



# LDVA

## School Zone Bulletin



### School Dress Code and Phys. Ed. Uniform

Thank You to all the parents who are respecting our dress code. The students look great!  
☺ A reminder that we have a mandatory phys.ed uniform of grey t-shirt with crest and navy shorts with crest. A reminder that all students must have at least one polo shirt with the school crest. For more information re: purchasing these items, please contact Triangulum at 514-738-6660 or visit their website at: [www.triangulumuniforms.com](http://www.triangulumuniforms.com)

### Welcoming Day:

Our welcoming day took on place on September 13<sup>th</sup> and was a great success! With the collaboration of Montreal Bubble Ball and a great organizing committee of staff, our students faced team challenges both in and outside of the school.

**First Annual Family Corn Roast:** This year we had our first Family Corn Roast on September 20<sup>th</sup> and the weather and turnout was exceptional! A great thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it a success and to all the families that came and enjoyed some delicious food amongst friends and families!

### Hot Meals:

Hot meals with Le Doral began the week of September 16<sup>th</sup>. This year, there are three daily choices to choose from. All orders are placed online and parents can pay by credit card or send in a cheque via the school.

### School Fees and Lunch Fees

**Please note that the deadline to pay school fees and lunch fees is Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Payments for school fees are to be made out to Leonardo da Vinci Academy. If you prefer to pay cash, simply stop by the main office and the secretary will collect the money and issue you a receipt. If for any reason, you cannot pay the full amount by this date, please contact the school and we can make a payment plan.**



### We are a Force 4 School!

We are proud to announce that LDVA is officially a *Force 4* school! What does this mean? Force 4 is a school-support program that provides equipment and ideas to get kids moving ***for at least an hour a day.*** It is part of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education's "Move to School" that aims to encourage primary school students to be physically active for at least 60 minutes a day which is the standard recommended by the World Health Organization for young people. Force 4 is put into action by the Grand Défi Pierre Lavoie and supported by the Government of Quebec.

### **Physical activity at school is great for...**

- positively influencing academic results
- promoting school perseverance
- improving relationships with others and encouraging cooperation
- stimulating physical and intellectual abilities
- strengthening the sense of belonging to the school

**New School Hours and Universal Recess:** Due to the ministry's initiative, all elementary schools now have 20-minute recess blocks in the a.m. and a 20-minute p.m. recess block in addition to their lunch hour. Hence, please note that our school hours are now from 8:50 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

### **Progress Report/First Communication**

Please note that the First Communication/Progress Reports will be sent home on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please sign the signature form found in the folder and return it to your child's homeroom teacher.

### **Halloween at LDVA**

Spooky ghosts and goblins will roam the halls on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Staff and students are encouraged to come to school wearing a costume and be ready for a fun-filled day! ***(For the safety of the children, masks and weapons will not be allowed.)*** More details to follow! **Due to the large number of allergies, we ask that you please respect the school policy and do not send any food/candies via your child on this day.**

### **Free Milk Program**

I am pleased to announce that we will continue to be offering free milk again this year. This service began the week of September 16<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure that your child brings a healthy snack to enjoy with the milk as **snacks are not provided by the school.**



### **Going Green!**

In an effort to continue staying green, please note that all newsletters and calendars will be emailed to you. If you have not yet received any communication via email, please contact the school to make sure we have the correct email address. If you do not have an email address, there will always be a few paper copies that you can pick up in the main office area.



Also, a reminder that students should be bringing in their reusable water bottles. Our water fountains are equipped with a spout to refill bottles and dispense filtered water.

### **A Word from Your Phys. Ed Department....**

As you know, your child is currently in the midst of the very important years where he/she will acquire healthy life habits. We want to give your child the foundations, and also the opportunity to develop many of his/her physical abilities and basic skills on top of developing his/her bone structure and muscles.

It is a pleasure for us to help your child along this path. It is through a multitude of physical activities and various stimuli that your child will improve his/her coordination, reaction time, balance, precision, agility, muscular strength, endurance and also social interaction skills.

Physical education will also help your child work on understanding risk, assessing the right moves or path and learn to avoid accidents and injuries. Because it is impossible to move with zero risk, we will also teach your child vigilance and caution while always striving to push his or her limits. Merci et bonne année!

Daniel Gaudette & Danny Pietroniro- LDVA Physical Education Team



### **A Word from Your Music Specialists....**

L'Académie Leonardo da Vinci offre des cours de musique spécialisés. Les élèves du premier cycle étudient les instruments Orff, les djembés et le chant. Les instruments de l'harmonie sont enseignés au deuxième et troisième cycle. Les instruments offerts sont : la flûte traversière, la clarinette, la clarinette basse, le saxophone alto, la trompette, le trombone, l'euphonium et les percussions.



La musique encourage le développement personnel, stimule l'autodiscipline et encourage de bonnes habitudes de travail.

Les concepts musicaux sont présentés de manière progressive et ils sont fortifiés chaque cycle. La mélodie, le rythme, l'harmonie, la structure des pièces et les nuances sont étudiés.

Nous offrons une variété d'évènements culturels auxquels assisteront nos élèves durant l'année tels que des pièces de théâtres et des concerts de musique. Nos chorales et nos harmonies scolaires sont offertes pour l'épanouissement de nos élèves. Nos élèves réalisent des concerts avec l'appui de l'administration, des enseignants, et de notre communauté. ☺

Merci et bonne année!

Lynn Jewell & Sabrina Di Nezza- LDVA Music Specialists

### **A Word from Your Science Specialist....**

We are thrilled to be launching a specialized science program at LDVA! I appreciate tremendously that all students are eager to learn and perform experiments in science class! The students of LDVA are thoughtful learners and make meaningful connections! I am thrilled to be working with all my students and watch everyone grow in our LDVA community of lifelong learners!

With warm wishes, Ms. Sabrina Di Nezza- Science Specialist

### **A Word from Your Technology Specialists....**

Bonjour les amis! Welcome back! Nous voilà de nouveau ensemble pour embarquer dans des nouvelles aventures technologiques! On the menu this year: engaging computer activities, hands-on learning, coding lessons, digital citizenship, I-pads, power point presentations, KidPix projects, robots, and much, much more! Nous sommes de retour ensemble pour nous lancer dans de nouvelles aventures technologiques!

Ms. Benchitrit & Mme Domenica-Technology Specialists



### **A Word from Your BASE Daycare....**

Welcome back to another great year! Our LDVA BASE daycare is here for you whether your child is a regular daycare student or a sporadic one. Parents whose child is NOT regularly enrolled in daycare, please take note: If you require daycare services on the October 21<sup>st</sup> ped day, please contact our daycare technician, Ms. Francesca Muro, at 514-648-4445 by October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### **A Word from Your Vice Principal....**

Another school year has begun and after an amazing 2018-2019 school year, I am looking forward to an encore performance at LDVA in 2019-2020. It was nice to welcome our returning students from their summer break this past month. Their big smiles and happy stories will be the precursor to their new exciting experiences at LDVA. I would also like to wish our new students a great big welcome and invite our existing students to show them why LDVA is the place to be! As a returning member of the LDVA community, I am once again looking forward to working with you in continuing to make LDVA the place to be!

### **A Word from Your Principal....**

Welcome back for what will surely be an amazing year and a special, great big LDVA welcome to all the new families that have joined our LDVA community! Our goal continues to be to keep our students excited, active, engaged and eager to learn each and every day! Our continued collaboration and partnership is what makes LDVA the place to be....every day! Cheers to an amazing 2019-20 school year and remember that it is only when we work together that we achieve the greatest results!



### **A Word from Your Home and School....**

LDVA Home & School would like to wish the entire student body and staff a happy, successful and safe 2019-2020 school year. On September 20<sup>th</sup>, LDVA held our first Family Corn Roast and it was the first fundraiser of this year. It was a beautiful evening under the stars with family and friends. The night was a great success! Thank you to all our volunteers and our sponsors. A big thanks to all the LDVA staff that was present that evening! A special thank you to M. Gaudette and Ms. Stellana for organizing all those fun activities for the children! Our chocolate drive began on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and ends on October 15<sup>th</sup>. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. All monies raised from this fundraiser will go towards school projects and events for our children. Our next big event will be organizing a spooktacular Halloween on October 31<sup>st</sup>!

**Dates to Remember:**

- Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.....Karate/Kickboxing after school activity starts today
- Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.....Last Mr. Freeze Day....bring in a loonie!
- Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.....Attestation Day!
- Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.....Enfant & Compagnie after-school activities begin today
- Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.....World Smile Day/ Bootcamp after-school activity starts
- Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.....First Home and School meeting at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019.....Picture Day (more details to follow)
- Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.....Picture Day #2 (more details to follow)
- Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019.....Progress Report being sent home (please review, sign and return)
- Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.....Thanksgiving- No School! No daycare.
- Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.....Grade 4 Vaccinations first dose in the a.m./End of chocolate drive
- Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.....Governing Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019.....Board wide PED DAY- No School (Daycare available)  
.....LDVA Active Girls outing (separate memo to follow)
- Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.....Halloween
- Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.....Barça Academy- last day
- Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.....Board wide PED DAY- No School (Daycare available)



Nadia Sammarco  
Principal

Ivan Spilak  
Vice Principal

