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January - March 2024

Calendar of Events

January

9th PTA Board Meeting at 6:30pm

15th MLK Day - No School

16th Meet the Masters Assemblies

16th PTA Association Meeting at 6:30PM Room 1104 (PD Room) All are Welcome!

16th -19th Meet the Masters Art Program

26th Call to Order/Student of the Month 8:45- 9:30am

26th 90th Day of School- Free Dress Day 90s style/DJ & Dance Party @ lunch

29th - Feb. 2nd 5th Grade Camp Oakes

February

Jan. 29th - 2nd 5th Grade Camp Oakes

Black History Month Activity TBD- DEI Committee

6th PTA Board Meeting at 6:30pm

12th Lincoln Day/No School

14th Love & Kindness Dress Day & Lunch Activity

15th 5th Grade Tile Painting

19th Washington Day/No School

23rd Call to Order/Student of the Month 8:45-9:30am

24th @ 3:00pm CSULB vs Hawaii Women's Basketball Game Fundraiser

29th "Celebrating the Joy of Reading" Family Picnic @ Lunch & Dress

Like your favorite book character - Bring book

TBD 5th Graders vs Parents Kick Ball Game

March

4th Meet the Masters Assembly

4th-8th Meet the Masters Art Program

5th PTA Board Meeting at 6:30pm

14th Pi Day & Math Family Celebration from 11:30am- 12:30pm

15th St. Patrick's Day - Spirit Day- Wear Green

18th- 22nd Mija Book Fair dates & time TBC

19th Open House 5:00- 6:00pm & Mija Book Fair

19th Minimum Day Dismissal @ 2pm

22nd Call to Order/Student of the Month @ 8:30-9:30am

26th PTA Association Meeting @ 6:30pm PD Rm 1104 ELECTIONS

All are Welcome!!

26th- 27th Parent Teacher Conferences - Minimum Days Dismissal @ 2pm

29th No School Admissions Day

29th Raising Cane's Dine Out Fundraiser





PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Eagles and hello 2024! I hope you had a nice winter break and enjoyed some time with family and friends. My family enjoy time in Big Bear, one of our winter traditions. The first half of our school year was busy and flew by! We have many exciting things planned for the coming months and hope you'll be involved. I'd like to highlight some fantastic things that PTA has accomplished since our last newsletter:

*Family STEM Storytime - Our VP of Programs, Emily Spaulding, planned an educational and fun fall event in partnership with PlayWell Teknologies. We'll host another one in the Spring; stay tuned for more details.

*Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day - Do you know we have a Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Committee? Thank you Shervaughnna Byrd for coming to read about Ruby's legacy with our students and for the books you donated to all of our teachers.

*Winter Wonderland Student Holiday Shop - The shop was a success thanks LaDonnna Troller, Emily Spaulding, Wanda Zwick, and Roxanne Boynton. Shout out to all of the volunteers who helped. We'll need you again for the Book Fair in March!

*Eagle Nest Helping Hands Giveback - Maria Avalos and committee coordinated gift baskets for two MacArthur families. We hope it brought some joy to their holiday season. Thank you to those who generously donated items from the Amazon wishlist.

Lots of programs, events and easy family fundraisers are in the works for 2024. In order to make all of this happen...WE NEED HELP! Please consider how you can be involved in the coming months.

Join us for our next Association Meeting on Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30pm either in person or virtually via zoom. A guest speaker from LBUSD's Family Resource Center will be kicking off the meeting and we'll be giving away Eagle merchandise to a few lucky attendees. It will be a great opportunity to learn about our programs, fundraisers, budget, and exciting upcoming events. We promise, it's a fun bunch!

I'm always available via email; please reach out with any questions, comments, or feedback. Follow our socials to stay up to date on important info.

Adrea Pino

PTA President 2022-2024

DouglasMacArthurPTA@gmail.com





PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year, Eagles Family! We're kicking off 2024 on a positive note and anticipating a purposeful school year ahead. This January, our focus is on encouraging students to set goals. Parents and guardians can connect goal setting with your child's school data, like the iReady Diagnostic 2 results on Parent Vue (PVue), to foster reflective learning and growth. Let's support and encourage our lifelong learners in setting and achieving goals for success!

MacArthur Running Club Fridays

Using ELOP funding, the Running Club enrichment program is on Fridays, before school, with Ms. Henry. This enrichment program focuses on ensuring our students are physically fit. Regular attendance is suggested but we will allow drop ins as long as we have permission slips on file. Please sign the permission slip using the QR code before dropping off your child on Fridays from 8:15 - 8:45 a.m.



Student Safety

Please make a commitment to arrive before or after school at least 5-10 minutes early and park on the school side of MacArthur so that our students continue to be safe. As a reminder: **our parking lot is for teachers and staff only**. Students may not be dropped off in our parking lot. Let's not wait for an accident to happen in order for us to remember this MacArthur rule.



Special instances where it is OK to park in our parking lot: school-wide events, assemblies, Citizen of the Month, movie nights, family picnic, family dance night, or any after hours PTA event.

Lakewood PD is aware of MacArthur's safety issues during drop offs and pickups. They will be issuing warnings and tickets for jaywalking, double parking, parking in the yellow loading zones, parking in the red zones, or parking in between the arrow signs (in front of our school).

- *Please do not drop off students on the opposite side of the street.*
- *Children are not allowed to jaywalk, it is not safe for them to cross the street in between cars*
- *It is not safe to double park in the middle of the street, this causes a traffic backlog and it is extremely dangerous to ask your children to enter your car in the middle of the road.*
- *Refrain from honking... thanks!*
- *If you have to park in the neighborhood, please be mindful of our neighbors by not blocking their driveways.*

Thank you all for prioritizing our students' safety.

Mrs. Yepez, Principal
myepez@lbschools.net



Calling All Volunteers!!



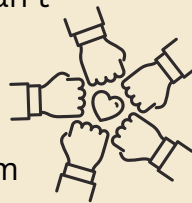
Volunteers are needed throughout the school year for events & programs. PTA events & programs can't happen without helpful hands!

If interested, please email at

macarthurvolynteercoordinator@gmail.com

Wanda Zwick
2023 - 2024

Volunteer Coordinator



We will continue recycling sneakers this entire school year.

Can you collect 15-20 pairs of sneakers to help us out? If you can't collect 15-20 pairs, don't worry. Just collect as many pairs as you can.

Every pair counts!

Please drop the shoes in the PTA collection box on the PTA table by the library.

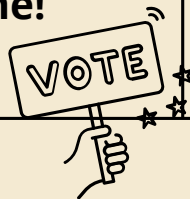


PTA Association Meeting

March 26, 2024
at 6:30pm



Please join us in Room 1104. We will be discussing upcoming programs, events, fundraisers, volunteer opportunities, & ELECTIONS in March. All are welcome!

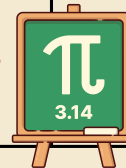


Family Events during School Hours



Celebrating the Joy of Reading
Thursday, February 29th
at Lunch time

&
Pi Day/Family Math
Celebration Day
Thursday, March 14
from 11:30am-12:30pm



Our school will continue to participate in School Cents program this year, from Sept. 1- April 30. Last year, we earned \$600 and we can make even more to benefit our school! It's easy to upload receipts from participating businesses using the link below. You can also turn receipts into the school office and PTA will upload for you.
<https://www.shoppingpartnership.com/LCS>



Hi-Hill at Camp Oakes

5th grade field trip is part of LBUSD's commitment to providing an equitable opportunity for youth to discover the world beyond community and classroom. For one whole week students will learn in the outdoors up in Big Bear.

MacArthur Students will attend **January 29th- February 2nd.**
Deadline to Register your Fifth Grader: Friday, January 19th



5th Grade Committee

MacArthur PTA is excited to start planning events for the Class of 2024! All parents of 5th graders are welcome. Please keep an eye out for more information!

If you're interested in helping on the 5th Grade Committee, please email Heather Hubbard
nodoubt-girl@hotmail.com



Printed Member Involvement Cards will be coming home this week. Extra Copies will always be available at the PTA table.



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Member involvement card January - May 2024

Our members make PTA SUPER successful! Complete 4 items by 5/22/2024 and you'll be entered in a gift card drawing and invited to our end of the school year Superhero appreciation event in June.
ONE CARD PER FAMILY; turn in to the school office.

Parent name & email:

Student(s) Name(s):

- Become a VIPS (Volunteer in Public Schools) - see front office
- Donate tennis shoes to our GotSneakers Program
- Attend at least one PTA Association Meeting on Tuesday 1/16, 3/26 and/or 5/21
- Volunteer one one of our committees or nominate yourself for a Board Position for 2024-25 school year (submit by 2/17)
- Turn in or upload at least 10 receipts to School Cents Fundraiser
- Attend "Joy of Reading" Family Picnic 2/29 (during your student's lunch)
- Volunteer for a shift at the Book Fair week of March 18
- Attend Pi Day & Math Family Celebration 3/14
- Attend Spring Family Dance 4/19
- Participate in at least one Family Dine Out or Family Sports Day (see newsletter & social media for dates)
- Attend Spring Storytime on June 6 in the School Garden

2024-2025 PTA BOARD NOMINATIONS

Are you interested in being an instrumental part of making your student's school experience the best it can be? Nominations can be submitted through February 7th. +



QUESTIONS?
LWAGS83@GMAIL.COM



Eagle Nest provides support to MacArthur families experiencing life altering circumstances.

We want our school community to know we care & are here to support.

Some resources we can provide:

- ♡ Partner with Classroom Representative to collect helpful items - meal gift cards, etc.
- ♡ Connection to LBUSD's Family Resource Center - grief groups, counseling, etc.
- ♡ Support classroom teacher(s) to create sympathy cards for student(s).
- ♡ Coordinate play dates & transport to/from school.

Get in touch:
Macarthurseaglenest@gmail.com

90's 90th Day of School

Friday, January 26th
Free Dress Day
Dance Party & coloring sheets at lunch

BACK TO THE 90'S

*ATTIRE MUST ADHERE TO SCHOOL'S DRESS CODE.

Questions?
DouglasMacArthurPTA@gmail.com

DRESS LIKE YOU'RE IN THE 1990S!

- Baggie jeans
- Overalls
- Airbrush shirt
- Biker shorts
- Color blocked clothes
- Flannels
- Windbreakers
- Dr. Martins
- Hats

Use your Imagination!
*Please adhere to school's Dress Code.



CELEBRATING **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

OUR DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION (DEI)
CHAIR IS PUTTING TOGETHER A COMMITTEE FOR
FEBRUARY. WE WOULD LOVE HELP & ALL ARE
WELCOME! IF INTERESTED, PLEASE SEND A DM OR EMAIL
DOUGLASMARTHURPTA@GMAIL.COM

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**WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 14**

Love & Kindness Free Dress Day

Wear Valentine colors or kindness shirts.

Love your Body, Mind, & Soul

Students will have an opportunity to
participate in a fun workout at lunch.

Hosted by Mrs. Delos Reyes

Questions:

DouglasMacArthurPTA@gmail.com

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY "CELEBRATING THE JOY OF READING" & DRESS LIKE YOUR FAVORITE BOOK CHARACTER

Thursday, February 29th
Join your student(s) for a
Family Picnic Lunch

All students will be
included in this fun event!
School Staff will be at
special table for students
without an adult present.

TK 12:00- 12:30pm

K 11:45- 12:25pm

Gr. 1 12:15- 12:55pm

Gr. 2 12:25- 1:05pm

Gr.3 12:30-1:10pm

Gr. 4, 5, & Spectrum 12:35-1:15pm

Enter through the front of
the school. Bring lunch, a
blanket/chair, and a book
to read. Please have
students return to class
following lunch to
complete the school day.

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DRESS LIKE YOUR FAVORITE BOOK CHARACTER & CONTEST

Please bring the book

Thursday, February 29th

*School appropriate attire; no masks or weapons.



MacArthur's Math Family Celebration

Thursday, March 14th
11:30am - 12:30pm

INTERNATIONAL **PI DAY**

JOIN YOUR STUDENT(S) AT LUNCH FOR FUN, ENGAGING MATH ACTIVITIES
& SOME PIE AS WE CELEBRATE PI DAY AS A SCHOOL.



Do you have a connection to a store or bakery that sells pies? PTA is looking for businesses to donate. Please DM us or email DouglasMacArthurPTA@gmail.com



Hosted by:
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MARCH 18TH - 22ND

PTA is excited to partner with local small business, Mija Books, for our book fair this school year. If you love books, we need your help! There will be a committee working together to pull off this event that students, teachers, and parents/guardians LOVE. The more help we get, the more book fair time we'll be able to offer.

Please send us a DM or email
DouglasMacArthurPTA@gmail.com



Join us for a fun afternoon at CSULB, cheering on the Women's Basketball team as they play against Hawaii!



Women's Basketball vs. Hawaii, Sat.
2/24

Feb 24, 2024 3:00 PM PST

Walter Pyramid

1250 N Bellflower Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90840, US

Purchase Deadline: Feb 24, 2024 4:00 PM PST

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MacArthur Elementary School Family Night Fundraiser

\$5 of each ticket sold given back to
MacArthur Elementary*

**Highest local school fundraiser also receives matching
donation up to \$1,000*

All tickets are general admission bench (disregard
section selection)

JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER AT RAISING CANE'S!

Mention the fundraiser at the register
and Cane's will donate 15% of sales to:

MacArthur Elementary PTA Fundraiser

DATE & TIME:

March 29, 2024 from 08:00 AM - 10:00 AM

LOCATION:

4634 Candlewood St., Lakewood, CA 90712
+1 562-408-4820



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Douglas A. MacArthur Elementary School PTA
6011 Centralia Street, Lakewood, CA 90713
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Greetings MacArthur Community Member,

I am writing to you on behalf of Douglas A. MacArthur Elementary School PTA, a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The PTA's purpose is to provide funding and support for the academic enrichment of the students at MacArthur Elementary through student enrichments, art workshops, virtual experiences, and other educational programs and materials. We accomplish this endeavor through various fundraising activities throughout the school year.

Sponsorships are a win-win opportunity for both our partners and the school. Our sponsors get the public recognition they deserve for their engagement in the community, and our teachers and staff get the help they need to enhance the educational environment for every child at MacArthur Elementary School.

I would like to formally invite you, an individual/family or local business, to become a 2023-2024 MacArthur Community Sponsor by contributing a tax-deductible donation to MacArthur's PTA in the amount of \$300.00.

For your appreciation you will receive your business logo or individual/family name on a commercially printed "Thank You" banner to be hung on the school's fence.

If you are interested in being a MacArthur Community Sponsor please complete the section below. Your sponsorship will be valid from the date your application is received until June 13, 2024. On behalf of MacArthur PTA, thank you for your consideration and we look forward to building a partnership with you in support of all students at MacArthur Elementary. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at douglasmacarthurpta@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support,
Melissa Baumler
VP, Ways and Means, Douglas MacArthur PTA

SPONSORSHIP TERMS – 2023-2024 School Year

MacArthur Elementary PTA is a non-profit organization and is not affiliated with the Long Beach Unified School District and is acting on its own behalf in this agreement. MacArthur Elementary School may deny any submission for any reason at any time. This is a sponsorship agreement between the SPONSOR and MacArthur Elementary PTA and neither party is liable for damages resulting from this agreement. Once this submission has been approved and your donation processed, you will receive confirmation including a donation receipt for your tax records.

Please mail this form and your \$300.00 donation to "MacArthur Elementary PTA", 6011 Centralia Avenue, Lakewood, CA 90713

Are you a parent of a MacArthur student? _____ If yes, please indicate your child's name: _____

Company Name or Family/Individual: _____

Address: _____

Contact person: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Email: _____ **Website url:** _____

Logo: Please email your logo to douglasmacarthurpta@gmail.com (high resolution vector files)

Brief Description of your company:



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PTA is the nation's largest volunteer-led child-advocacy association working to drive improvements in the education, health, and well-being of all children and families. We believe every adult has a responsibility to ensure that all children develop to their full potential. PTA plays a vital role at MacArthur by supporting our students, staff, and families throughout the school year in many ways.

Your membership & our fundraising efforts support:

*Programs - Meet the Masters Art program, Scholastic Readers & Studies Weekly, Family Storytime, Home Reading Club, class field trip transportation and more!

*Events – End of Summer Picnic, Donuts with Dear Ones, Community Give-Back, Trunk- or-Treat, 5th Grade Activities, Read Across America, Spring Family Event and more!

WHO CAN JOIN: Anyone can become a PTA member - Parents, teachers/staff, extended family, guardians, neighbors and students! Membership does not require volunteering; although volunteers are very much appreciated and help make things SUPER fun!

Questions: DouglasMacArthurPTA@gmail.com

Member Name: _____

Student Name(s): _____

Teacher(s): _____

Member e-mail (please print clearly) : _____

Member cell number: _____

Member Address: _____

I am a: Parent Teacher/Staff Relative Student Other



Or scan QR Code to easily join online!

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