



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

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In Our Classroom: Step Dancing with Bill Ramsey

This Wednesday our school welcomed poet, musician, step artist, arts educator and producer Bill Ramsey. Through his residency, Bill will be sharing his knowledge of Stepping through master classes with all grade levels. Bill will also be working closely with Ms. Salyer and the 5th graders on the creation of original step choreography.

Here is a photo from our 5th graders first class with Bill.



In Stepping, the body is used "as an instrument to create intricate rhythms and sounds through a combination of footsteps, claps and spoken word." Find out more about [the origins of Stepping here](#). Here is [a video of a Stepping performance](#) for your reference.



Bill teaching our K/1 class a clapping technique.

Information: Intent to Return and Parent Survey

Intent to Return: Due April 26th

In order to ensure correct placement for the upcoming school year, please use this [form](#) to indicate if your child will be returning to LFCSA in the 2017-2018 school year. This survey is for current students ONLY.

School Survey: Due April 26th

We are interested in learning more about your thoughts feelings, and attitudes towards your child's experience in school.

Please fill out this [survey](#) by April 26th. There are 5 sections and it should take about

10 minutes to complete.

We appreciate the feedback, as it will help us to make improvements.

Information: LAUSD Board Meeting Recap and Take Action

The LAUSD Board passed by a 4-3 vote Senate Bill 808, a resolution against the charter school community and in support of the California Teachers Association's anti-charter legislative package. Board Members Monica Garcia, Monica Ratliff and Ref Rodriguez spoke strongly against the resolution, but Board President Steve Zimmer cast the final vote to support the anti-charter legislation, joining Board Vice-President George McKenna, and Board Members Richard Vladovic and Scott Schmerelson.

Thank you so much to the parents and staff of LFCSA who showed up in opposition to resolution. Having people attend these meetings does have impact.

It now becomes even more important for our community to work together to defeat these bills in Sacramento, which will be heard next Wednesday, April 26. Please [click here](#) to complete a Action Alert on SB 808 to send a letter to your legislator about why you oppose the bill.

Take Action

Civic-Engagement is a big part of our curriculum here at LFCSA. This is an opportunity for parents to model civic-engagement by discussing the important upcoming election and voting for your representatives.

LAUSD School [Board District 6](#) and [Board District 4](#) seats are open. The board member elected will be making crucial decisions on our behalf - and on behalf of charters in our area - for the next five years. If you live in these districts, it is important that you cast your vote.

Make sure you're [registered to vote](#)! The deadline to register is May 1.

LFCSA: Catalyst Conference - April 29th

We are proud to say that we are having our third annual Catalyst Conference. The theme of this gathering is to look at the intersection of art and democracy in education.

Each year people who are passionate about these ideas come together to share what they are doing and to learn from others about what they are doing.



It is a free conference that we support in order to ensure that we can all see a more holistic picture of how the arts are integrated in education.

We have about 20 spots left and encourage you to attend. Check out this year's [program](#) and [Click here](#) to register for this free conference.

LFCSA: Bingo Night Needs Volunteers!

We had a blast at last year's Bingo Night! We hope we can do it again this year. Help us get this fun community event off the ground by signing up to volunteer.

If we can get 10 volunteers to commit to help out, we will move forward with the planning. Otherwise no Bingo this year.

If you can volunteer on May 20th please [sign up here](#) today.



PTA: Jogathon Prizes Deadline EXTENDED May 8th



Jogathon Prize Deadline Extended to Monday, May 8th! Forget to collect those last few donations? Spring Brain has hit us all, so we are extending the deadline to bring in your Jogathon funds so that we can reach our goal of \$100,000! We can do it!

Please note that this will be the ONLY time the Prize Deadline will be extended.

PRIZES:

The CLASS with the highest number of laps wins the coveted GOLDEN SNEAKER TROPHY and a Pizza/Ice Cream Party

The CLASSES with 100% Participation by every student wins a Pizza/Ice Cream Party

The STUDENT who raises the most money wins a \$200 Amazon Gift Card.

The STUDENT with the most donors wins a \$100 Amazon Gift Card.

EVERY STUDENT that raises money gets entered in to a raffle for a \$50 Amazon Gift Card.

The STUDENT who runs the most laps in each class wins an LFCSA t-shirt.

The STUDENT who runs the most laps in the school wins a \$10 Amazon Gift Card.

PTA: Election and Middle School Fair

Tuesday, April 25th, 5:00 p.m. We will be voting for next year's PTA Board. Childcare will be provided. Our Nominating Committee has met and nominates the following:

President - Laura Logsdon
VP - Anita Sheridan
Secretary - Viviana Langer
Treasurer - Jaime Preciado
Financial Secretary - Kristin Fox
Historian - Juju Sankaran-Felix
Auditor - Michelle O'Marah

Tuesday, April 25th, 6:00 p.m. (RIGHT AFTER THE MEETING) is our FIRST Middle School Fair! Middle Schools from around the area and beyond are coming to US to help you with a mini-tour of their schools. Meet the administrators and get to know what each school is about. Please join us for this great opportunity! Middle Schools who have confirmed include:

Larchmont Charter
Renaissance Arts Charter
Aveson Charter
Irving S.T.E.A.M. Magnet
Gabriela Dance Charter
Thomas Starr King Middle Magnet Schools - Arts & Tech Gifted Magnet,
Environmental STEAM Magnet and Film & Media Magnet
PUC Santa Rosa Charter
Ribet Academy
Westridge School for Girls
Girls Academic Leadership Academy (GALA)
Boys Academic Leadership Academy (BALA)

**PTA: Teacher Appreciation Week
May 1st - 5th**



Teacher Appreciation Week is May 1st - 5th, and we are looking for some amazing volunteers to help show the teachers, staff and aides how much we LOVE them! To help out, please follow this [link](#).

Community: FOLAR River Clean Up - April 22nd



Spend Earth Day with the LFCSA community and clean up our river!

We will be meeting at the Marsh Street Nature Park CleanUp Site at [2999 Marsh St Los Angeles, CA 90039](#) at 10:00 a.m. Keep an eye out for directional signs to help you find the site.

Wear a LFCSA t-shirt and plan to stay for a picnic at the March Park Playgroud after the clean up.

[Click here](#) to download and sign a waiver (it will save you waiting in line to sign up at the event).

Upcoming Events

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

April 22nd

LFCSA Choir Performs at Knott's Berry Farm Choral Festival
FOLAR Earth Day River Clean Up

April 25th

Ruth Beaglehole Parent Talk - 8:30 a.m.
PTA Meeting and Election - 5:00 p.m.
Middle School Fair - 6:00 p.m.

April 26th

Intent to Return and School Survey Due

April 28th

School Photo [Order](#) Form due
Dodger Night

April 29th

Catalyst Conference

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

- Frederick W. Robertson