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Quick Notes

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Next deadline: Tues. 9/21

President's Message

Dear LCE Families,

The planning for Halloween Haunt is well underway. ***Did you know that there are over 20 Halloween Haunt sub-committees with a total of close to 100 volunteers helping to make our biggest fundraiser successful?*** From committees on décor, silent auction, games, prizes, food, set-up and more It has been truly amazing to watch so many people come together for our children and our school.

Support for the Haunt comes in different shapes and sizes, and we need your help! **Wondering what you can do?**

- Come out on **October 30th from 10am-4pm** to support our event! It really is a fun day for the whole family. Eat some good food, catch up with friends, participate in the costume contest, play a lot of games, smash a bunch of confetti eggs, and bid on some great auction items!
- Access the Haunt Order Form (details below) to pre-purchase food, tickets, & wristbands!
- Become a sponsor! Your family or business will be recognized for your donation while your money goes towards putting on a great event!
- Donate to your class gift for the Silent Auction. Silent Auction is the Haunt's biggest moneymaker, and we need each family's help for it to be successful.
- Donate items/events/services for the Silent Auction!
- Sign up to work a shift for your class's Haunt booth. We ask that each family volunteer to work a one-hour shift, per child.

This has been a great first month and I'm looking forward to a fun Fall season together! Thank you as always, for all of the support.

Warmly,

Stephanie Arnold

LCE PTA President
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GET READY FOR THE HAUNT!

PRE-PURCHASE WHAT YOU NEED FOR THE BASH OF THE YEAR!

Click on the [HAUNT ONLINE ORDER FORM](#).

VISIT THE FORM TO :

PRE-PURCHASE YOUR LUNCH FROM IN-N-OUT, JERSEY MIKE'S OR KOREAN BBQ!

SAVE \$5 BY PRE-PURCHASING YOUR HAUNT WRISTBAND (INCLUDES UNLIMITED INFLATABLES & GAME BOOTHS + 1 LUNCH FROM JERSEY MIKE'S)

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL BY BECOMING A SPONSOR FOR \$100 OR MORE!

MAKE YOUR SILENT AUCTION CLASS DONATION ONLINE!

PRE-PURCHASE TICKETS THAT YOU CAN USE FOR:

GAME TRUCK
LASER TAG
ADOPT-A-PET

SPOOKY SALES
CONFETTI EGGS
SILLY STRING

COLD DRINKS
TREAT BOOTH
FROZEN TREATS

"HAIR SCARE"
"NARLY NAILS"
PHOTO BOOTH

... AND MORE!

Artrageous



ARTrageous Adventures

ARTrageous is back! The Fall session of Mrs. Torres' ARTrageous Adventures class begins October 1.

The program is offered for kindergarten through 6th grade. Each 1st grade to 6th grade class will have a max of 24 students, and each kindergarten class is limited to 16 students. Classes fill up quickly!

Registration begins at 7pm on Tuesday, September 21st at LCEPTA.org. The cost for this

5-week session is \$45.00.

Classes will be held, in person, on alternating **Fridays: 10/1, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12, and 12/3.**

ARTrageous Class Times:

- 8:10am-9:10am (Grades 1-3 Late birds)
- 10:00am-11:20am (PM Kinder Students)
- 12:00pm-1:00pm (AM Kinder Students)
- 1:50-2:50 (Grades 1-3, Early Birds)
- 3:00-4:00pm (Grades 4-6)

KINDER PARENTS: Mrs. Torres will pick AM Kinder students up from their kindergarten class, walk them to her classroom for her lesson, then take them to carline/CEC at the conclusion of each session. For PM Kinder parents, at the conclusion of each session, Mrs. Torres will walk your student to their kindergarten classroom. Mrs. Torres also eats lunch/snacks with the PM Kinder students, so please pack a lunch!

PLEASE NOTE ARTRAGEOUS ADVENTURES IS NOT OPEN TO TK STUDENTS

QUESTIONS? Email artrageous@lcepta.org.

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 geared towards bringing out their creativity! This year's theme is: **"I Will Change the World By..."** Their artwork could be a winner at the school, district or even the state level. All participants are recognized at a Winter reception.

The deadline for entries is Friday, October 29, 2021. Full contest rules appear on the [PTA website](#). (Here's a quick link to the [ONLINE SUBMITTAL FORM](#)).

Entry forms and rules will also be in the office but **online submissions** are strongly encouraged. Please email Corrie Tanous at reflections@lcepta.org with any questions.

Summer Reading Winners



Summer Reading Winners!

Congratulations to all the students on another year of Summer Reading! Over 50,000 reading minutes were submitted this summer. You are all reading champions!

Don't forget to say "Congrats!" to all of this year's winners.

- Kinder: Katherine B.
- 1st: Nandika M.
- 2nd: Kyle P.
- 3rd: Clayton C.
- 4th: Daniella K.
- 5th: Fiona G.

Afghan Refugees

Help the Afghan Refugees

AS A RESULT OF THE HEARTBREAKING CRISIS IN AFGHANISTAN, FORT BLISS HAS BECOME HOME TO A LARGE POPULATION OF AFGHAN REFUGEES WHO COULD USE OUR HELP.

LCE PTA IS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| + TOOTHPASTE | + SUNSCREEN |
| + TOOTHBRUSHES | + MOISTURIZER |
| + BARS OF SOAP | + BODY SPONGES |
| + SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER | + SANITARY SUPPLIES |
| + BODY WASH | + PLASTIC RAZORS |

ALL ITEMS WILL BE SENT TO FORT BLISS THROUGH AN ARMY NATIONAL GUARD CONTACT OF AN LCE FAMILY.

PLEASE LEAVE DONATIONS IN THE BOX IN FRONT OF THE LCE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 9/24.

Thank you in advance!

LAST WEEK for Charleston Wrap

Charleston Wrap
BETTER PRODUCTS. BETTER FUNDRAISING.



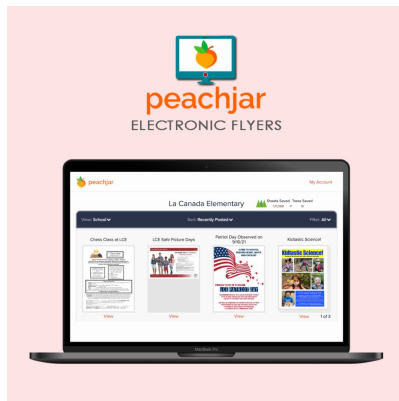
Charleston Wrap Fundraiser Ends this Week

September 13 through September 24

Approximately **40% of all sales dollars are returned to LCE** and proceeds will be used to help fund school projects, programs, and activities! [CHARLESTON WRAP](#) online shopping is a great way to involve out-of-town friends and relatives. There are over 500 products on the Charleston Wrap website. Online orders are shipped directly to the purchaser's home.

For our school to benefit, **LCE's online ID# 11717** must be provided when entering the shopping portion of the website. If you have any questions, please email Amy Kelly at amykelly@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

Peachjar



Peachjar:

Home Sweet Home to Thursday Folder Flyers

Is your child less than reliable as a Thursday Folder delivery person? You're far from alone and Peachjar's got you covered. Access the [LATEST FLYERS](#) for the LCE community, including but not limited to Thursday folder flyers.

You can also opt in to receive emails from Peachjar directly whenever a new flyer is uploaded. Use this [link](#) to register.

Costumes

Wanted: Costume Donations

LCE PTA is seeking your gently used costumes!

Items will be sold at the Pumpkin Patch on Friday, **October 15th**. All sizes (from infant to adult) and accessories (hats, shoes, wigs, masks, etc) are welcome and appreciated.

Please drop off in the bin outside the front office during the month of September.



Halloween Haunt Silent Auction

party book [pah-tee book]

noun

A themed party hosted by an LCE family, with the goal of fundraising. May be hosted at homes or other venues, and attendee spots are purchased via the Silent Auction.

We bought tickets to so many parties at LCE's Halloween Haunt! Sara is going to the 3rd Grade Girls Swim + Baking party, Jack is going to the 5th Grade Boys Video Game Truck party, and Mike and I bought tickets to the cocktail making party at the new bar in town!

Host a Party Book with a friend

Parties are FUN for kids, FUN for adults, and a great FUNdraiser

So far we have a fourth grade girls cookie making, fourth grade boys outdoor movie party, third grade boys pool & pizza party, and a first grade girls party!

For the adults we have the third annual ladies wine & paint night, a holiday gift-wrapping party (bring your gifts and we'll supply the wrap & wine!), and a cocktails/cooking party!

- Fill out this [FORM](#) to host a party.
- Silent Auction Donation Ideas - look [HERE](#).
- To donate or for questions, email [HAUNT AUCTION](#).

Haunt Sponsors



Thank you to Halloween Haunt Sponsors

Platinum Halloween Haunt Sponsors

Animal Am-Emergency Clinic of Pasadena
 Eugenia K. Family
 La Canada Eye Care
 The Little Gym of La Canada
 Mark & Laurel Thomas

Gold Halloween Haunt Sponsors

Artz Family	Norman Family
Cha Family	Dinesh & Sara Sadhwani
Ellis & Janice Choi Family	Schaab-Miller family
Do Family	Shiba-Yuson Family
Cara K's Family	Taylor Family
Jude K.	Charles W.
Katie and Isabelle L.	Maggie Lang & Allen Wang
Massucci-Wokosin Family	Wilcox Family

Silver Halloween Haunt Sponsors

Castro Family	Niemiec Family	Seiji & Hiroe Shibata
Robert & Esther Cha Family	Ouwensloot Family	Shmidt Family
DePies Family	Petschauer Family	Smith Family
Judson & Warren K.	Rader Family	Strassburg Family
McGuinness Family	Salsich Family	Noah & Olivia Y. Family
Nam Family		

Bronze Halloween Haunt Sponsors

Chawla Family	Dunbar Family	Yuna M. & Ian M.
Cho Family	Koskenmaki Music	Pi Family
Choi Family	Lai Family	Rathi Family
Clinard Family	Lastrapes-Shimizu Family	Sepulveda Family
Stephanie Duchene & Michael Duvall	Molinelli Family	Sharma Family

Copper Halloween Haunt Sponsors

Anonymous	Chumo Family	Jack & Riley K.
Badr Family	Fathy Family	Lew Family
Emily Blaney	Gordon Family	McLaughlin Family
Chen family	Hannah I.	Amy Tahani-Bidmeshki
The glory of God (Cui-Zhang Family)	Izadi Family	Jin Yeu

There's still time to sponsor the Halloween Haunt. Donors can visit the [SPONSORSHIP SECTION](#) of the PTA haunt page.

*Please note per Lion Times policy, students' full names are not published.



Confetti Eggs are always a Haunt darling. Please help us keep these fan favorites in stock!

Simply crack your eggs at one end 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.

Lacrosse

Lions LACROSSE AT LCE

We make lacrosse simple + fun!

Tuesdays 3:00-4:00pm @ LCE

Spark Lacrosse + Emily Mukai (Westridge and LC Girl's Coach) brings lacrosse to LCE for a third year! Club level instruction with an introductory level approach. Get acquainted with the fastest growing sport in the world!

Space is limited. Register here:



ALL equipment provided!

Neither LCE Lions Lacrosse nor Spark Lacrosse is sponsored or endorsed by the La Canada Unified School District or La Cañada Elementary School





6th Grade Mountain Bikers: Hit the Trails Together

LCHS Mountain Bike Team Starts Before You Leave LCE

Attention 6th graders: The LCHS Mountain Bike Team is open to boys and girls in 6th-12th grade.

There will be a Bike Team Parent/Rider interest meeting via Zoom:

- **Thursday, September 23rd**
- 8-9pm

Riders are placed in pods with other riders who are a similar age and ability level.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the LCHS Mountain Bike Team, please email lcmtbteam@gmail.com for info to join the Zoom meeting or any questions.

A Wider Lens

LA County Health Allows Modified Quarantines

By Sarah Paik

Following a three-week [40% drop in county covid cases](#) in K-12 students, LA county school districts can now choose to implement a reduced or “modified quarantine” protocol for close contacts of a positive covid case.

In short, unvaccinated close contacts can stay out of quarantine if both the positive case and the close contact were both masked at the time of transmission and if the contact tests negative twice in the following week.

“We feel comfortable that, with relatively low transmission at schools, it’s appropriate to offer schools a modified quarantine option for K-12 students,” said LA County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer at a [news conference on Friday, Sept 17](#).

Now in line with the [CDC recommendation](#) updated on Aug 5, followed by the [CA Dept Public Health](#) on September 1, this “modified” protocol allows districts a way to keep more students in school. At Friday’s announcement, Ferrer also noted that an [extremely low \(.2%\) transmission rate](#) was found in quarantined close contacts (15,655 students from Aug 15 through Sept 13.), which contributed to the health dept’s decision to loosen quarantine requirements. (Those quarantined contacts, predominately from LAUSD, made up about [2% of the countywide K-12 student body](#).)

Here in La Canada, LCUSD Superintendent Wendy Sinnette told attendees of Monday’s LCE PTA meeting that there have been no positive covid cases throughout all LCUSD schools in the past two weeks. But that bit of good news doesn’t reflect the passionate feelings surrounding the district’s covid protocols. Sinnette observed that in the 100+ parent emails she receives daily, it’s “split” between parents who tell her the district is doing “too much” or “not enough”.

“We’re trying to thread the needle here,” said Sinnette on balancing limiting covid exposure and

policies that keep not only positive cases but also their fellow classmates out of school.

In response to LA county's modified quarantine update, Sinette told the Lion Times that the district's school board must approve the protocol before it could be implemented at LCUSD schools.

School districts nationwide are walking a tightrope between minimizing covid peril vs applying too broad a brush on keeping students out of classrooms. [Districts in Illinois](#) are implementing this "modified" approach recommended by the CDC, CADPH and the LADPH. But limited resources in monitoring (dual masking) and testing at schools are the two most commonly cited reasons that more districts choose not to adopt modified quarantines.

"You have to be super careful that you know for sure and are able to verify that close contacts to cases had only mask-on-mask exposure," noted Ferrer on Friday.

But modified quarantines shouldn't be confused with "test-to-stay" quarantine protocol, which is not currently recommended by the [CDC](#) or LADPH. Test-to-stay is currently used in districts in [MA, UT, GA](#) and even [KY](#). In this policy, daily rapid tests alone determine if a student can attend school, regardless of a student's masking or vaccinated status. Most, but not all, districts that "test-to-stay" also mandate masks.

No doubt the LCUSD Governing Board will take its turn at debating the pros and cons of modified quarantines at its next meeting, Sept 28.

Before becoming the Lion Times Editor and mom to two LCE students, Sarah was a Staff Reporter covering politics and education at The Aspen Times, The Vail Daily and The Laconia Citizen. She was also a News Assistant at the DC Bureau of the New York Times.

"New data affirm it. LA County school safety policies are working as COVID rates are low" (LA Times, 9/17/21)
"LA County announces modified quarantine option for unvaccinated students" (KTLA 9/17/21)
"LA County offers modified COVID-19 quarantine option for students" (LA Daily News 9/17/21)
"Child covid-19 cases rise in states where schools opened earliest" (Wall St Journal, 9/5/21)
"A new covid testing model aims to spare students from quarantine" (New York Times, 9/19/21)
"Are schools quarantining too many students?" (Education Week 8/31/21)

Lion Times Policy and Deadline

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