



The Dragon's Tale

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Synergy: A World Problem Solving Fair

Dear Leonardo da Vinci families,

Our students have been working on projects for Synergy: A World Problem Solving Fair and would love to share them with you! Please plan to join us on:

Thursday, March 21, 2024

1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

(Doors will open at 1:00 p.m. sharp)

Leonardo da Vinci School

Here is a listing of the problems students are working on:

- Grades K/1: Squashed Tomato Challenge
- Grade 2: Clean Water Challenge
- Grade 3: Floating Garden Challenge
- Grade 4: Earthquake Challenge
- Grade 5: Oil Cleanup Challenge
- Grade 6: Solar Oven Challenge
- Grades 7 & 8: Assistive Technology Challenge

Safety Reminder

Road safety is so important to us here at da Vinci! Please help us remind our students that they should always wait for an adult to help them if something is dropped in the road or if they need to cross to the other side.

We also ask that when driving past da Vinci, whether it's during the day or at dismissal and drop off, please be mindful to drive slowly and keep an eye out for pedestrians. Thank you for helping keep our school safe!

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!

Schedule Reminder

On February 29th, we will be following the Friday schedule. Any classes or specials that change on a daily or weekly basis may be impacted. Additionally there will be no school on February 23rd and March 1st.

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](#).

Spring Conferences

Spring conferences will be taking place on February 22nd, 27th, and March 1st. Online scheduling is no longer available, so if you need to make any changes to your conferences, please email your child's teacher or reach out to Ms. Erika in the main office.

Student Services News

Coming up in the next couple weeks, middle school students will be receiving presentations regarding Vaping and Fentanyl. The Green Bay Area Public School District is providing these lessons for all middle school students; they are meant to be an educational tool to help students stay safe from these substances.

District Table Talk

On February 29th from 5:30 to 7:30, the district will be holding a Table Talk for our Spanish speaking families. This is designed to create a space where family members can learn strategies to support a young person's mental well-being. Please see the attached flier for additional information.

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!

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

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](#).

Donations

We are looking for a few donations of tissues for da Vinci. If you would like to donate, please feel free to drop them off in the office with Ms. Erika. Thank you for all you do to make da Vinci a great place to learn!



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!

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.

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. Steinbrinck 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

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.

Calendar Notes



February

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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