

LA CAÑADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

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Quick Notes

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Next deadline: Tues. 10/19

President's Message

Dear LCE Families,

What a treat to see all of you at the Pumpkin Patch on Friday! There's nothing like beautiful live music, delicious sweets, a costume shoppe, sack races, and of course – lots of pumpkins, to usher in the Halloween season officially.

Thank you for your support at our fundraiser. Seeing the kids out there laughing and playing was the perfect way to end the week! A special thank you to all of the volunteers who made this event possible, especially our incredible Patch Chairs: Anne DePies and Ian Holloway!

The final countdown to the Haunt begins! The [Haunt Order Form](#) is only open for 6 more days! **If you haven't yet already, please make sure to get your lunch pre-orders in before the form closes on 10/22!** There will be a limited number of lunches available for purchase from all vendors at the event, so make sure to plan ahead! This past Thursday, you should have received a Haunt Survival Guide from your room reps. In it, there are answers to frequently asked questions about the day, including questions around wristbands and tickets. If you have any additional questions – please feel free to send an email to haunt@lcepta.org.

This week is another busy week! I hope you can join us on Wednesday for our next **General PTA Meeting at 9:15am in the LCE Library**. We will be sharing upcoming events and updates across our PTA.

On Thursday, we have our annual district-wide earthquake drill - **The Great Shakeout**. Thank you in advance to the many parents who have volunteered to work with staff that day to make sure our school is properly prepared in the event of an earthquake. We are still looking for [volunteers](#) for several of our classes. If you are free, please consider signing up for your child's class. A special thank you to Laurel Thomas for chairing this very important event!

Don't forget that this Friday is a Collaboration Day. All 1st-6th grade students will start at 8:10 and be dismissed early at 11:35am. Please make sure you plan to have your child picked up early, and be aware that the pickup lines could be longer than usual.

This coming Sunday the 24th is our **fall campus clean-up day** from 8:30am-12pm. Drop in any time with the family and help us pull weeds and spread mulch in preparation for the Halloween Haunt. We need

more hands! Thank you in advance to Wen Reese-Hicks for chairing this event!

Phew! That was a lot! It's a busy but fun time at LCE, and I look forward to seeing you in person at some of these activities!

Warmly,

Stephanie Arnold

LCE PTA President
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General PTA Meeting

October PTA Meeting

- **Wednesday, October 20**
- **9:15am in the LCE Library**

Come and hear about future events and other updates regarding our LCE community.



Great Shake Out



THE GREAT SHAKE OUT DRILL

We'll be having a district wide earthquake drill on **Thursday, October 21st** and need your help to make sure LCE staff, parents and students are prepared if ever an emergency happens.

It'll be an hour of your time from **10:00am to 11:00am** and we need at least one (ideally two) volunteers from each classroom.

Here's [The Great Shake Out SignUpGenius page](#). Please find your child's teacher's name and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!!!

Thank you,
Disaster Prep Team

Make up Picture Day

**ABSENTEE/RETAKE PICTURE DAY!****Friday, October 22, 2021**

- Quality portraits right in your school.
- Dress your best & don't forget your smile!
- **This is a PROOF program – NO payment is needed on picture day.**
- You will receive proofs of your portrait through the school.

RETAKES: For a no charge retake, return the proof booklet to the photographer on retake day.

ABSENTEES: Just send your child on picture day ready to be photographed.

Questions? ¿Preguntas? Do NOT call the school.

Contact us – Pictures with Class by Barksdale 562.431.1467
www.pictureswithclass.com

Note to Parents/Guardians: Our proof program allows you to view a proof of your child before you purchase. Please do not send money on picture day. Ordering information will accompany your child's proof.

***Nota para los padres/tutores:** Nuestro programa les permite revisar varias pruebas de las fotografías de su hijo(a) antes de comprarlas. Por favor, NO envíe dinero en el día de fotos. Junto con el juego de pruebas fotográficas, enviaremos la información relativa a como comprar las fotografías.*

WWW.PICTURESWITHCLASS.COM | 10621 BLOOMFIELD ST. SUITE 1, LOS ALAMITOS, CA 90720 | 1.562.431.1467

**Campus Beautification**

Help keep our campus de-lovely

Sunday, Oct 24 (8:30am-12pm)

Our fall Campus Beautification event is coming up on Sunday, Oct 24th. Please come any time between 8:30 to noon and stay as long as you'd like -- donuts will be on hand to fuel and sweeten all available LCE green thumbs.

We will have some garden gloves and shovels available, but please feel free to bring your own. The following items will greatly help the process, please let us know if you can bring:

- Rolling garden carts/wagons or wheel barrels
- Heavy duty trash bags
- Broom/rake
- Larger shovels

We are still looking for a co-chair to help organize this event. Please let us know if you are interested! Any questions can be directed to volunteers@lcepta.org.

It should be an impactful and fun way to spend a morning! Thank you for any time you can spare to help keep LCE a beautiful and inspiring place to learn and play.

Reflections**Reflections Art Contest**



Does your child love art, photography, dancing, filmmaking, writing or music?

If so, the PTA Reflections Art contest is a wonderful program just for them! This year's theme is: "*I Will Change the World By...*"

The deadline for entries is Friday, October 29. Contest rules appear on the [PTA website](#). Entry forms are in the office but **online submissions** are strongly encouraged. Questions? Contact reflections@lcepta.org

Yearbook Photos Needed



6th Grade Families: Dust Off Your Baby Pics

It's that time again. Keep a cherished LCE yearbook tradition going by sending ONE high resolution baby photo of your 6th grader.

The subject line of your email must include: your students' full name and homeroom teacher.

We know how tempting it is – but please do not send any photos that would embarrass your child. Children must be fully clothed, and no tub or bathroom photos.

Photos can be emailed to yearbook@lcepta.org.

Pictures must be submitted by Friday, November 19. Thank you!



All LCE Families: *We Want It All*

Within reason, of course:) Please help the yearbook more fully capture your kids' school year, on and off campus.

Send at any time:

- pictures from school events
- field trips
- art at home
- adventures and travel
- fun hobbies

The email subject line should include student's name and grade.

Also, a new idea this year is to feature a pet spotlight with students and teachers playing with their furry (or feathery or scaly) family members.

Pictures should be sent to: yearbook@lcepta.org

33rd Annual Halloween Haunt



LA CAÑADA ELEMENTARY



HALLOWEEN HAUNT LUNCH PRE - ORDERS

WE ASK THAT YOU PREORDER YOUR LUNCH IN ADVANCE.

A VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF LUNCHES (FROM ALL VENDORS) WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE EVENT. PRE-ORDER SO THAT YOUR FOOD IS GUARANTEED!

* A JERSEY MIKE'S LUNCH IS ALREADY INCLUDED WITH EACH WRISTBAND PURCHASE, BUT CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED SEPARATELY!



Don't forget to access the [Halloween Haunt Order](#) Form and pre-order your lunch to be picked up at the Halloween Haunt! You can click through the Haunt Order Form until you get to the lunch pre-order page.

LA CAÑADA ELEMENTARY PRESENTS

THE 33RD ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HAUNT & SILENT AUCTION

SATURDAY.
OCTOBER 30TH
10:00AM - 4:00PM



SCAN ME

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT
[HTTPS://QRCO.DE/BCQDAB](https://qrc0.de/bcqdab)

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



IN-N-OUT	JERSEY MIKE'S	KOREAN BBQ	COSTUME CONTEST
VIDEO GAMES	SPOOKY SALES	COLD DRINKS	"HAIR SCARE"
LASER TAG	CONFETTI EGGS	TREAT BOOTH	"NARLY NAILS"
ADOPT-A-PET	PHOTO BOOTH	FROZEN TREATS	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
INFLATABLES	GAME BOOTHS	SILENT AUCTION	... AND MORE!

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PRE-PURCHASE ON [THE HAUNT ORDER FORM.](#)

Haunt Treats Needed



Let's Get Baking!

If you haven't signed up to bake for the Halloween Haunt treat booth, please do! We need homemade cookies, cakes, pies, tea breads, cupcakes, brownies, toffee, or your personal

specialty. If you prefer not to bake, small bags of candy would be terrific!

The Halloween Haunt is Saturday, October 30th. **We will be welcoming your donated baked goods/items on Friday the 29th**, the day before, at both drop off and pick-up times. Carline volunteers will be ready to receive your items. We'd truly appreciate about 2 dozen pieces (if applicable/ not 24 cakes:) but 24 cookies, brownies, etc) from each family.

If at all possible, please plan on packaging your baked goods. We would be happy to supply you with cellophane bags and ribbon – [just ask!](#) Please remember, no nuts for the safety of our kids. Thanks for your support!

Here is the link to sign up : [2021 Halloween Haunt Sign Up](#)

Haunt Sponsors



Premium Sponsors: Game Truck + Laser Tag

David & Lauren Alexander

Premium Sponsors: In-N-Out Truck

Aman & Raj Dhillon

Stephanie & Jeremiah Arnold

Platinum Halloween Haunt Sponsors

Animal Am-Emergency Clinic of Pasadena

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Eugenia K. Family

La Canada Eye Care

The Little Gym of La Canada

Mark & Laurel Thomas

Gold Halloween Haunt Sponsors

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Smith Family

Strassburg Family

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Choi Family

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Cristian P. & Family

Pi Family

Rathi Family

Sepulveda Family

Sharma Family

Copper Halloween Haunt Sponsors

Anonymous

Badr Family

Emily Blaney

Chen family

Chumo Family

The glory of God (Cui-Zhang Family)

Fathy Family

Gordon Family

Hannah I.

Izadi Family

Jayden K.

Jack & Riley K.

Lew Family

McLaughlin Family

Pollard Family

Amy Tahani-Bidmeshki

Wolper Family

Jin Yeu

There's still time to **SPONSOR** the 33rd annual LCE Halloween Haunt.

Halloween Haunt Silent Auction

The Haunt Auction is still looking for items – especially **TICKETS***! It's not too late to donate, but the auction is just around the corner.

Please [email](#) us if you can donate tickets to any local



teams, events, places!

- Disneyland, Universal Studios, Knotts Berry Farm, Magic Mountain
- Dodgers, Lakers, Clippers, Galaxy, Rams, Chargers, USC, UCLA
- Plays, musicals, concerts, gardens, museums

**If an auction item's schedule is not out yet, a future transfer date can be arranged between you and the winner! For example, if you have Dodgers season tickets, it can be for a date next season as agreed upon between you and the winner once you have your tickets/dates.*

Confetti Eggs



We need your eggshells!

Please help us keep these haunt favorites in stock!

After removing the contents, please rinse then drop off your cartons of eggshells to the LCE office.

Our Confetti Eggs Chairperson will pick them up and make sure they're filled with confetti made of shredded, recycled paper from the teacher workroom.

Questions? Contact haunt@lcepta.org.

La Canada Baseball Softball



Fall Baseball Clinics

*Sponsored by La Canada Baseball
Softball Association*

Clinics start Saturday, Oct 16th!

What: Baseball TRAINING

For Whom: Ages 6/7, 8, 9, 10

*Space is limited –
Sign-up today!*

Pinto 6/7 & 8:

Dates: October 16 (Sat)
October 24 (Sun)
November 14 (Sun)
November 20 (Sat)

Mustang 9 & 10:

Dates: October 31 (Sun)
November 6 (Sat)
November 13 (Sat)

Clinic Info: **Format:** Station-based clinic format working on baseball skills and fundamentals
Run By: Experienced local youth coaches hired by LCBSA

**Come improve your skills with
your friends!**

***Pre-registration Required**

Please register for the clinic at: www.lcbbsa.org (via link on front page)

Editor's Note

LCE Close Contacts Use Modified Quarantine to Stay in School

By Sarah Paik

This week the close contacts in a first grade classroom at LCE did not head straight into an automatic quarantine. Instead, they had a chance to stay in school because their quarantine protocol had been “modified”.

Before the LCUSD school board unanimously approved modified quarantines in September, an unvaccinated close contact shared the same fate as the student who tested positive for covid-19. As soon as a positive case was found, a seven-to-ten-day quarantine was the immediate next step for both the positive student and all unvaccinated close contacts. (Vaccinated close contacts do not automatically quarantine but most of the LCE student body is still ineligible for vaccination.)

“Our most important goal is keeping kids in school to learn and play, and these modified quarantine protocols will help us do so,” said LCE Principal Emily Blaney. “While the contact tracing will be a big task, our district’s COVID Compliance team is small but mighty... We are giving our parents the ultimate choice to do what they feel is best, and I’m excited that we can now continue to offer in-person instruction in event of an exposure.”

Modified quarantines offer unvaccinated close contacts a pathway to stay in school. Essentially, asymptomatic close contacts (who test negative twice) can continue attending in-person school if both the contact and the positive case were masked at the time of exposure. Identified close contacts must also agree to refrain from extracurricular after school activities.

Given the [extremely low \(.2%\) transmission rate in LA County](#) (found in quarantined close contacts), adopting this protocol may seem pretty straightforward. But a majority of LA county districts have opted not to implement this more labor and cost intensive protocol. According to Superintendent Wendy Sinnette, approximately 20-30% of county districts hope to approve this looser guideline, with an additional 20-30% interested but still in the “contemplating” stage.

Modified quarantines have been recommended by the [CDC](#) and the [California Dept of Public Health](#) since the beginning of this academic year; but the LA County health dept only starting allowing districts to adopt them in the mid September. School officials across the state cite limited resources (for the required mask monitoring and increased testing) as the reason they struggle with this guideline.

“We have over 500 students in school currently on modified quarantine and only a handful at home on full quarantine. That’s over 500 kids who would be home were it not for our testing regime,” wrote [Berkeley Unified school board president Ty Alper](#) in the California School Board Association’s blog. “And we are getting buried by the human and financial resources that the testing requires.”

Los Angeles Unified and San Francisco Unified have chosen not to modify their quarantines. But here in La Canada, an already existing surveillance testing structure, timely covid funding from outside the district, and staff buy-in all factored into Sinnette’s recommendation to approve this protocol.

“We are using our one-time federal and state dollars to fund all of our Covid-19 testing and the additional staffing required for supervision, testing, and the implementation of all of the protocols,” said Sinnette. “Overall, our kids have been awesome with their mask wearing and our teachers amazing in their willingness to help support us in keeping students in school.”

Sarah Paik is the Lion Times Editor. Her LCE lion is the one who won’t stop wearing his mask (or other accessories) that he found to go with his Halloween costume.

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