

LEONARDO DA VINCI



PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OCTOBER

- 19- Harvest Fest, 6:00-8:00
- 20- Box Tops Collection deadline
- 20- Apparel order due

NOVEMBER

- 7- Popcorn Tuesday
- 17- Marcus Cinema Fundraiser Ends
- 14- PTO Meeting, 6:30
- 21- Popcorn Tuesday



PTO Volunteer Survey

Thanks to everyone that has already filled out the survey. If you have not filled one out for *this year*, please take a moment to fill out the [PTO Volunteer Survey 2017-2018](#) and let us know HOW and WHEN you can help. We collect new information every year, so please let us know how you can help, even if you've filled it out in previous years.



WSCF Chess Tournament Coordinator

Work with WSCF staff and tournament director to plan the annual K-12 WSCF tournament at Leonardo da Vinci. Manage all aspects of event including promotion, registration, securing trophies, refreshments (if desired), and registration the day of the event. These events are well established throughout Wisconsin and do not require a lot of preparation time. This one-time-a-year event would be a perfect role for a busy parent looking to get involved whose children love to play chess! Event takes place one Saturday in late winter/early spring. We would like to have this role filled by November 1st, otherwise we will be unable to host a tournament this year.

CURRENT PTO OFFICERS

President- Jan O'Neil
Vice President- Katie Higgins
Treasurer- Veronica Corpus-Dax
Secretary- Amy Morrow

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Apparel Sales

The last apparel sale of the year before spring conferences is going on now. Find the order form on our website. All orders due by 10/20. There is also limited merchandise available for cash and carry at conferences.



Garden Topiary

The Garden of Infinite Possibilities topiary group is looking for anyone with welding experience to help construct the frame from the dragon topiary. Contact Jim Lunde if you would like to help out with this exciting project.



Welcome to our New PTO Board Members

Tiffany Bowles has joined the PTO Board as the new parent representative and Allison Hockers has joined as the new teacher representative. Read their biographies at the end of this newsletter to learn all about them. Thank you to both of these new members for their contributions to our school. Thank you also to Betsy Munchoff and Dan Dennis for their time on the PTO Board and their contributions as board members.

Thank you to all our volunteers

It has been a busy few weeks at Leonardo da Vinci school. We would like to thank all the volunteers that have stepped forward to help feed the teachers, plan for and staff Harvest Fest, and fill our multiple other requests for volunteers within the PTO. You can find a complete list of all our parent volunteers before the biographies at the end of this newsletter. Involvement from parents is one of the things that makes our school great!

Harvest Fest

Come join the Leonardo da Vinci community tomorrow night for this fun and free event. Come in costume (or not). Bring the family. This event is open to all family members and promises to be fun and to get everyone in the fall spirit.



Popcorn Tuesdays

Popcorn Tuesdays will start in November. Popcorn is preordered by students the day before. Cost is 50 cents a bag, or purchase a popcorn punch card for \$2.50 and get 1 free popcorn! Cards will be on sale during conferences, or can be purchased from Ms. Metzler in the office.



Our newest volunteers

Wendy Bauer is serving as the volunteer coordinator, Mary Rupp and Phuong Hudson are Harvest Fest Co-Chairs, Bryan Swanson is the new Family Connect Coordinator, and Betsy Ferrebee will be chairing the dinner portion of the Renaissance Faire. Thank you to ALL our volunteers. A complete list of all the board members and event chairs can be found on the [Who We Are!](#) page of the Leonardo Da Vinci PTO website.

Meet our Newest Board Members

Tiffany Bowles-parent representative

I have a kindergartner and fourth-grade student currently attending LdV.

Similarly, this will be my fourth year as an active and regularly involved PTO member. With the help of great PTO friends and LdV families, I have had the privilege to help with the planning and logistics of several highly attended PTO activities, including the annual Renaissance Faire. Frequently, I have had the chance to work directly with many of you as you have generously volunteered both time and talents for these events, extracurricular activities, field trips and in your children's classrooms. Together, we have contributed towards large goal collective fundraising efforts, as well as helped teachers meet the needs of individual students. As we continue to help uplift individual students, those children will grow and uplift communities.

On a more personal level, outside of the LdV community, some of my background experience has come from community volunteer opportunities. Most recently for the last three years, I have had the privilege to serve as the president of a local children's organization. I help train volunteer teachers, direct annual class lesson plans, conduct regular weekly and monthly meetings and create budgets. Ten different classes run annually providing services to children from ages two to eleven years, which includes a cub scouts program and a girls' leadership program. Most recently, the children completed an annual presentation to a group of over one hundred guests. The children wrote their own speaking parts for the presentation and taught guests about interest topics they had helped select and learn about throughout the year. Additionally, the children demonstrated their growth in personal talents as they sang a variety of songs, some which included audience participation.

Additionally, I have over ten years of experience volunteering and working with children in both group and one-on-one settings. I love children. I love education. I love the Leonardo da Vinci School! It is so important for me to express my great gratitude for all of the LdV Families, PTO Members, and of course, Teachers. The efforts of both the faculty and children are truly inspirational, and I would be grateful to have the opportunity to help facilitate their success in any way that I am able.

Allison Hockers- faculty representative

My name is Allison Hockers and I currently teach Physical Education and Health Education at Leonardo da Vinci School for Gifted Learners. Having a passion for children and athletics made my career choice very focused from the beginning of my college career. This position gives me the opportunity to work with *all* students at the school.

I have taught in the Green Bay Area Public School system for the past 3 plus years with all of them being here at Leonardo da Vinci. Currently in my 4th year I have gained significant knowledge of the intense curriculum based learning required of the students as well as a solid understanding of the operational aspects of being part of this team. For the past 3 years I have chaired the Pi day race, which is managed by a committee of 5th graders with a philanthropic outreach to our community. I also coach our girls basketball team and running club here at school.

I have been married to Kevin Hockers for just over a year now and we just completed our first marathon in September. We also have a 2 year old Golden Retriever named Kita. We both like to run, bike, and kayak.

I welcome the opportunity to work closely with the PTO acting as a voice for teachers when called upon. I will challenge us all (teachers and parents) to have clear goals and objectives so that we can continue to raise the bar of excellence and strengthen our outputs. I believe that relationships are a key component of education and will work to inspire and build bonds with all.

Each year and every day I look forward to being an important part of the growth and continued development of Leonardo da Vinci School for Gifted Learners. Being a representative on the PTO will allow me to grow personally and professionally.

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