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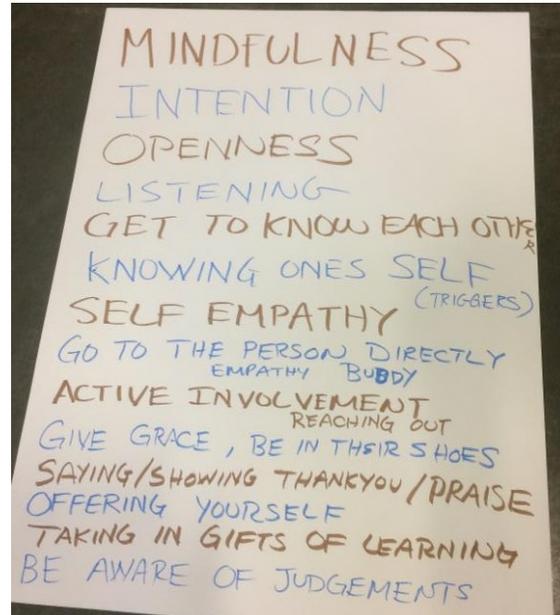
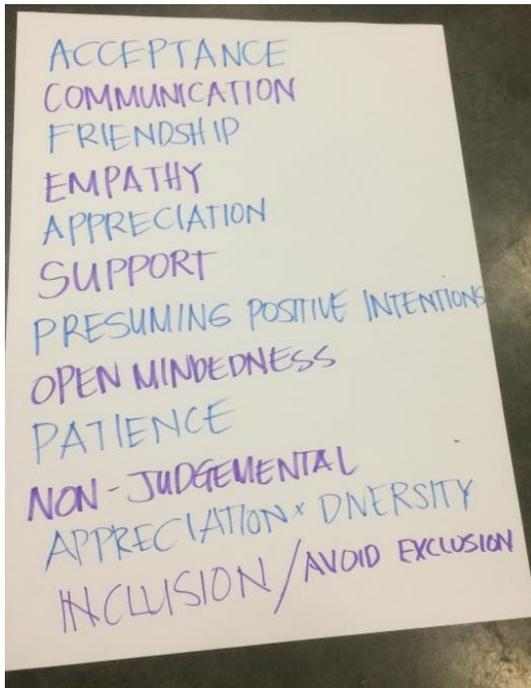
Inside our Classrooms: Community, Care, Empathy



Thanks to the generous support of LFCSA's PTA, we are please to welcome back Ruth Beaglehole this year.

Today she offered her first round of classroom community meetings to Ms. Munoz', Ms. Kazama/Richter's and Ms. Courter's classes. Parents came together this morning to meet each other, the first step to building a strong classroom community.

Ruth helped parents create a list of values to uphold during the school year. Some of these values included, empathy, acceptance, communication, friendship, support and appreciation.



They then talked about strategies to maintain these values. Through a honest and open conversation the group realized that when they face challenges in the classroom they often make choices based on biases and their own experiences. Although we all try to be non-judgmental, it is not possible to not judge others. What we can do as a community is OWN our judgments, become aware of them, and take a moment to dig inside ourselves to see where they come from. If we all try to do this before approaching a challenge, then we can be more empathetic towards our fellow community members.

The groups also discussed ways that we can be more inclusive and make an effort to support each other and all the families that share a classroom.

These meetings will continue through out the year and will serve as an outlet for parents to meet and discuss challenges as they come up.

This kind of community building is echoed in our classrooms as our teachers work with our students to build a strong community bond. The last few weeks empathy and connectivity have been the focus of many conversations, group projects and classroom assignments.



Ms William's 3rd grade students each created a feather to represent their uniqueness, then they grouped these feathers to create a pair of wings. This project helped illustrate how strong we become when part of a community.

Teachers and staff are excited to invite our parents and students on a journey we began together during our training at the Museum of Tolerance. We spent a lot of time exploring our own perceptions of identity, race, ethnicity, ability and gender and how these perceptions informs are choices. We hope that these classroom community meetings will be an opportunity to be part begin of these difficult but important conversations.

Each class will have an opportunity to meet as a community with Ruth. Please look out for an email from your teacher to let you know the date of your meeting.

Ruth will also be available to dialogue with parents around issues of supporting themselves as parents, and supporting children's cognitive, physical and emotional development.

Parent Support Groups are open to everyone!

Our first monthly Parent Support Group is September 20th at 8:30 a.m.

Information: VERY IMPORTANT LUNCH CORRECTION NEEDED!

Unfortunately Better 4 You Meals uploaded the incorrect menu for the last two weeks of September. Due to this error ALL lunches have been cancelled and your payment had been credited back t your account.

If you have ordered lunches for September 18th - 28th we will need you to replace your orders, if you would like your child to receive school lunches during these dates.

Please replace your orders by **Saturday, September 16th at 12:00 noon.**

Please contact the front office with any questionS, not Boonli.

Better 4 You Meals apologizes for the inconvenience it has caused our families.

Welcome our First Artist in Residence of the School Year.

Sculptor Sophia Allison will be introducing all classes to her papermaking process, and will work collaboratively with students to build sculptures using student-created paper.

Sophia Allison (MFA, University of Wisconsin-Madison; BFA, East Carolina University) works in a variety of media including sculpture, collage, sewing and installation. Her work has been shown in exhibitions within the U.S and abroad including France, Seoul, Korea, the Palm Springs Art Fair, the San Jose Institute for Contemporary Art, the Los Angeles International Airport (through the Department of Cultural Affairs' LA World Airport Art Program), the Craft and Folk Art Museum in Los Angeles, d.e.n. contemporary art, AndrewShire Gallery, Kristi Engle Gallery, and the Torrance Art Museum. Ms. Allison's art has received favorable critical reviews in publications including the Los Angeles Times, Artillery Magazine, MAKE magazine, and Artscene. She is a recent recipient of the Pollock-Krasner Foundation grant. Ms. Allison lives and works in Los Angeles. www.sophiaallison.com



Thank you, LFCSA PTA, for your continued support of our Artist in Residence Program, and of inspiring local artists!

**Information: School Photos
September 25th - September 28th**



Our wonderful alumni parent Lisa Franchot will be returning to take our school photos. Check out the [class photo schedule](#) to make sure your child is picture ready on their scheduled day.

All students will be photographed even if you do not plan on purchasing a photo package and their photo will be included in the yearbook that will be available for purchase the end of the school year.

However if you do decide to purchase your photos you won't regret it! [Click here](#) to download a purchase form. Please complete it, attach payment and return to your teacher by your assigned picture day.

All profits do directly to the school!

Information: Two Wonderful Volunteering Opportunities



Join the Halloween/Harvest Town committee! We are looking for parent volunteers to help organize the most anticipated event of the year! The committee will be meeting on Tuesday, September 19th at 8:30a.m. in the Design and Creativity Lab.

All room parents are strongly encouraged to come, as you will serve as the liaison between your classroom and the committee.



Join the LFCSA Green Team! This wonderful committee was responsible for funding our school lunch, eco friendly serving trays and utensils. They have a lot of great initiatives planned for this school year. Please reach out to Michelle Leder at ml@footnoted.com to join the team.

Information: Traffic Update

Our Principal was able to have a conversation with the RENARTS administration and good news, things should ease up next week during afternoon times as RENARTS after school program will begin and less cars will be picking up.

We ask that we all work as a community to help all students and pedestrians remain safe by following the directions of the crosswalk attendant when making the right turn onto Media Center Drive.

If you are interested in serving on a committee working on helping the traffic on San Fernando Rd. please email Mr. Wenger at awenger@loshfelizarts.org

Also consider signing [this petition](#) to get a left turn signal added to the traffic lights on San Fernando Rd. and Media Center Drive.

PTA: Free Family Movie Night Needs Volunteers

Our fantastic PTA will be hosting their annual outdoor movie night.

Friday, September 22nd

The Iron Giant

Doors open @ 6:30PM

Movie starts @ 7:30PM



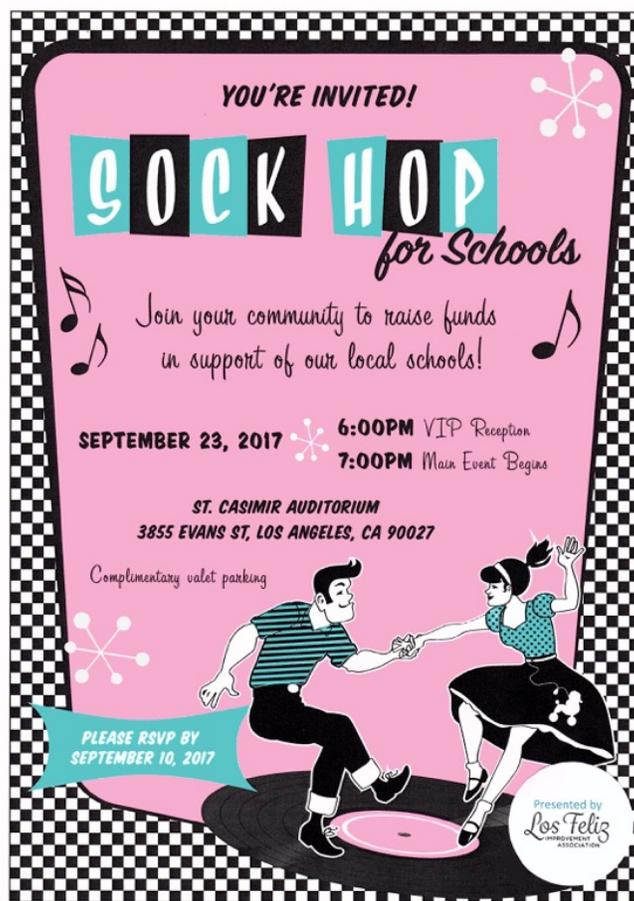
Please consider learning a helping hand by signing up for a short shift here:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b44abaa2aab9-movie>

Fundraising: Box Tops are Back!

A easy way to fundraise for our school is by clipping some box tops and dropping them in the Box in our front office. The money collected from your Box Top donations goes straight to the school. EveryBoxTop counts! You should have received a collection sheet via your child, You can also just stick your tops in a sandwich bag/envelope/whatever and get those Tops in the Box! For more information on where to find Box Tops go to: BoxTopsForEducation.com



Community: Los Feliz Improvement Association: Sock Hop for Schools



On September 23, 2016, the Los Feliz Improvement Association ("LFIA") is hosting a *Sock Hop for Schools*. The LFIA was founded in 1916, and currently represents over 1,000 residents in our community. Throughout its' over 100-year history, the LFIA has consistently dedicated resources to support the students in our local public schools. True to this tradition, the LFIA will donate the proceeds from this event to Franklin Elementary, Thomas Starr King Middle School, **Los Feliz Charter School for the Arts**, Los Feliz STEMM Magnet School and John Marshall High School.

The Sock Hop for Schools will be an amazing event, taking place at St. Casimir's Hall, right next door to John Marshall High School in Los Feliz. The 50's theme party will include cars from the 50's for the guests to admire, live music (including a student band from Marshall High), and 50's style food and appetizers. Guests will be invited to dress in poodle skirts and leather jackets, of course.

Thank you to LFCSA parent Florie Savage and LFIA for including our school in the recipient list.

Arts Around Town: September Events

PACIFIC STANDARD TIME - 50+ ARTS EXHIBITIONS AND MUSIC EVENTS CELEBRATING LATINO ARTISTS IN L.A.

September 17- Dozens of museums will offer free admissions! 12:00a.m. -11:59 p.m. [Access the full schedule here.](#)

ARTS CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AT THE ARMORY ARTS CENTER IN PASADENA

Classes offered include ceramics, photography, dance, animation, architecture, comics, electronics, and much more. [Find out more here.](#)

CONTEMPORARY ART OF THE CARIBBEAN ARCHIPELAGO, AN ARTS EXHIBITION -

Opening on September 16th at the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach [Find out more here.](#)

CAFE TACUBA AND SANTA CECILIA, A CONCERT

Hollywood Bowl on September 17th. [Find out more here.](#)

HANDS ON PRINTING WORKSHOP - FREE

September 16 - 3:00p.m.

Central Library

630 W. 5th Street

Los Angeles, CA 90071 United States

Join the Central Library for a bilingual, hands-on printing workshop with Oaxacan artist collective, Tlacolulokos. Create your own original designs and apply them using DIY technique

Upcoming Events

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

September 18th

School Site Council Meeting - 5:00p.m.

September 20th

Ruth Beaglehole Parent Talk - 8:30a.m.

Ruth Classroom Meetings - 9:30a.m.

September 22nd

PTA Family Movie Night - 6:30 p.m.

September 23rd

Sock Hop Fundraiser

September 25nd - 29th

School Photos Week (more information coming soon)

September 29th

Pupil Free Day - Teacher Professional Development Day

Contact

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

- Frederick W. Robertson