

MACARTHUR PTA PRESENTS

THE EAGLES GAZETTE



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PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back Eagles!

Whether this is your first or last year, or somewhere in the middle – I am so excited to help welcome our Eagle community to school! My name is Heather Gammel, and I am this year's returning PTA President. Our PTA has an amazing group of volunteers who help create a fantastic community where students and adults can come together through fun, new, and exciting programs and events.

This year, we are bringing back the Reflections Art Program as well as Meet the Masters, Clay Day, Book Fair, and more! We will be changing up our Fall Event to a fun movie night with games, activities, and vendors. We will continue to have a variety of Dine-Out opportunities as well as some other new FUNdraising ideas. All support provided is unbelievably helpful to bring all these programs and events to our school.

We are always looking for volunteers for our programs and events, which require only your time and dedication. If your schedule doesn't allow it, we also accept financial donations. Please make sure you are an active and paid member of the PTA to help support our school as well as provide you with voting rights.

If you are not currently following our socials (Instagram, Facebook, Peachjar), please do so by scanning the codes below! I look forward to seeing you all soon; if you need to contact me at any time for anything, please do not hesitate to email me at douglasmacarthurpta@gmail.com.



With gratitude,
Heather Gammel,
MacArthur PTA President 2024-26





PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear MacArthur Families,

We are excited to welcome you to a new school year at MacArthur and hope that every family will join and support our amazing PTA! Over the past year, we have had the privilege of seeing firsthand the incredible ways our PTA enriches the lives of our students, families, and staff. From organizing memorable events to providing resources that directly support classrooms, the impact of our PTA is felt in every part of our campus.

What makes this possible is not only the dedication of the PTA Board Members but also the energy and commitment of every PTA Association Member and volunteer who gives their time. Whether through big projects or small, on campus or from home, your involvement helps create the supportive, thriving school community our students deserve.

We are deeply grateful for the partnership between families, staff, and the PTA that makes MacArthur such a special place to learn and grow. We look forward to another year of collaboration, celebration, and success together.



With gratitude,
Dr. Beth Cohen, *Principal*
Mr. Kennedy Dixon, *School Counselor*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER MISSIONS

- 9/1:** Labor Day, No School
- 9/2:** PTA Board Meeting | PTA Room
6:30–8:30 PM
- 9/4:** Popsicles w/the PTA + Spirit Wear Sales
2–3:30 PM | Front Gate
- 9/5:** Popsicles w/the PTA + Spirit Wear Sales
3–4 PM | Back Gate
- 9/11:** Dine Out @ Handel's Ice Cream
- 9/16:** Back to School Night | 5:30 PM
Early dismissal at 2 pm
- 9/19:** Donuts with Dear Ones
Auditorium | 8:15–9 AM
- 9/22–9/26:** Read-A-Thon (online)
- 9/23:** PTA Association Meeting
Library/Zoom | 6:30–8:30 PM
- 9/26:** Student of the Month

Bonus Levels This Month

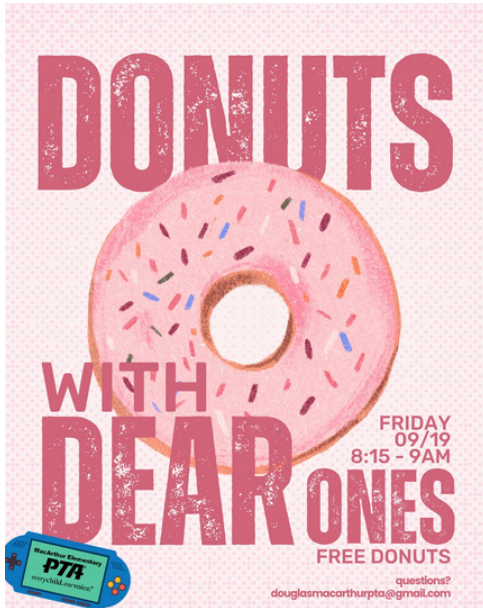
- SchoolStore opens
- Spirit Wear Store 9/9–9/23
- Yearbook Committee launches
- Digital Marquee messages begin

OCTOBER MISSIONS

- 10/6–10/10:** Book Fair | Library
- 10/7:** PTA Board Meeting | PTA Room
6:30–8:30 PM
- 10/9:** Picture Day | 9 AM–2 PM
- 10/16:** Dine Out @ CASSIDY'S
- 10/24:** Fall Movie Night | 6:00–8:30 PM
- 10/31:** Student of the Month



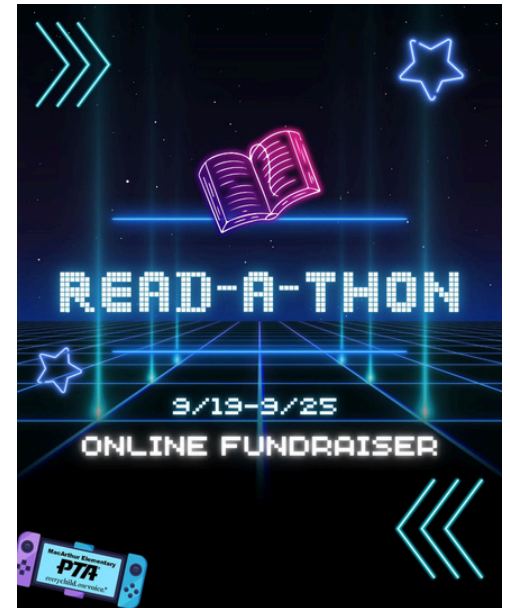
SAVE THE DATES



FRI | 09/19 | 8:15-9 AM



Last day 09/23



OCT TBD



Week 10/06-10/10



THU | 10/9 | 9 AM-2 PM



FRI | 10/24 | 6-8:30 PM



REFLECTIONS



2025-2026
CALL FOR
ENTRIES!

I Belong!

Explore the arts and
express yourself!



Learn more and get involved!
PTA.org/Reflections

Deadline for Entries:

Sunday, Oct 26th at 5pm

For Details:

Questions?

Reflectionsmacarthur@gmail.com



next player:

COMMITTEE CHAIRS NEEDED



YOU are creative, busy, and want to get involved without a full PTA role.



WE are the PTA board looking for parent players to organize and lead events.

⚡ **Power up with us for Fall Festival, Book Fair, Family Nights and more.**

💡 **Not ready to be a Chair? Plenty of non-chair volunteer spots are open too.**



GAME ON! Let's do this together. 🤖

The Committee Chairs team up with the PTA President and Board to plan events with budget and volunteer support.

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committee chair



90TH DAY OF SCHOOL



Power Up the 90th Day of School!
Be the player who leads the party with your own
committee crew.



WHEN
On the 90th day of school
Late January
Specific date for celebration TBD

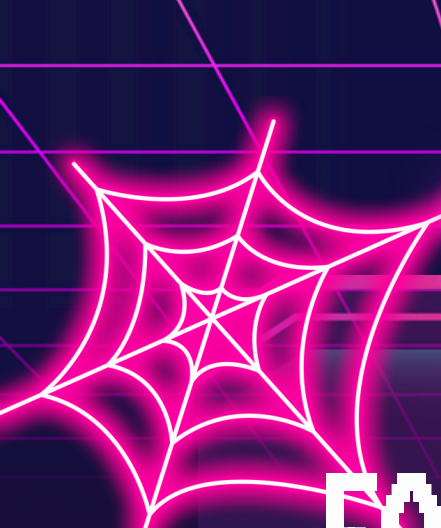


REQUIREMENTS:

-  **Must be a current VIPS registered with LBUSD**
-  **Attend at least one meeting before your event
to share your ideas and review your budget**
(Zoom option available)

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need volunteers

FALL MOVIE NIGHT

Get ready for lights, costumes, and a spooky good time
— our Fall Movie Night is coming, and we need
volunteers to make the magic happen.

Help us out with:

- Set up before the event
- Clean up after the fun
- Prepping activities
and movie night treats



WHEN

Friday October 24th 6:30–8:30 PM

plus set up/clean up and planning hours
leading up to the event.



REQUIREMENTS:

 **Must be a current VIPS registered with LBUSD**

 **Attend at least one meeting before your event
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(Zoom option available)

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committee chair



FUN RUN CHAIR



Player One: Boosterthon Coordinator

Own communication with Boosterthon. Team up with the PTA President and Volunteer Coordinator to deploy helpers on event day.



WHEN
February 23, 2026
plus planning ahead of time



REQUIREMENTS:

-  **Must be a current VIPS registered with LBUSD**
-  **Attend at least one meeting before your event to share your ideas and review your budget**
(Zoom option available)

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committee chair

JOY OF READING

Quest: Joy of Reading Event

Plan the adventure, rally volunteers, team up with school staff, and handle setup and cleanup. Build your squad to bring the event to life.



WHEN
Friday, March 6th
during lunch breaks
11:30a-1:00p
Plus set up & clean up



REQUIREMENTS:

- 🎮 **Must be a current VIPS registered with LBUSD**
- 🎮 **Attend at least one meeting before your event to share your ideas and review your budget**
(Zoom option available)

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committee chair



SPRING FAMILY EVENT



Power Up the Spring Event

Lead the action. Dream big or level up the Spring Dance. Form your crew and make the event unforgettable.

WHEN

April 24th | 6:30–8:30pm
plus set up/clean up & planning hours
leading up to the event.



REQUIREMENTS:

-  **Must be a current VIPS registered with LBUSD**
-  **Attend at least one meeting before your event to share your ideas and review your budget**
(Zoom option available)

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OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

The PTA Board powers a lot each year and we need your help to keep the game going.

- SPIRIT WEAR SALES
- DONUTS WITH DEAR ONES SET UP/CLEAN UP
- BOOK FAIR (OCTOBER) SHOP STAFFING
- FALL ACTIVITY SET UP/CLEAN UP (OCTOBER)
- WINTER WONDERLAND (DECEMBER) SHOP STAFFING
- 90TH DAY OF SCHOOL SET UP/CLEAN UP (JANUARY)
- MEET THE MASTERS MATERIALS PREP (CAN BE DONE AT HOME)
- FAMILY STORYTIME SET UP/CLEAN UP
- JOY OF READING SET UP/CLEANUP
- PICTURE DAY (FALL, SPRING, & 5TH GRADE)
- SPRING EVENT SET UP/CLEAN UP PREP HELP
- VARIOUS FUNDRAISERS PICKUP/DISTRIBUTION HELP
- FUN RUN SUPPORT (FEB)
- STUFFY SLEEPOVER- STUFFY COLLECTION, STUFFY SHENANIGANS
- GOT SNEAKERS COLLECTION AND MAILING (OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL!)
- FREE TREES DISTRIBUTION

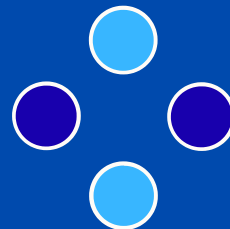


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DO YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR VIPS?

Registering as a VIPS
(Volunteer in Public Schools)



To volunteer on campus within
LBUSD for PTA activities,
classroom volunteering, or field
trips, you must be a registered
VIPS.

VIPS certification is valid for
4yrs from the date of approval.
If it has been 4 years, it's time
to renew.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Current TB test
- Valid California ID
- Completed online application

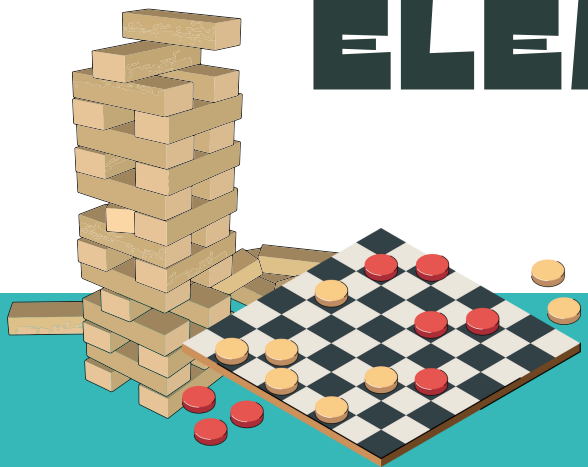
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JOIN THE 2025-2026

MACARTHUR ELEMENTARY PTA



**SCAN QR CODE TO
JOIN!**



Parent, Students, Teachers,
Grandparents, Friends, &
Community Members can join!!

**\$12 TO JOIN
TODAY**

YOUR MEMBERSHIP SUPPORTS SCHOOL
PROGRAMS:

HOME READING CLUB, FALL & SPRING FAMILY
EVENTS, BUSES FOR FIELD TRIPS, DEI EVENTS,
AND MUCH MORE!

[HTTPS://JOINTOTEM.COM/CA/LAKEWOOD/DOUGLAS-MACARTHUR-ELEMENTARY-PTA!](https://JOINTOTEM.COM/CA/LAKEWOOD/DOUGLAS-MACARTHUR-ELEMENTARY-PTA!)

QUESTIONS? DOUGLASMARTHURPTA@GMAIL.COM

WHY JOIN PTA?



MACARTHUR ELEMENTARY PTA



#1 OUR STUDENTS BENEFIT

#2 OUR SCHOOL BENEFITS

#3 YOU BENEFIT

#4 CREATE CONNECTIONS

Scan QR Code to
join!



STAY CONNECTED ON



: @DOUGLASMARTHURPTA



: @MACARTHURPTA

QUESTIONS? DOUGLASMARTHURPTA@GMAIL.COM



Join the 2025-2026 MacArthur PTA Game On!! Be a part of the best team!



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 \$11.55 membership & our fundraising efforts support:

- Programs: Scholastic Readers, Family Storytime, Home Reading Club, class field trip transportation, and more!
- Events: End of Summer Picnic, Donuts with Dear Ones, Community Give-Back, Fall Event, DEI, 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: _____

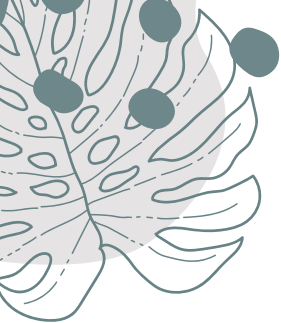
I am a: ☐ Parent ☐ Teacher/Staff ☐ Relative ☐ Student ☐ Other



Or scan
QR Code to
easily join
online!

PTA Use Only:

_____ Cash _____ Check #



PTA Spirit Wear Form

Items available on First Come, First Served Basis.

Youth: XS- XL & Adult: S- 2XL



Short Sleeve Shirts: Youth size, color*, & quantity _____

cost \$15

Adult size, color*, & quantity _____

*color options: red or navy _____

Hoodie Sweatshirt: Youth size, color*, & quantity _____

cost \$30

Adult size, color*, & quantity _____

*color options: red or navy _____

Long Sleeve Shirts: Youth size, color*, & quantity _____

cost \$20

*color options: red or navy _____

Short Sleeve SOAR Shirt: Youth size, & quantity _____

cost \$15 - Navy only _____

Zip-Up Sweatshirt: Youth size, color*, & quantity _____

cost \$30

*color options: red or navy _____



Adult's name _____ Cell # _____

Student's name _____ Room # _____

*You can PAY via CASH,CHECK , or **Cheddar Up**

(buyer pays small service fee). Use **QR Code** or **Link Below**)

<https://spirit-wear-63430.cheddarup.com>

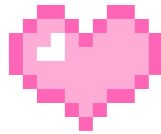
**Please make checks payable to MacArthur PTA and include your student's name and room number on the memo line.

***Sizes & Colors based on availability. PTA will contact you if requested item isn't available.

Payment Info: Cash _____ Check #: _____ CheddarUp (small service fee) _____ Amount: \$ _____ Date: _____

Questions?

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SPONSORSHIP – 2025-2026 School Year
Douglas A. MacArthur Elementary School PTA
6011 Centralia Street, Lakewood, CA 90713
(562)420-3588 (562)420-7883Fax



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 2025-2026 MacArthur Community Sponsor by contributing a tax-deductible donation to MacArthur's PTA in the amount of \$400.00.

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 as well as your logo and thanks included in all of our newsletters.

If you are interested in being a MacArthur Community Sponsor please complete the section below. Your sponsorship will be valid for a year from the date your banner is hung. 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,
Heather Gammel
President, Douglas MacArthur PTA

SPONSORSHIP TERMS – 2025-2026 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 \$400.00 donation to "MacArthur Elementary PTA", 6011 Centralia Avenue, Lakewood, CA 90713, or pay below with the QR code.

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:

