

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**Third Street Elementary School**  
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## October 2011 Monthly Letter to Parents

### **Calendar of Events for October:**

- . Fri. 10/07 – 7:00 a.m. – SSC Mtg. – Library
- . Fri. 10/07– 8:15 a.m. – PTA/Friends of Third Mtg.– Aud.
- . Fri. 10/05 – NORM DAY (Student Count Day)
- . Sun. 10/09 - Health & Safety Clean-Up of the School from 10 – 2pm”
- . Mon. 10/10 – Columbus Day – School in Session (Regular School Day)
- . **Tues. 10/11 – 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. - Back-to-School Breakfast/Day**
  - \*7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast/Cafeteria Benches
  - \*\*8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Classroom Visitations:
    - (8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – Gr. K-2 Class Visitations)
    - (8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. - Gr. 3-5; Class Visitations)
    - Students on the yard supervised by administrative staff and TA’s
    - Parking on the street only (Do not block our neighbors’ driveways and do not double park)
- . Tues. 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25 – BANKED TIME DAY – **1:30 p.m. – Dismissal time**
- . Fri. 10/21-Great California Shake-Out Drill
- . Fri. 10/21 –8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Middle School Info. Mtg. (Parents w/Students in Gr. 4 & 5) – Auditorium

### **Calendar of Events for November:**

- . 11/02 – Picture Day
- . 11/03 – Prospective Kdgt. Parent Orientation for 2012-2013 School Year-(501 Wilcox Ave., 90004, 5-7 p.m.)
- . 11/04 - SSC Meeting – 7:00 a.m.
- . 11/04 - PTA/Friends Meeting – 8:15 a.m.
- . 11/05 – Sat. – Culture Day
- . 11/11 – No School – Veterans Day Observance
- . 11/24 & 11/25- Thanksgiving Holiday (**NO SCHOOL**)

### **Other Important Dates/Holidays:**

Parent Conferences	12/05-12/09
Winter Break	12/19/11 – 1/06/12
M.L. King Day	1/16/12
Presidents’ Day	2/20/12
Cesar E. Chavez Day	3/30/12
Spring Break	4/02/12 – 4/06/12
Memorial Day	5/28/12
Last Day of School	6/22/12

\***REMINDER:** Please mark your calendar and make the necessary child care arrangements.

\***REMINDER:** Please do not make family travel plans while school is in session.

### **Dear Parents,**

We hope that the transition into new school year has been a pleasant one. As with all new beginnings, there have been many changes. Our API (Academic Performance Index) score is **939** (on a scale of 200 to 1000 and based on the Spring 2010-2011 test results)! Congratulations! All our efforts have paid off!

With the start of the new school year, we found that our kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> gr. enrollment was higher than we initially anticipated. Every year, the district allows us to finalize the assignment of students by Norm Day (October 5) and we are happy to announce to you that we are almost in compliance at the time of this writing to create two 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade combination classes.

### **Back-to-School Breakfast/Day – 7:00 A.M.to 9:00 A.M. – Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>:**

You are cordially invited to our Back-to-School day on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 A.M.to 9:00 A.M. A breakfast will be served as a fund-raiser by the PTA, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. This will provide you, the parents, with an opportunity to enjoy breakfast with your child(ren). Classroom visitations will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

At this time, you will meet your child’s teacher, learn about his/her school program, the grade level academic content standards and expectations. You will also learn how you can help your child to do his/her best work. While you are visiting with your child’s teacher, your children will engage in psycho-motor activities on the yard from 8:05 a.m. to 9 a.m. Sandra Choi, Coordinator, and teacher assistants will provide supervision on the playground.

**Current Home Phone Numbers Needed for ConnectEd Messages (Robo calls)**

When we send out our messages, 30% of calls were unsuccessfully delivered, meaning, 30% of the phone numbers we currently have on record for school families were incorrect. It is critical that we have your correct home phone numbers in case of emergencies. If your phone numbers have been changed, please report that to the office.

**Important Traffic Issues**

We want to remind all parents that the teacher parking lot is for **staff only**. This is for the safety of our students and staff and we ask that you kindly use the street for parking and picking up your children. In addition, there have been some issues with picking up children on the Las Palmas side of our school. We want to let you know that parking in the bus zone is a \$300 ticket and parking in the drop off zone is a \$60 ticket if you leave your car. Also, all private afterschool institutes are to pick up children on Las Palmas and not in the front of the school.

**URGENT! More traffic control parent volunteers are needed on the June Street and Las Palmas gates.**

During the morning drop-off time (7:45 a.m. to 8:06 a.m.), it can become quite chaotic with parents driving on the wrong side of the street, making illegal U-turns in the middle of the street with oncoming traffic, double parking, and jaywalking across the street with oncoming traffic from BOTH directions. **Parents, please remember that safety comes first and use the crosswalks.**

**New Reading Language Arts Program (RLA)-Treasures**

Starting this school year, LAUSD is implementing a new Reading Language Arts (RLA) program called *Treasures* by Macmillan/McGraw-Hill. The literature in *Treasures* is organized around themes common to all grades.

- K: Families, Friends, Transportation, Food, Animals, Neighborhood, Weather, Plants, Amazing Creatures, I Know A Lot
- Gr. 1: All About Us, Our Families, Our Neighbors, Have Fun!, Let's Team Up, Nature Watch, Adventures
- Gr. 2: Friends & Family, Community Helpers, Let's Create, Better Together, Growing and Changing, The World Around Us
- Gr. 3: Let's Learn, Neighborhoods & Communities, Express Yourself, Our Teams, Those Amazing Animals, Storytellers
- Gr. 4: Growing Up, Making a Difference, The Power of Words, Working Together, Habitats, Problem Solving
- Gr. 5: Taking a Stand, The American West, Using Your Wits, Team Up to Survive, Investigations, Changes

**School Report Card**

Parents,

The School Report Cards are available for your preview. Our school's report can be viewed on the following website: <http://getreportcard.lausd.net/reportcardpreview/reports.jsp>

**PTA (Parent Teacher Association) NEWS:**

PTA) PARENTS AND TEACHERS ASSOCIATION would like to welcome you to Third Street School!! We are very excited about what lies ahead this school year and have many entertaining and educational events planned.

**PTA MEMBERSHIP... HAVE YOU JOINED THE TEAM YET?** Our membership drive is well under way and the response has been great! Your membership helps fund PTA's many programs and you also get special benefits, like discounts for Legoland, Enterprise, T-Mobile, Hewlett Packard, and many, many more! It's only \$10 a membership and when you join by Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, your child gets a sprinkle atop their class 'cupcake'. The classroom with the most sprinkles wins a cupcake party!

**BACK TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>** from 7am to 9am. Join other parents for a delicious continental breakfast before accompanying your child in his/her classroom to meet your teacher. K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom visits are from 8 to 8:30am, 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom visits are from 8:30am to 9am. Volunteers and donations are needed to help make this much anticipated annual event a success. Contact Deanna Hughes at [deannanughes@gmail.com](mailto:deannanughes@gmail.com) if you'd like to help.

**REFLECTIONS ART CONTEST!!** Does your child have a flair for the arts? Enter the Reflections Art contest! All children are invited to enter in any of the six categories – dance, music, visual arts, literature, photography or film production. Flyers with information will be sent home in the middle of October so be sure to check those backpacks. Winners receive ribbons and school wide recognition at our Reflections Reception in the spring.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATIONAL OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>** at 8:15am in the auditorium. Calling all parents of 5<sup>th</sup> graders!! Local middle schools both public and private will make presentations and answer your burning questions.

**Health & Safety Clean – Up, October 9, from 10 – 2pm:** We need your help!!! Come out and help make our school a safe and healthy environment for our children. Bring your power washers, brooms, dustpans, rakes, cleaning supplies, etc. Can't make it that day? Then, donate supplies, your gardener, snacks, etc. There are many ways to help. Drinks and pizza will be provided. If you have questions, please email Claudia Rips at [cmrips@earthlink.net](mailto:cmrips@earthlink.net).

**TREMENDOUS THANKS** to all the parents who donated food to the teachers' luncheon and helped our school wide "Clean Team" beautify the grounds on September 6<sup>th</sup>. It's parents like you who make 3<sup>rd</sup> Street such an exceptional school!

All the best,

-Deanna Hughes  
PTA President

**Friends of Third:**

October won't just be about leaves changing and waving the last farewell to summer. The **ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN** is underway and we need your support. This is the single most important fundraising activity we do here at the school and it provides over half our annual budget. Without strong support from all of our families, we won't have the resources to continue providing all the fabulous programs we fund, like a librarian and extended afterschool library hours, additional field trips for all the classes, music instruction, a technology center and instructor, computers in the classrooms, and more. Sadly, due to continued cuts to the education budget in Sacramento, for all practical purposes, **there is no longer such a thing as a free public education at the level provided by Third Street School.** The school's API of 938 is no accident. It is a direct result of Dr. Oh's leadership, phenomenal teachers and the programs and resources provided by Friends of Third that round out our children's education. We're asking each family to consider making a \$625 donation per child. If you can do more, we certainly appreciate that. If that isn't within your budget, we are grateful for whatever you can do. But please try to participate at some level. Our membership drive costs us nothing, so 100% of every dollar donated goes directly to fund our programs. Plus every penny of every donation to Annual Giving is deductible off your taxes. To donate online, go to [www.friendsofthird.org/support-us.html](http://www.friendsofthird.org/support-us.html).

Looking ahead over the horizon to November, we've got **Cultural Day on Saturday, November 5.** This extraordinary event is fun for children and adults alike, and celebrates the many interesting and diverse cultures represented by students who attend the school. International Culture Day helps us all develop a greater sense of community through better understanding. Each classroom adopts a country, continent or culture and will host a booth featuring information about that particular group. Additionally, there will be a fashion show of children in different ethnic dress, and several live performances, including a Korean fan dance and the school's student Korean drum corps. It is truly a special event where education and fun collide into one extraordinary afternoon. Please mark the date on your calendars today! To volunteer and help the Cultural Day Committee plan this event, contact Carrie Fundingsland, [csuze17@gmail.com](mailto:csuze17@gmail.com).

**Tim Hill** and the **Green Team** want to remind everyone to support Green Tuesdays by bringing your bottles, cans and computer ink cartridges to school every Tuesday. This is a free way to help raise funds for school and do something great for the planet. Contact parent volunteer Tim Hill if you're interested in helping out ([greenrealtorla@gmail.com](mailto:greenrealtorla@gmail.com)).

For the latest Third Street information, blogs, calendars, and more, go to [www.friendsofthird.org](http://www.friendsofthird.org). The next Friends of Third/PTA meeting is on Friday, October 7 after drop off. Have a great month and **THINK ANNUAL GIVING!!**

Jennifer Rissier & Roy Forbes  
Co-Presidents  
Friends of Third

**Third Street School Vision Statement:**

We, the stakeholders of Third Street Elementary School, will, in partnership with our school community, educate, challenge and empower our students to become productive and responsible members of a changing society by providing a rigorous, forward-looking and nurturing environment. **Together, we can and will make a difference. We believe that all children not only can learn, but must learn.**

The Principal's Letter will also be posted in our school website at [www.thirdstreetschool.com](http://www.thirdstreetschool.com).

Sincerely,

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