



We engage children in an inspiring, challenging, and civically active educational experience that embraces learning through the arts.

LFCSA's Weekly E-blast

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Office Hours August 15th - 19th

Monday 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Tuesday - Wednesday: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursday 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Friday: Closed

First Day of School: August 22nd

Si necesita traducción en español, llámenos a 323-539-2810

Principal's Welcome

Dear LFCSA community,

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year! There is an exciting buzz in the air at LFCSA as the teachers and staff get ready for the first day of school. We are sure that you all are excited too!

Being part of the LFCSA community means being a part of a dynamic, engaging, and challenging culture. We rely on the ideas and energies of everyone to help the school move as far as possible with respect to our mission and vision work. As we expect people to be open to ideas and help engage in our evolution.

In particular, last year the school made some significant strides in our educational program such as, bringing in arts specialists full-time; renewing our charter; creating a more friendly report card; lesson studies; reviving the silent zone; giving our teachers a 5% raise; Catalyst Educator Days, more interdisciplinary projects that have a "going public" component, and so much more. These ideas and decisions are supported by mixed group stakeholders committees such as our Board of Directors, School Site Council, and PTA.

A few tidbits to look forward to this year...

We continue to push hard on finding ways to continue elevating arts integration. Our specialists went to the conference at the Kennedy Center this summer, and have come back with great resources. You will hear more about the areas of Responsive Classroom practices, Safe School practices, embracing diversity, Cognitviely Guided Instruction, technology integration, and more. In addition, the PTA has a line up great family oriented activities to continue to build community connections.

Finally, it is very important that you make sure to keep up with the blasts and our calendar for events.

See you on the 22nd!

With anticipation,

Dr. Linda Lee



Ice Cream Social is Back!

Join us on **August 18th from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** for a "cool" meet and greet with your teacher and classmates. Returning and new families are invited to this fun event. A sweet way to kick off the new school year!

Class assignments will also be emailed to all families on August 18th at 12 p.m.

If you will be joining us please consider carpooling with a friend. Parking is limited during the week and we are required to only use LFCSA parking spots (located behind the black gate).

New Family Welcome Potluck Picnic **Saturday August 20th 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.** **Rio de Los Angeles State Park**

Is your child new to the school and would like to meet other students before their first day? Join us for the LFCSA New Student Welcome Picnic hosted by the LFCSA

PTA! The address is 1900 N San Fernando Rd, Los Angeles, 90065. The park is just down the street from the school, and we'll be by the playground.

Bring a snack or drinks to share, and a blanket and chairs if you'd like to lounge. Besides new friends, there will be t-shirts for sale and a few PTA members to any answer questions you might have. Hope to see you there!

Free and Reduced Lunch Information for ALL families

Our school collects confidential eligibility information and uses it to apply for state and federal funding. This funding helps us provide our education program. We need your help collecting this information, your participation is greatly appreciated. All families are asked to fill out a [NSLP worksheet](#) even if they do not plan on participating in the Free and Reduced lunch program. Please email completed forms to johanna@lofelizarts.org

Families who received Free or Reduced lunch rates last year need to reapply for the NSLP program to continue to receiving these rates. Use this [application](#) to reapply for the 2016-17 school year. Applications can be emailed to johanna@lofelizarts.org

Si necesita el forma en español hacer clic aquí: [NSLP aplicacion en español](#)

Introducing out New Lunch Vendor: School Nutrition Plus



After reviewing the feedback from the tasting that was held on July 13th we were able to choose a new lunch vendor. School Nutrition Plus (SNP) is excited to serve our students this year!

Follow this [link](#) to register for an account and begin ordering for the first three weeks of school. Lunch orders must be in by **September 15th** to get lunch on the first day of school.

Use this password to register: **LFCS1**

If you participated in the **National Free and Reduced School Lunch Program** last year you can keep your free or reduced status for the first order period.

DO NOT ORDER LUNCHES until you contact Skirkland@lofelizarts.org, because she needs to activate your account after you have registered or you will be charged full price for your lunches.



School Supply Donations

As you well know, Los Feliz Charter School for the Arts is a charter public school that is tuition-free.

The school works hard to provide students with an engaging, arts-integrated, project-based, academic program. We are able to do so by bolstering our small budget with fundraising, and part of that support also comes from donations of materials to the school.

If you have access to art supplies, please consider gathering things for this next school year. We've created a sign-up genius to list items and quantities that would give us a strong start for this year.

Bring in your School Supply donations when you come to the ice cream social!

Click [here](#) to see the list of needs.

Thank you, in advance, for your wonderful support of the school!

Note:

Your teacher may also send home a list of personal classroom needs during the first week of school. Check your child's back pack for this list!

Coyote Afterschool Program (C.A.P)



The Coyote Arts Program is eager to provide after school enrichment programs this year. Spots for the program are available on a first come first serve basis so make sure to get your applications in.

For more information about the program, rates and hours please visit our [website](#) or download the [C.A.P parent handbook](#).

Our after school program coordinator, Ms Jenina Castro will be available to answer your questions.

CAP contact info: (323) 539-2810 ext. 306

CAP email: CAP@losfelizarts.org

More Back to School Information Coming Soon!

The first week of school is an exciting time. Students will be looking forward to meeting new friends.

For our new to LFCSA students, we will be welcoming them and helping them adjust, as they become familiar with their new teacher, classmates, and environment. We have a lot information to share with you in next week's weekly blast that will hopefully help with this transition.

In our Next E-blast:

- **Bell Schedule**
 - **Pick up and Drop off Procedures**
 - **Carpool List**
 - **First week of school transition info**
 - **Back to School Night Information**
 - **Safety Information**
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Class Assignments

Everyone is excited to know their class assignments and meet their new teacher! This will happen at our Ice cream social this year. Below outlines our processes for creating new classes, how class assignments are made, and how to request a change of class at the beginning of the year.

The grade level teaching team constructs the classes that they will send forward. The teachers meet together to work to ensure gender, academic, and special needs balance in the classes, to name a few. In addition to balance, the teachers also consider "oil" and "water" students, where there might be students whom would be better separated from each other for various reasons. This can happen for both single classes and multiage classes.

Those new groups are then given to the administration, and the administration then assigns the classes to teachers. This process was created to ensure fair and equitable placements, as well as easing known challenges.

If parents would like to request a change, the school will consider requests after the 10th day of school. After the 10th day, if the families continue to want to change, requests can be honored if there is space available. Change of class form will be available at the front office.

2016-17 Drop off and Pick Up Schedule

Grade	Class Start	Pick up Time MWRF	Pick Up Time Tue.
K/1st	8:00	2:40	1:40
TK/K	8:20	2:00(TK) / 3:00	2:00
2nd	8:20	3:00	2:00
3rd	8:35	3:15	2:15
4th/5th	8:45	3:25	2:25

You can drop off your child as early as 7:30 a.m. There is no supervision provided earlier than this.

We ask parents to not arrive before their student's scheduled pick up times as this will cause a delay in the pick up line.

Upcoming Events

Please refer to our [school calendar](#) for updates to upcoming events

August 20th 10 a.m.

New Family Picnic Potluck

August 18th 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Ice Cream Social and School Supply Donation Day

August 22nd

First Day of School

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Stay Connected



"Instruction ends in the school-room, but education ends only with life."

- Frederick W. Robertson
