



Division of Special Education

PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE

From the Executive Director of the Division of Special Education



Dear Parents and Families,

Our parent newsletter volume 2 shares opportunities for learning not only for families but also for students. It is our goal to continue to provide opportunities that increase awareness about the special education services, support, and resources available to families and school communities. Stay in touch with us by

visiting our webpage and gaining access to updates and upcoming parent workshops accessible to families.

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School Board Approves Recognition of National Black History Month



The Los Angeles School District approved and recognized the month of February as National Black History Month. This milestone supports and celebrates the important role of African Americans throughout the United States History. This historical moment embraces and acknowledges the efforts and contributions our Black students, families and community leaders have contributed along the way. To learn more about the School Board Approval visit the [newsroom](#). Students can also access resources by login into [Discovery Education](#) via Schoology.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Application Window Is Now Open

We are pleased to announce the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) membership application window is now open. The application window will remain open until Sunday, March 31, 2024. There will also be an informational meeting taking place on March 12, 2024, from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Email questions to families@lausd.net. Download applications and access further information, materials, and meeting videos [click here](#).



The Extended School Year (ESY) is around the corner. Check the parentportal.lausd.net for out going information regarding summer school, dates, and ways to enroll your students. You can click the <https://www.lausd.org/spedESY> for updates.

SPRING 2024 PARENT & FAMILY WORKSHOPS

Virtual Parent Workshops Catalog

The Division of Special Education is conducting one of the last two parent workshops for the Spring of 2024. The March presentation is titled, Elevating Student Voice and Self-Advocacy Through Students 'Led IEPs. This presentation will focus on how students can build advocacy skills through the IEP process. It will take place on Tuesday March 12 and Thursday March 14. The final parent workshop will take place on May 14 and May 16. The topic is, Parent Role in Ensuring Their Children's Online Safety: Media and Technology Basics. Access the [catalog](#) for additional login information.



Special Education Region Ambassador

The Division of Special Education together with the Office of Student and Family Community Engagement will be conducting their last Parent Ambassador workshops. The Region Ambassador parent workshop will take place in the month of April. We are inviting families of students with special needs interested in inspiring other families to join us and reach out to their child's school of attendance region office for additional information. Visit the Parent Ambassador webpage at <https://www.lausd.org/ambassadors> to access more information.



Power of Play

The Special Education Instructional team will be providing a parent workshop on April 10. Please join us to discover the benefits of play and learn about educational activities for your student. Access the flyer [here](#) for the time and login information or visit <https://www.lausd.org/sped>.



CCEIS



Comprehensive Coordinated Family Leaders Group (CFL) meetings are for parents and caregivers of Promising Scholars from CCEIS school sites every third Thursday of the month. These monthly meetings provide a safe space where discussion and exploration of potential solutions to the disproportionate representation of CCEIS Promising Scholars with an intentional emphasis on African American/Black students can exist. Fill out the interest form <https://bit.ly/CCEISFamilyLeaderGroup> or click on the [flyer](#) for more information.

SPOTLIGHT

Western Ave TECH Magnet Middle School Entrepreneur Club Fostering the development of an entrepreneurial mindset!



westerntechmagnet



Western Ave TECH Magnet School's Principal, **Johnny Rivera**, is dedicated to supporting students, staff, and families by providing activities that allow for social, emotional, academic and attendance growth. One such activity is the Middle School Entrepreneurial Club, facilitated by the School Psychologist, **Alicia Garcia** with the support of Mr. Rivera. The club is one of many clubs offered at the school, but what makes this one unique is that the students learn how to turn their passions into viable products and pitch their ideas/products to a panel in **Shark Tank** fashion. What makes this club fulfilling is the involvement of parents, teachers, and families as guest speakers. This creates an opportunity for students to learn from their own community, while also increasing engagement and involvement from parents and families.

Ms. Garcia is a self-worth advocate, and her motto is clear: **We are all born worthy of love, connection and belonging.**



RESOURCES

Accessing Benefits
Planning Assistance



Date: March 21, 2024
Time: 10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. PST
Location: Zoom

Interested in going to work but not sure how that might impact your cash and health benefits? Students and families are invited to attend the March webinar where we discuss the resources available to help students get a better at understanding their disability benefits. [Registration Required](#)



2024 **ONLINE** Classes Now Enrolling
Sign up today!

Visit LAUSDAdultEd.org/HelpYourChild or scan the QR code.



Learn How To Help Your Child Succeed in School

LAUSDAdultEd.org/HelpYourChild or scan the QR Code

Graduates will be honored by the District at the end of the school year!

Lanterman Regional Center: Transition to adult Services Conference

The Transition to Adult Services Conference will inform individuals served and their families of the transition process and prepare them for life after high school. The goal is to prepare the individuals served to enter work, college, vocational program, and independent community life. Some sessions will be offered virtually via ZOOM. The last session will be in person. Each session will require a separate registration. See flyer for additional information. [Registration](#) for March 14, 2024 – 9:30 a.m. to noon



See flyer for additional information
https://bit.ly/TransitiontoAdultServices_Eng

WEBSITES

Division of Special Education (DSE)
<https://lausd.org/sped>

DSE School & Family Support Services
<https://lausd.org/spedContactUs>

DSE Services/Programs
<https://www.lausd.org/spedServices>

Office of Student Civil Rights
<https://www.lausd.org/Page/3494>

Homework Support for Elementary Students in different languages [PAPER](#)

Homework Support for Secondary Students in different languages [Tutor.com](#)

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Help Desk for Families Hotline (213) 443-1300

Region East (323) 224-3300

Region North (818) 654-3600

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