



# 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 students must have a mandatory phys.ed uniform (grey t-shirt with crest and navy shorts with crest). Also, all students must have at least one polo shirt with the school crest. For more information re: purchasing these items, please contact Foot Zone at: (514) 494-3363 or check out their website at: <https://footzone.ca/collections/ldva>

### Welcoming Day:

Our welcoming day took on place on September 11<sup>th</sup> and was a great success! With the collaboration of Montreal Bubble Ball, Jason Di Tullio, Sophie Perrault, Pierino Ice Cream and a great organizing committee of staff members, our students experienced an unforgettable day! Check out all the pics and video found on our social media pages.

### Hot Meals:

Hot meals with Le Doral began the week of September 14<sup>th</sup>. Once again 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. October orders can now be placed online at [www.ledoral.com](http://www.ledoral.com)

### School Fees and Lunch Fees

Please note that the deadline to pay school fees and lunch fees is Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Payments for school fees are to be made out to Leonardo da Vinci Academy. Payments for lunch fees are to be made out to Leonardo da Vinci Academy Lunch. If you prefer to pay cash, simply make an appointment at 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!

Did you know 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 is 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
- reducing stress and anxiety

### Progress Report/First Communication

Please note that the First Communication/Progress Reports will be sent home on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please sign the signature form found in the folder and return it to your child's homeroom teacher.

## Terry Fox Run

Cancer has touched so many of us personally. Terry's Marathon of Hope took place in 1980 with the simple objective of informing Canadians of the importance of finding a cure for cancer. Terry's legacy and hope continues to live on through events such as our very own LDVA Terry Fox Run which will take place on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> (October 1<sup>st</sup> in case of rain). Rest assured that the day will be organized to respect the class bubble groups. We, as a community, have much hope to find a cure! All donations can be made online at: [www.terryfox.ca/AcademieLeonardoDaVinci](http://www.terryfox.ca/AcademieLeonardoDaVinci)

## Halloween at LDVA

Spooky ghosts and goblins will make an appearance on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Staff and students are encouraged to come to school wearing a costume and be ready for a fun-filled and safe day! ***For the safety of the children, character-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.** Rest assured that the day will be organized to respect the class bubble groups.

## Free Milk Program

I am pleased to announce that we will continue to be offering free milk again this year. This service will begin on October 5<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.**



## Email

If you have not yet received any communication via email, please contact the school to make sure we have the correct email address. This year more than ever, it is crucial that we can contact you electronically so that you always have the most up to date information.

## Google Classroom

Please take the time to ensure your child can access his/her google classrooms. If ever we need to switch to online learning, we want to ensure that this happens quickly so that our students don't miss out on any valuable learning time! If you are having difficulties, simply contact your child's homeroom teachers.

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Google Classroom



Remote Learning

## LDVA Library Books

Please check at home if you still have any books that belong to our school library. We are still missing over 100 books that were loaned out last school year. We are working diligently together with our school librarian to reopen our library safely and securely by the end of October. More information to follow.

## Frequently Asked Questions & Answers:

### **Why are people allowed to smoke around the school?**

- They are not! By municipal law, no one is allowed to smoke 9 meters from school grounds and playgrounds (parks). Therefore, there should be no smoking at the entrance/dismissal gate.
- People smoking within 9 meters of these areas risk receiving a fine.

### **Can the school do something about the double parking?**

- The school has contacted and made an official request to the city to change the signage along Joliot Curie entrance/dismissal gate. We are also working together with our local police department.
- Parents are asked to please follow the rules and regulations of the road.
- Parents can also use Francois Larocque Street to park and then proceed to the gate for drop-off and pick-up.
- Individuals who are double-parking risk receiving a fine.

### **Why doesn't the school inform us when someone is getting tested for Covid-19?**

- Parents will often take precautions and have their children tested when they show signs and symptoms of a cold or cough after consulting with Santé Publique. These signs and symptoms are similar to those of Covid-19 and therefore it may be recommended by Santé Publique that the child be tested for Covid-19. **Due to privacy laws, the Ministry and school are not allowed to divulge this information unless a test result is positive.**

### **What happens when someone tests positive for Covid-19 in the school?**

- The school is obligated to inform the school community under the Santé Publique guidelines and directives.
- Santé Publique or the school administration will be in contact with staff, parents and students directly affected by possible exposure.
- The school must follow all directives given by Santé Publique when someone tests positive in the school.

### **Can a parent or staff member hide the fact that someone tested positive for Covid-19?**

- No. Santé Publique is obligated to inform the school and in-turn, the school is obligated to inform the school community, even if that parent did not directly inform the school.

Please rest assured, the school is taking every precaution and safety measure seriously to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. We take pride in the positive feedback we have received from the CSSS, Santé Publique and our community for the implementation and quick-response to following the protocols. Please continue to help us maintain these safety measures by following the directives.

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

Welcome to daycare! Our LDVA BASE daycare is here for you whether your child is a regular daycare student or a sporadic one. If you have questions related to our BASE Daycare services, please contact our daycare technician, Ms. Francesca Muro, at 514-648-4445.

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

As this school year begins, it brings upon us a new challenge. The Covid-19 pandemic has changed the world and the way we function in our daily lives. What has not changed though, is the passion and desire of the LDVA staff to make sure every child reaches their maximum potential in a safe and secure environment. The LDVA staff is committed to ensuring that every child's well-being is addressed while they are pursuing success. I would also like to thank you for helping us make LDVA a safe place to learn and play by continuing to wear your masks and socially distancing. As committed as we are in keeping all of our children healthy and happy, we cannot do it without your help.

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

Every year, LDVA gets stronger and better in offering an excellent, enriching academic program. We also recognize what students need to be successful academically, socially, physically and mentally. Our goal continues to be to keep our students excited, active, engaged and eager to learn every day! Our continued collaboration and partnership is what makes LDVA the place to be! Cheers to what will surely be a memorable and safe 2020-21 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's Home & School Association would like to wish all students and staff a wonderful school year. Going to school during this pandemic can be very stressful for our children. Rest assured that your Home & School Association is working very closely with LDVA's staff and administration to safely organize events, activities and fundraisers to ensure that our children come to school with a smile on their faces.

This week, you will be receiving more information about our association, our mission, membership form and how you can volunteer. Simply put, we are a non-profit organization made up of parents and/or legal guardians who work together with the LDVA administration and staff to improve our school and the children's school experience.

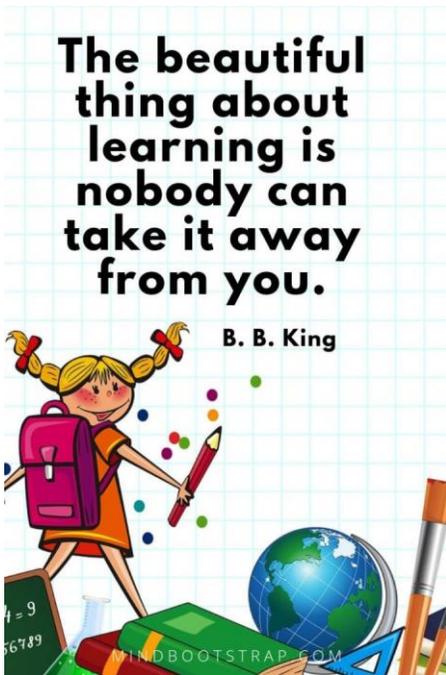
**Dates to Remember:**

- Tuesday, September 29, 2020.....First Home and School Meeting at 6:30 p.m. RSVP max 50 people
- Wednesday, September 30, 2020.....Attestation Day & Terry Fox Run!
- Thursday, October 1, 2020.....Back up Terry Fox Run in case of rain
- Friday, October 2, 2020.....World Smile Day...surprises to make students & staff smile
- Wednesday, October 7, 2020.....Picture Day (more details to follow)
- Thursday, October 8, 2020.....Picture Day #2 and sibling picture day (more details to follow)
- Monday, October 12, 2020.....Thanksgiving- No School! No daycare.
- Wednesday, October 14, 2020.....Governing Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 15, 2020..... Progress Report being sent home (please review, sign and return)
- Friday, October 16, 2020..... Board wide PED DAY- No School (Daycare open)
- Monday, October 19, 2020..... Board wide PED DAY- No School (Daycare open)
- Friday, October 30 , 2020.....Halloween Festivities



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WHO NEVER  
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MISTAKE,  
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