

LEONARDO DA VINCI



PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

NEWSLETTER

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MAY

1, 15- Popcorn Tuesday

8- PTO Meeting- 6:30 in the

gym

18- 4th Annual Renaissance Faire



The Renaissance Faire needs volunteers!! Please click [here](#) to help out with the awesome, annual event. There are lots of volunteer positions with a variety of responsibilities. The committee also welcomes any grandparents, family friends, and middle or high school students to volunteer. All volunteers will need a background check from the School District (the committee will help with this). Check it out and help make this wonderful evening a success.



4th Annual Renaissance Faire

The 4th Annual PTO sponsored Renaissance Faire will take place on Friday, May 18th from 5:00 to 8:00pm at school. Admission to the event is free and includes entertainment, crafts and games. A \$5 dinner will be available, as well as a bake sale and silent auction. Please note, all students attending the faire should be accompanied by an adult.

CURRENT PTO OFFICERS

President- Jan O'Neil

Vice President- Katie Higgins

Treasurer- Veronica Corpus-Dax

Secretary- Amy Morrow

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My Scrip Now

Scrip gift cards can be used to make everyday purchases, and a portion of the purchase cost is donated back to the PTO. However, we all know the frustration of a gift card left on the kitchen counter!! You can avoid this in the future by purchasing e-gift cards that can be easily accessed on your mobile device. To use this convenient method, you must first have an online scrip account, and then you can purchase scrip cards and add them immediately to your device. In line waiting somewhere? Take a minute on your phone to purchase an e-gift card- your purchase will then benefit the PTO. A huge thank you to Mary Rupp for providing these instructions. Please see the instructions after the last page of the newsletter for instructions on setting up your own account.



PTO Officers Needed

2018 is an election year! The current officers will not be continuing in their positions after October 2018. Show your support for the wonderful education provided at Leonardo da Vinci by running for a PTO Officer position. Volunteering is even more fun with a friend! Grab a couple of friends and put together a team who can lead the PTO starting this fall! It's a great way to give back to the school!



PTO Meetings are Open to Everyone

Just a reminder that all PTO meetings are open to all parents in the school. We would love to have you join our discussions. We welcome input from all parents and teachers on ways that we can help support the students and staff at Leonardo da Vinci School. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 8 at 6:30pm



Renaissance Faire Gift Basket Donations

The Renaissance Faire organization team sent a letter home with students last week detailing donations needed for the silent auction. As outlined in the letter, the committee is organizing themed baskets for the auction and is looking for donations. The auction is one of the largest fundraisers for the PTO and allows us to continue to support many of the wonderful opportunities at the school. We need your help to make it another successful year. Please note that items must be taken to the school office (not the classrooms) between April 23rd and May 4th. The full letter, with links to sign up for items, can be found starting on the next page of the newsletter.



March 30, 2018

Dear Friend of the Da Vinci Dragons,

The PTO of Leonardo da Vinci School is excited to announce that May 18, 2018 will mark the date of the 4th annual Renaissance Faire. This event offers the students and their families an opportunity to experience Old World Europe through games, crafts, food and entertainment.

One of the PTO's largest fundraisers throughout the year is a silent auction, which is held during the Renaissance Faire. It is with the generous help from businesses and families such as yours, that the Leonardo da Vinci School PTO has been able to accomplish so much for our school. We humbly ask for your continued help to make this event a success.

New This Year: Themed Basket Items Needed!

This year we have a new and exciting way for Leonardo da Vinci families to donate to the auction. In addition to donations from community businesses, we are asking da Vinci families, friends, and staff to donate items to fill 12 fun and family-friendly themed baskets. We are excited to offer these new themed baskets to add to the variety and appeal of our silent auction. With **over 200 items needed** to fill the baskets from a box of crayons to a beach umbrella, we hope this will give those who want to assist in this effort the ability to participate at a level that is comfortable for them. Also, we are counting on your creativity to add items we may not have thought of to add a wide assortment to our baskets.

How to Donate

Attached to this letter is a list of themed baskets, items needed, and sign-up genius links to sign up. The links will also go out in upcoming PTO newsletters. Although you may begin to sign-up right away, **please take note that the collection of these items will only be for the two-week period of April 23rd through May 4th.** Items must be dropped off in the office, NOT brought to classrooms. Following these guidelines will assist us in avoiding the disruption of instruction and daily school routines.

As in the past, we are also seeking other donations such as promotional items, gift certificates, toys, games, and other items that can be placed in other baskets or auctioned by themselves. If you are associated with a local businesses or know of a local business that would like to donate and support our school, please contact Kari Willmott at kari_willmott@hotmail.com to arrange for donations.

We are ever so grateful for the variety of donations we receive each year that make our auction a success. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Questions? Contact Kari Willmott at kari_willmott@hotmail.com

Basket Themes & Requested Items

Please Note

We request the students drop off the items before the start of school in the office.

Items CANNOT be taken into classrooms.

The collection will take place April 23rd - May 4th.

Please label your donations with the donor's name.

Items listed are suggestions, but anything related to the theme can be donated.

Please make sure food items are non perishable with a long shelf life.

You may also donate money towards the purchase of larger items (again, please label).

Bakers Delight

Oven mitts, measuring cups, measuring spoons, spatulas, box mixes, cookie cutters, recipe books, baking pans, decorating equipment, sprinkles/toppings, decorating frosting, cake or cupcake stand, apron, gift cards to baking supply shops, etc.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E49A4AC2FA7F58-renaissance2

Craft Creator

Crayons, markers, paper, scissors, glue/glue sticks, glue dots, polymer clay, craft kits, feathers, craft foam, sequins, popsicle sticks, googly eyes, pom poms, pipe cleaners, gift cards to retailers of craft supplies, etc.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E49A4AC2FA7F58-renaissance4

Art Enthusiast

paint, paint brushes, sketch pad, sketch pencils, canvases, gift cards to art supply stores, etc.

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Outside Fun

Sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, hula hoops, playground balls, squirt guns, paddle balls, water balloons, bubbles, bubble-making toys, nerf balls, frisbees, etc.

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Garden Lovers

Hand tools, kneeling pad, garden gloves, seed packets, books on gardening, pruning shears, watering cans, child-size garden equipment, gift cards to garden stores/nurseries, etc.

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Beach Bums

Blanket, beach towels, sand toys, water toys, rafts, tubes, pool noodles, beach bag, goggles, sunscreen, beach umbrella or tent, beach balls, etc.

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Puzzles & Riddles

Hand held puzzles, rubik's cubes, puzzle books, riddle books, jigsaw puzzles, etc.

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Spa at Home

Bath bombs, lufas, bubble bath, bath salts, body lotions, scented candles, bath pillow, facials, pedicure/manicure supplies, gift cards to day spas, etc.

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Outdoor Adventures

Camping items, fishing items, insect repellent, sleeping bags, ponchos, flashlights, insect-finder toys, energy bars, binoculars, gift cards to outdoor adventure stores, etc.

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Outdoor Cooking/Eating

Grill mitts, grill brush/cleaner, grilling cookbooks, grill pans, grill tools, apron, grill spices/marinades, items for s'mores (graham crackers, marshmallows, chocolate bars) marshmallow sticks, aluminum foil bags, picnic items (blanket, basket) etc.

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Ice Cream Social

Ice cream bowl sets, ice cream cones, ice cream making machine, ice cream mixes, toppings, etc.

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Movie Night

Family-friendly DVD's, popcorn, popcorn maker, popcorn bucket, blankets/throws, pizza gift cards, theater-sized candy, ticket vouchers for theaters, etc.

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SCRIP IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE AND ON MOBILE DEVICES!

Scrip is a method of fundraising used by the Leonardo da Vinci PTO. The PTO puts earned funds toward enrichment and social events for the da Vinci students to round out their educational experiences. Scrip is now even easier to use and families can purchase electronic gift cards and reloadable gift cards all with an electronic payment system. Everything can be done online at your computer or on your mobile device. Buying Scrip on your mobile phone ensures that your egift cards are fully portable and in hand for any upcoming shopping trips. You can even purchase the egift card while you are waiting in line to check out! If you share a Scrip account among different users in the family, the egift cards can be available on multiple devices at the same time. Physical gift cards are also still available and can be purchased via your online Scrip account and made available to you at school.

Of note, the egift cards you purchase can be transferred to existing member accounts that utilize reloadable gift cards. For example, purchase a \$5 to \$500 egift card for Starbucks in mobile Scrip and then transfer that egift card number to your current Starbucks mobile account. The money will then be added directly into your account as an egift card so you can still earn loyalty points and track purchases.

Scrip is a unique fundraiser as the funds come from purchases that you would likely already be making. These Scrip egift and gift card purchases then generate monetary rebates that are allocated to the da Vinci PTO to use for programming and activities. If the PTO has 10 supporting families who participate in buying Scrip from any of the 750 retailers on a regular basis (with an average rebate of 5% each) we would have a projected fundraising of \$7,800 just from those 10 families alone in one year! As you can see, Scrip fundraising dollars can add up quickly for the PTO. In turn, all students will see the benefits of these Scrip earnings and their parents' efforts to incorporate Scrip egift and gift card purchases into everyday spending.

Below are the steps to get started with an online and a mobile account. In order to obtain a mobile account you need to have an online account in existence first. Thank you for your continued support of the da Vinci PTO. Please contact Mary Rupp with any questions in this set-up process. Maryk.rupp@gmail.com

STEP ONE: Setting up an Online Scrip Account

- 1) Go to [www. Shopwithscrip.com](http://www.Shopwithscrip.com)
- 2) Click on "join a program"
- 3) Enter the da Vinci enrollment code:
BC37E41C36926
- 4) Click "Register"

STEP TWO: Adding Scrip to Your Mobile Phone-APPLE IPHONES:

- 1) Go to: www.myscripwallet.com
- 2) Sign in using login established during online Scrip account set up above
- 3) Follow directions on the screen to press the icon of the square with a vertical arrow pointing upward.
- 4) Choose the selection: "Add To Home Screen".
- 5) Click the MyScripNow icon on your phone and log in as usual with online Scrip username and password. A text code will arrive on your phone to verify first use.

STEP TWO: Adding Scrip to Your Mobile Phone- ANDROID DEVICES:

- 1) Go to: www.myscripwallet.com
- 2) Sign in using login established during online Scrip account set up above.
- 3) Click on the Chrome menu button (three vertical dots)
- 4) Select "Add to Home Screen"
- 5) Click "Add"

STEP THREE: Purchase Scrip:

- 1) Search for specific vendor and select/enter dollar amount of the egift card.
- 2) Place it in your cart.
- 3) Submit and pay for the order.
- 4) Log out and then back in again to see the egift card in the wallet section of MyScripNow.
- 5) Select the egift card you wish to use from the wallet. To make a purchase in person, present the barcode on your phone to the cashier. For online orders, type in the gift card and pin numbers.