

LEONARDO DA VINCI



PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

# NEWSLETTER

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### OCTOBER

9- PTO & Annual Board Meeting at  
6:30 in the gym

25- Harvest Fest from 5 to 7pm in the  
gym



### **Feed the Teachers**

Please help feed the teachers during the long days of conferences. See the links to sign up to bring something. Food can be brought to the school office between 7:30 and 2:30 on the day of the conference.

[Thursday, October 18th](#)

[Tuesday, October 23rd](#)



### **Popcorn Tuesdays**

Our first popcorn Tuesday will be November 6<sup>th</sup>. Students may pre-order popcorn the day before for 50 cents per bag. Popcorn is then delivered to students at the end of the day. Popcorn cards are \$2.50 each- good for 6 total orders of popcorn (that's one bag FREE). Cards are available for purchase from JoAnn in the office, and will be for sale at conferences.

### **CURRENT PTO OFFICERS**

President- Jan O'Neil

Vice President- Katie Higgins

Treasurer- Veronica Corpus-Dax

Secretary- Amy Morrow

Check out our website! [Leonardo da Vinci Website](#)

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



### Harvest Fest

Harvest Fest is October 25<sup>th</sup>, and plans are underway. However, we need your help to make this a great, free night of family fun. Please see the links below and sign up to help!

- ❖ Help us set up, run games, sell food, or take down after the event. Shifts are staggered, so you will still have time to enjoy the fun with your family.

[Sign Up Here to Help on October 25th](#)

- ❖ Do you like to bake? Or, how about providing some store bought treats for the evening?

[Sign Up Here to Provide Treats on October 25th](#)

[Sign up for treats](#)



### Harvest Fest Details

Harvest Fest will take place on October 25<sup>th</sup> from **5:00 to 7:00pm**. All family members are welcome to attend this event, and children may come in costume if desired (but not required). However, **please** leave all weapons and weapon-like accessories at home. All children **must be accompanied by a responsible adult throughout the evening**. Please do not plan on dropping your students off at the school and leaving for any time. There will be games, a bake sale and a chance for lots of fun (without having to get up early the next morning!! October 26<sup>th</sup> is a day off from school). Please plan on joining us and socializing with the great da Vinci community.



### Apparel Update

Apparel items purchased during the back-to-school sale will be coming home with students this week. We will be offering a cash and carry sale of limited apparel items at Harvest Fest this year on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Please note, there will **not** be an apparel table during the fall Parent-Teacher Conferences in October. Instead, we will be offering a new option this year of an Online Apparel Sale. The link for the online sale will be sent out the week of October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The online sale and Harvest Fest sale will be the last chances to order da Vinci apparel before the winter holidays. Thank you for supporting the PTO Apparel Sales and promoting the community and pride of our school!



### **Volunteers Needed**

We also have several open positions for chairs and coordinators throughout the year. You are welcome to grab a friend and “job-share” any of these positions. It’s a great way to get to know other parents and stay involved with the school.

We are currently seeking individuals or teams to fill the following roles:

**RENAISSANCE FAIRE ARTS & CRAFTS CHAIR:** Do you have creative ideas and a desire to get involved in a well-established annual school event? Join the Renaissance Faire committee and coordinate the crafts and hands-on activities for Renaissance Faire scheduled for May 17th. Your responsibilities would include gathering supplies & managing the craft activity schedule for the evening.

**RENAISSANCE FAIRE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR CHAIR:** Work in conjunction with Renaissance Faire Coordinator and fellow committee members to plan and coordinate the volunteers needed for this annual PTO fundraiser which occurs on May 17th. Your role is vital in promoting and advertising the volunteer needs for this event as well as managing and supporting the volunteers needed as determined by the Renaissance Faire committee. The previous chair will be available to help get you started and support you in your role.

**RENAISSANCE FAIRE DINNER CHAIR:** Work in conjunction with Renaissance Faire Coordinator and fellow committee members to plan and coordinate the details of the dinner for this annual PTO fundraiser on May 17th. This simple meal has historically consisted of soup in a bread-bowl and the addition of some simple sides such as raw veggies or fruit. The soup has been ordered from a local catering business based on the number of meals pre-ordered by families who plan to attend the Renaissance Faire. This role would also involve overseeing the volunteers necessary to serve and clean up the meal that evening.



### **PTO Volunteer Survey**

We need lots of people to help with all our great events throughout the year. Please fill out our [volunteer survey](#) and let us know how and when you can volunteer your time. This survey is conducted every year to help the PTO identify parents and family members that can help with different events throughout the year. Results from previous years do not roll over into the new year, so we ask anyone interested in helping to fill out a new survey every year. Please note that all volunteers in the school district will need a current background check. Background checks expire every 2 years.



### **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](#)**

### **Meet the Candidates for PTO Leadership**

#### **Marisa Hanson- President**

Hello, my name is Marisa Hanson. I am interested in being elected for the 2018/2019 & 2019/2020 school year as a board member and President of Leonardo da Vinci School's PTO. I have been actively involved with the PTO during the 2017/2018 school year as a representative for the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee. I have also been present at many of the monthly PTO meetings and PTO functions over the past 5 years. My husband, Mark, and I have 3 children at Leonardo da Vinci--Evelyn 5th Grade, Larz 3rd Grade, & Vivian 1st Grade. This spring our youngest will test for enrollment as a kindergartner in the 2019/2020 year! We'll be keeping our fingers crossed that she will do well--we all know those anxious feelings don't we?!

I am very honored to call Leonardo da Vinci our home school. I want to have a committed role as a volunteer to help support our school staff, it's parents and our community that our children are growing and learning in. If I am elected as your PTO president, I will be joining a phenomenal team here at da Vinci. I know I will never have to fly solo. Thankfully our school is fortunate to have dozens of eager parents and family members who are all working toward building a strong foundation to help our children achieve their greatest potential! I can't wait to see what we can all do together as one PTO family serving our school and community.

My previous experience is vast and scattered all across the board. I graduated from UW-Madison with an Elementary Teaching and Child & Families Studies Degree. I used my degree to teach kindergarten in Oak Creek, WI for two years before moving to Green Bay. Once we settled in Green Bay I was a substitute teacher for many surrounding school districts, numerous grade levels and many curricular subjects. I loved it! At the same time I was a member of Service League of Green Bay for five years. During those years with this volunteer organization I served as a liaison for Encompass Early Education and Care Board, served as auction/raffle co-chair for the Spring Gala, and volunteered at many Back to School Stores led by the Service League of Green Bay. It was an experience that taught me how to share, encourage, live and grow within our community we now called home.

For the past 11 years--our oldest is 11, I have held the CEO position of our family👨‍👩‍👧‍👦. When Mark and I started our family and looked to our futures, we both felt strongly that we wanted to be a positive influence in our children's school lives. I am so excited that I am now getting to this phase of life where I can devote my time, talents and energy into our children and our school. Please feel free to extend a hello, ask me questions, give suggestions and JOIN OUR TEAM! I hope to see you at many of the PTO monthly meetings and school PTO functions. Let's make it a great year for everyone who steps foot inside our incredible Leonardo da Vinci School for the Gifted Learners!

#### **Mary Rupp- Vice President**

My name is Mary Rupp and I would like to be considered for the position of Vice President of the Leonardo da Vinci PTO for the 2018-2020 term. I joined the da Vinci family last year when my daughters began to attend school here. Currently they are in 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades. My husband and I have been happy to find a school that fits our family so well. Leonardo da Vinci School has such an amazing community of hardworking and

dedicated teachers, administrators, and support staff. There is not a person at the school who doesn't give his or her all and for that we are grateful. I found it only fitting to try to jump into action with the PTO to give what I could of my time after seeing so many others doing the same.

In attending nearly all of the PTO meetings last year I discovered where my talents could be used. I volunteered to co-chair the 2017 Harvest Fest with Phuong Hudson even though I hadn't yet attended a Harvest Fest and neither of us had served on the committee in the past. We have to credit the great outgoing PTO leadership with guiding us along the way! Last year I also helped with the Renaissance Faire, the school carnival day, and the completion of the dragon topiary. Over the summer and this fall I assisted with the PTO spirit wear apparel sales.

In the community I have served as treasurer for Mayflower Nursery School during the 2014-2015 school year and also as a board member on the Mayflower Nursery School Board for the 2017-2018 school year. I have two other young children at home who are not old enough to attend da Vinci yet, but hopefully someday they will. When I am not with my kids as a full-time mom I help to fill in shifts as an emergency physician in the ER.

Thanks for taking the time to read my bio. I hope to serve the PTO well if I am elected to the office of Vice President for the 2018-2020 term.

### **Phuong Hudson- Treasurer**

Greetings, my name is Phuong Hudson and I'm honored to serve on the PTO as Treasurer. I have three daughters who love LdV, their teachers and staff. They are Emma (4th), Kara (3rd) and Sophia (KG). LdV fulfills our childrens' educational needs and I fully support the effort to nurture children to become ethical and socially responsible citizens.

My goals as a part of the PTO are to strengthen our LdV community through social gatherings and events which are fun for parents and students. I will also promote opportunities for parental/volunteer involvement through marketing and communications. Furthermore, I will uphold my fiduciary duties as Treasurer and act upon LdV's best interest. My past contributions to the school are serving as Harvest Fest co-chair, volunteering at events, and helping out in the classroom.

My passion lies in working with people, interacting with children and helping others. I serve on the Children's Council at First United Methodist Church (FUMC) in downtown Green Bay to develop and execute children's programs and activities. I also help teach Sunday School and Vacation Bible School there.

Part of my professional experience includes working in the telecommunications space on marketing and product management in Chicago. I was fortunate to own and run a multi-site apparel retail operation throughout the greater Chicagoland area. As a small business owner, my varied responsibilities included financial management, business development, vendor relations, customer service, supply chain management and employee training. Additionally I was a business & technology consultant for a Denver firm which helped companies streamline their processes and implement IT solutions. Also, I worked in the IT department of a major residential home builder in Colorado to support internal systems and applications.

I would like to highlight my academic background to reach out to alums. I earned my MBA in International Business & Finance at the University of Denver, Daniels College of Business. I obtained my Bachelor of Science in Business Administration & Marketing at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

My husband Paul and I grew up in Chicago, Illinois and have lived in Denver, Colorado and San Diego, California. We are grateful to call Green Bay our home and Leonardo da Vinci our school!

**Lisa Hansen- Secretary**

My name is Lisa Hansen and I'm excited about the possibility of being the incoming PTO Secretary. My husband Jim and I have 3 children and our oldest, Will, is in the 4th grade. We are continually impressed with the innovative curriculum being used by the school. I feel it is a privilege to be an active member of the PTO and would consider it an honor to provide clear communication to parents about the many opportunities and activities provided through Leonardo da Vinci's PTO.

**Tiffany Bowles, Lisa Knuth and Allison Hockers** will continue their roles on the PTO Board for the 2018-2019 school year. Their biographies are listed on the PTO website in the [About Us](#) section.