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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 PTA President. Our PTA has an amazing group of adults and volunteers that help create an amazing community where we can bring the students and adults together with fun, new, exciting programs and events.

This year, we are bringing back the Reflections Art Program as well as Meet the Masters, Trunk or Treat, a Spring Dance, and more! We will continue to have a variety of dine out opportunities as well as some other new FUNdraising ideas.

We are always looking for volunteers for our programs and events that cost you nothing but some time here and there. If your schedule doesn't allow, we also accept financial donations as well. Please make sure you are an active 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.

Heather Gammel
PTA President 2024- 2025
DouglasMacArthurPTA@gmail.com





Meet the Counselor **MR. DIXON**

Dear McArthur Elementary School Community,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Kennedy Dixon, and I am excited to introduce myself as the new school counselor at McArthur Elementary. I am a proud product of the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) and a graduate of Lakewood High School.

I started my career in the district office, working in student support services. After several administrative assignments as a middle school assistant principal at Rogers Middle School and high school assistant principal at Poly High School, I followed my passion and returned to school counseling.

My most recent counseling assignments were at Cubberley (K-8), Colin Powell (K-8), and Jackie Robinson (K-8). I am passionate about fostering a nurturing environment where every student feels valued and supported. My goal is to help our students by supporting their academic and social-emotional development as they prepare for middle school and beyond.

I look forward to working closely with the McArthur community, including students, parents, and staff, to create a positive and inclusive school experience. If you have any questions or would like to connect, please feel free to reach out to me.

Warm regards, Kennedy Dixon
kdixon@lbschools.net



Meet the Principal **MS. COHEN**

I am delighted to introduce myself as the incoming principal of MacArthur Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year. I join this community with great enthusiasm and a deep sense of commitment.

This upcoming school year marks my twenty-fifth year as an educator in our district. Over the years, I have taught middle school, served as a program coordinator and a Title I facilitator, been an assistant principal at the middle school, K-8, and high school levels, and most recently, served as an elementary school principal at Prisk for the past six years.

I was born and raised on Long Island in New York, and moved to California right after graduating college. I actually never intended to be a teacher or work in the education field at all. Yet, it seems the universe had a plan for me because here I am, twenty-five years later, having spent my entire professional career in education. I have a particular passion for special education, which began during my time at Lakewood High School as the designee for the special education department. I am currently in the final stages of my dissertation, with special education as the area of focus.

As your incoming principal, my goals are to support the strong foundation already established at MacArthur, to continue the work of fostering and ensuring a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment where students are valued, supported, and encouraged, and to join the commitment the MacArthur community has made to meeting the academic and social-emotional needs of our students. I will work diligently to support initiatives that propel the school forward and make enhancements that the school community feels are beneficial or needed. I believe in the power of collaboration and look forward to partnering with you to maintain a positive and enriching experience for your children. I also LOVE being actively involved in as many fun and spirited programs as possible and truly believe that joy, connection, unity, and celebration can make a school environment magical!

I am excited to work alongside all of you and support you. I look forward to the journey ahead and am confident that we can continue the wonderful things you love about MacArthur and build upon those successes together.

Thank you, in advance for welcoming me into the MacArthur Elementary family, and I look forward to meeting you all very soon!
-Beth Cohen



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/>



PTA Association Meeting September 24, 2024 at 6:30pm

Please join us for our first meeting of the school year in School Library. It's a perfect night to meet our PTA Board members. We will be discussing upcoming programs, events, fundraisers, and volunteer opportunities.
 All are welcome!



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.



Donuts with Dear Ones Friday September 20, 2024 8:00am - 9:00am

Please join us for donuts and drinks before school to meet and greet Ms. Cohen & PTA Board.



We're continuing our **Involvement Cards** this year, so be on the lookout for them in your child's backpack. Submit One per family in December!

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. Also, be on the lookout for the many fundraising opportunities this year!



MacArthur's Boosterthon Fun Run Fundraiser



October 7- 15

We are partnering up with Boosterthon to raise funds for variety of needs at MacArthur this year. Kick off will be October 7, 2023. The Fun Run will be the afternoon of 10/15. More detailed information coming soon!

Trick or treat October 25th

6:30pm to 8:30pm

Join us for a Spooktacular time at our annual Trunk or Treat event. More information about volunteer and treat donation opportunities to come!

2025

5th Grade Committee

MacArthur PTA is excited to start planning events for the Class of 2024! The committee's first meeting 9/19 at 6pm in PTA Room and 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
 Rachel Del Pozo
Douglasmacarthur5thgradechair@gmail.com



Visual
Arts

Literature



Calling Local Artists & Writers!

MacArthur Elementary is looking for virtual judges for our
2024 Reflections contest!

Time commitment is a few hours the last week in October, from
the comfort of your home.

If interested please email,

ReflectionsMacArthur@gmail.com for more information!



Is your student a budding artist or writer?
Do they like to express themselves with paint,
pencil, clay, stories or poetry?

This year MacArthur Elementary is participating in
Reflections, a National PTA-led arts contest and all students
are eligible to submit their artwork or written text on the
subject "Accepting Imperfection".



More information can be found at this link:
bit.ly/MacArthur2024 or for any questions,
please email ReflectionsMacArthur@gmail.com

MacArthur Elementary PTA



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

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

1. *Fill out online
application*

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.**

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Help PTA make 2024-2025
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,
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can join!!

QUESTIONS?

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WHY JOIN PTA?

THE
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NEEDS YOU!

#1 OUR STUDENTS BENEFIT

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#4 CREATE CONNECTIONS

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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) : _____

Member cell number: _____

Member Address: _____

I am a: Parent Teacher/Staff Relative Student Other



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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: _____

Company Name or Family/Individual: _____

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:

SCHOOL CENTS

E-Waste Recycling

Saturdays, 10am – 3pm

Stonewood Center, Sept. 21 (parking lot off Woodruff)

Lakewood Center, Oct. 5 (Lakewood Blvd. off Del Amo, near JCPenney)

Los Cerritos Center, Oct. 19 (South East Parking lot off of Gridley near Chase Bank)

Earn 2,000 Points* When You Recycle a Laptop, Monitor, TV or Tablet

*Limit 100 screens per school during the program. All other items accepted for safe recycling will not earn points.

Learn what items are accepted for recycling by visiting cewsb2b.com.

Be sure to complete one form below if you will be recycling screen items and include your school name.



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331 Cliffwood Park Street, Brea, CA 92821

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CEWs (CRTs TV & Rear Projection)	CEWs (LCD TV & Monitor)	Tablets	Laptops
QTY:	QTY:	QTY:	QTY:

SPECIAL SERVICES:

Hard Drive Destruction: \$10.00 Fee (Must provide email address for Certificate of Destruction)

Certificate of Disposal/Destruction (Must provide email address)

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Website

Word of Mouth

Other _____

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Comments:

