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*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: Exploring the Los Angeles River



Our third graders have been investigating the past and present of our L.A. River. They have been learning about its role in the lives of the Tongva people, the founding of our city, and its function as a home for countless native species of plants and animals. As part of this investigation, our 3rd grade teachers and their students partnered with LFCSA Artist in Residence, Susanna Battin, to delve deeper on their understanding of the river as a site of beauty, conflict, human impact, and change. Guided by Battin, students went on a photography field trip to the Bow Tie parcel, a stretch of land located next to the Glendale Narrows portion of the river, right behind our school. Students went on a scavenger photo hunt, and also reflected and documented their impressions in writing.



LFCSA also is continuing our great relationship with Friends of the Los Angeles River (FOLAR). We work closely with the organization's education team through out the school year. You may have

noticed their traveling classroom, the River Rover parked outside the school. Through interactive exhibits built inside the rover, students get to explore the importance of conservation and build a closer bond to the River that is part of the LFCSA landscape.



Our 4th graders are also using the river as a subject of exploration as they continue their work with the Bureau of Sanitation and the One Water LA engineers. In the next couple of weeks they will begin building their prototypes for a unique, outdoor space that is dedicated to educating its visitors about the importance of water conservation.

We feel lucky to be one of only two schools built on the Los Angeles River and we will continue to honor this sacred waterway by educating our students on it's importance and being an active part of it's conservation. It is our mission to make sure many generations of students can continue to enjoy it and learn from it.

Information: Flu and Cold Season is Here!

Update on the launch of our Independent Study Program

In an effort to help the LFCSA community stay healthy during this flu season our teachers are providing our students with baby wipes, or a squirt of hand sanitizer, before their snack and lunch time. We appreciate all the donation we have received this week to help us make sure our classrooms are stocked with these supplies. If you would like to continue to donate please check our amazon wish list to see what the school still needs.

Last week we also launched our 1-2 day independent study program and have had over 15 families take advantage of this opportunity to stay connected while their child is sick.

Once all these families turn in their independent study packet we will be able to claim 17 days of attendance that otherwise would have been lost.

Thanks to these families, in just one week our school will **preserve** \$1020 in funding!

We also have been gathering feedback from our community and have created a Q&A answers some of the most common questions we have received.



Can I request an independent study after the absence?

No. The agreement must be made ahead of time. There is not retroactive work.

Can I request an independent study the day my child is absent?

Yes, but the request must come in no later than an hour after their start time.

Ex: If your child has a 8:20a.m. start time, the independent study request must come in by 9:20 a.m.

Do we have to finish all the work?

Yes. In order to earn credit and continue participating in independent study, a student must complete assignments within the guidelines established by the LFCSA Board Policy (80% completion) and dates listed on the Independent Study Written Agreement. If a student does not complete an established number of assignments within the required time period, the student will be evaluated to determine if independent study is the correct option for the student.

When is the Independent Study packet due date?

We encourage our families to turn the packet in on the day your child returns to school to help our office staff process the packet as quickly as possible. If you need an extension please contact jessica@losfelizarts.org to discuss your options.

How to I get an Independent Study?

1. Go to the website under our click on the "[Families](#)" tab.
2. Follow the [Independent Study Request link](#) to request your independent study.
3. Jessica Barragan will email you your Independent Study Packet.
4. Print and sign contract. Have your child complete their school work from home.
5. Return your independent study packet to the front office.

What if my child will be absent for 3 days or more?

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@losfelizarts.org

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

Information: Family Math Night

Are you curious about our unique Math curriculum? Want to find out how your child is learning Math? Interested in witnessing a math lesson in action? Join us at our annual math night. This is your opportunity to participate in a math lesson and learn strategies on how to help your child grow as a math learner.

We look forward to solving "problems" with you!

3rd - 5th Math Night: Wednesday, January 30th, 5:00p.m.

TK - 2nd grade Math Night: Thursday, February 1st, 5:00p.m.



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>

PTA: Grade Level Fundraising!

Our wonderful PTA has organized two great fundraising opportunities to help our students!

3rd Grade Raffle

Her us raise funds to continue our wonderful relationship with the Friends of the L.A. River (FOLAR) by buying raffle tickets at our next Friendly Friday Coffee on February 2nd or from a 3rd grade family.

ONLY \$2 PER TICKET

Awesome Prizes Include: DISNEYLAND - 4 Park Hopper Tickets
Barrel & Spring Pilates Studios - 1 Private Session + Introductory Pilates Series
Club Pilates of Echo Park - 3 50-Minute Classes
Total Woman Gym & Spa - 30 Day Membership + Trial Kit of Image Skincare (x2)
HeartBeat House - 5 Class Dance Package
Commissary Restaurant @ The Line Hotel - Gift Certificate (x 2)
Print by Sophie Neudorfer - "I want you for the U.S. Dream - DISSENT NOW"
Tomato Pie Pizza Joint - \$40 Gift Card
Magpies Soft Serve Ice-Cream - \$40 Gift Card
Wonderlust Ice Cream - \$25 Gift Card
Cassina Rossie Salts - Selection of 6 Flavored Salts
Gumball Poodle Socks -
1 Good Luck Troll with Daisies
1 Good Luck Troll with Hearts
Teacher playdates

School Wide Pizza Playdate

ALL FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WELCOME

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.

All funds raised will go to scholarships for 5th

Grade CIMI Field Trip

Chuck E. Cheese's

[2700 Colorado Blvd.](#)

[Los Angeles, CA 90041](#)



Community: Arts Around Town



Upcoming Events

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

January 27st

4th/5th Grade Dance 5:00p.m.

January 29th

Field Trip - Ms Williams

Field Trip- Ms. Bosley, Ms. Tott, Ms. Ureno and Ms. Soffer

January 31st

Math Night: 3rd - 5th grade - 5:00p.m.

February 1st

Math Night: TK - 2nd grade - 5:00p.m.

February 2nd

First Friday Coffee: 7:45a.m.

Parent Book Club: The Whole Brain Child- 8:45a.m.

Contact

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Stay Connected



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

- Frederick W. Robertson