



# The Dragon's Tale

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## Early Release

Don't forget that there is an early release on Friday, February 9th. Our elementary students will be following their AM schedule. Bank and Store are taking place on Friday as well, so middle school students will be at their bank or store job position for periods 1 and 2. They will attend periods 3-6 as normal, and report to their 8th hour class for dismissal.

## PTO Restaurant Fundraiser

Our next PTO Restaurant Fundraiser will take place on Friday, February 9th from 4:00-8:00pm at Panera Bread located at 2627 S Oneida St in Green Bay. All you have to do is show the flier at check out. If you order online, make sure to enter promo code FUND4U at checkout. 25% of the sales will go to benefit the Leonardo da Vinci PTO. See you there!

## 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!

## 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](#).

## Da Vinci Game Night

Join us on February 8th from 5:30-7:30pm for a game night in the gym at Leonardo da Vinci! Families K-8 are welcome to join for a night of fun. Games will be provided by Gnome Games and the da Vinci PTO will provide a light snack. If you plan on attending, please fill out [this form](#) so we have an idea of how many people will be there. See you there!

## 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

## 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).

## 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](#).

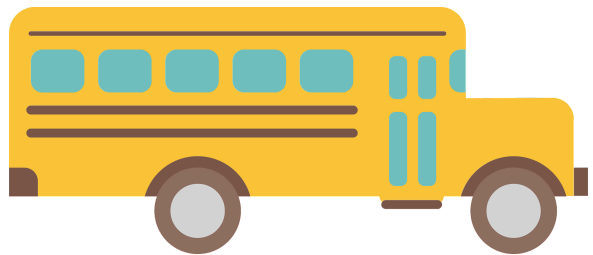
## Parent Backpack

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!

## Spelling Bee

We are so proud of all the students who participated in this year's Spelling Bee! This year's first place winner was Max Loch in grade 6. Congratulations!



## 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.

## Mathcounts

Please help us to congratulate Eric Zhang for winning first place in the Fox River Valley Chapter Mathcounts competition hosted at Acuity in Sheboygan on February 3rd. He competed with 50 other students and won! We are so proud of his accomplishments and for representing the da Vinci Dragons!

## 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.

# Calendar Notes



## January

30 2:40-4:30 Play Rehearsal  
31 2:45-3:45 Chess Club

## February

1 2:40-5:00 Play Rehearsal  
3 Assessment Day  
5 2:40-5:00 Play Rehearsal  
5 2:40-4:30 Show Choir  
6 Popcorn Day!  
6 2:40-5:00 Play Rehearsal  
7 2:45-3:45 Chess Club  
8 2:40-5:00 Play Rehearsal  
8 Family Game Night!  
9 Early Release  
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  
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

## **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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