

VAN NUYS / VALLEY GLEN

COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS

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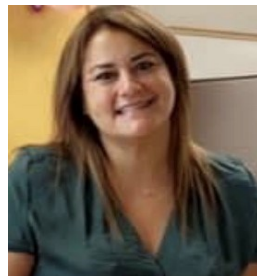
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"Building Upon Knowledge and Wisdom"



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Van Nuys / Valley Glen
CoS Administrator

Community Connection

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As Superintendent Austin Beutner explained in his October 5, 2020 Letter to the School Community, Los Angeles Unified School District is offering free COVID-19 tests to all students. The virus testing program is now underway and it's time for our school to be tested. We are asking parents to make an appointment for an initial test now to help us prepare for the opening of school for in-person instruction. Although the date when schools will re-open for in-person instruction is not yet known, taking an initial test now will provide valuable information about the incidence of COVID-19 in the communities we serve. This information will help the scientists, researchers and epidemiologists who are assisting with the program. The baseline testing will help reduce the spread of the disease by identifying those with the virus so they can be kept apart from others. Immediately prior to the reopening of schools, all students and staff who will be returning to schools, will be provided with a further, back-to-school, baseline test.

Please schedule an appointment for your child at <https://achieve.lausd.net/covidtestingapppt>. You will need your child's student ID number to schedule an appointment. You may obtain your child's student ID number by accessing the Parent Portal at <https://parentportalapp.lausd.net/parentaccess/> or by calling our LAUSD hotline at 213-443-1300. Once you've made the appointment, you will receive a confirmation email with details. Please be prepared to show the email on your phone or print out the confirmation and bring it with you to the appointment. Thank you for your participation in this important program. **I also want to remind you to vote...make your voice heard. I welcome your feedback at pdamonte@lausd.net**

A New Standard in Public Education

Testing

Community Engagement

Health Practices

COVID-19 TESTING

For All Students

COVID-19 testing for all students is necessary and appropriate as we plan a return to school in the safest possible manner. We must do all we can to protect the health and safety of all in the school community.

Let's Stay Healthy Together

"STOP, SWAB, & GO"

- Testing is free and confidential
- Less than 10 minutes, start to finish
- Several testing locations to choose from near you
- Receive test results within 24-36 hours via text or email

Schedule your appointment at:
<https://achieve.lausd.net/covidtestingapppt>

Staff Profile: Ms. Marci Edge, Monlux Elementary



Ms. Marci Edge, a second grade teacher at Monlux STEM Magnet. Building relationships with her students and families in the virtual world has become more than she could ever imagine. Her students and families are meeting every challenge with passion, creativity, knowledge and understanding. They roll with technology when it doesn't go our way, and reach out to each other to help trouble shoot problems. Ms. Edge feels so lucky to be the teacher of her Second Grade Superstars and their families. Thank you Ms. Edge for your ongoing dedication and for all you do to make Monlux Elementary a better place for students, parents, and staff.

Student Profile: Kenneth DeLeon, Cardenas Elementary





Kenneth De Leon started at Cardenas Elementary School as a kindergartener. He has been one of the schools model students. He not only does extremely well academically, but he is also a genuinely great young man. He is a leader when working with his classmates in pairs or in small groups. His knowledge and skills have helped him and the classmates for whom he models. As a person, Kenneth has shown kindness, respect and all the other character traits that contribute to making a great student. Principal Islas-Munoz attributes his success as an exceptional student and as a model citizen to his parents whom she has witnessed first hand their support for Kenneth since he's been a student at Cardenas. Congratulations to Kevin for being recognized as a model student.

Community Partner: CSUN

Community of School Highlights

Focus on Community Partners


Jack London Schools and CSUN MOSAIC connection.

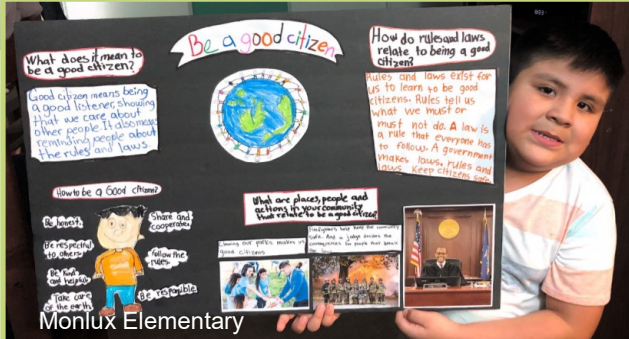
Jack London schools are supported by the MOSAIC program offered through the California State University at Northridge. The MOSAIC program, **Mentoring to Overcome Struggle and Inspire Courage**, is a program where a team of college students visit Jack London schools for a period of 10 weeks and establish a one-on-one mentoring relationship with at least 3 students. Each mentor assists in academic and social-emotional development via goal-setting utilizing student's individual graduation plans, developing organizational skills, and holding students accountable for their actions and progress via course completion and attendance. Additionally, the CSUN mentors assist the Jack London students to explore their own talents and interests, put together poetry slams and art shows as well as complete fun activities to build resilience and coping skills. CSUN mentors listen to their concerns and questions about schoolwork, relationship issues, drugs, sex, or problems at home. At the beginning of each week and the start of the program, mentors work with students to establish goals. At the end of each week and program, mentors check each student's progress and establish new goals. During the fall 2019 semester, mentors collaborated with Jack London students to create 137 individual goals, ranging from completing a course, attending school each day, to simply knowing their individual graduation requirements. As a result, Jack London students completed 49% of their goals. Many goals that were not accomplished during the first time were later accomplished after the second plan was put in place. Lastly, CSUN Mentors and Jack London students work collaboratively to examine the issues facing at-risk youth in their personal relationships and in their school and community environments. In doing so, students explore how sociological concepts and theories apply in "real-world" situations and provide solutions to move forward. The program director, Dr. Alex Ojeda, said it best when he stated "So, that's something they [London students] need very much, more attention from adults who can also serve as positive role models. The MOSAIC mentors from CSUN are there to try and fill that void."

N. Schneider
Jack London Schools
Principal

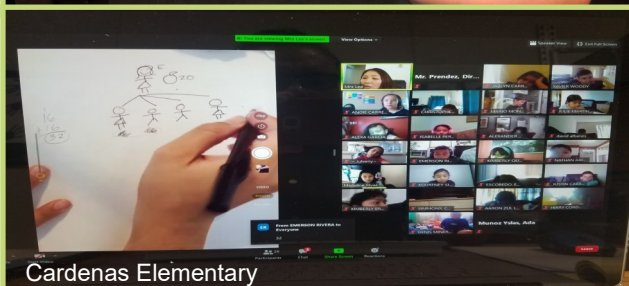
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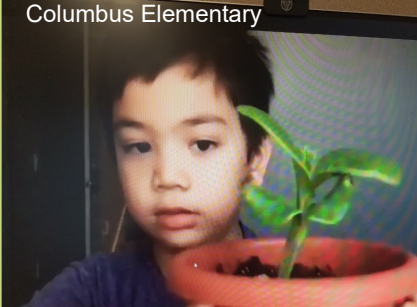
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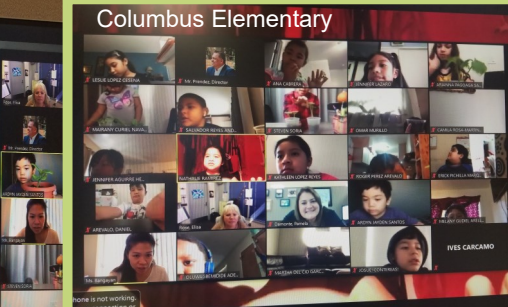
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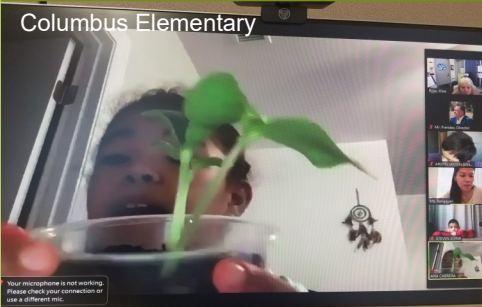
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SAVE THE DATE

VAN NUYS / VALLEY GLEN COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS

TOWN HALL MEETING

WHEN:

**Thursday,
November 12, 2020**

3:00 p.m.

MEETING TOPICS:

- Return to Campus Update
- Covid Testing for Schools and Staff
- Tutoring and Intervention Programs for Students
- Special Education Updates
- Upcoming Parent Meetings/Workshops



**VAN NUYS-VALLEY GLEN
COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS**
"Building Upon Knowledge and Wisdom"



**ZOOM
WEBINAR:**

828 3835 4619

PASSWORD:

2042 97



**SCHOOL &
FAMILY**

**SUPPORT
SERVICES**

Do you have questions about...

- The special education process.
- Special education policies and procedures.
- Extended School Year (ESY) enrollment for students with IEPs.

Tienes preguntas sobre ...

- El proceso de educación especial.
- Políticas y procedimientos de educación especial.
- Inscripción en el año escolar extendido (ESY) para estudiantes con IEP.

Contact:
Phone: (213) 241-6701
Email: spedsfss@lausd.net
Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM



**Call Los Angeles Unified's
Student & Family Wellness Hotline**
 Consultations, Support & Referrals



Need help?
Call (213) 241-3840
 Weekdays 8 am to 5 pm

For support with:
 Mental health
 Immunizations
 Health insurance
 Food and housing
 Enrollment
 And more






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>


Device
Connectivity
Learning



The School is the Heart of the Community



**Special Education Service Center
Northeast**




PLEASE JOIN US

**Local District Northeast
Parent Special Education Workshop Series**

TOPICS	DATES	TIMES
• Parent Informational Webinar	October 6	3 to 4 p.m.
• Pre-School	October 20	2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
• Supporting Your Student on the Alternate Curriculum	November 2	2:30 to 3:30 p.m. ←
• Instructional Activities to Support Your Child	November 17	2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
• Transition	December 1	2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

**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 on Zoom!
All parents are welcomed and encouraged to participate.



Meeting Dates:

#1: Orientation
 Wednesday, September 30, 2020
 Time: 2:30 p.m.
 Meeting ID: 915 3366 7687
 Passcode: 2018


Election Meeting
Thursday, October 15, 2020
2:30 p.m.
 Meeting ID: 913 7718 9703
 Passcode: 126504

#2:
 Wednesday, October 28, 2020
 Time: 2:30 p.m.
 Meeting ID: 964 8912 4958
 Passcode: 2018

#3:
 Wednesday, December 9, 2020
 2:30 p.m.
 Meeting ID: 990 9407 7267
 Passcode: 2018

#4:
 Wednesday, February 24, 2021
 2:30 p.m.
 Meeting ID: 958 8382 7742
 Passcode: 2018

#5:
 Wednesday, April 7, 2021
 2:30 p.m.
 Meeting ID: 990 6937 6472
 Passcode: 2018



The School is the Heart of the Community
La Escuela es el Corazón de la Comunidad



**MAKE YOUR
PLAN TO
VOTE TODAY AT
PLAN.LAVOTE.NET**

EVERY **VOTE** IN

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

JULY

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

AUGUST

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR
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SEPTEMBER

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OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

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DECEMBER

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JANUARY

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FEBRUARY

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MARCH

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APRIL

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MAY

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JUNE

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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

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

GRAB & GO

**FOOD
CENTER**

CENTRO DE COMIDA PARA LLEVAR

**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:			Contact Us:	
Cardenas EL	Kester EL	Madison MS	Community of Schools	
Chandler EL	Kittridge EL	Millikan Charter & Perf. Arts	Administrative Office:	
Coldwater Canyon EL	Monlux EL	Van Nuys MS	Madison MS	
Columbus EL	Riverside Dr. Charter	Grant HS	13000 Hart Street	
Dixie Canyon Comm. Charter	Sherman Oaks EL	London CDC	North Hollywood, CA 91605	
Erwin EL	Sylvan Park EL	London HS	Ph: (818) 299-5861 / (818) 252-5400	
Hazeltine EL	Van Nuys EL	Rogers HS	Fax: (818) 299-5863	
	Sylvan Park EEC	Van Nuys SH	Follow us on: http:vannuysvalleyglencos@lausd.net	
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Board Member Scott Schmerelson and the LAUSD Board Standing with the Armenian People and the Republic of Artsakh

Los Angeles (Oct. 6, 2020) The Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education today unanimously adopted an emergency resolution, authored by Board Member Scott Schmerelson, condemning Azerbaijani aggression against Armenia. “

I am pleased that my colleagues joined me in calling out the outrageous and immoral attack on Armenia,” said Schmerelson, who represents the LAUSD’s Third Board District. “Innocent Armenian civilians are dying as a result of this unprovoked attack on their country by Azerbaijan. It is important for people around the world to condemn the outrageous aggression.

” The resolution was co-sponsored by LAUSD Board Members Jackie Goldberg and Kelly Gonez and states that “on September 26, 2020 Azerbaijan’s military forces launched a deadly and unprovoked attack against the Republic of Artsakh, including that country’s capital city, Stepanakert.” The invasion of the mostly Armenian region is a “direct threat not only to the Armenian population that has lived in Artsakh for millennia, but also to regional stability fundamental to United States’ interests

“I am proud to co-sponsor this resolution to stand in solidarity with our Armenian families in Board District 6 and throughout Southern California,” stated Board Member Kelly Gonez, another co-sponsor of the resolution. “The US must call for an immediate ceasefire and require that Turkey stop destabilizing the region with its direct support of Azerbaijan’s offensive. We stand by our Armenian students and educators and call for peace and self-determination for the people of Artsakh.” ...“We welcome students and families from all over the world,” Superintendent Austin Beutner said.

Q & A: What is happening in Artsakh/Armenia?

Q: Where is Artsakh?

A: Artsakh (internationally known as Nagorno-Karabakh) is nestled in between Armenia and Azerbaijan.



Q: What is the history of Artsakh?

A: The Armenian population is indigenous to Artsakh, where they have lived since the 5th century B.C. Numerous historical artifacts, such as Armenian monasteries, date back to the 4th century (nkrus.org).

Q: Why does Azerbaijan believe that Artsakh is theirs?

A: In the 1920s, the USSR gave Nagorno-Karabakh to Soviet Azerbaijan to please Turkey (in hopes of having them join the USSR). On December 10th, 1991, a referendum was held for Artsakh's independence from Azerbaijan; it passed by majority vote (de Waal).

Q: What is happening in that region right now?

A: Azerbaijan violated a ceasefire treaty by invading Artsakh and Armenia. The latest attack took place on Armenian soil (at the border of Armenia and Artsakh). Azerbaijan is accused of using mercenaries, including ISIS fighters from Syria. As a result, many civilians have died (The Guardian).