



# The Dragon's Tale

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## Lunch Visitors

Da Vinci welcomes adults to have lunch with their child at our special visitor table to enjoy each other's company while eating! The lunch times are as follows:

10:15-10:45 Middle School

10:47-11:17 Kindergarten - Grade 3

11:20-11:50 Grades 4-5

Please sign in and out in the office efficiently with Ms. Erika at the beginning and end of your lunch visit. This will allow our staff to transition quickly for the next group.

If you are going to visit your student for lunch, you are welcome to bring food for you and your student to eat together. Please do not bring food for any other students. There are many reasons for this, such as food allergies (known or unknown), food safety/food handling concerns, and other students feeling left out. Thank you for keeping da Vinci a safe and equitable school!

## 4th Grade Field Trip

Fourth graders typically study Wisconsin state government as part of their social studies standards. As an enrichment to that study, our entire fourth grade class will visit the State Capitol in Madison on Thursday, March 14th. They will also take a guided tour of the Geology Museum! Fourth graders - please arrive at da Vinci at 7:00am to load onto the bus. They will arrive back to da Vinci at 3:15. Thank you to the da Vinci PTO for sponsoring a coach bus for our students! Please contact Ms. Westcott or Ms. Prestine with any questions!

## 6th Grade Boys Basketball

Washington Middle School will be hosting 6th grade boys basketball. You can find the informational packet [HERE](#). If your student is interested in participating, please complete the attached expectation sheet and return it to coach Longley. He can be reached at [cmlongley@gbaps.org](mailto:cmlongley@gbaps.org).

## Mind Trekkers Field Trip

Attention families of our 6th grade students: This is a reminder that on Thursday, Feb 15th, your sixth grader will be participating in a field trip taking place at NWTC, which is called Mind Trekkers and is put on by Michigan Tech. Here is a little more information: Mind Trekkers brings the 'WOW' of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to students through hands-on, engaging activities. This event will excited students about STEM education and show them the possibilities and opportunities an education in STEM will bring them. If you'd like more information, please visit this website: [Mind Trekkers](#)

## Spring Conferences

Spring conference sign ups will be available starting January 24th, 2024 at 8:00 am. As a reminder, Spring Conferences for **elementary students** will be **math only**. Please do not sign up with your student's ELA or base team teacher, as we need to make sure we have enough space for all of our students to have math conferences. Middle school students may sign up for conferences with as many of their teachers as they would like. If you have any questions or concerns about conference sign up, please reach out to Erika in the office. You can find the link for conferences [HERE](#).

## Juneteenth Design Contest

In celebration of Juneteenth, the Green Bay Area School District invites middle and high school students to showcase their artistic talent by participating in their Juneteenth Design Contest! The deadline to submit artwork is March 1st, 2024. Please register using this [LINK](#).

# Welcome to 2024!

If you're like the majority of people who make New Years Resolutions and want to focus on fitness and/or health, we have just the event for you! The 10th annual PI Day 5K-Green Bay WI is coming up on March 16, 2024. The Pi Day 5K race has donated over \$160,000 dollars to Greater Green Bay Habitat for Humanity over the years. **This year we have a new non-profit that we are going to help. The non-profit of 2024 is Old Glory Honor Flight.**

And did you know that the phenomenal 5th-grade leadership team at Leonardo da Vinci School for Gifted Learners plans this entire event? Help the students learn about community giveback and making a difference while you have fun in this 5K walk/run this year.

<https://raceroster.com/events/2024/82894/pi-day-5k>

~ PI Day Race Crew

## A Message from Mrs. Hockers

Hello Da Vinci Families, I am looking to try a new unit as we start the second semester of school. I would like to introduce the students into minigolf. I am hoping to build a mini golf course, but I am looking for some supplies if any family is willing to donate. Thanks for helping the physical education class.

5 4x8 ply wood sheets  
20 2x4 studs  
18 1x4 trim  
12 PVC caps  
4 6'x8' turf  
Golf putters

## Write On, Door County

The Write On, Door County Young Writers Conference will be held on Saturday, February 24th in downtown Sturgeon Bay. This is for middle school and high school students who have a passion for writing or reading! If your student, or another student you know, may be interested in this opportunity, please check out the [Write On, Door County website](#) for more details.

## Volunteering Form

If your student has volunteer hours they would like to report, please fill out [THIS FORM](#).

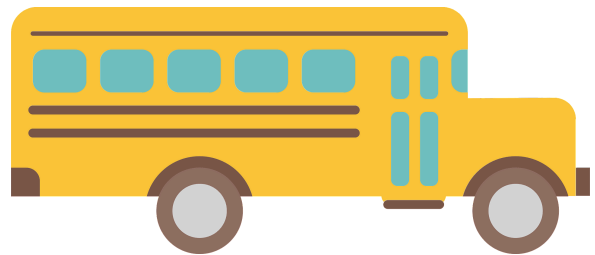
# Parent Backpack

The Green Bay Area Public School website has a fun resource called Parent Backpack. There you'll find organizations, programs, and activities that are not affiliated with the district but may be fun opportunities for your family and students to know about! Click [HERE](#) to see what they have to offer!

## PI Day Teacher Incentives

For PI Day this year, teachers have committed to some pretty funky activities as incentive for students to sign up to participate!

50 students - Ms. Westcott will do something silly  
75 students - Mrs. Houle & Mrs. Thompson will dress silly or wear a wig  
100 students - Mrs. Leisgang will dress up (theme is a surprise)  
125 students - Mrs. Steinbrink will dress up (theme is a surprise)  
150 students - Coming Soon!  
175 students - Dr. Stueck will perform a song  
200 students - Mr. Plog will get a pie in the face  
250 students - Mr. Dennis will wear Packer gear and Mrs. Hockers will wear Viking gear  
300 students - Mr. VanDen Heuvel will shave his beard  
350 students - Mrs. Hockers will be duct taped to the wall during an assembly



## Dismissal Reminders

We have been notified by our neighbors that the parking lots adjacent to and across the street from da Vinci have been used by da Vinci families at dismissal. Please remember that those do not belong to us and are meant to be used for their businesses and residences. Thank you for helping da Vinci maintain a positive relationship with our neighbors!

Please also be reminded that everyone must turn RIGHT onto Monroe to help keep the traffic flow moving.

## 2nd Annual Preble Youth Track Meet

Preble Track & Field will be hosting the 2nd annual Preble Youth Track Meet on March 9th, 2024. If you would like to register, please click [HERE](#). Registration is due by February 16th.

## Green Bay Packer Project Play:60

Head to Lambeau Field for a free community event on Saturday, February 17th from 9am to 3pm with activities and entertainment for elementary aged students. There will be inflatables, yoga, football, and physical activity game stations! Bring along some items for the Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive.

## Preble Pride Mental Health Awareness 5K

Preble High School will be holding a Mental Health Awareness 5K on Saturday May 11th at 9am. This 5K is not only an opportunity to promote a healthy lifestyle, but also a chance to make a lasting impact on the lives of many. If you are interested in participating, register on the [Preble Pride 5K website](#). There will be a discount on registration fees if you sign up prior to February 29th.

## PTO Trivia Night

Trivia Night, the PTO's biggest fundraiser of the year, has been scheduled for April 4th, 2024. Enjoy a night out at this adult only event featuring trivia, games, raffles, auctions, food, and fun! All proceeds benefit the students of Leonardo da Vinci School. Sign up [HERE](#).

## Ticket Sales for Willy Wonka

Beginning February 20th, 2024, tickets can be purchased in the school office for this year's musical, Willy Wonka Jr. Tickets are \$5.00 and seating is on a first-come-first-serve basis. Doors will open at 6:30 pm each performance night. An order form will go out with next week's newsletter, so keep an eye out for more information!

## No Chess February 14th

Please note that there will be NO CHESS CLUB on February 14th, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Oldenburg at [ldvchessclub@gmail.com](mailto:ldvchessclub@gmail.com).

# Calendar Notes



## February

12	2:35-4:30 Girl Scouts
12	2:40-4:30 Show Choir
12	2:40-5:00 Play Rehearsal
13	2:40-5:00 Play Rehearsal
14	2:45-3:45 Chess Club <b>CANCELLED</b>
15	2:40-5:00 Play Rehearsal
17	Solo Ensemble Vocal & Piano
19	2:40-5:00 Play Rehearsal
19	2:40-4:30 Show Choir
20	Popcorn Day!
20	2:40-5:00 Play Rehearsal
20	2:45-3:30 Yearbook Club
21	2:45-3:45 Chess Club
22	3:00-7:00 Parent Teacher Conferences Evening
23	No School
24	Solo Ensemble Instrumental
26	2:45-4:30 Girl Scouts
26	2:40-4:30 Show Choir
26	2:40-5:00 Play Rehearsal
27	3:00-7:00 Parent Teacher Conferences Evening
28	2:45-3:45 Chess Club
29	2:40-5:30 Play Dress Rehearsal

## March

1	No School
1	8:00-11:00 Conferences
4	2:35-4:30 Girl Scouts
4	2:40-5:30 Dress Rehearsal
4	2:40-4:30 Show Choir
5	Popcorn Day!
5	2:40-5:30 Dress Rehearsal
6	2:45-3:45 Chess Club
7	2:40-5:30 Dress Rehearsal
8	7:00 Musical Performance
9	7:00 Musical Performance
11	2:40-4:30 Show Choir
12	6:30-7:30 PTO Virtual Meeting
13	2:45-3:45 Chess Club
14	4th Grade Madison Field Trip
16	PI Day 5k!
18	2:35-4:30 Girl Scouts
18	2:40-4:30 Show Choir

## Our Mission:

Educating world leaders... one child at a time.

## Our Vision:

Leonardo da Vinci School for Gifted Learners provides the appropriate level of challenge for academically gifted students in a rigorous, student-centered and diverse learning environment that prepares them to be world leaders.

We are learners. We are leaders.

## LEARNERS

**Excel** – We excel academically.

**Altruistic** – We are altruistic; we give back to our community.

**Determined** – We are determined to accomplish our goals.

**Engaged** – We are engaged in all that we do.

**Respectful** – We are respectful of our learning, our school community and ourselves.

**Safe** – We put safety first.

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