



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

*You are my other me.
I am who I am because of who we are.*

LFCSA's Weekly E-blast

No School

Monday, January 15th in Observance of Martin Luther King Day

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Inside our Classrooms: Young Citizen Artist Project



Today our 4th grade students met with environmental engineers from the City's Department of Sanitation's One Water LA Project. They will be working closely with these engineers this trimester to create an outdoor community space that is sustainable and inclusive.

This exciting unit will evolve in the classroom as teachers integrate science, writing, civic engagement, presenting, and visual arts to the project.

Our visiting engineers shared their experience building interactive community spaces like the Echo Park Reservoir and parts of the L.A. River. Students will continue to work with our visiting engineers in the upcoming months to imagine their own community spaces.

Our school is also facilitating the process with four other local schools (charter and traditional) to broaden the reach of our design-thinking project that takes students on a journey that starts with identifying the design problem, researching, brainstorming, and prototyping. The finished projects will be on display for one day in LA City Hall in April as part of our students' final presentations.



We are excited to watch this unit grow and will be updating the community with our student's progress. Thank you to Evelyn Serrano our Art Integration Director and our 4th grade teachers for creating this project-based, civically-engaged unit and sharing it with other local schools.

Information: LFCSA is Growing - Important Next Steps



Our parents, staff and board members outside of the LAUSD Board room.

As you may have heard our Middle School petition was approved at the LAUSD Board Meeting on January 9th. Thanks to the many of you who **shared your messages and calls** with the LAUSD board members. and who **braved the weather and came out** to support at Tuesday's Board Meeting. A special thank you to parents, LFCSA board members, and community members who **took the time to prepare to speak**, if it was needed.

As we now shift gears and begin preparing everything, from facilities, to personnel, to outreach, to grant writing, and more, we look forward to meeting with folks to help answer your questions, get ideas, and work together to continue to make both schools great!

Current TK Families

As you may know, also tied to our expansion is the addition of a co-located site to accommodate our lower elementary students. We will be hearing about the District's co-location offer in February and will be hold a meeting to inform you about the details of this location.

We held a meeting for our current TK families last month, to gather feedback about the

pro's and con's of our current TK students remaining on this campus. If you could not attend this meeting, here is a [link](#) to the minutes from this meeting. We hope to continue this conversation once we know our co-location in February.

Please look for a meeting invitation in mid-February.

Families with future incoming TK-K siblings

Future TK-K students will be at our new co-location, and we are looking to partner with parents to imagine this new space. We are excited to have the opportunity to work on creating a learning environment geared towards students of this age, while maintaining some of the things that we love the LFCSA "style". Since you will be the group that has experienced both campuses we will look to you for guidance during this process.

Please look for more information in mid-February about the co-location and how to get involved in the new location's facility improvements. We will be announcing when we can access the new site.

Don't forget to fill out a [Public Random Drawing Form](#) for the 2018-19 school year, due March 5th. Your child is eligible for the sibling preference.

Current 5th graders

The LAUSD Board approved our petition, but did not allow us to add the "feeder" preference. They allowed us to add language stating that we would return next school year for a material revision to revisit the issue.

This stems from the fact that our elementary school is not yet meeting some subgroup demographics of LAUSD schools (e.g. Free and Reduced Lunch and English Learners), and they want us to further increase percentages in those populations. Their thinking is that having a lottery with out a feeder preference would help the middle school be more successful in matching the District's percentages.

This means that 5th grade families will **need** to apply through the lottery, to be held on March 6th. The good news is that we are projecting 75 spots, and we have about 60 students in the 5th grade. Please [click here](#) to fill out a Public Random Drawing Application.

Please join us on:

January 23rd at 5:00 p.m.
or January 24th at 8:30 a.m

We will be sharing details about the middle school program - how it is alike and different from the elementary program.

All Families

As we expand our community we will be looking to our current families to help us build

strong connections with our incoming families on both campuses. Your feedback is important to us. Please reach out to us if you have any questions, ideas or concerns. You are welcome to come to all the meetings listed above, even if your child is not in any of those grade levels.

Together we will grow the dream of sharing our unique, project based, arts integrated, civically engaged, whole child curriculum with as many students as possible!

Information: Want to Avoid Absences when your child is sick? 1-2 Day Independent Study Contracts!

In an effort to get our attendance rates up and make sure our students don't miss out on learning when they are absent, we have created 1-2 day independent study contracts!

Starting on January 22nd if your child will be absent for less than 3 days, you will have the opportunity to request school work for them. Once this work is completed and reviewed for completeness they can receive attendance for the days they were not able to physically attend school.

How does it work?

1. Go to the website under our click on the "[Families](#)" tab.
2. Follow the [Independent Study Request link](#) to download the Independent Study form.
3. Print and sign the contract.
4. Have your child complete their school work from home.
5. Return the school work and contract to the front office on the day you return to school.

Note: if you are taking more than 3 days off, please contact your teacher at least one week before. Your teacher will prepare a personalized work packet that will help your child keep up with what they will be missing in their classroom.

If you have any questions about our independent study program please email jessica@loshfelizarts.org

We appreciate your support getting your child to school and making sure they stay connected when they cannot make it in.

Information: CIMI Scholarship Fundraisers!

Every year our 5th grade students look forward to their overnight trip to Catalina Island where they get to participate in Catalina Island Marine Institute's science camp. Our school holds a few fundraisers leading up to the event to collect funds to help give scholarships to our students who need financial assistance. Please help us make sure every student who wants to go can join their classmates on this special field trip.

You can help while having fun:

Play, eat and drink at Chuck E. Cheese's on February 9th from 3:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. and our school will receive 15% of the proceeds.

Chuck E. Cheese's
2700 Colorado Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90041



4th and 5th graders are invited to rock and roll at the Rockabilly Bash on January 27th. All proceeds from the ticket sales, food, drinks and t-shirts will go towards the CIMI scholarship

LFCSA Presents:

4TH / 5TH GR

Rockabilly

BASH!



- Dress to impress for the Photo Booth!
- Tattoos and Merch!
- Pizza!
- Soda Fountain!
- Parent Snacks!

Cool!

Bring Cash!

All money raised goes toward the 5th Grade CIM Scholarship Fund

Tickets: \$5 in advance, \$10 at door

Saturday Night! Jan. 27, 2018!!

at LFCSA 5pm-8pm

it's gonna be on fleek!



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fund.

**PTA: Martin Luther King Day of Service
January 15th - NELA Winter Shelter**

MLK Jr. Day of Service

Monday, January 15, 2018



“A Day of Service”

Please join our school community's involvement opportunity in response to Martin Luther King Jr.'s call to 'a day of service.'

LFCSA community is invited to volunteer as a group and prepare dinner for our homeless neighbors at NELA Winter Access Shelter on Monday, January 15.

Shelter Location; Highland Park All Saints Episcopal Church, 5619 Monte Vista St., 90042. Arrive at 5:30pm.

Can't Make It? Check the sign-up genius to view the shelter's wish-list and be sure to leave any donation in the front office on or by Friday, 1/12.

Additional Student Participation Opportunity. Each classroom can work together to come up with a way to prepare a gift that can be taken to the Shelter. An example/suggestion is to make "toiletry kits" or "on-the-go breakfast sacks" to gift to the shelter.

Sign-Up! Whether you can attend the parade, the dinner, or donate, please let us know how you and your family can participate by signing up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4cada72ca0f85-mlkday>

IN-CLASSROOM STUDENT PARTICIPATION **1**

Each class, under the guidance of their teacher, plan and execute their contribution for day of service.

MEET-UP AT MLK PARADE **2**

Meet on the north side of MLK Blvd. at Welland Ave. Parade begins at 10a. We'll try to reserve a large area for first row seat viewing. Bring snacks to share! Wear LFCSA t-shirts!

“COOK & SHARE A MEAL” **3**

LFCSA community is invited to the shelter's kitchen to cook and then share a meal with the people of the homeless shelter. Jan 15, 5:30pm



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. lived his life serving others. United We Serve calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together to provide solutions to our most pressing national problems.



NELA Winter Access Shelter
Over 9000 dinners and 5700 breakfasts were served to homeless guests during the 2016/7 winter program

Shelter Info:
www.recycledresources.org/volunteer

Parade Info:
www.kingdomdayparade.com

For more information and accessible links please [click here](#).

Community: Arts Around Town

FIESTA PERPETUA - PART OF LIVE ART LA/LA
Saturday, January 13th 1:00pm - 5:00p.m

Floating rafts on picturesque Echo Park Lake become mobile stages for *FIESTA PERPETUA!*, a community ritual of manifestation led and conceived by acclaimed experimental Mexican vocalist Carmina Escobar with the 40-member Oaxacan youth brass band Maqueos Music, conducted by Yulissa Maqueos, and celebrated dancer/choreographer Oguri. Throughout the afternoon, performance interventions take place on and around the lake, following a mystical algorithmic schedule until sundown. Originally commissioned by

Machine Project, Escobar's ritualistic performance re-imagines a processional festival as a communal experience that reveals the syncretic, cross-cultural nature of LA.

Find out more here:

<https://www.redcat.org/festival/carminaescobar>

MUSEUMS FREE FOR ALL DAY

Sunday, January 28

SoCal Museums has announced the 13th Annual Museums Free-for-All on Sunday January 28th join dozens of museums-presenting art, cultural heritage, natural history, and science as they open their doors and invite visitors to attend their museums free of charge! [Find all the details here.](#)

Upcoming Events

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

January 15th

Martin Luther King Day - No School
MLK Day of Service - 6:00p.m.

January 16th

Ruth Beaglehole Parent Support Meeting - 8:30a.m.
Mr. Velasco's Classroom Community Meeting - 10:00a.m.

January 17th

Prospective Parent School Tour - 9:00a.m.

January 18th

Prospective Parent School Tour - 5:00p.m.

Contact

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Stay Connected



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

- Frederick W. Robertson
