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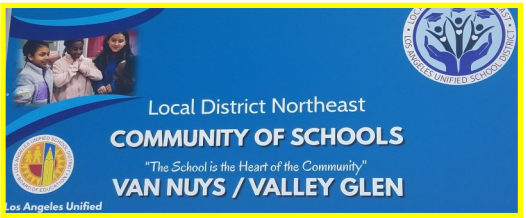

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"Building Upon Knowledge and Wisdom"

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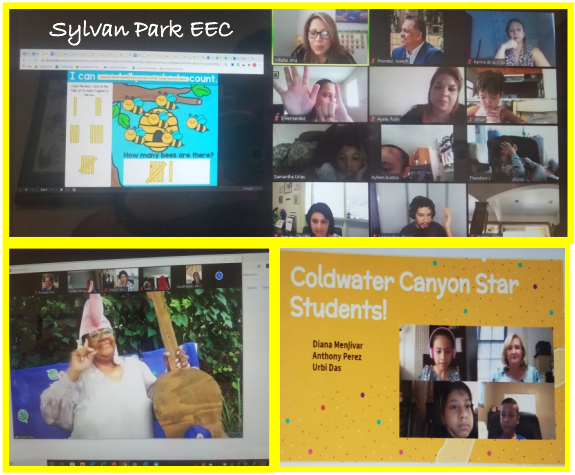


As I reflect on the first five weeks of school, I am reminded by our Superintendent Austin Beutner during his weekly update that it has actually been six months since the closing of our schools in March. Today we continue to provide the promise of a public education in a virtual format under our current circumstances. I want to extend my thanks to the many individuals who are supporting our scholars in our efforts to provide school on a daily basis. With the realization that many of our parents and guardians are returning back to work which is essential to keep a roof overhead and provide food for their family; all while giving their children the best opportunity to learn, albeit virtually, we continue to work together and persevere. With two children at home myself, I am experiencing first hand the challenges of being a parent, working away from home, and still having to ensure my children are learning on a daily basis. Today, I want to thank our children's first teacher...their parents and guardians for all you do, we couldn't do what we do without your support. As always, you have my unwavering commitment to continue to do the best we can to support students and families in the Van Nuys/Valley Glen Community of Schools. Be sure to fill out your 2020 Census by September 30th...Make sure you and everyone in your household are counted. *I welcome your feedback at* ***pdamonte@lausd.net***

Latino Heritage Month: September 15-October 15

Latino Heritage Month, September 15 through October 15, celebrates the cultures and honors the contributions of all who have origins in Mexico, Central America, South America, Puerto Rico, Cuba, and other parts of the Caribbean. For Latinos who call this country home, roots may stretch back generations or could be much more recent. The date is a nod to independence throughout the region. September 15 marks independence in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Independence Day in Mexico is celebrated on September 16, and on September18 in Chile. The 2020 theme is "A History of Serving Our Nation." Today, 73 percent of Los Angeles Unified students identify as Latino.

Attendance Matters

Engaged students are more likely to achieve academically, attend class regularly, and stay in school. 4 out of 5 students who were absent more than 10% of the school year in kindergarten and 1st grade were unable to read on grade-level by 3rd grade. Students who can read on grade-level by 3rd grade are 4 times more likely to NOT drop out of school.

Staff Profile: *Mr. Zachary Darbyhire, Sylvan Park Elementary*

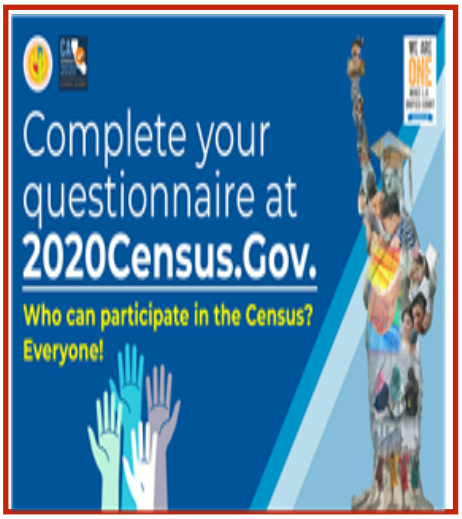
Mr. Zachary Darbyshire is a 4th/5th grade Special Day Class teacher at Sylvan Park Elementary School. He is known for his supportive and calm demeanor and is a fierce advocate for teaching and learning. Thank you Mr. Darbyshire for your commitment to your students in the Sylvan Park Community. *#gopanthers*

Student Profile: Annie Mokatsyan, Grant HS, Former Kittridge EL Alum

A little over a year ago, Annie created a virtual organization called Am4teens, for ambitious high school students to get involved in skill utilization based projects with over 260+ volunteers from around the world for students that needed extra help adjusting into the school routine. Through their distance learning program, mentors were assigned to help students out and provide ease while transitioning into this school year that looks quite different than any other.

Community Profile: PAVILIONS

PAVILIONS has been an outstanding Community Partner of Kester Elementary. **PAVILIONS** recently made a generous $10,000 donation to Kester Elementary to support a new computer lab. We want to recognize **PAVILIONS** for being a true community partner and for understanding that we depend on our community partners to support ongoing school initiatives. Thank you PAVILIONS for your continued support.



Resources:

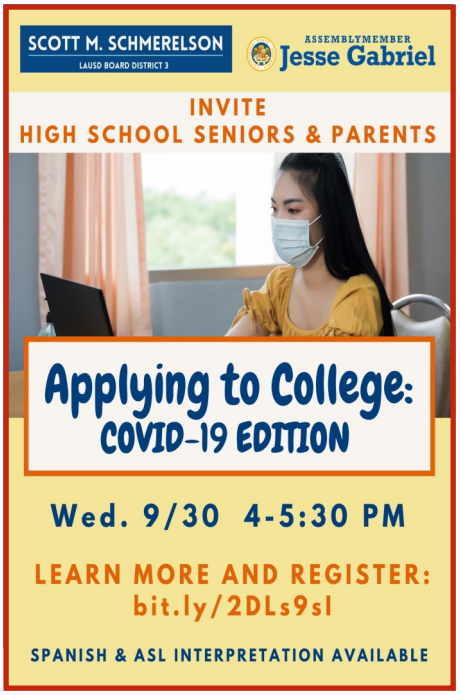
Hotlines (6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
Families: 213-443-1300 Employees: 213-241-2700
http://achieve.lausd.net/resources

Mental Health Support (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Student and Families: 213-241-3840
http://achieve.lausd.net/Page/16559#spn-contents

Division of Special Education Website:
https://achieve.lausd.net/sped

Local District Northeast Resources for Parents
Call: 818- 252-5400 (7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Email: LDNorthEast@lausd.net
https://sites.google.com/lausd.net/ldne-resources-for-parents/home

Device Connectivity
213-443-1300
http://achieve.lausd.net/itd



Mark Your Calendars...Parent Workshops

REVISED – NEW DATE

The School is the Heart of the Community

Special Education Service Center Northeast

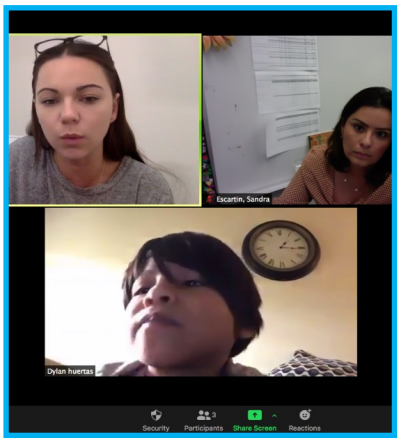
PLEASE JOIN US

Local District Northeast
Special Education
Parent Information Webinar

REVISED – NEW DATE
Tuesday, October 6, 2020
3:00PM- 4:00PM

Webinar Code:
991 0626 4115

Community of School Highlights



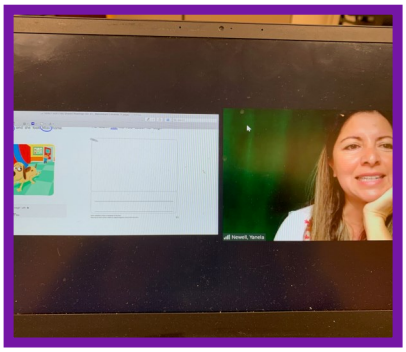
Assessing students virtually at Sylvan Park Elementary.

Monday Assembly with Principal Munoz-Islas at Cardenas EL.

SYLVAN PARK ELEMENTARY

School for Advanced Studies
IMAGINE. EXPLORE. CREATE.

Sharing School Pride with New School for Advanced Studies Logo



Synchronous Teaching at Van Nuys EL.

Los Angeles Unified School District
Office of Parent and Community Services and
Local District Northeast

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Study Group 2020 – 2021

The LCAP Study Group purpose is to:

- Build understanding about the LCAP with Local District parent leaders
- Capture parent feedback about LCAP programs and funding
- Provide parents with opportunities to serve on the District-level Parent Advisory Committee

Please join us! All parents are welcomed and encouraged to participate.

Zoom ID: 296 006 6839
Password: 2018

Meeting Dates:

#1: Orientation
Wednesday,
September 30, 2020
Time: 2:30 p.m.

Election Meeting
Thursday,
October 15, 2020
Time: 2:30 p.m.

#2:
Wednesday,
October 28, 2020
Time: 2:30 p.m.

#3:
Wednesday,
December 9, 2020
Time 2:30 p.m.

#4:
Wednesday,
February 24, 2021
Time: 2:30 p.m.

#5:
Wednesday,
April 7, 2021
Time 2:30 p.m.

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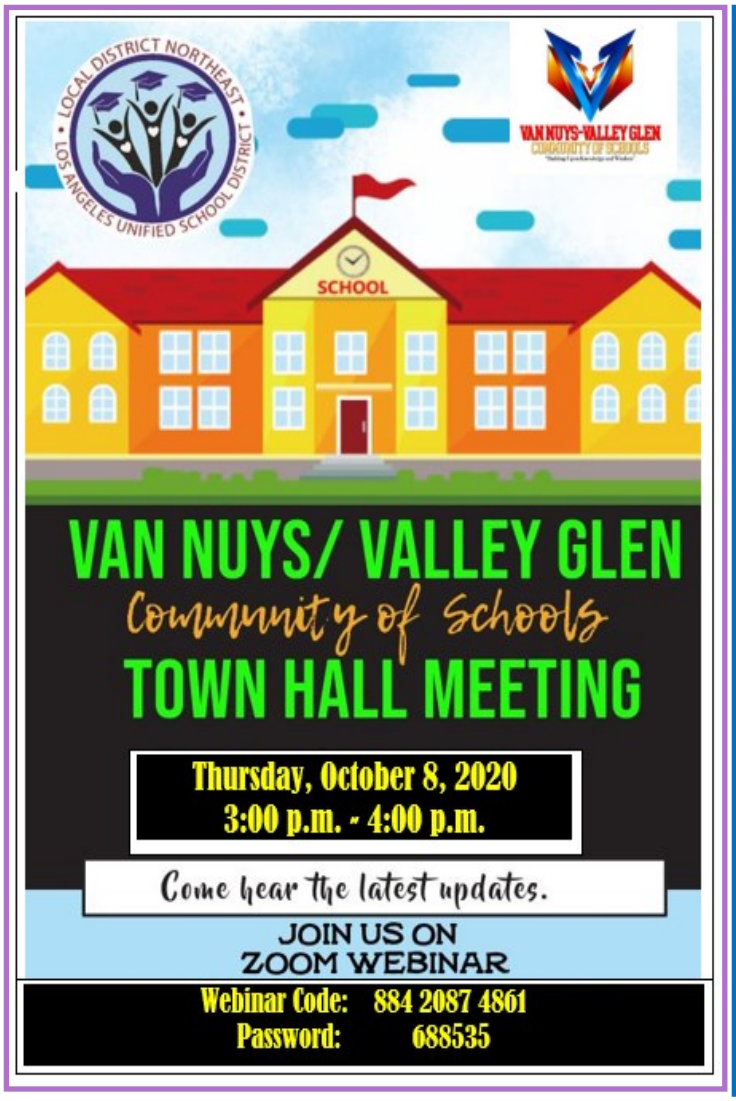
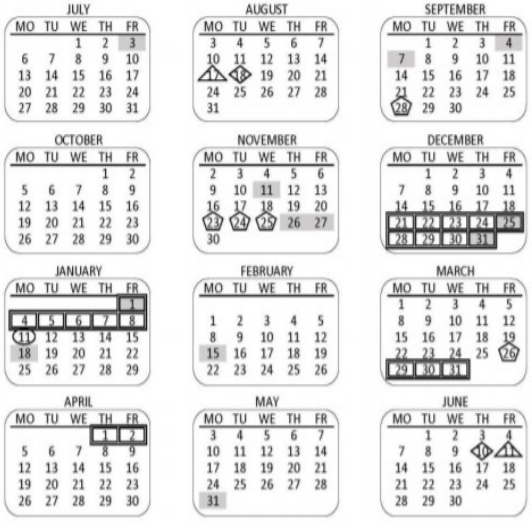
La Escuela es el Corazón de la Comunidad

Congratulations Kester Elementary $10,000 Donation from Pavilions



SCHOOL CALENDAR

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SINGLE-TRACK INSTRUCTIONAL SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020-2021



07/03/20	Independence Day Observed	01/11/21	Second Semester Begins
08/18/20	First Day of Instruction	01/18/21	Dr. Martin L. King Birthday
09/04/20	Admission Day	02/15/21	Presidents' Day
09/07/20	Labor Day	03/26/21	Cesar E. Chavez Birthday Observed
11/11/20	Veterans Day	03/29 - 04/02/21	Spring Recess
11/26 - 11/27/20	Thanksgiving Holiday	05/31/21	Memorial Day
12/21/20 - 01/08/21	Winter Recess	06/10/21	Last Day of Instruction

LEGEND:
- First Day/Last Day of Instruction
- Legal/Local Holidays
- School Recess
- Unassigned Day (schools not in session)
- Pupil Free Days *
- Second Semester Begins

Instructional Days	
Fall Semester	80
Spring Semester	100
Total	180

* Scheduled pupil free days are Monday, August 17, 2020 and Friday, June 11, 2021.
If a school selects Monday, January 11, 2021 as a pupil free day, then Friday, June 11, 2021 becomes an instructional day.

Board Approved
December 12, 2017

Free Meals Every Weekday
7:00 a.m.10:00 a.m.

Please visit the following Grab & Go Food Center within our Community of Schools located at:

Van Nuys Senior High School

Van Nuys / Valley Glen
Community of Schools:

Cardenas EL
Chandler EL
Coldwater Canyon EL
Columbus EL
Dixie Canyon Comm. Charter
Erwin EL
Hazeltine EL
Kester EL
Kittridge EL
Monlux EL
Riverside Dr. Charter
Sherman Oaks EL
Sylvan Park EL
Van Nuys EL
Sylvan Park EEC
Madison MS
Millikan Charter & Perf. Arts
Van Nuys MS
Grant HS
London CDC
London HS
Rogers HS
Van Nuys SH

Contact Us:
Community of Schools
Administrative Office:
Madison MS
13000 Hart Street
North Hollywood, CA 91605
Ph: (818) 440-0023 / (818) 252-5400
Fax: (818) 440-0022
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