

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



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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Field Trip Support

At our most recent PTO meeting, we had two special requests from staff to help with funding for field trips for the 4th grade and for the middle school students. Thanks to everyone's generosity and support of PTO fundraising events, we were able to surpass their initial monetary requests and reduce the costs to the individual students to participate in the field trips. Thank you da Vinci families for helping make Leonardo da Vinci School even better!



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 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.



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.



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).

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.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E49A4AC2FA7F58-renaissance11

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.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E49A4AC2FA7F58-renaissance8

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.

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

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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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.

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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.

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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

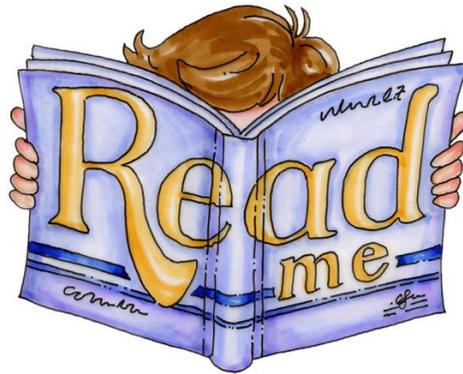
Blanket, beach towels, sand toys, water toys, rafts, tubes, pool noodles, beach bag, goggles, sunscreen, beach umbrella or tent, beach balls, etc.

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Puzzles & Riddles

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

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E49A4AC2FA7F58-renaissance10



Keep reading.... More information on the next few pages

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.

Leonardo da Vinci School PTO Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2018

Attendance-

Jan O'Neil, Katie Higgins, Veronica Corpus-Dax, Amy Morrow, Tammy VanDyke, Allison Hockers, Marisa Hanson, Lisa Knuth, Greta Swanson, Jillian Feldhausen, Andreea Solomon

Call to order- Jan O'Neil called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

President's Report- Jan O'Neil shared some thank you notes for supporting the pi-day run, for providing conference meals, and for the SCRIP gift card program at the holidays. She provided an update regarding the base team gifts. Gifts were distributed last week. All base teams received \$50, except the 2 middle school base teams that received \$75 each, due to their larger size. No requests for using the money have come to the PTO as of yet, but Jan O'Neil and Marisa Hanson will work on distributing the requests as they come in. Base team gifts can be used any time between now and the end of May. Update on teacher SCRIP gift cards- most of the gift cards have been redeemed. Teachers that have not yet redeemed their gift cards were sent an email reminder that they must be redeemed by mid-May. In addition, paper orders for family SCRIP cards will end in mid-May as well.

Vice-President's Report- Katie Higgins reported that the PTO is already looking ahead to planning for next year. In the past, the PTO has coordinated calendars and events with the school event by working with Tammy VanDayke in the spring for the upcoming school year. In addition, PTO officers will be checking in with current volunteers and coordinators to determine interest in staying with their roles for next year. This would be a great time for anyone interested in taking on new responsibilities to let the PTO know.

Treasurer Report- Current balances include \$7,460.37 in the checking account, \$18,081.76 in the savings account for a total of \$25,542.13. Upcoming approved expenditures include \$8,967.74 for the Garden of Infinite Possibilities, leaving an ending balance of \$16,574.39. Jan O'Neil noted that the garden committee has plans to install the dragon topiary.

Special Requests- Jillian Feldhausen was present to make a request to the PTO for \$1,000 for the middle school end of year trips. She reports that students in the middle school have had the opportunity to earn Lanyard Pins all year as an incentive program. Based on the number of pins earned, students can choose from different field trips at the end of the year. The trips will take place on June 7th. These events include a trip to 6 Flags Great America, a trip to Badger Sports Park, a trip to Bay Beach Park, an event at Navarino Park and an event at school. Exact numbers of students for each event is unknown at the present time. Costs of these events were outlined as follows:

- Great America- \$850 per bus (each bus holds 48 students) and \$38 per student ticket
- Badger Sports Park - \$255 per bus (each bus holds 48 students) and \$20 per student ticket.

The funding request will help offset these costs for families. Jillian Feldhausen noted that permission slips will go home to families this week, and then organizers will have a better idea of the number of students going to each event. It is possible that the middle school will likely require 3 buses in total- either 2 to Great America and 1 to Badger Sports Park, or 1 to Great America and 2 to Badger Sports Park. However, depending on the number of students choosing each event, the middle school could require 4 buses in total- 2 going to each location. Katie Higgins asked for clarification about the purpose of the money. Jillian Feldhausen stated that basically the money would go to decreasing the overall cost per student and that families would be made aware that part of the trips was being sponsored by the PTO. She estimated that the total cost for Great America would be approximately \$65 per student, depending on the number of students choosing that trip. She inquired if the PTO would also have scholarship money available to help if students required it. Jan O'Neil noted that the PTO would have money available. Usually requests for this money would go through Tammy VanDyke. Jillian Feldhausen stated that the students going to Bay Beach will ride the city bus for free with their school ID cards.

Jan O'Neil proposed approving \$2,250 in PTO funding for the event. This would cover all bussing costs, even if 2 buses to each location are needed. Therefore, students attending the events would only need to pay for their entry tickets and food for the day. Jillian Feldhausen added that if money is left over after funding the buses, they would be able to give some tickets to the students going to Bay Beach park. Veronica Corpus-Dax made a motion to approve funding at this level and Marisa Hanson seconded the motion. There were no votes against the motion. Motion approved for \$2,250 in funding.

Olivia Durant (4th grade teacher) was unable to be present, but sent a written request for funding of \$650 for the 4th grades trip on May 7 to the state capital and to the UW campus geology lab and dairy store. The 4th grade is studying government, so a visit to the capital is in line with their curriculum. A visit to the UW campus will expose the students to higher education and help them with their Future Me project to be presented in June. Olivia Durant's request noted that the students will require 2 buses for the trip at a total cost of \$1,790 for the buses. Tammy VanDyke noted that the activities in Madison will be free. She stated that by using the \$100 total in classroom gifts plus the funding from the PTO, the total cost per student would be reduced to \$20. Jan O'Neil felt that the PTO could increase the amount of funding above the request of \$650. There are approximately half the number of students in the 4th grade as in the middle school and therefore, the PTO could give the 4th grade roughly half of what the middle school students received. Greta Swanson noted that this would decrease the cost per student to roughly \$10. Jan O'Neil proposed giving the 4th grade students \$1,200 for the trip. Katie Higgins made a motion for approval. Greta Swanson seconded the motion. There were no votes against the proposal.

Jan O'Neil took a moment to clarify the money going to classrooms:

- All base teams will receive base team gifts. The 6th-8th grade base teams and the 4th grade base teams will use their gifts toward their trips.
- In addition to the base team gifts, \$2,250 from the PTO for the middle school students and \$1,200 from the PTO for the 4th grade students.
- Scholarship money is still available in addition to this money if families need it to help pay the remaining portions of the trips. This money can be accessed via an inquiry to Tammy VanDyke.

Fundraising Report- Katie Higgins reported on the Marcus Cinema fundraiser. Approximately 20 families participated. The PTO earned \$324.38. This was similar to the sale last year. Overall, this seems like an easy way for the PTO to generate income, and most families do not feel that it is a high pressure sales event. The PTO feels that it makes sense to continue to offer this fundraiser twice per year. Thanks to Leslie Vogel for organizing the event.

SPAC Report- Marisa Hanson attended the most recent SPAC meeting where the 2 topics of school safety and Green Bay Area Public School customer service were discussed.

Regarding school safety, the 17 parents present shared areas that were going well in the individual schools, and areas that need improvement. The school district will likely be making changes in safety for next year, including increasing cameras in the school, and possibly using armed police officers in the schools. Many parents questioned why there were not more mental health providers in the schools to help address some issues before they lead to violence. There are open forums hosted by the Green Bay Public Schools on the topic of safety. All parents with students enrolled in the schools should have received information about these public forums.

The group also discussed the perception of the school district and how the school district could improve their image. There is a realization that the school district is not a highly sought after district and that it has received a lot of negative publicity. The group wondered what could be done to highlight some of the good things happening in the school. Every representative could list something that he or she felt should be highlighted as a positive from his or her home school. They understand that negative stories are more appealing to the media as they will increase ratings, but felt that the district could highlight positive things on the district website.

Marisa Hanson also followed up on the negative reception she received at the previous meeting. She defended how hard the students and teachers at da Vinci work. There were no negative comments at the meeting, and she noted that the superintendent did privately apologize to her for the reception she had received. Katie Higgins hoped that this would help to sensitize the other representatives to their own actions and foster open communication between all the schools.

Staff Rep Report- Allison Hockers noted that the total amount raised by the Pi-day run will be publicized at the assembly on May 1st. As sponsors of the event, the PTO has been invited to attend the assembly and all members should have received emails about this. In addition, the Pi-day committee donated free family entry to the 2019 Pi-day run to the Renaissance Faire silent auction.

Renaissance Faire- Katie Higgins reported that the Renaissance Faire committee sent home a flyer with students about contributing to the themed baskets for the silent auction. The sign up geniuses will be linked in the PTO newsletter, on the website, and on the PTO facebook page. The PTO will distribute another email next week dedicated solely to the Renaissance Faire. The baskets items will have specific drop off days (4/23-5/4) in the school office and should not be taken to the classrooms. Andreea Solomon asked if a family had to volunteer to contribute an entire basket. Katie Higgins clarified that the baskets were broken down into individual items and families could choose what to donate. They could donate one item only, or choose from individual items from different baskets. Additional donations for the silent auction continue to come into the school. Jillian Feldhausen noted that the Junior National Honor Society students need volunteer hours, and she would try to direct them to the sign up genius for the Renaissance Faire.

Teacher Appreciation- Jan O'Neil noted that teacher appreciation week is coming up. Lisa Knuth will coordinate with Tammy VanDyke for a teacher list. Last year the PTO distributed KwikTrip gift cards. Jan O'Neil asked if there was something else that teachers would prefer.

Tammy VanDyke stated that the school will be doing another volunteer appreciation assembly on June 1st at 1:30pm and asked for a list of PTO volunteers.

Additional Items- Tammy VanDyke discussed the end of the year carnival instead of field day this year. Students will use their leader loot to purchase tickets. She stated that the carnival could be done inside, so the weather will not be a factor. Middle school students will work in groups of 4 to design and run games. The carnival will also require parent volunteers to help run the games. In the past, the PTO has provided snacks for field day. Tammy VanDyke said that they are looking to have a snow-cone machine at the carnival. In lieu of doing snacks, Veronica Corpus-Dax suggested that the PTO might contribute the money it had set aside for snacks to the snow-cone machine. We will await additional information about the carnival.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18