

Letter From The Principal



Dear Parents:

I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the support you have provided the school during this year. The teachers and staff work hard to provide a challenging and appropriate education for your child. I wish the fifth and sixth grade students and their parents the best as they move into their middle school assignments. We will have culmination programs for students on all three tracks.

This time of year is very busy as we close out this year and prepare to begin the next school year on July 1. Next year will bring many challenges for the school district. Our school has finally been affected by the district's reconfiguration and will have pre-K through fifth grade next year.

We will remain an overcrowded school when we open in July. Busing will continue to our various receiving schools. With the additional kindergarten teachers at our school site, we hope we do not need to bus as many new kindergarten students in the next school year. When the decision is made that a child must attend one of our receiving schools, that decision is for the entire 1997-98 school year. If you choose to return your child to Alexandria for the 1998-99 school year, you may request a change of enrollment. If space is available, your child will be accepted at Alexandria at that time.

Due to this overcrowding, we will not participate in the district open enrollment policy. We will not accept enrollment from anyone who does not live in our attendance area.

Your child will be bringing home his/her final report card on the last day of school. It is important that you make a note of the new room assignment for your child. If you need a track change or have a question, please call the school.

As the new year comes, we will have many changes! We are in the process of interviewing teacher candidates to fill some of the teaching vacancies. We hope to have the six additional bungalow classrooms available and operational by July 1. We will have two new coordinators, Mrs. Corleto and Mrs. Raba, to work with the Bilingual and Title I programs. We also have Ms. Isomoto assigned to a new position to work with our many new teachers and as our parent coordinator. We have many exciting plans to encourage and improve our parent involvement and we hope you are available to participate.

We know that our desire will be to continue to provide your child with a challenging instructional program. Thank you again for all of the wonderful assistance you have provided the staff this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol Labrow". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Carol Labrow, Principal



**New Free Citizenship Program
Los Angeles Unified School District
Division of Adult & Career Education
ESL & Citizenship Programs
CITIZENSHIP PREPARATION PROGRAM CENTERS**

Now the Los Angeles Unified School District, Adult Division and the I.N.S. are making it even easier for you to become a U.S. Citizen. In this NEW, FREE LAUSD/I.N.S. Outreach Program, an I.N.S. Officer will give you your I.N.S. citizenship interview at a site in your community instead of the Federal Building downtown.

You don't need to pay anyone to help you become a U.S. citizen. At LAUSD, you'll get free fingerprints and photos, free I.N.S. forms (N-400), free I.N.S. questions, free help filling out the forms, free practice for your interview. (Optional history and government test is only \$15 instead of \$26.)

Even if you've already sent in your citizenship application, we can help you get ready for your I.N.S. citizenship interview. At LAUSD, you'll see a videotape of an interview for citizenship, practice for your interview, learn English, study U.S. history, government & civics, the rights & responsibilities of a U.S. citizen and more. English and bilingual classes in Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Armenian, Japanese and Russian are available.

To find the nearest Citizenship Center or Adult School, call (213) 62-LEARN.

LET'S USE THE LIBRARY!

Most public libraries offer a wide variety of children's books and magazines, with many in Spanish and other languages. In addition to printed materials, libraries often lend audiotapes and videocassettes of children's books and movies. Also, more libraries are making computers available to the public. Many libraries also sponsor special programs, including children's story hours, summer reading programs and homework help. If your child has special needs, be sure to ask about services the library offers for the blind, the deaf and those who are gifted or need remedial help. Many libraries have specially trained librarians for children. Feel free to ask them for help.

Here are some things you can do to introduce your child to the library:

- Include children, even toddlers, in trips to the library and go often.
- As soon as you can, help your child get a library card.
- Borrow recordings of children's stories, songs, cassette tapes, compact discs, videotapes, even puppets and educational toys.
- Find out if your library has computers and how your children can use them to learn or upgrade skills.
- Encourage your children to use the library to find information for their homework.
- Encourage your children to ask for help from you and the librarian in finding books and materials.
- Work with the librarian to teach older children how to find things in the library on their own.
- Teach your children how to take care of themselves in public places, especially if they use the library alone. Stress common sense guidelines for behavior in the library.



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The YWCA of Greater Los Angeles, hopes to develop a mutual relationship that will benefit the parents of the children attending our school. Their Parenting Program is designed to strengthen and nourish family relationships by providing opportunities for family education and support. The classes include: Discipline Techniques, Child Abuse, Communication Techniques, Parenting Styles, Self-Esteem (Adult & Child's perspective), plus five more topics tailored to meet your specific needs! These classes are offered on Thursdays from 4:00 - 6:00 PM at:

YWCA of Greater Los Angeles
Mid Wilshire Program Location
3625 West 6th Street, Suite No. 101
Los Angeles, CA 90020

For more information please call the Parenting Program Specialist, Manuel H. Delgado, at (213) 380-5115.

Important Dates

May 30, 1997

Red (B) Track Last day
Fifth and Sixth Grade Culmination

June 26, 1997

Blue (A) Track Last Day
Fifth and Sixth Grade Culmination

June 27, 1997

Green (C) Track Last Day
Fifth and Sixth Grade Culmination



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