Distillery

25<sup>th</sup>: Pi Day Fundraiser at Chipotle

27<sup>th</sup>: Online Apparel Sale Opens

### March

3<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>: Popcorn Tuesday

7<sup>th</sup>: Pi Day Race

10<sup>th</sup>: PTO Meeting at St Brendans

12<sup>th</sup>: Online Apparel Sale Closes

24<sup>th</sup>: Marcus Theatres Fundraiser Begins

## CURRENT PTO OFFICERS

President- Mary Rupp

Vice President-Phuong Hudson

Treasurer-Helen Vande Hei

Secretary-Lisa Hansen

## PTO Board Update

The second half of the school year is now here! The PTO has many events coming soon such as the next Marcus Theatres Fundraiser, the second LdV online apparel sale of the year and, of course, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual LdV Trivia Night. Trivia Night was a huge success last year and we're all looking forward to another fun night! Please get your teams together and register!

The current PTO Officers are now in their last year of their 2 year terms. Helen Vande Hei, Treasurer, will be remaining. However, the President, Vice President and Secretary positions **will** be vacated. The next elections will be held this spring and will be confirmed at the October 2020 Annual Meeting. Events such as the ones listed above and Harvest Fest would be difficult to organize without a Board. As parents we all have many responsibilities in our lives and it is understood that adding another commitment can be overwhelming. However, in order to have a strong school community that is supportive of our staff and students, it's imperative that we work together.

Please submit your bios to the PTO email account by March 14<sup>th</sup>. Do not let the fear of inexperience hold you back.

[Leonardo da Vinci Website](#)

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## **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](#)



### **Special Someone's Dance**

The PTO Board has heard your requests and we are introducing our 1<sup>st</sup> Special Someone's Dance. The dance will be for all kindergarteners through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Each student in these grades will be able to bring one special adult in their life for a fun evening. The dance will be held in the gym on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

More details to follow.



### **Pi Day Race**

The annual Pi Day Race will be on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>! This altruistic and fun event is organized by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade leadership team, but is a school-wide event and all proceeds are donated to Habitat for Humanity. Please register by February 10<sup>th</sup> in order to guarantee yourself this year's event t-shirt.

February 25<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm, there will be a fundraiser for the Pi Day Race at Chipotle on Oneida St. Join us there!

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trivia Night**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trivia Night will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Green Bay Distillery, doors open at 5:30. The event will feature a silent and live auction, as well as three social night experiences. The tickets for these experiences will only be sold at trivia night and they include: Chinese Cultural Night, Zambaldi Beer Tasting and LdV Date Night at the DePere Cinemas.

Remember Trivia Night is the place to get creative and fun team themes are welcomed!

If you're interested in volunteering at the event, please contact Heather Stefaniak at [hstefaniak@baycare.net](mailto:hstefaniak@baycare.net).

See you there!



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## **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!

## **First Kids After School Program**

First Kids is a small licensed daycare located across the street from LdV. Throughout the years, many of our students have attended their afterschool program, which is for children ages 5-11. Program activities include: snack, homework time, arts & crafts, blocks & legos and outside time.

If interested, please contact Anita Ebenhoe, First Daycare Director, at 920-437-0736 or [aebenhoe@fumcgb.org](mailto:aebenhoe@fumcgb.org).

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



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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, 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](#)  
[ldavincipto@gmail.com](mailto:ldavincipto@gmail.com)

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

January 21st, 2020

**Attendance-** Mary Rupp, Phuong Hudson, Helen Vande Hei, Lisa Hansen, Margarita Johnson, Angela Whipp, Roxanne Denneau, Kurt Pedersen, Kiran Khot, Katie Houle, Allison Hockers, Tammy Van Dyke, Vaughn Bowles, Heather Stefaniak, Lisa Knuth

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

**President's Report-** Mary Rupp notified the members present that Helen Vande Hei, Treasurer, would be interested in remaining on the board as Treasurer for the next term beginning October 2020. However, the President, Vice President and Secretary positions would be open. These are for 2 year terms. It is vital that positions are filled in order for the supports that the PTO provides the school continue. If interested in learning more, members were encouraged to contact the PTO Board.

- Members were asked to speak about PTO to their fellow LdV parent friends in order to increase awareness and attendance.
- The Marcus Theatre Ticket Fundraiser will begin March 24th, 2020. The last fundraiser raised around \$2300. This will be Leslie Vogel's last fundraiser with LdV, Hind Gatum will be taking lead in the future.
- Noodles and Co. will be hosting a fundraiser on January 22nd with 30% of their sales being donated to the PTO. February 4th will be the next fundraiser at Panera Bread.

**VP Report-** Phuong Hudson, Vice President, informed the members that a Special Someone Dance will be held most likely on April 3rd at the school. The dance will be for all Kindergarten-3rd graders. Each student can bring one special adult in their life. The cut off is 3rd grade due to space limitations. Also, 4th graders have the Madison Field Trip and 5th graders organize Pi Day. More information to follow in the next coming months.

**Secretary Report-** Lisa Hansen, Secretary, Melissa Samuels, LdV Parent, will present information about a possible LEGO club at the February meeting. Melissa is willing to coordinate with other volunteers the details of organizing a LEGO club, however, volunteer involvement is necessary. Please contact the PTO Board if interested.

**Treasurer Report-** The Checking account balance of \$18,076.08 and savings account balance of \$14,114.89. Total balance of \$32,190.97.

Helen Vande Hei informed the members that she has been having issues with Fox Communities Credit Union in regards to the PTO accounts. The credit union does not utilize electronic banking and their systems have been inefficient. The group was asked if there were any objections to transferring the PTO accounts to another bank and there were none. Also, Tammy VanDyke, LdV Principal, was asked if the district would have any bank preference and she said the district did not.

**Publicity Chair-** Roxanne Denneau has taken lead on all LdV PTO publicity efforts. She was recognized by the board as doing a fantastic job posting information on Instagram and Facebook. If there are any events that need to be shared through social media, please contact Roxanne.

**Staff Representative Report-** Allison Hockers reported that staff were very grateful for the generosity from the Holiday Scrip.

The organizing for the annual Pi Day 5k is underway. The new committee of the 5th graders are very excited about this year's run! The event will be on 3/7 in order to guarantee a t-shirt please register by 2/10/20.

**Staff Appreciation-** Lisa Knuth, PTO Board Member, reported that over \$10k was raised for this school year's Holiday Scrip program. The vast majority of the funds raised have been redeemed by teachers.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on 2/27, 3/3 and 3/6. As in the past, a Sign-Up Genius will be sent out to families in order to volunteer to provide food and snacks. The PTO will also be sponsoring a lunch on the 3/6 conference day. Lisa reported that restaurants that provide options, such as make your own tacos, remain the favorite type of meal for faculty and staff since they provide a wide variety of food options for various dietary needs.

**Trivia Night-**Heather Stefaniak, Trivia Night Chair, reported that the plans are almost finalized for the 2nd annual LdV Trivia Night. This year's event will be held at Green Bay Distillery.

- A new feature will be the opportunity to participate in a special event hosted by LdV families. Events include a Chinese New Year Party and beer tasting with Zambaldi Beer. Additional opportunities are being finalized.
- Volunteers are still needed for the night (judges and 50/50 raffle).
- The committee is continuing to look for event sponsors. Please contact Heather or the PTO Board if additional information is needed regarding sponsorships.

**Apparel-**The next online apparel sale will be from February 27th-March 12th. Katie Houle, Apparel Cochair, reported that she has been working with our contact on possible new designs. Also, a letter will be sent to new students once placement testing is scheduled regarding online sales during the summer, with the plan for the families to pick up at Back-to-School Night.

**Chess Club-**Angela Whipp, Chess Club Coordinator, reported that the Chess Club Tournament hosted at LdV was very successful. Thirteen teams for a total of 66 students from all over the state participated. Concession stand sales went smoothly, however, next year additional pizza will have to be purchased. Also, parents filled all volunteer needs.

The LdV teams placed 1st in the K-5 and 6-8 categories!

**Miscellaneous-**Phuong informed the members that she was contacted by the after school program from First Preschool. They are located across the street from LdV and have provided after school programs to our students in the past. They have a couple spots available for children who would appreciate a quieter and relaxing program.

Kurt Pedersen stated that he was looking into beginning a Facebook/Meet Up group for LdV families in order to make it easier to form more social connections. He will keep us all posted.

**Meeting adjourned at 7pm.**

