



# The Dragon's Tale

Weekly School Newsletter

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## PTO Restaurant Fundraiser

### Noodles & Company

**January 16, 2024**

**4:00-8:00**

## WSCF Chess Tournament

da Vinci will be hosting a Wisconsin Chess Federation Event (WSCF) sanctioned chess tournament on January 27th, 2024. Registration can be done online through January 25th at [www.wisconsinscholasticchess.org](http://www.wisconsinscholasticchess.org) or onsite at the event. Please note that at least one adult must be present for students K-8. Contact Sidarth Ghai at [sidharthghai@yahoo.com](mailto:sidharthghai@yahoo.com) with any questions.

## Visitor Lunch Table

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.

## 2024 MLK Essay Winner

Congratulations to Swaranjhana Yadav for winning first place in the MLK Poster and Essay Contest in the Grade 4-6 category. We are so proud of you and ALL the da Vinci students who submitted their posters and essays this year.

## Lost and Found

We have a few items left at the desk that are waiting to be claimed! If you or your student has lost a car key, a smart watch, or cordless headphones, please reach out to Erika at [eafieldhammer@gbpas.org](mailto:eafieldhammer@gbpas.org) with a description of the item and she will let you know if we have it at the desk.

## Community STEM Showcase

On Friday, February 9th, 2024, the Einstein Project will be hosting a Community STEM Showcase. This is an opportunity for individual students, teams of students, or classrooms to show off a project that they have been working on. Science experiments, inventions, research projects, engineering prototypes, robotics, maker creations, and computer programs or apps are just some ideas of various types of projects that can be shared. While similar to a science fair, this event will not be judged.

Students will have the opportunity to share their project and engage with event attendees, including STEM professionals! It is also a great opportunity to inspire others by sharing their passion and creativity. To register, please click [HERE](#).

## National Junior Honors Society

Hello all. I am Dr. Stueck and I am proud to be the faculty advisor for National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) this year. To qualify for NJHS, a student needs two consecutive semesters with a GPA of 3.5 or higher and complete five hours of community service in their first year. Existing members need to maintain a 3.5 GPA and complete ten hours of community service work each academic year. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [aistueck@gbaps.org](mailto:aistueck@gbaps.org). Thanks!

# 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

## 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!

## Fun Fact



Happy New Year to all of our da Vinci friends. Did you know that about 1 million people gather in New York City's Times Square to watch the ball drop on New Year's Eve

## 2024-25 Enrollment Assessment

It's that time of year for future Dragons to take the enrollment assessment. If you know anyone who wants to enroll their student in da Vinci or you want to enroll your own student, the testing date for students who live within the Green Bay Area Public School District boundaries is February 3rd.

## Softball Pitching Clinic

Green Bay Hornet Sting Fastpitch, Inc. is hosting a softball pitching clinic at Preble High School. The first session runs from January 21st to February 25th and the second session runs from March 10th to April 21st. Students can sign up for one or both! For questions, contact Ron Metzler at (920) 366-3131 or [rmetzler22@gmail.com](mailto:rmetzler22@gmail.com)

## 2024 Green Bay Strikers

Registration for the 2024 soccer season is open with the Green Bay Strikers. Practice begins in May and games run from June to July. Registration closes March 3rd. You can register online [HERE](#). Early registration fees are discounted, so sign before February 29th for a lower cost! If you or someone you know are interested in coaching or being a referee, you can register at the link above.

## Preble Youth Track Meet

Students grades 1st-8th are invited to attend the 2nd annual Preble Youth Track Meet on March 9th, 2024. Each student may choose up to three events to participate in! This year, they will be collecting used athletic shoes for donation to be sent around the world to help those in need. Registration can be completed [HERE](#). Please reach out to Nick Marcelle at [ncmarcelle@gpabs.org](mailto:ncmarcelle@gpabs.org) or Ann Marie Dessart at [amdessart@gpabs.org](mailto:amdessart@gpabs.org).

## 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!

# Calendar Notes



## January

16	2:40-4:30 Play Rehearsal
17	2:45-3:45 Chess Club
18	2:40-5:00 Spelling Bee Round 1
18	2:40-4:30 Play Rehearsal (TBD)
22	No School - End of 1st Semester Grading Period
23	2:40-4:30 Play Rehearsal
24	2:45-3:45 Chess Club
25	12:15-1:30 Spelling Bee Round 2
25	2:40-4:30 Play Rehearsal
27	7:30-4:00 PTO Chess Tournament
29	12:15-1:30 Spelling Bee Round 3 (if needed)
29	2:35-4:30 Girl Scouts
29	2:40-4:30 Play Rehearsal
29	2:40-4:30 Show Choir
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
22	Parent Teacher Conferences Evening
23	No School
27	Parent Teacher Conferences Evening

## **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.

