



The Dragon's Tale

Weekly School Newsletter

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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 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 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.

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.

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](#).

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

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. See you there!

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!

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.

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

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

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 or Ann Marie Dessart at amdessart@gbaps.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

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.

