



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

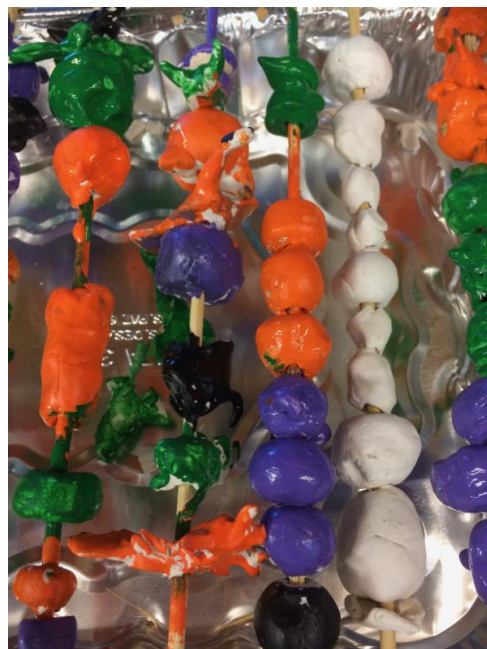
*You are my other **me**.  
I am who I am because of who **we** are.*

### **LFCSA's Weekly E-blast**

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### **Inside our Classrooms: Math in our Art Studio**



Our teachers and specialist are always excited to find new ways to integrate math and visual arts. This month our 3rd graders have been working in the visual arts studio to build a beautiful math tool

that they will utilize in the classroom when working on multiplication and division problems.

As students began looking at how large numbers can be broken up into units of 10, our visual arts specialist illustrated this in the studio by having students divide a ball of clay into 10 equal parts and create a unique clay bead from each part.

The beads were then baked and returned to the class to be painted in three different colors. Three orange beads, three purple beads, three green beads and 1 black bead.

Once dry, students will string these beads on clear skewers and arrange them on a wooden platform to create an interactive piece of art. Each color bead will represent a number and the students can move beads to help them visualize a multiplication or division problem they are attempting to solve.

Through this integrated unit our 3rd grade students will also learn about the importance of rhythm and movement when creating art.



We look forward to sharing the finished product with you along with more of our unique math curriculum at our upcoming Math Nights.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

3RD - 5TH GRADE MATH NIGHT - January 31st at 5:00p.m.

TK - 2ND GRADE MATH NIGHT - February 1st at 5:00p.m.

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**Information: Middle School Meetings**



**Arts Integration is an APPROACH to TEACHING in which students construct and demonstrate UNDERSTANDING through an ART FORM. Students engage in a CREATIVE PROCESS which CONNECTS an art form and another subject area and meets EVOLVING OBJECTIVES in both.**

## Immersive Experience

In this year long unit, students will learn content through an immersive experience. Students take the perspective of the early humans and learn about foraging as a way of life, the development of tools, agriculture, etc. From these experiences they learn how those changes caused the emergence of civilizations. They also learn about the impact of geography, environmental issues, political systems, and power structures on civilizations.

### Phase I

Students will learn what it feels like to live in pre-civilization times, by creating their own village in a particular geographic area. As they "live" day to day, the teacher introduces "incidents" which causes their community to develop and evolve.

### Phase II

Their community has developed into a civilization, and they have more complex tools and processes available to them. In this phase, the immersive experience becomes more about the evolution of a society and how humans impact each other and their environment.

### Phase III

Students will apply their experiences, of evolving from early human existence to an early civilization, to the history and development of actual civilizations, and determine how fundamental ideas about citizenship, freedom, morality, and law continue to exist in today's modern world.

## Current 5th graders,

All 5th grade families will **need** to apply through the lottery, if they would like to continue here at LFCSA. The lottery will be held on March 6th. 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.

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**Information: What to do when your child is sick!  
1-2 Day Independent Study Contracts are Here!**

We can't reduce the fever or stop that terrible cough but we can work together to help make sure your child doesn't miss out on learning while they are recovering from their illness.

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 Monday, 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](mailto:jessica@loshfelizarts.org)

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

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**Information: A Beautiful Day of Service!**



We had a very special opportunity to spend an evening with our LFCSA community while offering our service to the NELA Winter Shelter. Thank you to our PTA for organizing this day of service event in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Thank you to all the families who donated, prepared and served food to many people in need of a warm meal.



What a great way to teach our students about community.  
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**PTA: SAVE THE DATE - Art, Play, Game Day  
February 11th**



SUNDAY Feb 11th at LFCSA

2 to 5 PM

**Free Family Fun!**

Make Valentines, sing Karaoke, experience Storytime and more!

If you want to volunteer to make this super fun event happen, please sign up here:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b45aaaa2ba6f85-art>

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### Information: Monthly Lunch Menu - February

Please click [here](#) to view the hot lunch menu for February 2018.  
February 2018 menu is open for ordering for hot lunch.

To place your orders OR to create an account please visit [Losfeliz.Boonli.com](http://Losfeliz.Boonli.com).

**School code : lfcs1 (for new accounts only)**

Please disregard the breakfast , supper or snack menu. LFCSA only offers lunch.

If you have any future questions regarding lunch, please contact [sabra@losfelizarts.org](mailto:sabra@losfelizarts.org)



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## Community: Arts Around Town

### **OXY ARTS SPEAKER SERIES: THE QUETZALCOATL MURAL PROJECT**

The Quetzalcoatl (Feathered-Serpent) Mural Project (QMP) is a community based mural arts collective which began twenty-one years ago in one of the Los Angeles historic art districts. QMP's primary mission is to provide inner city youth an opportunity to showcase their artistic talents by creating an awareness campaign through public art projects in underserved Los Angeles neighborhoods.

The iconic mural located in Highland Park on the corner of Figueroa and Ave. 61 has been visited by many and is seeking support for restoration and ongoing maintenance.

QMP collective members Anthony Ortega, Andy Ledesma, and Dominic Ochoa will participate in this event which will be moderated by muralist Noni Olabisi.

[Click here](#) for more info and to RSVP to this event.

### **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.](#)

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## *Upcoming Events*

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

### **January 21st**

LFCSA Board Meeting - 9:00a.m.

### **January 22nd**

Field Trip - Ms Ackerman, 3rd grade

Social Emotional Learning Committee Meeting - 3:30p.m.

### **January 23rd**

Field Trip - Ms Ackerman, 3rd grade

Middle School meeting - 5:00p.m.

PTA General meeting - 6:00p.m.



## Contact

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## Stay Connected



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

- Frederick W. Robertson