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As of November 1st, we have 96 PTA members! Thank you to everyone who has joined so far. You are an important piece of the puzzle! Please continue to encourage friends and family to join.

JOIN ONLINE!

Scan the QR Code or go to:
<https://jointotem.com/ca/lakewood/douglas-macarthur-elementary-pta>.

Paper forms can be printed at home by visiting:
www.macarthurpta.com



PTA President's Message

Hope this message finds you well and that you have gotten the hang of virtual learning. I would like to congratulate our MacArthur students and families for all their hard work, patience, perseverance and continued dedication to their education. I know this school year has brought challenges we never could have imagined: frustration, fears, anxiety and tears I know I've cried a few times! On a positive note, I do like that life has slowed down and reminded us how important family and friends are.

PTA is continuing to provide support to our students and teachers. PTA is happy to announce the return of FIBO art classes in the spring and excited to provide our school with a new program: MYSTERY Science. These programs will be offered virtually with our teachers. PTA has rolled out a new program this year called Student Encouragements. We want our students to be reminded that PTA is here for them, ready to support them during this time of distance learning. Our Halloween Drive-Thru was one of the encouragements and we had a great time. Half of the student body participated! I loved seeing our Eagles and we hope you did, too. We will offer a Holiday Drive-Thru student encouragement on December 11th from 3 to 6:30pm. Please join us!

Thank you to Meghan Brearley for coordinating our first virtual Scholastic book fair, Stephanie Saldana for decorating our school and for coordinating spirit days for Red Ribbon Week, and Nicole Vuletich for chairing the Reflections art contest. Thank you to all the artists who participated in the contest! I would also like to thank Maria Avalos, Rachel Del Pozo, and Jennifer Beaton for an awesome Halloween Drive-Thru.

Please join us on November 17th at 6:30pm for our next association meeting. We will be electing the nominating committee who will begin the search for members of the 2021-2022 executive board. If you are interested in serving on the board next year, please fill out the nomination form in this newsletter and submit to the school office by December 18, 2020. We would love new members; PTA is a great way to be involved in our school.

I can't believe the holiday season is already here! I hope you have some great creative plans to spend time with your loved ones. I'd love for our MacArthur families to share their ideas. You can post them on our Facebook page. I'm looking forward to fall weather, Christmas lights, and making new traditions and memories during this very different year. I'd like to be the first to wish you all the happiest of holidays. I wish you good health, cheer, and peace.

Amy Vasquez

PTA President 2020-2021



Principal's Message



Dear MacArthur Families,

The purpose of Fall Conferences is to **connect** and **create partnerships** with families to support students in academic and social-emotional growth and create realistic goals for next steps in social-emotional, participation, and academics. Fall Conferences are scheduled on **Monday, November 2, 2020** through **Monday, November 9, 2020**.

Communication is key and I want to encourage parents and guardians to take this time to share your ideas, thoughts, and concerns. We want to know more about how to support your child and your families. What motivates your child? How are they adjusting to the current way of learning and living? What is your challenge and how can we help you? Teachers will also take this time to share your child's strengths, progress towards the standards, and areas for growth.

Our School Site Council Committee revised the **Home School Compact** for 2020 - 2021 which describes our collaborative commitment to ensure the success of all students:

Home School Compact 2020 - 2021

MacArthur School Staff will:

- Provide an academic program that is rigorous and challenging for all students.
- Be positive role models for students.
- Communicate on a regular basis regarding the academic progress of your student.
- Provide opportunities for parents to be involved in school activities supporting student achievement including parent conferences, volunteers in the classroom (VIPS), observations and school governance.
- Provide resources and educational materials that reinforces reading, writing, and math skills.
- Engage students in social emotional learning (SEL) by introducing social emotional competencies (self-awareness, self-management, relationship skills, responsible decision making) resulting in students' positive well being and academic success.

Parents/Guardians will:

- Send their child/children to school regularly, on time, appropriately dressed virtually (in uniform when we return in person) and prepared to learn.
- Read to/with their child/children at least fifteen (K-1) to twenty minutes (2-5) every day
- Assist their children with their homework assignments and check assignments for completion. Parent signature on homework if the classroom teacher requires it.
- Be involved in school activities by attending at least five functions during the year (Family Nights, Back to School Night, Parent-Teacher Conferences, PTA, Open House).
- Support school staff help children reach grade-level expectations.
- Reinforce SEL competencies at home resulting in students' positive well being and academic success.

Students will:

- Be respectful to others at all times.
- Dress appropriately for virtual learning. Wear uniforms daily (when we return in person).
- Complete class assignments in a timely manner.
- Always do their best and work daily towards SEL competencies and maintain a positive "Growth Mindset".

Thank you, parents and guardians for your continued commitment, engagement, and support!

With respect and admiration, Mrs. Yepez

See's Candy Fundraiser

Looking for easy, yummy holiday gifts for your loved ones? Order See's Candy and help support MacArthur PTA at the same time! Click on the link below between November 6th and December 4th to order from the MacArthur Elementary School Storefront. PTA will receive a portion of the profits.

http://www.yumraising.com/secure/macarthures_macarthur_pta_winter_fundraiser65/candy?h=RebDav7162&c=fb7707



Box Tops for Education

Did you know the box tops program has gone digital? That means no more clipping! Simply download the app and scan your receipts. It's that easy!



5th Grade Committee

Thank you to those who participated in our first 5th grade committee meeting in October! Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 10th at 7PM.

All 5th grade parents are welcome to join us! Email meghan_brearley@verizon.net to be added to the committee and receive the Zoom meeting link.



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all of you who purchased books from our virtual book fair! We hope you enjoy reading all your new books. Did you miss your chance to order books this time? Don't worry! There's another book fair coming in the spring.





Five Ways to Help Project Shepherd This Holiday Season

As the holiday season quickly approaches, we are reminded of those less fortunate than we are. Over 1,200 individuals living in Lakewood, many of them children and seniors, will not be able to enjoy the holidays without the food, gifts and toys that many of us have come to take for granted. With your help, Project Shepherd will ensure there's enough joy for everyone in Lakewood during the holiday season.

Here are five ways you can help:

1. Make a donation by check: Mail a check to Lakewood Project Shepherd at 5050 Clark Ave., Lakewood, CA 90712, or put it in an envelope addressed to Project Shepherd and drop it off in the utility payment box outside City Hall.

2. Participate in the traditional Teddy Bear Tree Program:

- Select a teddy bear ornament with the gift wish of a child in need, purchase the item to donate, and drop it off at City Hall or the Burns Community Center before Dec. 7.
- Teddy Bear Trees displaying the paper ornaments will be available to the public from Wednesday, Nov. 18 to Friday, Dec. 4 at the Burns Community Center, 5510 Clark Ave., and at Lakewood City Hall, 5050 Clark Ave. next to the main entrance check-in table at the Clark Ave. entrance.

3. Participate in the Virtual Teddy Bear Tree and Canned Food Drive online. Go to www.lakewoodcity.org/holidaygiving to:

- Sponsor a specific child's gift.
- Donate a set amount to sponsor gifts and let Project Shepherd choose the recipient.
- Participate in the Virtual Food Drive by sponsoring 1 to 35 cans, or choose your own dollar amount to donate for food to families in need.

4. Visit Project Shepherd's gift registry on Amazon at www.lakewoodcity.org/PSAmazon to purchase a gift and have it sent directly to the program.

5. Donate Grocery Gift Cards:

Grocery gift cards are needed in \$10 increments. Please drop off gift cards to the Burns Community Center, 5510 Clark Ave. Lakewood before Dec. 7.

Project Shepherd is operated by the Rotary Club of Lakewood and the City of Lakewood. For more information about Project Shepherd and all the ways to help, call 562-925-7512, or visit www.lakewoodcity.org/ProjectShepherd.



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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 2020-2021 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 from the date your application is received until June 30, 2021. 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 douglasmacarthurpta@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support,

Jennifer Beaton

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Vice President, Programs, Douglas MacArthur PTA

SPONSORSHIP TERMS – 2020-2021 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 douglasmacarthurpta@gmail.com (high resolution vector files)

Brief Description of your company:

MacArthur Elementary School PTA

Address: 6011 Centralia Street, Lakewood, CA, 90713

Phone: 562-420-3588 **Fax:** 562-420-7883

E-mail: DouglasMacArthurPTA@gmail.com

Website: MacArthurPTA.com

Facebook: [MacArthur Elementary PTA](https://www.facebook.com/MacArthurElementaryPTA)

Instagram: douglasmacarthurpta



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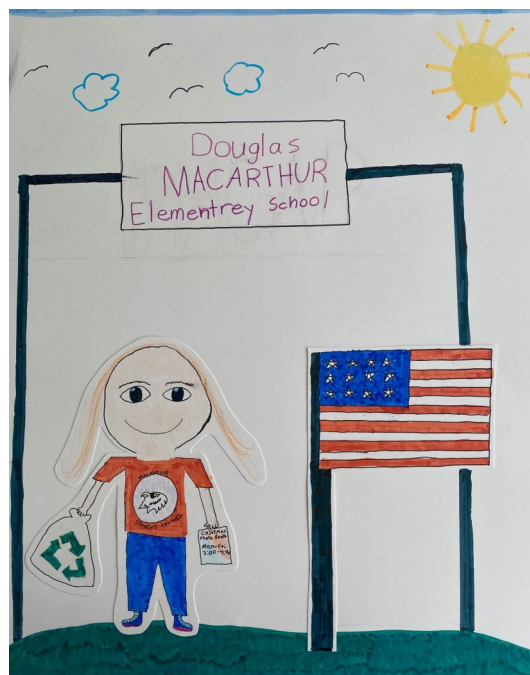
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Reflections Art Program

We'd like to recognize and congratulate the following students for participating in PTA's Reflections Art Contest! These students did a great job conveying their interpretation of the theme "I Matter Because...". Stay tuned for an announcement of the awards ceremony where we will recognize each student and their work of art.

Valentina Mejia - Grade 5 - Literature
Tracy Beaton - Grade 5 - Visual Arts
Ruby Brearley - Grade 4 - Visual Arts
Dawn Grotsky - Grade 3 - Literature
Jackson Vuletich - Grade 3 - Visual Arts






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Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1	2	3 6:30pm: PTA Board Meeting	4	5	6 See's Candy Fundraiser begins!	7
<div> <div>11/2-11/9: Parent-Teacher Conferences (Students Dismissed at 2pm)</div>  </div>						
8	9 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Students Dismissed at 2pm)	10 7pm: 5 th Grade Committee Meeting via Zoom 	11 No School: Veteran's Day 	12 Students dismissed @ 2:30pm	13	14
15	16	17 6:30pm: PTA Association Meeting via Zoom 	18	19 Students dismissed @ 2:30pm Picture Day (Details to Follow) 	20 8:30am: Citizen of the Month Virtual Ceremony	21
22	23	24	25	26 	27	28
<div> <div>11/23-11/27: Thanksgiving Break (No School)</div> </div>						
29	30					



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6	7	8	9 Family Fun Night at Flippin' Pizza 	10 Students dismissed @ 2:30pm 	11 3-6:30pm: Holiday Drive-Thru 	12
13	14	15	16	17 Students dismissed @ 2:30pm	18 8:30am: Citizen of the Month Virtual Ceremony PTA Board Nomination Forms Due	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 	26
12/21-1/1: Winter Recess (No School)						
27	28	29	30	31		
12/21-1/1: Winter Recess (No School)						



MacArthur Elementary School

PTA Nomination Form



The MacArthur PTA is on the hunt! We are looking for talented individuals who would like to serve on the 2020-2021 Executive Board. You may nominate yourself or someone else. All nominations will be considered by the Nominating Committee. Please complete the form below and return it to the school office by December 20, 2019. You may also e-mail it to: DouglasMacArthurPTA@gmail.com. Thank you for your interest!

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Phone: _____ **Can we text you?** _____

Nominee's E-Mail (please PRINT clearly): _____

I am nominating (choose one): myself another person

The nominee is interested in serving in the following position(s):

(If interested in more than one position, please number in preferential order. Job descriptions can be found on the back of this form.)

- _____ President
- _____ Vice President, Programs
- _____ Vice President, Ways & Means
- _____ Recording Secretary
- _____ Treasurer
- _____ Financial Secretary
- _____ Auditor
- _____ Historian
- _____ Parliamentarian (Appointed by the President)
- _____ 5th Grade Committee Chair (Appointed by the President)
- _____ Home Reading Club Chair (Appointed by the President)
- _____ Hospitality Chair (Appointed by the President)
- _____ Membership Chair (Appointed by the President)
- _____ Volunteer Coordinator (Appointed by the President)

Why would this nominee be a good candidate for this PTA Executive Board position? You may list character traits, special talents, and previous/volunteer experience.

****The election of officers will take place on March 24, 2020.****

PRESIDENT – Coordinate work of officers and committees, approve all out-going letters/memos; prepare agenda and preside at all Association PTA and Board Meetings. Represent MacArthur at all Long Beach Council PTA meetings, work with Treasurer to prepare annual budget, signs checks and contracts; coordinate all PTA activities with school Principal.

VICE PRESIDENT PROGRAMS- Collaborates with principal, PTA president, and other committee chairmen to coordinate, plan and implement programs. Publicizes approved program calendar using newsletters, website, and social networks.

VICE PRESIDENT WAYS AND MEANS- Collaborates with principal, PTA president, and other committee chairmen to coordinate, plan and implement fundraisers. The primary person responsible for setting fundraising goals and organizing and implementing all fundraising activities.

RECORDING SECRETARY – Prepare and record minutes for Executive Board and Association meetings. Notify board members of any meeting changes or interim meetings scheduled by the President. Make meeting date changes available to the public per Bylaws timeline. Maintain files of official documents including the Bylaws and Annual Records.

TREASURER- Keep permanent records of all financial transactions and manage PTA funds; prepare monthly financial report and present at all PTA Association Meetings, prepare annual PTA budget, reconcile bank statements, prepare and file annual IRA tax return (using an outside agent), remit payment for dues, bills and reimbursements, prepare annual financial report. (General accounting knowledge helpful)

FINANCIAL SECRETARY – Collect, count and deposit all monies collected from all PTA events and fundraisers; handle collection of payment and fines on all NSF checks.

AUDITOR – Audit books and records of the unit semi-annually, make needed recommendations or corrections; present audit report at PTA Association Meetings in September and March; ensure the membership that the association's resources and funds are being managed in a businesslike manner within the regulations established for their use.

HISTORIAN – Assembles and preserves the record of activities and achievements of the PTA and assists the president in preparing the Annual Report; collects and report volunteer hours to Council. Photographs (or coordinates a photographer) for all PTA events.

PARLIAMENTARIAN – Attend all meetings and give advice on parliamentary procedures as needed according to Robert's Rules and the Bylaws of MacArthur PTA; keep all meetings moving in a smooth and timely matter; call meeting of the Nominating Committee; review the bylaws annually, chair the Bylaws Review Committee and formally review the Bylaws and submit to Council/State every 2-3 years. This position is appointed, not elected.

5TH GRADE COMMITTEE CHAIR – Assembles a committee of 5th grade parents in order to plan and implement 5th grade activities and graduation festivities. This position is appointed, not elected.

HOME READING CLUB CHAIR – Distributes and collects monthly home reading club logs. Coordinates monthly rewards and end of the activity for participation. This position is appointed, not elected.

HOSPITALITY CHAIR – Acts as official host of PTA in creating welcoming atmosphere at meetings and events. Works with committee and other chairman to organize and set up refreshments, food, decorations, registration, and greeters for PTA meetings and events, as needed. This position is appointed, not elected.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR- Responsible for creating and implementing a membership plan, promoting membership throughout the year, collecting dues, and distributing membership cards. Also coordinates classroom rewards for 100% participation.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR- Works with the PTA president, principal and teachers to coordinate volunteer assignments at the school to support student success. Oversees volunteer recruitment, training and assignments.

All nominees must be available for the following:

- Monthly PTA board meetings - First Tuesday of the month 6:30-8:30pm
- PTA association meetings- Third Tuesday of the following months - September, November, January, March, and May – 6:30-8:30pm
- 1-2 trainings on elected/appointed position

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