



# La Cañada Elementary School PTA

## Lion Times

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### President's Message

Dear LCE Families,

It was great to see so many of you at our Back-to-School Picnic on Friday! I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to visit with old friends, make some new friends, and sample some great food from the In-N-Out truck.

The PTA wants to give a huge thanks to Jill Panossian for organizing this amazing event to kick off the school year. We also want to thank the many teachers who came to the picnic - we are so glad you were able to celebrate with us!

This past Wednesday, we held our first room representative meeting of the year. Many thanks go to Joanna Banks, 3rd VP of Room Reps, for hosting and organizing the room representative meeting, and to the dozens of parents who have taken on the room representative position. These are such important roles, and we are grateful that you are willing to invest your time in helping our students and teachers this year!

**Don't forget that this Friday is our first Collaboration Day of the year!** Students in grades 1-6 will start at 8:10 and have an early dismissal at 11:35. Please make sure you plan to have your child picked up early, and be aware the pickup lines will be long.

Warmly,

Brooke Niemiec  
LCE PTA President

### Quick Notes

[LCE PTA Website](#)  
[LCE PTA Calendar](#)

**The Deadline for the  
next Lion Times is  
Tuesday, 8/27/19 at  
3:00 pm**

## Looking for Photos and Volunteers

If you have any photos from the First Day of School, please submit them to [yearbook@lcepta.org](mailto:yearbook@lcepta.org).



We are also looking for volunteers to help with Yearbook. So if you have a little extra time and want to be a part of making an unforgettable collection of memories for the students of LCE, please email Vanessa Ho at [yearbook@lcepta.org](mailto:yearbook@lcepta.org)! Thank you!

## Carline Rules

### LCE Carline needs your help!

The carline is looking for a few volunteers to give 20-30 minutes of time per week! We need volunteers who can work morning drop off and afternoon pickup on both sides of LCE. It's a fun and easy way to give back to the school! If you are interested in helping out please contact Heather Ehrhart at [carline@LCEPTA.org](mailto:carline@LCEPTA.org). Thank you in advance!



The carline is off to a great start, but please take note of these important rules and guidelines designed to keep YOUR child safe and the line running effectively!

1. Please study the approved drop off routes.
2. DO NOT turn left onto La Canada Blvd. from Fairview and enter the carline. Please be respectful of parents who have been waiting patiently in line.
3. DO NOT park on Salisbury Rd. during the times prohibited on the posted signs.
4. NO U-Turns in the carline or U-turns into the crosswalks to cut the line.
5. NO drop-offs or pick-ups in the crosswalks.
6. NO items may be removed from the trunk. Backpacks must be inside the car.
7. NO drop offs or pick ups in the staff lot. This area is for staff only!

**Please remember "Safety Above Convenience!"**

The carline volunteers are fellow parents volunteering their time to help. Please be respectful of the job they are trying to do.

## LCE Family Directory



## Keep in touch with families and stay connected!

We have a new directory service provider called Membership Toolkit. All families who add their new family info and returning families who confirm their info will receive free access to the online directory or via the Membership Toolkit app.

There are privacy settings for families to determine the information they want included/excluded in the directory. Families who do not register or confirm their info will not have access to the online directory.

Printed directories can be ordered [here](#), but first please take a moment to complete the relevant steps below to ensure that your information will be included in the directory. We want as many families as possible to participate. Thank you for your patience as we transition to a new directory service provider. Please direct and questions/issues to [directory@lcepta.org](mailto:directory@lcepta.org).

### NEW FAMILIES: IMPORTANT!

Please add your family and student information to our LCE Directory by visiting <https://lcanadalcepta.membershiptoolkit.com> and clicking on "Register>>Login" and following the prompts to "Create Account." Please make sure you confirm the information you wanted included in the directory. Thank you!

### RETURNING FAMILIES:

Please note that your information migrated with the new directory service provider, but it is important for you to review and confirm your information, including what information you would like to include in the directory. The link to the new directory is <https://lcanadalcepta.membershiptoolkit.com>. Here you can login with the same username/password as before. If you have forgotten your password, click on "Register" within the Membership Toolkit website and you can reset it by clicking on "I forgot my password." Thank you for updating and confirming your information!

Please note: All new families and returning families must complete the signup or confirmation process by 11:59pm, Sunday, September 8, 2019.

## Online Order Form



### LCE Online Order Spirit Wear, Directories, Yearbooks

It is very easy to go online to order all your 2019-2020 essentials. This is your one chance to order your LCE spirit wear, school directories, yearbooks, and Halloween Haunt tees and wristbands. You can also support our school through donations to the Technology Fund and the General Fund, as well as sponsorships for the Halloween Haunt.

Access the form at [www.lcepta.org](http://www.lcepta.org) and click on the order forms link on the home page; or go to the Order Forms tab under the PTA menu. Now is your chance to do it all at once... One credit card... One time... Online!

### It's time to sign up for your new PTA membership!

Be a part of decision-making about important LCE activities, get to know other parents, teachers and staff better, and show your children how much you value their education!



Memberships are just \$10 each, and everyone can join - moms, dads, grandparents, even caregivers. Connect with the greater community when you purchase your membership on the PTA's one-stop portal (included online order forms at [www.lcepta.org](http://www.lcepta.org)). Don't miss out on all the opportunities to experience LCE!

Questions, email [membership@lcepta.org](mailto:membership@lcepta.org)

## Summer Reading Challenge

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Please remember to have your child **PRINT OUT** (from their profile - badges) and return their recorded minutes to the box in the front office by **Friday, August 30th**.



If your child does not have a log in sheet, they can also write their minutes read on a piece of paper with their full name and grade.

A special prize will be awarded in each grade for the most minutes read! If you have any questions, please contact Shital Taylor at [shital.taylor@mac.com](mailto:shital.taylor@mac.com).

## Halloween Haunt Auction Items Needed



### SILENT AUCTION NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS!

Help make our school's biggest fundraiser of the year a success!

Here are some of the experiences and items that always get multiple bids:

**SPORTS-** Got season tickets? Consider donating your tickets to one of the games! (LAKERS, DODGERS, CLIPPERS, SPARKS, GALAXY, KINGS, CHARGERS and don't forget USC and UCLA!)

**AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS-** Disneyland, Knott's, Legoland, Universal Studios, all are hot ticket items!

**CONCERT TICKETS-** LA Phil Tickets, POPS, Ballet, Playhouse Tickets!

**BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS-** Do you work at JPL or CalTech? Donate a behind the scenes tour! Are you a fireman? Donate a behind the scenes tour of of your department!

**T.V. & FILM-** Are you in the business? Donate a behind the scenes movie studio or set, movie PREMIERE tickets, walk on T.V. roles or lunch with a CELEBRITY!

**MEMORABILIA-** Do you have sports or movie memorabilia to donate?

**MUSIC LESSONS-** Are you a musician? Consider donating some lessons!

**FOOD-** Are you a baker? Donate a dessert of the month. Are you a chef? Donate a dinner for 8!

**WINE-** Pull some bottles of good wine from your cellar!

**PARTIES-** Love to entertain? Consider hosting a party! Themed cocktail parties are always a big hit. Some other fun ideas are a PROGRESSIVE DINNER, WINE TASTING, POKER NIGHT, COOKING PARTY, KIDS TEA PARTY, POOL PARTY or VIDEO GAME PARTY are all big hits! This year, we are looking to have at least one kids party for 30 kids for each of the grades K-6.

**VACATION HOME-** Donate a weekend away in your vacation home!

Thank you for your generosity! We need your donations to make the silent auction a success! To donate, please email Jennifer Miller at [HauntAuction@lcepta.org](mailto:HauntAuction@lcepta.org). Any questions? Feel free to contact Jennifer at the above e-mail.

## Confetti Eggs

### We need your eggshells!

Confetti Eggs are a popular feature at the Halloween Haunt. We need your eggshells!

Weekend breakfasts are the perfect time to help our school. Simply crack your eggs on their ends and shake out the contents. Rinse the shells and put them back in their carton.

Drop off cartons of eggshells to the LCE Front Office. Our Confetti Eggs Chairperson will pick them up and fill them with confetti made of shredded, recycled paper from the teacher workroom.

Questions? Contact [haunt@lcepta.org](mailto:haunt@lcepta.org)



## Comfort Bag Guidelines



# La Cañada Elementary School

4540 Encinas Drive, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011  
Telephone (818) 952-8350 • Fax (818) 952-8355  
2013 Blue Ribbon School • 2014 California Distinguished School

August 2019

Dear Parents,

As much as we don't want to think about a long term emergency situation occurring, the La Canada Elementary School staff and PTA are working very hard to ensure the safety and comfort of each and every student in the event something should happen during the school day.

In preparation for an emergency, all teachers will be collecting a Comfort Bag for each student in his/her class. The purpose of the Comfort Bag is to help our students stay calm during an emergency situation by keeping them comfortable and connected to their families until reunited. To accomplish this, we are asking that you fill a quart sized bag (please no larger) with 1 or 2 family photos, 1 letter of comfort, 1 emergency space blanket (sold online or in sporting good stores), and up to 2 nutrition bars (peanut free) with a shelf life good through the end of this school year.

As you write your comfort letter, the following outline may assist you:

- Express your love
- Reassure your child that he/she is well cared for and not to worry
- Reassure your child that he/she will be reunited with family as soon as it is safe

The Comfort Bag will be returned to you at the end of the school year.

Thank you in advance for putting your time and thought into this small, but significant project. In an emergency situation, these items of care and comfort will mean a lot to your child!

Please turn in your Comfort Bag *to your child's teacher*  
no later than: *Friday, August 30, 2019.*

Sincerely,  
Nancy DeBoer  
School Counselor  
(818) 952-8356  
ndeboer@lcsd.net

**Volunteer TB Screening**

# Calling All LCUSD School Volunteers

## A current TB screening is required for all school volunteers

(Please check with your school health clerk for more information about volunteer requirements)

As a courtesy to our LCUSD volunteers USC Verdugo Hills Hospital is providing complimentary TB screenings at:

**USC Verdugo Hills Hospital**  
1812 Verdugo Blvd., Glendale  
(4th floor main lobby)



**TB Screening**  
8:00 am - 11:00 am  
**AND**  
Tuesday 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
SEP 10, 2019

\* all participants must return on Thursday, 9/12 for readings & to obtain copy of results

**\*Drive By Result Readings**  
*\*results read from your car - no need to park*  
Thursday  
SEP 12, 2019 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**USC Verdugo Hills Hospital**  
Keck Medicine of USC

To learn more about services and physicians at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, call (818) 790-7100.

To learn more, visit: [USCVHH.org](http://USCVHH.org)

Chess Nuts



**Chess Nuts**  
 818-291-3774  
 chessnuts2016@hotmail.com

**SIGN UP FOR AFTER-SCHOOL CHESS TODAY!**

**Chess Nuts is an educational organization dedicated to bringing chess to elementary schools in a life-enhancing, fun, and exciting way. All levels are welcome, from beginning to advanced!**

During the 10-week session, each child shall receive:

- A magnetic chess set
- Weekly chess lessons
- A chess medallion
- Special prizes
- Chess worksheets!

During each class, children will learn new lessons and receive ample playing time.

Our chess classes teach many rewarding skills:

- Logic
- Problem Solving
- Patience
- Planning for the Future
- Concentration
- Good Sportsmanship

**---Session Information---**

**Dates:** Mondays, 8/26, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4  
**Grades:** K - 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Times:** Early class: 1:55 - 2:55 Late class: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
**Meeting Place:** Cafeteria  
**Fee:** \$135 (for either early class or late class, but not both)

-----To sign up, fill out the form below, detach it, and return it to the school office with a check payable to **Chess Nuts**. Please keep the rest of the flyer for your records.-----

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the chess class at **La Cañada Elementary**.  
 Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Room Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Has Your Child Attended Chess Classes Before? : Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 Special Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Where Your Child Goes After Chess: CEC \_\_\_\_\_ Picked up directly from class \_\_\_\_\_ Front of School \_\_\_\_\_  
 A Different Class (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
**IMPORTANT** - Please **CIRCLE** which class you will be attending: **1:55 - 2:55** / **3:00 - 4:00**

**Parker Anderson Enrollment**



### Animal Invasion!



Animal invasion is a class for all animal lovers! Your child will experience and interact with all kinds of amazing live creatures including Reptiles, Amphibians, Mammals, Birds, Insects and more! Don't miss out on all the fun, games and most importantly the animals! Lab Fee: \$10

MONDAY: 9/09, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/07, 10/14, 10/21  
3:00 - 4:00 pm for Grades 1 - 6 Cost: \$120

### Marine Biology!



Explore the diversity of ocean life from organisms in hot deep sea vents, to tropical fish, to the astonishing varieties of arctic marine life! Observe dissections of a lamprey eel, a crayfish, and even a shark! Write with squid ink, grow Sea Monkeys, and learn about the largest environment on the planet! Lab Fee: \$30

TUESDAY: 9/03, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/01, 10/08, 10/15, 10/22  
3:00 - 4:00 pm for Grades 1 - 6 Cost: \$135

### TechKidz: Coding Wizards!



Create your own animations, programs, and games with MIT's Scratch, Python, Sploder, and more! Computer programming helps with brain development, math skills, and logic, and is tons of fun!

WEDNESDAY: 9/04, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/02, 10/09, 10/16, 10/23  
3:00 - 4:00 pm for Grades 1 - 6 Cost: \$135

### Kids Cooking Academy!



Kids will tantalize their taste buds and have fun with food! Different recipes each week from appetizers to entrees, snacks, desserts and more! Learn about nutrition, dining etiquette, and cooperation skills in this scrumptious class! Lab Fee: \$35

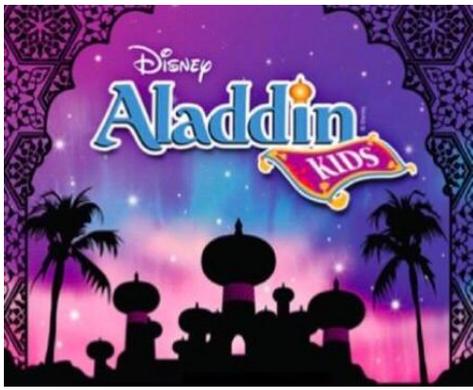
THURSDAY: 9/05, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/03, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24  
3:00 - 4:00 pm for Grades 1 - 6 Cost: \$135

To enroll, please visit us at [www.parker-anderson.org](http://www.parker-anderson.org).

Registration starts on August 12, 2019. **The deadline to enroll is Thursday, August 29!**

No in-person cash/check payments can be accepted. All enrollments must be done online.

Classes will be cancelled if minimum enrollment is not met by the deadline. Please check with the school office for class locations on campus. Thank you!



## ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF FLINTRIDGE DRAMA PROGRAM

"where everyone can shine"

Attention 3-6 Graders!

Looking for something fun to do after school next fall? Why not join ALFie Players?

Drama Director Katelyn Fike will prepare students for a performance of Disney's Aladdin KIDS, a

story about a dusty old lamp that changed a young man's life. The play has great roles for boys and girls along with an exuberant group of musical numbers.

Rehearsals are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:15 - 5:00 PM.

The performance will be on Friday, October 25, 2019 at 7 PM at Lanterman Auditorium.

Registration opens at noon August 5, 2019 at [ALFlintridge.org](http://ALFlintridge.org). Early registration is highly recommended. A fee of \$275 is charged for participation in the program.

For more information, check the Assistance League website at [ALFlintridge.org](http://ALFlintridge.org), contact the Programs Office [programs@alflintridge.org](mailto:programs@alflintridge.org) or call 818-790-2211.

### **Lion Times Policy and Deadline**

The Lion Times is sent Sunday evenings. The deadline for submissions is 3pm on the Tuesday prior to the publication date. Email items to [liontimes@lcepta.org](mailto:liontimes@lcepta.org) as an **MS Word Document attachment**. If you wish to include graphics, do **NOT** put them in the document. Instead, send them as a graphic file attachment, or they will not be used. Please do not include minors' last names, and only use last initials. We are unable to publish minors' surnames for legal reasons. Items may be shortened and edited for space limitations and content clarity. The mention of any business or service in this publication does not imply endorsement by the LCE PTA.