



*Leonardo Da Vinci Academy*

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## LDVA NEWS

### OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2016

#### LEONARDO'S CHALLENGE

Ms. G. Ritacca



October's Leonardo's Challenge, hosted by Senior Casa on October 20, involved both preschool and elementary students. Students were divided into mixed age groups and asked to build a car powered by a rubber band from a kit. The Casa and Scuola students were required to physically assemble the pieces of the car under the guidance of elementary students. After the car was built, the students practiced launching it. The groups were then brought into the hallway and the oldest student in each group was asked to wind up and release the car. The object was to see which car would travel the farthest distance. This challenge incorporated a variety of the *Da Vincian Principles* which students readily identified - especially *Arte/Scienza* and *Dimostrazione*.



Launching Their Cars

#### LDVA OPEN HOUSE

On Thursday, November 24, LDVA will be holding its Open House for the greater community. Any new parents wishing to visit the school are welcome. Parents are asked to please spread the word to neighbours, relatives, colleagues and friends. Word of mouth has proven to be the most important and effective way to promote our school to new families. Spreading goodwill about LDVA is the BEST way parents can insure the future growth of our school. Please spread the word.

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*"Don't worry that your children never listen to you.  
Worry that they are always watching you."*

Robert Fulghum on "Being a Role Model for Your Children"

#### TERRY FOX RUN

Mr. T. Jewell

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, LDVA participated in the 25th Terry Fox Run to raise money for cancer research. We are very proud of our accomplishments, having raised over \$27,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation during our first eleven runs. This year students eagerly accepted a challenge to raise \$5,000 for the Foundation, and we are so proud of the fact that we easily eclipsed our goal, in the end raising a grand total of **\$6,603**. We would like to thank all students, families, and friends of our LDVA community for the overwhelming commitment and support toward achieving such an impressive total. As a celebration and reward for our accomplishment, October 14<sup>th</sup> was designated as "Toronto Sports Day", and students and staff were invited to come to school in their favourite sporting attire representing teams such as the Blue Jays, Leafs, and Team Canada. This is very much in keeping with Terry Fox's passion for sports, and the event promoted great school spirit.

#### MID-TERM REPORTS and PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

*Mid-Term Reports* will be issued on November 4.

*Parent-Teacher Interviews* will be held on the evening of November 17 and during the day on November 18.

Parents unable to come at these times are asked to contact Mrs. Lee to make alternate arrangements. **No classes are scheduled on November 18.**

Parents may schedule their interviews on the sign-up sheets in the gym on the morning of **Thursday, November 3**. On that day tables will be set up in the gym from 8:00 am - 9:00 am and again from 3:30 pm - 4 pm. To minimize disruptions to classes, we ask that parents please enter and exit from the north facing gym door leading into the school yard.

Parent-Teacher Interviews are an occasion for parents and teachers to review objectives, share information, and to focus on the strategies for continued progress.



Lunchtime  
in the  
Junior Casa  
Classroom

**INTRAMURAL SPORTS**

Mr. T. Jewell

October was an exciting time to be a Toronto sports fan as we followed the high-flying Blue Jays in their attempt to make it to the World Series. Though they fell short of their goal, their determination and positive attitudes serve as inspiration and motivation to younger athletes such as those competing in the LDVA Senior Sports program.

Teams are once again seeking to win the coveted *Tim Brown Memorial Trophy*. Last year the trophy was won by the *Sensazione Titans*, whose names were engraved on the trophy along with those of all previous championship teams. At the start of this school year, the Grade 6 and 8 captains drafted new teams comprised of enthusiastic student athletes, and after four weeks of soccer we have now entered the flag football component of the program.

From the start the *Sfumato Squids* established themselves as unstoppable beasts from the deep, throttling their competition and inking out a substantial standings lead, swimming out to what seemed like a nautical mile between them and their closest rivals. The other three teams are in a close battle for second spot right now; trying to keep pace with their tentacled rivals the *Connessione Crabs*, have pinched several tight games thus far. They hope to make calamari out of the *Squids* during the flag football unit so as to ascend to the top of the marine food chain.

Also slithering out to a strong start, the *Corporalità King Cobras* initially stunned their opponents with a poisonous attack, especially during the soccer unit. They have looked a bit snake bitten during flag football, and will look to reassert their dangerous talent with a lethal assault on the other creepy crawlies within striking range. Meanwhile, lurking in the shadows for the first part of the season, the *Sensazione Spiders* started slowly but have weaved their way into a prominent position just in time for Halloween. The stealthy arachnids stumbled through much of the soccer unit, but their fantastic flag football form is giving the other teams arachnophobia right now. The *Spiders* hope to charm the *Cobras* before moving on to tackle their oceanic rivals floating higher up in the standings. This should be a wild and tough battle all season long with each team very much in the hunt for the trophy.

Standings as of October 23<sup>rd</sup> are as follows:

Team	Wins	Losses	Ties	Points
<i>Sfumato Squids</i>	10	4	0	<b>20</b>
<i>Connessione Crabs</i>	7	8	0	<b>14</b>
<i>Corporalità King Cobras</i>	6	8	0	<b>12</b>
<i>Sensazione Spiders</i>	6	9	0	<b>12</b>

Note: Two points are awarded for a win, one point for a tie

**REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY**

On November 11, Remembrance Day will be celebrated in our school gym at 10:50 am. As in past years, the assembly will include poems, presentations, and recitals from LDVA students. Parents are welcome to join us in the celebration.

**toronto ZOO**

On October 27th, LDVA students in Grades 1 to 3 and 4 to 8 visited the Toronto Zoo. Both groups toured the Zoo, viewed the animals, and participated in curriculum based workshops.

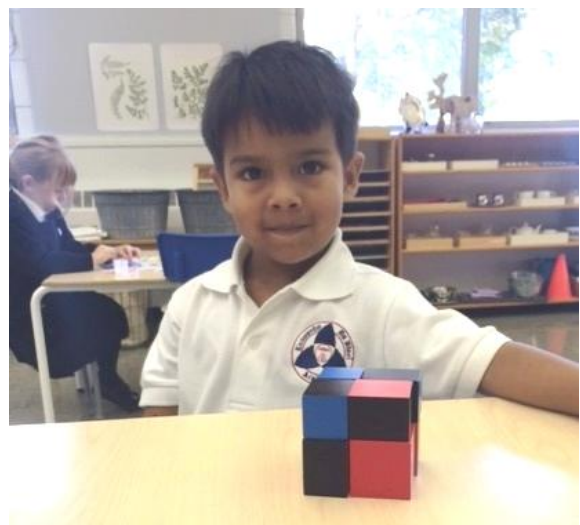
**SENIOR READING BUDDIES**

As in past years, students in Grades 4-8 will be visiting with seniors at Scarlett Heights Retirement Residence every other Friday. During their visit our students get to



practice their Reading skills with a very appreciative audience.

The seniors very much look forward to our students coming to read to them and also enjoy sharing their own stories with the children.

**MASTERING THE BINOMIAL CUBE IN SENIOR CASA**



**SCUOLA MATERNA NEWS** Signora M. Ricciuti

*I bambini della Scuola Materna con il materiale Montessoriano, scoprendo e imparando le nuove attività, continuano a lavorare sotto la guida delle insegnanti, sviluppando così un processo di autoeducazione e di autocontrollo.*

*Ringraziamo i genitori per la fruttuosa collaborazione nel donare il cibo per "Thanksgiving" e per la generosità nella partecipazione alla corsa di "Terry Fox".*

*27 ottobre: visita alla fattoria dove i bambini hanno esplorato il cambiamento della natura nel periodo autunnale e osservato da vicino un enorme campo di zucche.*

*28 ottobre: i bambini hanno indossato il costume per la festa di "Halloween".*

*31 ottobre: visita alla biblioteca locale alle 12:30 pm dove i bambini hanno assistito ad un programma sul tema di Halloween.*

*4 novembre: i genitori riceveranno le pagelle ("Mid-term Reports").*

*11 novembre: "Remembrance Day Assembly" in palestra alle ore 10:50 am, ricorderemo i soldati caduti in guerra.*

*17 novembre: colloqui e incontri tra genitori e maestre si terranno nell'aula della Scuola Materna durante ore serali.*

*18 novembre: colloqui con i genitori durante il giorno, quindi non ci sarà scuola per i bambini.*

*Il 24 novembre: "Open House", un giorno speciale dove le famiglie nuove potranno visitare la scuola.*

*Si ricorda ai genitori, che ogni lunedì è dedicato a "Show and Tell", questo per fare in modo che il bambino possa esprimersi meglio nella lingua italiana e rafforzare la confidenza in se stesso. Si prega di consultare il calendario.*

*L'inverno sta arrivando, e con l'inverno arrivano anche raffreddori e influenze. Come fare? Vestire il bambino in modo appropriato, e se si nota che il bambino non sta bene tenerlo a casa e curarlo, evitando così di contagiare il resto della classe.*

*Verso la fine di novembre i bambini della Scuola Materna si accingono alla preparazione del Concerto di Natale, quindi è necessario arrivare in orario a scuola la mattina - tra le 8:30 am e le 8:45 am.*

**CASA MONTESSORI NEWS** Mrs. E. Grimaldi

With the approach of autumn we have been discussing the different seasons, talking about the weather and why the leaves change colour at this time of the year. A "Nature Table" has been set up in our Junior Casa classroom which features books to inspire discussion on the topic.

We remind parents to please check the weather report daily to ensure that each child has the appropriate clothing to wear outside. It is helpful for children to practice dressing at home first so they can be more independent at school. Parents are also reminded to please provide their child with a full change of clothes for the season - some children still have shorts and short-sleeved shirts in their cubbies.

Again this year our Terry Fox run and fundraiser was a big success. We wish to thank all parents who supported the campaign. In October we held our first Leonardo's Challenge hosted by Senior Casa, and our Fire safety presentation by Firefighter Keith, who explained what to do and whom to call if there is a fire.

Also in October we had our first field trip to Andrews Scenic Acres farm and our first library trip to Richview Library. For many of our students it was their very first time on a school bus. At the library, Casa and Scuola children enjoyed story time featuring Halloween stories. On October 28, the children had an opportunity to dress in their Halloween costumes.

Upcoming events in November: Mid-term progress reports will be sent home on November 4th; Remembrance Day assembly in the gym on November 11; Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held November 17-18th; November 24 is OPEN HOUSE at LDVA. Please tell your friends!



Junior Casa Children  
Enjoying Outdoor  
Recess on an  
Autumn Afternoon



## LAPA NEWS

THANKS to all the parents who have helped to make our school a happier place. Co-operation and parent support of school policy is essential for building a healthy and productive school environment. The best support is the kind that re-enforces existing programmes, philosophy, and procedures. Full co-operation with the school's uniform policy and arrival/dismissal procedures goes a long way to fostering a safe, efficient, and dynamic school.

LAPA invites all Parents to a **"Meet and Greet"** social. This is an informal and casual event taking place after Parent-Teacher Interviews in November. This is a "buy your own" event. Parents are invited to grab a drink and something to eat and share a night out with other parents of LDVA in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

**When:** Thursday November 17th **Start Time:** 7:00pm

**Where:** The Crooked Que, 3056 Bloor Street West  
(Royal York Rd + Bloor Street West)

If you have any questions concerning the event, please email Tania Iantorno at: [tania.iantorno@airex.ca](mailto:tania.iantorno@airex.ca)

A reminder to all parents to please spread the word about our upcoming LDVA OPEN HOUSE on November 24 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Be sure to invite interested neighbours and friends to drop in and visit our school.

## SCUOLA CHILDREN DURING "SPORTS DAY" AT LDVA



## LEARNING BY LISTENING, PLAYING, AND DOING



Ms. Marozzo Reading to Junior Casa



Fun  
With  
Bubbles



Learning About Fire Safety



Leonardo's Challenge