LEONARDO DA VINCI
SCHOOL FOR GIFTED LEARNERS
EDUCATING WORLD LEADERS... ONE CHILD AT A TIME.

The Dragon's Tale

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You are invited to attend Synergy: A World Problem Solving Fair

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

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!

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 March 1st.

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!

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

Middle School Bowling

Are you interested in striking and showing off your bowling skills? Join the Green Bay East Side Middle School Bowling League coached by Dylan Shafel. There will be an organizational meeting and registration on Wednesday February 28th at 4:00pm at Riviera Lanes. Please fill out and bring THIS FORM to the meeting.

Green Bay Packers Timeout for Reading

The Green Bay Packers Community Outreach Department is gearing up for Timeout for Reading on Saturday, March 2nd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. It is one of several free Packers community events that take place at Lambeau Field. At Timeout for Reading, kids can participate in different literacy activity stations and will receive a free book and bookmark.

Try Lacrosse for Free

The Green Bay Youth Lacrosse program will be providing a free Lacrosse session on March 2nd for boys and girls ages 7-14 from 1:00-3:00 pm. There will be an additional session on March 9th from 12:00-2:00pm for girls ages 7-14. Contact gblpres@gmail.com with questions.

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!

Allouez Girls Softball

Allouez Girls Softball registration is now open! Allouez Girls Softball is a recreational softball program designed to help young girls learn, have fun, and gain confidence in the sport of softball. They serve youth in Allouez and the Greater Green Bay Area. There are multiple different leagues for all age groups. Please visit their WEBSITE for more information.

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

Destination Imagination

Join us in congratulating our Destination Imagination team, the StacocatS! They have earned third place in their level of the Engineering Challenge and are advancing to the State Competition. Thank you to Spencer, Athena, Aveer, and Surya for representing da Vinci!

Calendar Notes

February

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
19	Popcorn Day!
20	2:45-3:45 Chess Club
21	1:00-2:30 Problem Solving Fair
21	6:00-6:45 Show Choir Performance
25-29	Spring Recess - No School!

DA VINCI DRAGONS

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.

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L E A R N E R S

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.