



# Our Voices, Our Community

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## Connecting The Community Through Collaboration, Communication, and Coordinated Supports

### Welcome!

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### NoHo/Valley Village Community of Schools: Greetings from Maria Nichols

Dear Esteemed Families,

Let's celebrate with enthusiasm the completion of our third week of school. I want to thank our teachers, students and parents for working through the "first weeks" technical glitches as we all start to find our groove for remote learning instruction. Our teachers are working diligently to master both synchronous (face-to-face online teaching) and asynchronous (students working independently offline) instruction to ensure a high level of student engagement and participation.

For the last several weeks, teachers have been devoted to creating a virtual learning environment that is safe and risk-free, while connecting and building relationships with students to create a community of learners. Additionally, they have included in their schedules office hours to ensure ongoing and transparent collaborative conversations with parents to work in partnership and support learning at home.

I am confident that we, collectively, will get better and better each week as we adjust to the new teaching and learning methodologies and strategies. Thank you, parents, for your patience, support, resilience and partnership as we navigate together our new teaching and learning virtual reality. Let's take pride in our children, school and community and believe that together we do make a daily positive difference in the lives of our students.



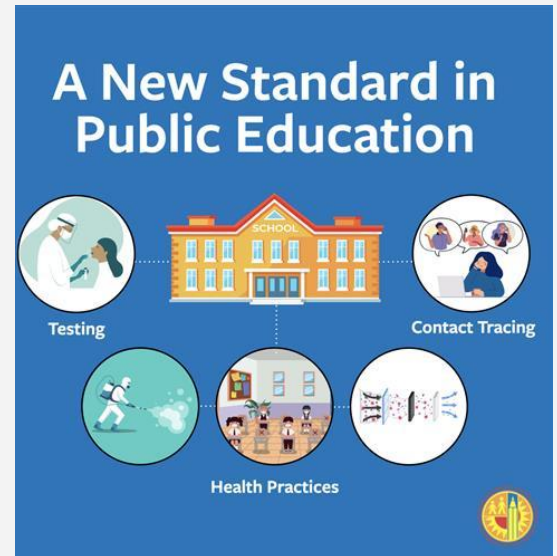
## Los Angeles Unified Launches COVID-19 Testing & Tracing Program At Schools



Superintendent Austin Beutner announced the launch of a program that will provide regular COVID-19 testing and contact tracing to school staff, students and their families. As part of this plan, research will commence to study the impact and effects of reopening and this data will be available to the general public.

The testing and contact tracing program and its corresponding research are a groundbreaking collaboration between Los Angeles Unified School District and leading scientists from the University California Los Angeles (UCLA), Stanford University and the Johns Hopkins University, Microsoft, testing experts, and healthcare companies Anthem Blue Cross and Health Net. Together, they will be part of a task force co-chaired by Beutner and former U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.

Testing then will be provided to all staff and students over time. The goal in this early phase is to establish a baseline. After that, there will be periodic testing of staff and students. The frequency and schedule for that testing will be set after the initial testing phase based on epidemiological modeling.



## Virtual Learning + Positive Behavior

Creating a safe, predictable, healthy, welcoming, and affirming virtual learning will provide students with the opportunity to actively engage and participate. We will continue to be mindful of our schoolwide positive behavior plan commitments to **be safe, be respectful and be responsible**.

### We are **SAFE**:

- Practice positive digital citizenship
- Meet in groups initiated/ approved by the teacher
- Keep video on

### We are **RESPECTFUL**:

- Use encouraging and positive language
- Use respectful facial expressions and body language
- Honor one voice/speaker at a time
- Listen to each other
- Be open to others' opinions

### We are **RESPONSIBLE**:

- Be prepared with materials
- Be on time
- Participate in the lesson/ be engaged
- Stay on topic and ask questions
- Work to your best ability

## Dr. Rafael Gaeta: Lead Director



My name is Dr. Gaeta and it is my privilege and honor to have been selected as the Lead Director for the North Hollywood Valley Village Community of Schools. I am looking forward to an exciting year of learning and growing with our students as well as working with all stakeholders. As the Lead Director, my main goal is to ensure that every student is provided with a quality education in a safe and supportive learning environment. I am committed to helping all students achieve their very best. Every student is valued and worthy of our best effort. My personal mission is to inspire a passion for learning and my vision is to culminate students who are self-directed, insightful, articulate, culturally and technologically savvy and critical participants in our society. My "virtual" door is open and I invite you to come in and be a partner as we continue to service all our students in the North Hollywood Valley Village Community of Schools. You may reach me at (818) 456 - 9457 or via email at [rafael.gaeta@lausd.net](mailto:rafael.gaeta@lausd.net). Thank you and kind regards!



## Fun Facts: Did you know?



Sept. 1	American Chess Day	Sept. 8	International Literacy Day
Sept. 2	World Coconut Day	Sept. 9	International Sudoku Day National Wiener Schnitzel Day
Sept. 3	National skyscraper Day	Sept. 10	Suicide Prevention Day
Sept. 4	College Colors Day National Lazy Mom's Day National Wildlife Day	Sept. 11	National Make Your Bed Day
Sept. 5	International Day of Charity National Cheese Pizza Day	Sept. 12	National Chocolate Milk Shake National Video Games Day
Sept. 6	National Read a Book Day	Sept. 13	Grandparents Day
Sept. 7	Labor Day Brazil Independence Day	Sept. 14	National Coloring Day
		Sept. 15	First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month

North Hollywood Complex  
Fair EEC  
Bellingham ES  
Burbank Blvd ES  
Camellia Ave ES  
Carpenter Comm Chtr

Colfax CES  
Fair Ave ES  
Rio Vista ES  
Sendak ES  
Victory Blvd ES  
Reed MS  
Romer MS  
Earhart HS  
North Hollywood SH  
Carlson Home/Hospital

East Valley Complex  
Toluca Lake EEC  
Lankershim ES  
Oxnard St ES  
Toluca Lake ES  
East Valley SH  
Science Academy STEM  
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## #21BoldandStrong

North Hollywood/ Valley Village

# Community of Schools

## Town Hall Meeting

Friday, September 11, 2020

## Family Resources

<https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/1698>



### North Hollywood / Valley Village Community of Schools

*Town Hall Meeting*  
**Friday, Sept. 11, 2020**  
**1:00 pm-2:00 pm**

Please join our online town hall meeting on Zoom for the latest updates!



Zoom Webinar  
ID:  
957 4196 8448

Password:  
247710



### Hotlines (6 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.)

Families: (213) 443-1300

Employees: (213) 241-2700

### Mental Health Support (8 a.m.- 5 p.m.)

Student and Families:

(213) 241-3840

<https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/16559#spn-content>

### Local District Northeast Resources for Parents (7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

Call: (818) 252-5400

Email: [LDNorthEast@lausd.net](mailto:LDNorthEast@lausd.net)

<https://sites.google.com/lausd.net/ldne-resources-for-parents/home>

### Device Connectivity

Call: (213) 443-1300







### Parent Portal:

[parentportal.lausd.net](http://parentportal.lausd.net)



Schoology for parents: go through the Parent Portal


Alone we can do so little;  
together we can do so much.  
- Helen Keller

## Explore Schoology as a Parent to Stay Informed




Parent Portal

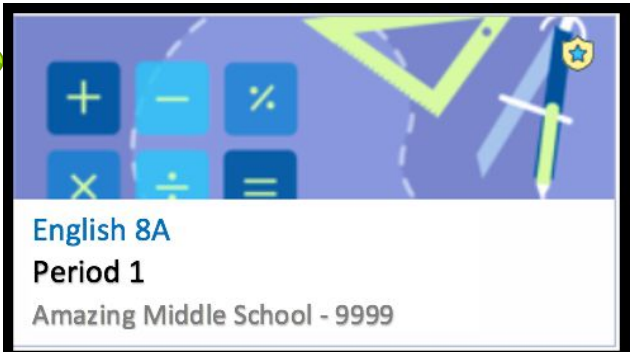











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-  Updates
-  Grades
-  Mastery
-  Members



# Division of Special Education



Resources for Parents of Students with Disabilities  
Recursos Para Padres de Alumnos Con Discapacidades

The Division of Special Education has a frequently updated web page, in Spanish and English, with supplemental resources to support your child's distance learning experience. This web page features instructional resources, information about related services and early childhood special education, an informational video about virtual IEP meetings, and links to other websites with resources and information for families of children with disabilities. Please visit this helpful web page at:

**LAUSD Special Education COVID Website:** <https://achieve.lausd.net/sped>

## LAUSD Special Education Website:

For important "Back to School" information from the Division of Special Education visit:

<https://bit.ly/BacktoSchoolLAUSDSpEd>

## How to Support Online Learning at Home:

**Understood.org** is a website devoted to providing resources and support for those who learn "differently".

There are many resources for families to investigate, research, and utilize both throughout the year and during this time of remote learning. Topics specific to distance learning and the new school year include:

"Distance Learning: Start Strong with These Back-to-School Resources for Families and Educators"

"Supporting Kids' Mental Health as They Go Back to School"

"Back-to-School Concerns About Your Child: How to Act on Them"

"How to Talk About the Coronavirus with Kids"

"7 Examples of Focus Wins When Your Child Is Learning at Home"

*Please take some time to explore the website and to find what else **Understood.org** has to offer. There is much to learn and to discover.*

## Virtual IEP Support:

### Tutorial on Signing IEP Documents Using a Chromebook

This video will show parents how to log onto to an IEP Zoom meeting using web browser instead of the Zoom App on the Chromebook device. This is the only way to...

Vimeo.com

Link to Video: <https://vimeo.com/423358769>



**Special Ed. Service Center Northeast**  
**Social Media:**  
**Join us on Twitter for additional updates**



**@LDNortheastSped**

*The School is the Heart of the  
Community*



# Positive Behavior & Support

Can you believe it is already September? Time flies and our students have shown resilience during these unprecedented times by working hard for almost three weeks! As they get back into the groove of dedicated learning, a structured schedule, and assignment deadlines, we are remaining diligently supportive of all students to help them realize the goals we expect them to achieve. "Accountability" is a *habit of mind* that increases student engagement by boosting their sense of control. Habits of mind promote positive behavior and productive actions that are applicable to each student's everyday life. It permits students to take ownership of their learning, build self-esteem and realize their potential through the materialization of their hard work. Accountability leads to academic success because it teaches students to be more comfortable with responsibility, which, in turn, leads to learned behaviors supporting their post-secondary aspirations.

No one is saying our students need to be "all work and no play." On the contrary, they can "be accountable" while still taking time for "self-care" which develops a student's positive behaviors setting the stage for community building practices. We understand the work-life balance can be challenging at any age. This fact emphasizes the importance of encouraging our students to develop these skills now. That way, they will be more likely to create a system allowing them to adopt these critical habits into a successful adulthood. What better way to guide our youth in the direction of a healthy lifestyle than to exhibit the benefits ourselves. For more information on self-care, click [here](#).

IF	THEN
I am grateful for what I have now	I'll have more to be grateful for later
I hold myself 100% accountable for where I am	I get to determine where I am headed
I want to allow more love in my life	I must learn to love myself in the way I feel I deserve
I want to have a better life	I must believe and decide that I'm capable of having one

## Restorative Practices Resources

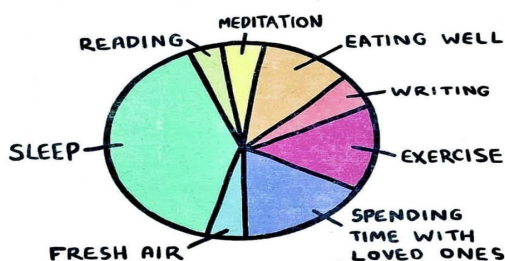
Did you know our LAUSD website has a page set up just for Parents and Caregivers on "self-care"? Click [here](#) to access self-care tips, Quick Links to services, how to deal with [stress](#), and your own [Self-Care Plan](#).

Just checking in...

September will focus on self-care.

"Today I am nourishing myself by ..."

### CIRCLE OF SELF-CARE



Get plenty of rest

# Instruction

LA Unified is providing supplemental digital learning tools for this school year. Some teachers are assigning students asynchronous work that include one or more of these tools. **Parents and caregivers** are able to access users guides, videos, and support information for each of these digital tools by clicking on the link below. Just click this link, select the parent button on the top right, and select from the list of digital tools on the page.

Please check out this link: <https://achieve.lausd.net/DigitalLearningTools>



## LA Unified

### 2020 - 2021 Supplemental Digital Learning Tools

LA Unified will be providing supplemental digital learning tools for the 2020-2021 school year to assist with distance learning. These resources are in addition to the adopted digital core instructional applications available through Schoology.

	EEC	ES	MS	HS
Amplify Reading (ELA)		✓		
BrainPOP (All Content)	✓	✓	✓	
Discovery (All Content)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kami (All Content)			✓	✓
EdPuzzle (All Content)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Edgenuity		✓	✓	✓
IXL (Math/ELA)		✓	✓	✓
Labster (Science)				✓
Nearpod (All Content)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Newsela (All Content)		✓	✓	✓
Reading Horizon (iELD-ELA)		✓	✓	✓
Renaissance (ELA/Math)			✓	✓
Rosetta Stone (ELD/DLE)		✓	✓	✓
Screencastify (All Content Teachers only)			✓	✓
Smart Music (Music)		✓	✓	✓
Soundtrap (All Content)			✓	✓
Seesaw (All Content)	✓	PK-3		
Zearn (Math)		✓	✓	

Teachers and staff will be able to install these new apps through the **LMS App Center** at <https://achieve.lausd.net/LMSAppCenter> and under the Schoology waffle icon.



Additionally, staff, students, and parents will be able to access user guides, videos, webinars, professional development opportunities, and/or support information at <https://achieve.lausd.net/DigitalLearningTools>.



# The Reading Corner

## Tips for making Reading Fun!

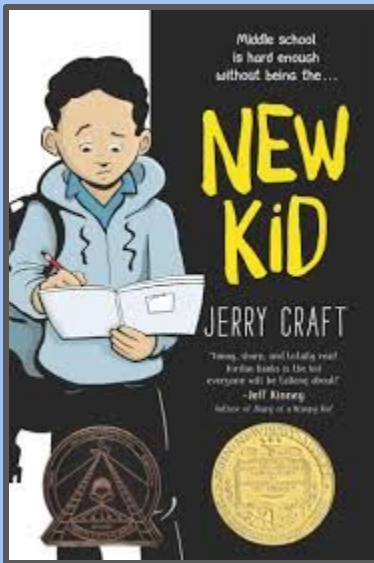
- Read Out Loud
- Act out the Story
- Create a Reading Space
- Listen to Audio Books
- Have "Reading Hour"
- Let your Child Choose
- Pick the Right Books

September 6th is Read a Book Day!



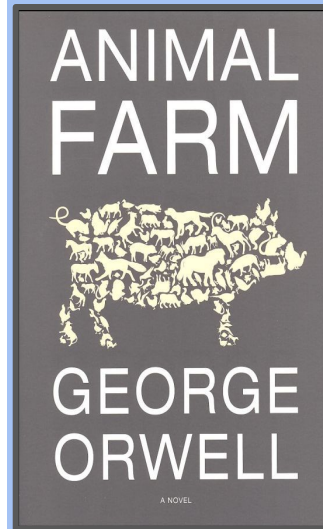
## ELEMENTARY

A wonderful lesson of generosity and unselfishness focusing on the relationships that all people have.



## Middle School

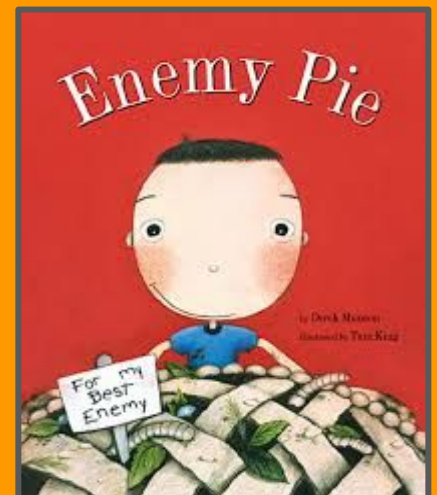
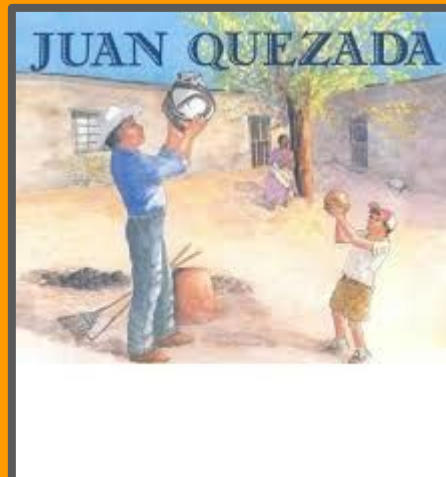
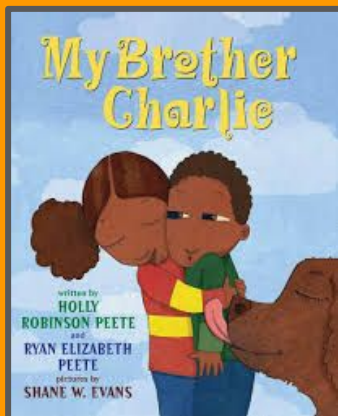
New Kid is a timely honest graphic novel about starting over at a new school where diversity is low and the struggle to fit in is real!



## High School

The story of a group of farm animals who rebel against their human farmer, hoping to create a society where the animals can be equal, free and happy!

## Academic English Master Program Suggested Reading





# College Fest 2020

PRESENTED BY:



ArleneHighSchool CesarChavezHighSchool EastValleyHighSchool FultonCollegePreparatory  
JohnFrancisPolytechnicHighSchool NorthHollywoodHighSchool PanoramaHighSchool SanFernandoHighSchool SunValleyHS  
SunValleyMagnet SylmarHighSchool UlyssesSGrantHS VanNuysHighSchool VerdugoHillsHS UCLAEOP TheVillageNation LAValleyCollege

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020**  
**9:00AM - 12:00PM . LIVE ON ZOOM**

[www.lavc.edu/outreach/CollegeFest.aspx](http://www.lavc.edu/outreach/CollegeFest.aspx)



## Workshops

College Systems  
Writing Your Essay  
Financial Aid  
NCAA

Student Success  
African American Advocacy  
CA DREAM ACT  
Foster Youth Resources  
TEST PREP  
Admissions Tips

**Find the College  
that Fits You!**

UC University of California  
CSU California State University  
CC California Community College  
Private Colleges  
Out of State Schools

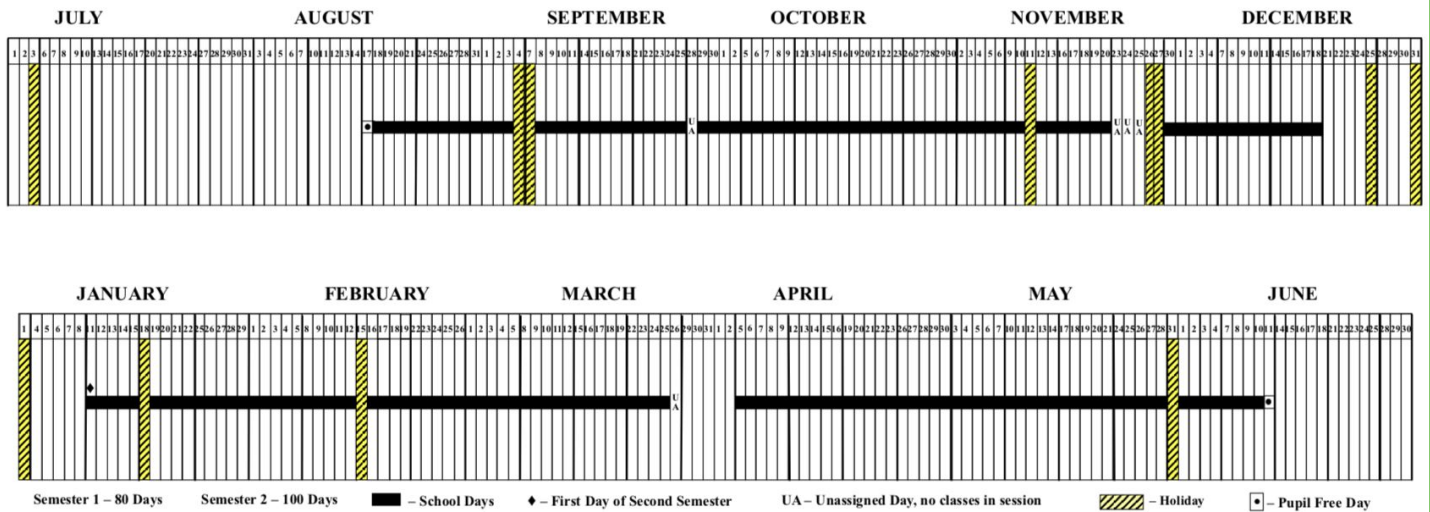
email: [start@lavc](mailto:start@lavc) with any questions

Pupil Free Days  
 Monday, August 17, 2020  
 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 SINGLE TRACK INSTRUCTIONAL SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020-2021



## IMPORTANT DATES:

07-03-2020	Independence Day Observed	11-26 & 11-27-2020	Thanksgiving Holiday	03-26-2021	Cesar E. Chavez
08-18-2020	First Day of Instruction	12-21-2020 thru 01-08-2021	Winter Recess		Birthday Observed
09-04-2020	Admission Day	♦ 01-11-2021	Second Semester Begins	03-29 thru 04-02-2021	Spring Recess
09-07-2020	Labor Day	01-18-2021	Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.'s Birthday	05-31-2021	Memorial Day
11-11-2020	Veterans Day	02-15-2021	Presidents' Day	*06-10-2021	Last Day of Instruction

## Contact Us

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## Social Media Connection:



Facebook: Nohovalleyvillage Cos

Instagram: nohovalleyvicos



Twitter: @NOHOValleyViCOS

Website: <https://bit.ly/nohovvcos>

There are far, far better things ahead than  
 anything we leave behind.

C. S. Lewis  
 NURSE BUFF

