



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Welcome back to school! We are looking forward to a year of learning and partnership. We are committed to helping every student succeed in school. As a school we want to clearly communicate our beliefs about partnering with families. Our core values that we have adopted this year are, **caring, courage, cooperation, common sense and courtesy**. The 5 C's help guide our behavior as we strive to be a reflection of Christ in all that we say and do. Students are recognized and acknowledged for modeling the 5 C's.

At La Sierra Elementary, we believe it is important for families and the school to work together and share responsibility for student success. We very much value family members' expertise about their children. Families know a student best and we can learn from you. Also, we want our students to know the importance of the school and families working together to support their work at school. As part of this goal, we want to suggest the following:

- Classroom two-way communication so that you and your student's teacher can share successes and concerns in an ongoing manner. This allows for early intervention if your student is struggling.
- School expectations for homework, behavior and learning communicated to you so that students know and understand that we are working with you to help them succeed.
- We pledge ourselves to pray for you and your family. We would ask that you do the same for us here at the school. We believe we have a great responsibility to share the love of Jesus Christ with every student so that they learn about His wonderful love for each of them. To this end we ask for your continual prayers.

Again, we welcome you to the 2018/2019 school year at La Sierra Academy Elementary. We hope to see you around school from time to time.

Blessings,

Dr. Michael Conner
Elementary Principal



the **5** caring **CORE** courage
cooperation **VALUES** common sense
courtesy

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KINDERGARTEN CLASS

It is exciting to know that you have chosen to enroll your child at La Sierra Academy. Our Kindergarten program is packed with exciting fun activities for your child for this year. Every morning at 8:00am, we start our day with worship/prayer and memory verse. We start our Center Time at 8:30am. We have two sessions with each session lasting for 30minutes each. We love to involve our families in the classroom and we would love to have parents come to our class to help us during our center time from 8:30am to 9:45am. We also have Bible themes for each month where we teach our students good Christian character with the Bible as our textbook. At La Sierra Academy we acknowledge that teaching the whole child is very paramount in our current world, so as part of our academic programs we engage our students in educational activities like field trips where students get to know how things work in the real world. In October our Kindergarteners will go on a field Trip to the Pumpkin Patch to learn about pumpkins, how they are grown and their uses. In January we will take our students to the Fire Station to learn about our firemen and their duties in our community. Another exciting field trip is taking our students to the IFly in Ontario - an indoor skydiving that our students love.

As a way of involving our upper grade students in our program, we have the “reading buddies program” where our sixth graders come to have worship with our kindergarteners and read to the little ones every Friday morning. One thing that makes the La Sierra Academy Kindergarten program very unique, is that, we have extracurricular activities for our kindergarteners. We have Physical Education, Music/Choir and Technology and Library included in our program.

Our smaller classes here make it easier for our teachers to reach each student and give the student the needed attention to enable our students succeed. Thank you for choosing La Sierra Academy and we are praying for a wonderful school year and wishing you God’s blessings.



Mrs. Antobam
Ms. Spence

Mrs. Vaughan
Ms. Akira

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

The Summer Reading Awards chapel will be Friday, September 28th. TK-2 will be at 9:00 am. Grades 3-6 will be at 9:45 am.

Prizes will be given in 4 categories:

- The furthest location from La Sierra Academy
- Dressed as a character from the book
- Reading at the location where the book is set
- The most unusual place to be reading

We request the you submit **NO MORE** than 5 photos per child. Please email the pictures to summerreading@lsak12.com. We do not accept hard copy photos- only digital pictures. Please make sure to include your child's name and grade for your child and the category you are submitting. *Pictures received after Friday, September 7th will not be accepted.*



The Home and School Association (HSA) is happy to welcome you back to school! If you are interested in volunteering or helping with school events, please contact hsa@lsak12.com. Our next meeting will be Friday, September 7th at 8:30 am in the elementary teacher's lounge Room 51C. Hope to see you there!

HEALTH CORNER...

As we anticipate the new school year, the LSA TK-12 Health Office would like to remind you of a couple important practices. We need your help in keeping our school a safe and healthy place for learning. If your student is ill, please keep them home until symptom free for 24 hours (example: vomiting, fever, colored drainage of mucus coming from nose, eye etc.). If medications for your student need to be administered during school hours, an Administration of Medication by School Personnel Consent form or Self Administration Consent form must be completed. Even for over the counter medications example: Advil, Tylenol, Eye Drops, Cough Drops and Cold Flu medication.

UPCOMING HEALTH OFFICE EVENTS:

Hearing & Speech – September 17
Vision – September 26



A NOTE FROM THE COUNSELOR

Happy New 2018-2019 School Year!

I hope you had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to a great year. Our office will continue to provide academic, social, and emotional support for our students, teachers, and LSA families as we travel this academic journey together. This year, I will be assisted by my new intern, Luz Perez, who will be helping the counseling department provide services including, but not limited to the following:

Like this previous year, we will be coming in and sharing classroom Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) lessons. These fun, age-appropriate lessons focus on various social skills ranging from self-regulation to conflict management. We also discuss safe/unsafe situations, bullying, and healthy practices. Their purpose is to help contribute to a positive school climate as well as increase academic performance all while teaching our kids some important tools for success. We intend to keep parents informed as we cover these various topics. More details will be shared later. Finally, our “Connexions” Big Brother/Sister program is still open for students who could use that positive older friend here at school. Studies show that programs like these capitalize on the importance of peer relationships in order to provide a healthy self-image as well as help with various social transitions & challenges. High school mentors are carefully selected by both the Counseling Department and Campus Ministries to make sure the experience is beneficial. Sign up in the front office to receive more information. Please note, due to availability of mentors, not every child can participate at one time.

As always, look out for more information from the Counseling Office and please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Mr. Johnson
Tk-6 School Counselor

Please be courteous regarding parking for Teachers and our Donor Parents. Parking spaces in the circular drive are designated for our teachers only. Parking Spaces noted with donor names may not be used for the public. The Center Section in the Golden Ave parking lot is Student Parking Only. Please DO NOT park in this area. Students will be late to class.

CALENDAR

9.10-14	Schoonover Popsicle Sale
9.13	6th Grade Camp Meeting
9.18 -2	IA Testing
9.18– 20	TK-6 Minimum Days
9.24-28	Vaughan Popsicle Sale
9.28	Summer Reading Awards
10.1-5	TK-12 Spirit Week
10.1-30	TK-6 See’s Candies Fundraiser
10.2	Late Start 9:00AM
	2nd Gr. In House Field Trip
10.4	3rd Gr. Riley’s Farm
10.11	Kindergarten Live Oak Canyon
10.18	4th Gr. San Bernardino County Museum
10.25	Taste of LSA Minimum Day

“I PRESS ON TO REACH THE END OF THE RACE . . . “

- PHILIPPIANS 3:14