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**Volume 9 Issue 3**

**January - March 2025**



# Calendar of Events

## January

7th PTA Board Meeting

13th-17th Double Good Popcorn Virtual Fundraiser (flyer sent home)

20th Holiday - MLK Day

21st PTA Association Meeting @6:30 pm in School Library & Zoom. All are Welcome!

21st-24th Meet the Masters: Joan Miro

24th 90th Day of School (Flyer sent home)

29th Lunar New Year Activity: DEI Committee (During School Hours)

31st Student of the Month/Call to Order

## February

**Black History Month Activity TBD- DEI Committee**

**3rd Board Nomination Forms Due (hardcopy or digital)**

**4th PTA Board Meeting at 6:30pm**

**10th Lincoln Day/No School**

**14th Valentine's Spirit Day**

**14th "We are Lucky Ducks" Teacher Love Day**

**17th Presidents' Day/No School**

**20th-21st Stuffie Sleepover**

**23rd The Stand Dine-Out Fundraiser 11am-9pm**

**27th Storytime: Mardi Gras Celebration @ 5:30- 7:30pm**

**28th Call to Order/Student of the Month**

## March

Teacher of the Year Contest (Details Coming Soon!)

3rd-7th Read-a-thon Fundraiser (Details Coming Soon!)

4th "Joy of Reading" Lunch with a Loved One (Save the Date!! - Details Coming Soon!)

4th PTA Board Meeting at 6:30pm

14th Pi Day Celebration (Details coming soon!)

17th St. Patrick's Day - Spirit Day- Wear Green, gold, or rainbow

18th Association Meeting @6:30pm 2025-'26 Board Elections! School Library & Zoom  
Must be a PTA Member to vote.

28th Call to Order/Student of the Month @ 8:30-9:30am





# PRINCIPAL'S Message



JANUARY 2025

Dear MacArthur Families,

As we near the end of the first semester, I want to share how honored I feel to have joined such a vibrant, dedicated school community this year. In just a few months, I've been amazed by the spirit, teamwork, and care that make MacArthur such a special place. From our hardworking staff to our fabulous families and incredible PTA, it's clear that everyone here is deeply committed to supporting our students and one another.

First, I want to highlight the heart of our school—our teachers and staff. Day in and day out, they pour their energy into creating a safe, engaging, and supportive environment for every student. Our teachers, intervention specialists, counselor, school psychologists, and office staff work tirelessly to ensure students have what they need to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally. Our custodial team keeps our campus pristine and welcoming, while our cafeteria staff and recreation aides manage lunchtime and recess with care, ensuring students are safe and supported during these important parts of their day. Together, this team lays the foundation for our students to thrive.

I also want to acknowledge our valued partnership with the YMCA through their Playground Partners program. This initiative provides additional support for kindergarten recess and structured, engaging activities during lunch recess for 1st-5th grade students, adding fun and connection to their day. The YMCA's support complements the critical work of our recreation aides, who supervise and care for students throughout the cafeteria, lunch benches, and playground.

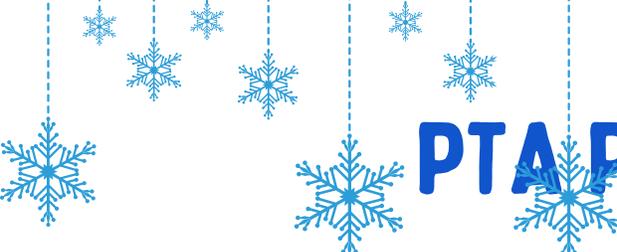
Of course, I must also highlight the incredible work of our PTA, who have been at the heart of so much this year. They've led an impressive array of events, fundraisers, and programs, including the Boosterthon Fun Run, Mrs. Fields sales, and the MacArthur blanket fundraiser—all of which are helping to fund a new electronic marquee, new books for our school library, and the many PTA-sponsored programs that enrich our school. They've organized events like PTA Park Day, Donuts with Dear Ones, Trunk or Treat, Panda Express Dine Out, and the Holiday Shop, while also showing their appreciation for our teachers with thoughtful treats during fall conferences. Programs like Meet the Masters, environmental initiatives like E-Waste Recycling Day, and cultural celebrations such as the Dia de los Muertos ofrenda and the upcoming Lunar New Year display have created and will continue to create meaningful moments of connection and learning for our community.

As a newcomer, I continue to marvel at the dedication and energy behind all of the daily hard work and tremendous efforts of this community, which reflects the very best of what it means to work together to give our students the best elementary school experience possible.

Thank you all for making this school year such a wonderful experience so far. I look forward to continuing this journey together and building on the strong foundation that makes our community so exceptional.

Warmly,  
Principal Cohen





# PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all the MacArthur Eagle families!

First, I wanted to send all our love, well wishes, and positive vibes to those families that have experienced loss in the most recent So-Cal fires. From being displaced, to losing items and/or loved ones, our hearts are with these families and all the first responders that are helping to save as much as they can. If you are experiencing loss due to these fires, please reach out directly to our PTA.

It has been a magical and busy school year so far; I can't believe we are already into 2025. We have had some exciting things happening since my last update with the PTA and it is all because of you, our Eagles!

Rachel Del Pozo, our 5th grade chair, brought us THE softest - first ever - MacArthur Eagle blankets. We are so grateful to be able to support our 5th graders and help to bring them some fun activities, shirts, personalized wall tiles, and more to remember their last year as a MacArthur Eagle. I just know that Rachel and her 5th grade committee will continue to make a lasting impression on our little Eagles in their last few months with us.

LaDonna Troullier, our Winter Wonderland Committee Chair, hosted another fun Holiday Shop. Her and the committee turned our PTA room into a true Winter Wonderland. The kids all had such a great time visiting, shopping for their loved ones, and feeling the holiday spirit of giving. Oftentimes when there was a quarter left from their balance, they would decide to give to someone that might need it. Everyone that walked in that room was able to purchase at least one item because of you and your little Eagles generosity, thank you!!!

Also because of you and our amazing fundraising liaison, Liz Carne, we were able to gift our library with \$1000 to purchase some much needed and highly desired new book titles. Our new digital marquee that we have been raising funds for has been sent to the district for approval and is in the process of being made; we are so excited. Liz also brought Mrs. Fields to our school for the first time, and it was an absolute hit!

Coming up, we will be having a Family Storytime, a Read-A-Thon, a Lunch with a Loved One event to celebrate the Joy Of Reading, a Stuffed Sleepover, a Spring Family Dance, and more! We continue to fundraise to support all our staff and students and help to provide field trips, art programs, and other fun activities throughout the year.

Stay tuned for our upcoming events!

As always, I am thankful for your support, encouragement, and involvement. I am truly humbled to serve as the MacArthur PTA President.

Heather Gammel  
MacArthur PTA President  
2024-25





# Attention Volunteers!

Volunteers are needed throughout the school year for events & programs.

If Interested in volunteering this year, please email, Erica Williams

MacArthurPTAvolunteercoordinator@yahoo.com

**\*\*You must be a VIPS to be able to volunteer on campus. See next page for instructions.\*\***



# VIPS



HOW TO BECOME A LBUSD VIPS...

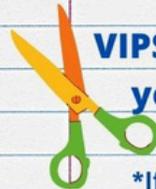


**THOSE WANTING TO VOLUNTEER ON CAMPUS NEED TO COMPLETE AND TURN IN A FEW ITEMS:**

1. Fill out online application

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2. COPY OF TB CLEARANCE, COPY OF CA PHOTO ID



**VIPS Status expires every 4 years (TB Test Needed)**

\*If you've been a VIPS in the past, please check with school office on your status.



# We ♥ our Volunteers

We are always in need of volunteers to help with events & programs during the school day and after hours. Please complete & submit required paperwork to become a VIP to volunteer during school hours.



**gotsneakers?**  
A Sneaker Recycling Organization

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.

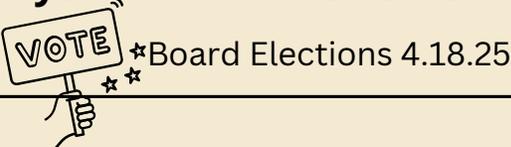


## PTA Association Meeting

**January 21, 2025**  
**at 6:30pm**



**Please join us in School Library. We will be discussing upcoming programs, updates on fundraisers, volunteer opportunities, & Board Nominations for next year. All are welcome!**



\*Board Elections 4.18.25

## Save the Date

**Family Event**  
**during**  
**School Hours**

**"Joy of Reading"**  
**Lunch with a Loved One**  
**Tuesday, March 4th**

**During your child's lunch**  
**time.**



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 **April 7th-10th.**

Deadline to Register your Fifth Grader & Meeting: TBD



## 5th Grade Committee

**The committee has been working hard at fundraising and excited to start planning events for the Class of 2025! All parents of 5th graders are welcome to join the committee. Please keep an eye out for any updates on meetings!**

**If you're interested in helping on the 5th Grade Committee,**  
**please email Rachel Del Pozo**  
**Douglasmacarthur5thgradechair@gmail.com**





**Support our team event!  
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**01.13 5pm  
to 01.17 5pm**

Before the fundraiser begins:

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\*app is available for free on iOS & Android

When you buy Double Good's award-winning popcorn, 50% of your purchase goes to supporting MacArthur PTA and you receive a delicious reward!  
Shop now to help!



**BRING IN AT LEAST ONE UNOPENED BOX OF CEREAL**

**Donate by Friday, 1/17**

**MacArthur's "Great Cereal Box Domino Challenge"**

**We will be donating cereal boxes to a local food bank that is supporting fire victims.**



QUESTIONS:  
douglassmacarthurpta@gmail.com



**Printed Member Involvement Cards will be coming home soon!  
Extra Copies will always be available at the PTA table.**

**Involvement Cards Due: May 5th  
Submit One per family to School Office!**

## Member Involvement Card January - May 2025



Our members make PTA SUPER successful! Complete 4 items by 5/5/2025 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 1/21, 3/18 and/or 5/27
- Volunteer on one of our committees or nominate yourself for a Board Position for 2025-26 school year (submit nomination form by 2/3)
- Turn in or upload at least 10 receipts to School Cents Fundraiser
- Attend "Joy of Reading" Lunch with a Loved One on Tuesday, 3/4 (during your student's lunch)
- Attend Storytime on Thursday, 2/27
- Help with Pi Day Celebration Friday, 3/14
- Participate in at least one Family Dine Out or Fundraiser (see newsletter & social media for dates)



# 90TH DAY OF SCHOOL

90s attire  
Free Dress Day  
Friday, January 24th

Dance Party & coloring sheets at lunch

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SCHOOL'S DRESS CODE.

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- 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.

Elections are  
Tuesday, March  
18th at Association  
Meeting  
(In person & Zoom)

## PTA BOARD NOMINATIONS 2025-2026

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 3rd.

QUESTIONS?

MEL.MORENO6@GMAIL.COM

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Valentine's Day  
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Friday, February 14

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WITHOUT SUNLIGHT, AND  
HUMANS CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT  
LOVE"

If attending,  
please save your  
shoe boxes for  
this Storytime  
event. Thank you!



# Family Storytime

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE

## MARDI GRAS!

Thursday, February 27th

MacArthur Library

5:30- 7:30pm

Join us for stories, King Cake, & a parade! Please bring a shoe box, your imagination, & creativity as we will be creating floats for a parade. We are accepting donations of craft items, ex: feathers, glitter, & beads.

Please contact Emily Spaulding at email below.

Questions: douglasmacarthurpta.programs@gmail.com

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DAY

MONDAY, MARCH 17

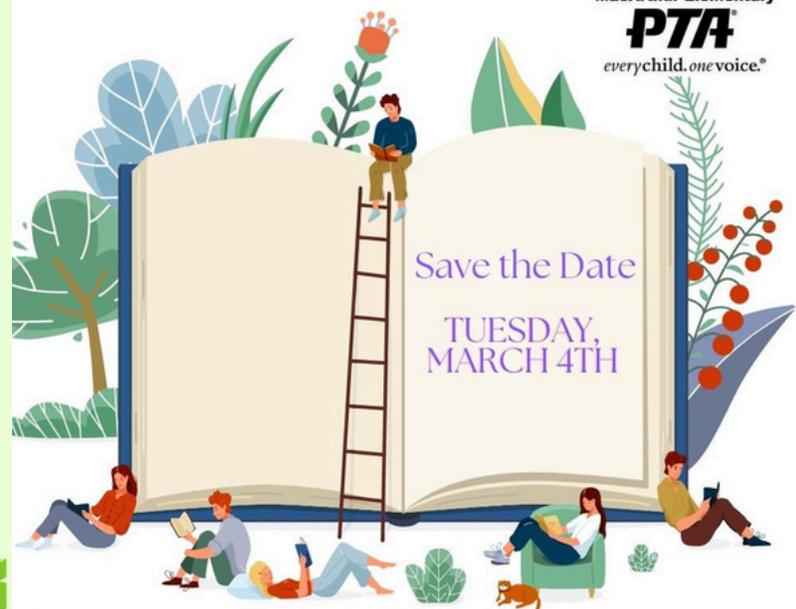
WEAR YOUR GREEN, GOLD, RAINBOW ATTIRE

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Save the Date

TUESDAY,  
MARCH 4TH

Join us during your child's lunch as we celebrate,  
"Read Across America: The Joy of Reading"  
Schedule Coming Soon!

Questions? DouglasMacArthurPTA@gmail.com

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school year a **MAGICAL** one!

Your membership supports  
school programs:  
Meet the Masters , Home  
Reading Club, Trunk or Treat,  
Family Dance, Field Trips, and  
much more!

Scan QR Code to  
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Parent, Students,  
Teachers,  
Grandparents,  
Friends, &  
Community Members  
can join!!

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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 MAGICAL!

Questions: DouglasMacArthurPTA@gmail.com

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Member e-mail (please print clearly) : \_\_\_\_\_

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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 2024-2025 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 for one year from the date your application is received. 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 douglasmacarthurfundraising@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support,  
Liz Carne  
VP, Ways and Means, Douglas MacArthur PTA

**SPONSORSHIP TERMS – 2024-2025 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact person:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Website url:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Brief Description of your company:**

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