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Success Begins Here!
¡El éxito comienza aquí!



Welcome Back!

Welcome Back Lennox Students, Staff, and Families.

The 23-24 school year is here and we have a great year of learning and wonderful experiences planned for our students in grades preschool through eighth grade. Our entire Lennox Staff understands the importance of providing our students with a first-class education and that their Success Begins Here! We are proud of our continued commitment to provide our students with a great educational program that is aligned with our Board of Education's Goals. These three goals will guide our important work over the next two years:

- 1) Academic Success for All Students
- 2) Family & Community Connections
- 3) Resource Equity and Efficacy

These three goals will also be supported with best practices to provide our students and staff with a supportive and inclusive culture and ongoing professional development for our entire staff to ensure organizational effectiveness. We look forward to another year of collaborating with all of our educational partners which include students, staff, and families, to make these goals become a reality.

Our Lennox School District is proud of the many opportunities it provides for our families to be active participants in their child's education. Have you joined your child's school parent groups? Are you aware that each school has a Parent Center dedicated to provide our families with great resources and even parent education classes? I encourage you to get involved and make a difference!

Our District is a truly special place for children to learn and adults to work. It is rich in tradition and filled with pride from many of its employees who were once Lennox students themselves. The Board of Education and I thank you for entrusting your children to our schools and know that they are going to have a great year. I am so honored to lead the Lennox School District and know that by working together we will fulfill our District's Mission of placing ALL of our students On the Flight Path to Success!



Gabriela L. Tavitian
Superintendent

¡Bienvenidos de nuevo!

Bienvenidos nuevamente estudiantes, personal y familias de Lennox.

El año escolar 23-24 ya está aquí y tenemos un gran año de aprendizaje y experiencias maravillosas planeadas para nuestros estudiantes desde preescolar hasta octavo grado. ¡Todo nuestro personal de Lennox comprende la importancia de brindarles a nuestros estudiantes una educación de primera clase y que su éxito comienza aquí! Estamos orgullosos de nuestro compromiso continuo de brindarles a nuestros estudiantes un excelente programa educativo que esté

alineado con los objetivos de nuestra Junta de Educación. Estos tres objetivos guiarán nuestro importante trabajo durante los próximos dos años:

- 1) Éxito académico para todos los estudiantes
- 2) Conexiones familiares y comunitarias
- 3) Equidad y eficacia de los recursos

Estos tres objetivos también estarán respaldados por las mejores prácticas para brindar a nuestros estudiantes y personal una cultura inclusiva y de apoyo y un desarrollo profesional continuo para todo nuestro personal para garantizar la eficacia organizacional. Esperamos un año más de colaboración con todos nuestros socios educativos, que incluyen estudiantes, personal y familias, para hacer que estos objetivos se hagan realidad.

Nuestro Distrito Escolar de Lennox está orgulloso de las muchas oportunidades que brinda a nuestras familias para que sean participantes activos en la educación de sus hijos. ¿Se ha unido a los grupos de

padres de la escuela de su hijo? ¿Sabe que cada escuela tiene un Centro para Padres dedicado a brindarles a nuestras familias excelentes recursos e incluso clases de educación para padres? ¡Los animo a involucrarse y marcar la diferencia!

Nuestro Distrito es un lugar verdaderamente especial para que los niños aprendan y los adultos trabajen. Es rico en tradiciones y está lleno de orgullo por parte de muchos de sus empleados que alguna vez fueron estudiantes de Lennox. Les agradecemos por confiar a sus hijos a nuestras escuelas y sabemos que van a tener un gran año. ¡Me siento muy honrada de liderar el Distrito Escolar de Lennox y sé que trabajando juntos cumpliremos la misión de nuestro Distrito de colocar a TODOS nuestros estudiantes En el Camino del Vuelo Hacia el éxito!



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Welcome

By Karina Cordero, Board President

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, it is my honor to warmly welcome you to the beginning of a new school year filled with opportunities, growth, and discovery. To our students, I encourage you to approach this year with curiosity, enthusiasm, and a determination to make the most out of every opportunity. Your potential knows no bounds, and we look forward to witnessing your achievements.

Parents and guardians, thank you for your continued partnership. Your involvement in your child's education is invaluable, and together, we can create a nurturing and empowering educational experience. Educators, Administrators, and staff may this year be filled with curiosity, collaboration, and a commitment to excellence, your resilience, and dedication have been inspiring.

Our commitment to excellence in education remains unwavering, and we are excited to embark on this journey together. Here's to a successful and inspiring academic year ahead.

Bienvenida

By Karina Cordero, Presidente de la Junta Directiva

En nombre de la Junta Directiva, es un honor para mí darles una calurosa bienvenida al comienzo de un nuevo año escolar lleno de oportunidades, crecimiento y descubrimiento. A nuestros estudiantes, los animo a que afronten este año con curiosidad, entusiasmo y determinación para aprovechar al máximo cada oportunidad. Su potencial no conoce límites y esperamos ser testigos de sus logros.

Padres y tutores, gracias por su continua colaboración. Su participación en la educación de su hijo es invaluable y juntos podemos crear una experiencia educativa enriquecedora y empoderadora. Educadores, administradores, y personal que este año esté lleno de curiosidad, colaboración y compromiso con la excelencia, su resiliencia y dedicación han sido inspiradores.

Nuestro compromiso con la excelencia en la educación sigue siendo inquebrantable y estamos entusiasmados de embarcarnos juntos en este viaje. Por un año académico exitoso e inspirador.



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Empowering the Future: Integrating Artificial Intelligence in K-12 Education to Prepare Students for Tomorrow

By Jose R. Gonzalez, LACOE's Chief Technology Officer



Debra Duardo,
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Superintendent

As we gear up for the upcoming school year, LACOE is leading the way to explore the fascinating world of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its potential impact on education. This technological wave has the potential to reshape the way educators teach and students learn, and I'm eager to delve into the insights it offers.

AI introduces the possibility of enhancing education by providing educators with new insights and tools to create more efficient and personalized learning experiences. While there may be concerns surrounding AI, integrating it into the educational landscape could be a transformative step in preparing students for a future deeply intertwined with technology.

The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) has taken a commendable initiative to empower educators with the knowledge and skills needed to harness the capabilities of AI. Our comprehensive training program,

which includes workshops, webinars, and professional development sessions, and presenting at conferences demonstrates a commitment to demystifying AI and providing educators with a balanced perspective on its potential benefits and challenges. The ongoing training sessions offered by LACOE's Instructional Technology Outreach (ITO) team are particularly noteworthy, as they address crucial aspects like ethical considerations and strategies for leveraging AI to enhance student engagement.

LACOE's active participation in influential conferences like the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), National Association for Media Literacy Education (NAMLE), and Learning, Innovation and Technology in Education (LITE) further solidifies our dedication to staying at the forefront of educational innovation. LACOE has made a mark by organizing an in-person inaugural AI Symposium, a testament to our commitment to fostering

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a deeper understanding of AI's role in education. The diverse panel discussions, featuring educators, government officials, administrators, and industry experts, underscore the collaborative effort required to navigate the integration of AI into education successfully.

It's clear that AI should not be viewed as a replacement for educators but as a powerful tool that can amplify its impact. AI's ability to provide insights, identify learning gaps, and personalize instruction has the potential to revolutionize the classroom experience. The emphasis on AI's capacity to enhance student engagement, creativity, and critical thinking aligns with the core values of education.

LACOE's approach of involving all stakeholders

– parents, students, teachers, and administrators – in discussions about AI integration is praiseworthy. It reflects an understanding that responsible integration requires a collective effort. Furthermore, the focus on continuous professional development and the development of guidelines for AI usage underscores the importance of a well-informed and cautious approach.

This is an exciting journey to discover all aspects of AI and its benefits and challenges are vital. It will take collaboration between educators, institutions, and technology to shape the future of education. The responsible and thoughtful integration of AI has the potential to create a more dynamic and personalized learning environment for students, and LACOE is eager to provide many perspectives through the journey as educators navigate this transformative landscape.

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Lennox State Preschool

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Welcome to Preschool

We happily welcomed the youngest children in the Lennox School District to our high-quality, dual-language (English/Spanish) program for the 2023-2024 school year. To help our youngest scholars transition from home to school, we held a Meet-and-Greet the day before school started. Parents and children met highly qualified teachers and initiated a positive relationship that will blossom further as the year progresses.

Most children were eager to come to school, while some children were sad about saying goodbye to Mom or Dad. To help children and parents, we provided an opportunity for parents to meet with Echo Parenting facilitators to understand how the brain responds to changes in routines and the importance of processing those emotions. Parents are better equipped to support their little ones. Everyone is off to a solid start thanks to the partnerships formed between parents, children, and staff.



Nellie Rios-Parra
Director

Bienvenido al Preescolar

Con mucho gusto dimos la bienvenida a los niños más pequeños del Distrito de Lennox a nuestro programa bilingüe (inglés/español) de alta calidad para el año escolar 2023-2024. Para ayudar a nuestros estudiantes más jóvenes en la transición del hogar a la escuela, realizamos una reunión el día antes de que comenzaran las clases. Los padres y los niños conocieron a los maestros altamente calificados e iniciaron una relación positiva que florecerá aún más a medida que avance el año.

La mayoría de los niños estaban ansiosos, mientras que algunos niños estaban tristes por tener que despedirse de mamá o papá. Para ayudar a los niños y a los padres, brindamos una oportunidad para que los padres se reunieran con los facilitadores de Echo Parenting para comprender cómo responde el cerebro a los cambios en las rutinas y la importancia de procesar esas emociones. Los padres están mejor preparados para apoyar a su pequeño. Todo el mundo ha tenido un comienzo sólido gracias a las asociaciones formadas entre padres, niños y personal.



Buford *Elementary*

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Leaping into Leadership

This year holds great promise for the accomplishments and knowledge our students will gain at Buford School as we leap into leadership with the implementation of the Leader in Me 7 Habits throughout our buildings and classrooms. The habits will be a common language used schoolwide and through it, students will learn to take initiative, plan ahead, learn to set and track goals, and use their voice to resolve conflicts. Teachers, staff, and administrators will model the 7 Habits daily engaging students and families in leadership roles and setting and achieving goals that will eventually springboard into student-led Leadership Events.

Together, we anticipate a year marked by achievement, leadership, and shared growth by engaging all educational partners in the collective effort of nurturing our students and enhancing their overall academic journey, confidence, and personal development.



Maricela De La Torre
Principal

Camino al Liderazgo

Este año es muy prometedor para los logros y conocimientos que nuestros estudiantes obtendrán en la Escuela Buford a medida de comenzar nuestro camino al liderazgo con la implementación de los 7 hábitos de Líder en Mí en toda nuestra escuela y aulas. Los hábitos serán un lenguaje común utilizado en toda la escuela y, a través de ellos, los estudiantes aprenderán a tomar iniciativas, planificar con anticipación, aprender a establecer y realizar un seguimiento de metas y usar su voz para resolver conflictos. Los maestros, el personal y los administradores servirán como un ejemplo de los 7 hábitos diariamente involucrando a los estudiantes y las familias en roles de liderazgo y estableciendo y logrando metas que eventualmente se convertirán en eventos de liderazgo dirigidos por estudiantes.

Juntos, anticipamos un año marcado por logros, liderazgo y crecimiento compartido al involucrar todo el equipo educativo en el esfuerzo colectivo de nutrir a nuestros estudiantes y mejorar su trayectoria académica, su confianza y su desarrollo personal.



Felton Elementary

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Reading for Fun!

Having students learn to read in the primary grades is a goal for all educators. Research indicates that those students who are early readers will encounter more success in schools than those who struggle. At Felton Elementary we know that reading is very important and we provide many opportunities for students to read. Students go to the library on a weekly basis to check out books that are of interest to them. Additionally, students also have the opportunity to read with the Principal during their recess time and proudly demonstrate how they are becoming avid readers. Participating in the Reading is Fun Club is an activity that students look forward to as it builds their confidence. This year Felton Elementary will focus on increasing the number of words that students read and we will have fun doing it!



Norma Martinez
Principal

¡Lectura por Diversión!

Hacer que los estudiantes aprendan a leer en los grados primarios es una meta de todos los educadores. Los estudios indican que aquellos estudiantes que son lectores tempranos tendrán más éxito en las escuelas que aquellos que tienen dificultades. En la escuela Felton sabemos que la lectura es muy importante y brindamos muchas oportunidades para que los estudiantes lean. Los estudiantes van a la biblioteca semanalmente para sacar libros que sean de su interés. Además, los estudiantes también tienen la oportunidad de leer con la directora durante el recreo y demostrar con orgullo cómo se están convirtiendo en ávidos lectores. Participar en el Club Leer es Diversión es una actividad que los estudiantes esperan con ansias ya que fortalece su confianza. ¡Este año la escuela Felton se concentrará en aumentar la cantidad de palabras que leen los estudiantes y nos divertiremos haciéndolo!



Dolores Huerta Elementary

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Soaring to Success

Huerta's Mission Statement, "At Huerta, we believe that children are our future and we are dedicated to their success," continues to forge our school ahead with perseverance as we put Leader in Me at the forefront of our 2023-2024 school year.

Huerta embarked on the journey toward the implementation of Leader in Me last school year as teachers and administrators received TLiM training.

Starting this school year, our staff came together once again to review TLiM Habits and Framework through the lens of goal-setting, monitoring progress, tracking student data, and putting personal accountability systems in place in alignment with best teaching practices. Our staff began with "the end in mind" and created classroom mission statements with their students, allowing them to take ownership of their participation, and setting the tone for this school year by giving each child their student voice.



Arleen Romero
Principal

Hacia el éxito

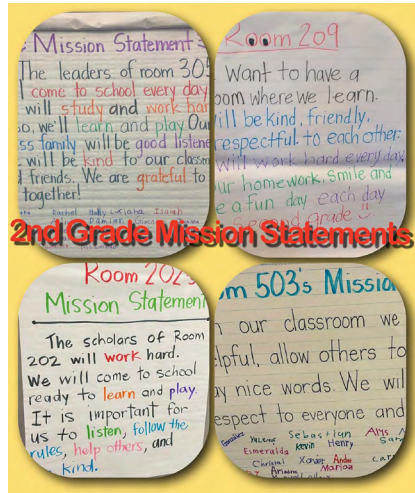
"En la Escuela Huerta creemos que los niños son nuestro futuro y estamos dedicados a su éxito," continúa avanzando a nuestra escuela con perseverancia mientras ponemos a Líder en Mi a la vanguardia de nuestro año escolar 2023-2024.

Huerta embarcó en el viaje hacia la implementación de LiM durante el año escolar 2022-2023 cuando recibimos entrenamiento de TLiM.

Este año escolar, nuestro personal se reunió de

nuevo para revisar los hábitos y el marco de TLiM. Analizamos la importancia de establecer metas, monitorear el progreso, rastrear los datos de los estudiantes e implementar sistemas de responsabilidad personal que estén alineados con mejores prácticas docentes. Además, nuestro personal comenzó con el "fin en mente" y estableció declaraciones de misión en conjunto con sus estudiantes y ayudándoles a establecer su propia voz estudiantil.

¡Las Águilas de Huerta se Elevarán Hacia el Éxito este año escolar guiados por el liderazgo de nuestros estudiantes!



Celebrate Success!

This year, we have begun to work with the organization Leader In Me, which provides our staff with an understanding of how to use leadership skills to prepare students for the world around them. Leader In Me will soon give us the tools to prepare our students to become leaders. As we continue to move forward, we will continue to motivate and challenge our students to grow into the best version of themselves that will achieve greatness. AVID continues to be at the forefront of our academic setting, both inside and outside the classroom. Our kids and teachers will create goals and then progress monitor these goals throughout the year. Using our AVID training, we are setting an excellent foundation for our kids to achieve greatness. For many of our kids, college will be a generational change as they will become the first in their families to attend and graduate from college. Finally, our Playworks program at Jefferson provides each of our students with skills and a mindset to be safe, be responsible, be respectful, and, finally, have fun while PLAYING.



Robert Estrada
Principal

¡Celebre el Éxito!

Este año, hemos comenzado a trabajar con la organización Leader In Me, que brinda a nuestro personal una comprensión de cómo utilizar las habilidades de liderazgo para preparar a los estudiantes para el mundo que los rodea. Leader In Me pronto brindará muchas oportunidades para que nuestros estudiantes se conviertan en líderes. A medida que avancemos, continuaremos motivando y desafiando a nuestros estudiantes a crecer hasta convertirse en la mejor versión de sí mismos que alcanzará la grandeza. AVID continúa estando a la vanguardia de nuestro entorno académico, tanto dentro como fuera del aula. Nuestros niños y maestros crearán metas y luego monitorearán el progreso de estas metas durante todo el año. Al utilizar nuestra capacitación AVID, estamos sentando una base excelente para que nuestros niños alcancen la grandeza. Para muchos de nuestros niños, la universidad será un cambio generacional, ya que se convertirán en la primera generación en asistir y graduarse de la universidad. Finalmente, nuestro programa Playworks en Jefferson brinda a cada uno de nuestros estudiantes habilidades y una mentalidad para estar seguros, ser responsables, respetuosos y finalmente divertirse mientras JUEGAN.



Lennox Middle School

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Above and Beyond

We at Lennox Middle School (LMS) are so excited to welcome our families to the 2023-2024 School year. We strive every day to make LMS a place for everyone by offering a variety of sports, and clubs for students to be involved in.

Before the school year, we were able to honor one of the many people that makes LMS a special place. Ms. Toni Pierce was honored for her 45 years of service to the Lennox School District.

On any given day, Ms. Pierce can be seen greeting students and giving them the extra support, they need to be successful at school. She always goes above and beyond in everything that she does, even helping plan lessons when teachers are out.

Toni Pierce is one of many bright spots at Lennox Middle School. We thank her for her 45 years of service to the Lennox Community!



Lissett Pichardo
Principal

Más Allá De

En la Escuela Intermedia de Lennox (LMS, por sus siglas en inglés) estamos muy emocionados de darle la bienvenida a nuestras familias al año escolar 2023-2024. Nos esforzamos todos los días para hacer de LMS un lugar para todos, ofreciendo una variedad de deportes y clubes en los que pueden participar los estudiantes.

Antes del año escolar, pudimos honrar a una de las muchas personas que hacen de LMS un lugar especial. La Sra. Toni Pierce fue honrada por sus 45 años de servicio al Distrito Escolar de Lennox.

Cualquier día, se puede ver a la Sra. Pierce saludando a los estudiantes y brindándoles el apoyo adicional que necesitan para tener éxito en la escuela. Ella siempre va más allá en todo lo que hace, incluso ayudando a planificar lecciones cuando los maestros no están.

Toni Pierce es uno de los muchos puntos brillantes de la escuela secundaria Lennox. ¡Le agradecemos por sus 45 años de servicio a la comunidad Lennox!



Moffett *Elementary*

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Sharpening the Saw

Moffett will be focusing on Habit 7 of The Leader in Me this year. Our Mountain Lions will sharpen the saw. We will make sure that the Moffett family has a chance to reflect, regroup, and move forward with a focus on self-care and growth.

We have been working towards reimagining how we promote healthy behaviors in our students by rethinking things small and large. Our scholars will have calming corners in every classroom to allow them time to regulate and return to learning. Students will also receive a leadership ring to display brag tags, focusing on positive behaviors and habits.

This summer we lost an amazing educator, Ms. Nancy Flores. Moffett's buddy benches will honor Ms. Flores' commitment to making students feel loved and connected. As a fierce advocate for exceptional youth, she worked tirelessly to promote community, connection, love, and possibility, all values we hold dear.



Dr. Salvador Martin
Principal

Afilando la Sierra

Moffett se centrará en el séptimo hábito de El líder que hay en mí este año. Nuestros Mountain Lions afilarán la sierra. Nos aseguraremos de que la familia Moffett tenga la oportunidad de reflexionar, reagruparse y avanzar centrándose en el cuidado personal y el crecimiento.

Hemos estado trabajando para reinventar cómo promovemos comportamientos saludables en nuestros estudiantes repensando cosas pequeñas y grandes.

Nuestros estudiantes tendrán rincones tranquilos en cada salón de clases para darles tiempo para regularse y regresar al aprendizaje. Los estudiantes también recibirán un anillo de liderazgo para exhibir etiquetas de alarde, enfocándose en comportamientos y hábitos positivos.

Este verano perdimos a una educadora increíble, la Sra. Nancy Flores. Los bancos de amigos de Moffett honrarán el compromiso de la Sra. Flores de hacer que los estudiantes se sientan amados y conectados. Como firme defensora de la juventud excepcional, trabajó incansablemente para promover la comunidad, la conexión, el amor y las posibilidades, todos valores que apreciamos.

