

January February Newsletter

January 11, 2024

Dear Parents, Families and Community Members,

Happy New Year! We hope that you had a restful winter season filled with much joy and time spent with your family, pausing to reflect on all that 2023 has brought! Looking to learn through victories and struggles makes us resilient and empowered, which are qualities that we can share with our children through modeling and conversation. As we move into 2024, may your focus on strengthening relationships with your children and supporting their growth and achievement be clear and inspiring.

In LAUSD, the learning never stops, so whether your children attended the Winter Academy or accessed digital activities for reading, writing, math or enrichment, we thank you. Our office is committed to supporting you in this learning journey as a family. We look to this new year with much anticipation as the fruit of our efforts together begin to take shape.

February is Black History Month, and the theme this year is on *African Americans and the Arts*. The Los Angeles Public Library has curated a diverse set of resources to support families' learning and celebration of African American history and culture, which can be found at <https://www.lapl.org/african-american>. LAUSD students are automatically assigned a Student Success Card to download information about historical leaders and movements, also using their cards to access online resources, find an online tutor every day, and borrow books. To learn more about the Student Success Card, visit <https://www.lapl.org/studentsuccess/card>. Since the California African American Museum (CAAM) is still undergoing repairs, Art + Practice, located at 3401 W. 43rd Place, Los Angeles, CA 90008, will be hosting a free CAAM exhibition through the month of March titled, "Bahia Reverb." To learn more about this free exhibit, visit <https://artandpractice.org>.

This newsletter will provide you with updates on some of the programming available through the Office of Student, Family and Community Engagement and offer some resources for support in the new semester as the learning continues through January and February.

Program Highlights

Learning In Cohort Groups: New Cohort: Equity Course Pathways Courses Starting January 16

Courses are available for families of African American and Black students, multilingual students, early learners and students in the Special Education program. These courses consist of 7 classes, meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays, where families share their lived experiences with a cohort, study a culturally-relevant curricula and develop action plans to stay engaged in their child's education. Last year, over 200 parents and guardians participated in the cohorts. More information, flyers and an enrollment link can be found at <https://www.lausd.org/familyacademy>.

Learning Together and Online: Family Academy Webinars and Region In-Person Workshops

Family Academy webinars and Region In-Person workshops continue to be offered through the spring semester. The webinars are held on most Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Workshops offering hands-on learning experiences through the Regions vary in the times offered. Topics this month include tutoring, supporting students with Individualized Education Programs, learning about artificial intelligence and reading strategies. More information and webinar recordings can be found at <https://www.lausd.org/familyacademy>.

On January 22, a special Family Academy webinar will be held to review the newly released [Family Guide to the Los Angeles Unified Strategic Plan](#). The Family Guide was designed to equip families to engage in conversations with school and District leaders about the programs and services families should see at their child's school. Los Angeles Unified and Innovate Public Schools partnered with families and school communities to develop the guide.

On February 5, another special Family Academy webinar will be held to highlight the theme of Black History Month, titled, "The Message in the Music: An Invisible Persona." This webinar will cover how music defines, forges and creates identity, culture and community, and how, historically, from the African and Black Diaspora until present day, the power of music has been used to make good trouble, from spirituals as a form of resistance and communication to rap as a social commentary.

Learning To Share: Region Ambassadors

Three engagement pathways are offered to families who are interested in serving as ambassadors to share their learning with their students, other families, and their school communities. Participants who complete the series of 3 sessions for each pathway will earn

a Region Ambassador certificate and will be invited to inform others how Los Angeles Unified and families are helping students to be ready for the world. The pathways are centered on learning about supporting students in the Special Education Program, supporting English Learners, and understanding the Los Angeles Unified's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), which details the programs, services and funds that support the District's goals for all students. More information about becoming an ambassador can be found at <https://www.lausd.org/ambassadors>.

Learning Independently: Digital Resources

There are many resources that can support families' learning independently on topics related to their leadership roles on councils and committees. Please choose from the list below to grow in knowledge and understanding about the programs and services offered within the Los Angeles Unified School District:

- **Los Angeles Unified Strategic Plan** describes the core beliefs, mission, vision and goals for students: <https://www.lausd.org/strategicplan>
- **Los Angeles Unified LCAP** details the programs, services and funds that support the District's goals for all students: <https://www.lausd.org/lcap>
- **Los Angeles Unified Black Student Achievement Plan** outlines the tenets and programs to support black students: <https://www.lausd.org/bsa>
- **Special Education Local Plan Area Local Plan** describes the budget, services and assurances related to the District's plan for special education: <https://www.lausd.org/Page/16734>
- **Los Angeles Unified Master Plan** for English Learners and Standard English Learners outlines the programs and services supporting English Learner and Standard English Learner students: <https://www.lausd.org/Page/14743>
- **LCAP Federal Addendum** describes programs and services funded by the Title I, Title II, Title III and Title IV federal programs: <https://www.lausd.org/Page/8789>
- **School Site Council and English Learner Advisory Committee Resources** offer presentation content, videos and job aids to support membership on these two groups: <https://www.lausd.org/committees>

Related Learning Opportunities: Other Resources and Meetings

BSAP Regional Family Advisory Meetings: February 8, March 14, May 9
For more information, visit <https://www.lausd.org/Page/18076>

Title VI American Indian Parent Committee Meetings: February 7, March 6, April 3, May 1

For more information, visit <https://www.lausd.org/Page/18529>

LAUSD Mobile App 3.0 and the New Parent Portal Website Upgrade: With its user-friendly interface, the release of the upgraded App and web-based access enables families to access a range of student information through the Parent Portal menu. Become familiar with all of the information options available at <https://www.lausd.org/parentportal>

Important Dates:

The following are important dates and information for January and February of 2024.

Office of Student, Family and Community Engagement & Los Angeles Unified Events January 2024
Family Academy – Returning to School After Winter Break: How to Prepare for It Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. https://bit.ly/familyacademywebinar Webinar ID #: 895 5755 5227
CAC Subcommittee Meeting Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. https://lausd.zoom.us/j/81335341167?pwd=MjNjZjJGMDFsdy9rSWdNM3g5bHNLUT09 Webinar ID #: 813 3534 1167 Passcode: 2024
Family Academy – Tailored Tutoring to Tailored Needs: Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Tutoring Programs Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. https://bit.ly/familyacademywebinar Webinar ID #: 895 5755 5227
CAC Business Meeting Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. https://lausd.zoom.us/j/83576569021?pwd=WkRDRytsMUttUjRjcG5XZFpTcm5mUT09 Webinar ID #: 835 7656 9021 Passcode: 2024

Family Academy - English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) and School Site Council (SSC) Parent Leaders Session 4: School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/familyacademywebinar>

Webinar ID #: 895 5755 5227

PAC Business Meeting

Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

<https://lausd.zoom.us/j/82019834344?pwd=eVJvOFNuSXVmaC9Td2ppYkg2TIUrQT09>

Webinar ID #: 820 1983 4344

Password: 2024

Family Academy - Family Guide to the LAUSD Strategic Plan

Monday, January 22, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/familyacademywebinar>

Webinar ID #: 895 5755 5227

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

[Regular Board Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 832 3386 6360

Family Academy - Exploring IEP Resolution Options that Keep Students at the Center

Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

<https://bit.ly/DSE-VirtualParentWorkshops>

Webinar ID #: 842 5318 9472

Regional Ambassador: Region West – English Learners

Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Wilton Place Elementary School

745 S. Wilton Place

Los Angeles, CA 90005

Option for Hybrid Participants: <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/82678149066>

Family Academy - Legislative Learning Session 3: Federal Government

Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/familyacademywebinar>

Webinar ID #: 895 5755 5227

DELAC Meeting

Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

<https://lausd.zoom.us/j/87518289198?pwd=VFVzK3pjCHlydERrL2NMQkhKb2VwZz09>

Meeting ID #: 875 1828 9198

Password: 2024

Family Academy - Exploring IEP Resolution Options that Keep Students at the Center

Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/DSE-VirtualParentWorkshops>

Webinar ID #: 842 5318 9472

PAC Subcommittee Meeting

Friday, January 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

<https://lausd.zoom.us/j/89511387194?pwd=YnFBTjViTXcxRkZGZittOWVWVWXSz09>

Webinar ID: 895 1138 7194

Password: 2024

Family Academy - Empowering LAUSD Students in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Monday, January 29, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/familyacademywebinar>

Webinar ID #: 895 5755 5227

Regional Ambassador: Region East – English Learners

Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

East Los Angeles Skills Center

3921 Selig Pl, Los Angeles, CA 90031

Option for Hybrid participation: <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/87970928222>

Regional Ambassador: Region North – English Learners

Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Byrd Middle School

8501 Arleta Ave.

Sun Valley, CA 91352

Option for Hybrid Participants: <https://www.lausd.zoom.us/j/82187731131>

Regional Ambassador: Region South – English Learners

Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Region South Professional Development and Family Engagement Center

15805 Budlong Ave.

Gardena, CA 90247

Option for Hybrid Participants: <https://www.lausd.zoom.us/j/84524935657>

Family Academy – Nurturing Young Writers: A Guide for Families

Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/familyacademywebinar>

Webinar ID #: 895 5755 5227

**Office of Student, Family and Community Engagement & Los Angeles Unified Events
February 2024**

Regional Ambassador: Region West – Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Monday, February 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Fairfax High School

7850 Melrose Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90046

Option for Hybrid Participants: <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/82678149066>

Family Academy – The Message in the Music: An Invisible Persona

Monday, February 5, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/familyacademywebinar>

Webinar ID #: 895 5755 5227

Regional Ambassador: Region North – Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

Mulholland Middle School

17120 Vanowen St, Lake Balboa, CA 91406

Option for Hybrid Participants: <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/82187731131>

CAC Subcommittee Meeting

Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

<https://lausd.zoom.us/j/81335341167?pwd=MjNjZjJGMDFsdy9rSWdNM3g5bHNLUT09>

Webinar ID #: 813 3534 1167

Passcode: 2024

Regional Ambassador: Region East – Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

Region East Offices Saldivar Conference Room

2151 N Soto St, Los Angeles, CA 90032

Option for Hybrid Participants: <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/87970928222>

Family Academy – Kindness Counts: Bullying Prevention

Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/familyacademywebinar>

Webinar ID #: 895 5755 5227

DELAC Meeting

Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

<https://lausd.zoom.us/j/82019834344?pwd=eVJvOFNuSXVmaC9Td2ppYkg2TIUrQT09>

Webinar ID #: 821 8262 3738

Password: 2024

Regional Ambassador: Region South – Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Region South Professional Development and Family Engagement Center

15805 Budlong Avenue, Gardena, CA 90247

Option for Hybrid Participants: <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/84524935657>

Family Academy – Careers in LAUSD – Part 3: Certificated Positions

Monday, February 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/familyacademywebinar>

Webinar ID #: 895 5755 5227

Regional Ambassador: Region North – Special Education

Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Sepulveda Middle School

15330 Plummer St, North Hills, CA 91343

Option for Hybrid Participants: <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/82187731131>

PAC Meeting

Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

<https://lausd.zoom.us/j/82019834344?pwd=eVJvOFNuSXVmaC9Td2ppYkg2TIUrQT09>

Webinar ID #: 820 1983 4344

Password: 2024

PAC Subcommittee Meeting

Friday, February 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

<https://lausd.zoom.us/j/89511387194?pwd=YnFBTjVITXcxRkZGZittOWVWVXNSZz09>

Webinar ID: 895 1138 7194

Password: 2024

CAC Training Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

<https://lausd.zoom.us/j/88225395390?pwd=cmlBM2ZFcEIZL2kxbm1takdZZHI0QT09>

Webinar ID #: 882 2539 5390

Passcode: 2024

Family Academy – Lunar New Year and other Asian Pacific Islander Celebrations

Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/familyacademywebinar>

Webinar ID #: 895 5755 5227

Regional Ambassador: Region West – Special Education

Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Bright Elementary School

1771 W 36th St, Los Angeles, CA 90018

Option for Hybrid Participants: <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/82678149066>

Regional Ambassador: Region East – Special Education

Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

East Los Angeles Community of Schools Offices

4540 Michigan Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90022

Option for Hybrid Participants: <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/87970928222>

Regional Ambassador: Region South – Special Education

Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Region South Professional Development and Family Engagement Center

15805 Budlong Avenue, Gardena, CA 90247

Option for Hybrid Participants: <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/82987029846>

Family Academy – Critical Media Literacy and Research Skills

Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/familyacademywebinar>

Webinar ID #: 895 5755 5227

DELAC Meeting

Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

<https://lausd.zoom.us/j/82019834344?pwd=eVJvOFNuSXVmaC9Td2ppYkg2TIUrQT09>

Webinar ID #: 821 8262 3738

Password: 2024

Additional Resources:

- **REGION EAST, NORTH, SOUTH AND WEST LEADERSHIP**

In order to become familiar with opportunities for learning and engagement in your Region, contact your Region leadership. Each Region has a Family and Community Engagement team that can help you. You can learn more about your Region by visiting <https://www.lausd.org/regions>

- **VIRTUAL ACADEMY WELCOME CENTERS**

If you have questions and require assistance from the Virtual Academy, please contact them directly at 213-241-3180. Families may also email Laura Banelos, Virtual Academy Family and Community Engagement Administrative Coordinator at lx0446@lausd.net

- **LOS ANGELES UNIFIED FAMILY HOTLINE – (213) 443-1300**

The District's Family Hotline is available for parents, families and employees. The site provides support with all general questions, including Parent Portal PIN access, requesting devices and internet.

- **LOS ANGELES UNIFIED STUDENT AND FAMILY WELLNESS HOTLINE – (213) 241-3840**

This hotline is available for students, families and educators, with support in English and Spanish, weekdays, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Please call for consultation, support and referrals.

- **SPECIAL EDUCATION HOTLINE – (213) 241-6701**

Contact the Special Education Hotline for resources for students and families or visit their webpage at <https://achieve.lausd.net/sped>

I thank you for taking the time to learn more about what the Los Angeles Unified has to offer for the months of January and February of this new year. We, at the Office of Student, Family and Community Engagement, are eager to join with you to prepare our children to be *Ready for the World* in 2024!

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