

## Special Enrichment Opportunities

Toluca Lake Elementary School offers an exciting variety of enrichment activities for our students. Some of these include:

- *Youth Development Program* offers free after school supervision: tutoring, physical education, and the arts.
- Enrichment programs in theatre, dance, and visual arts
- *UCLA ArtsBridge Program* - University scholars help students make connections between standards-based curriculum and the arts.
- *Enrich LA: Garden Ranger Program* Students cultivate fruits and vegetables in our own school garden.
- After school tutoring program taught by our award-winning faculty.
- Drill Team & Chorus
- Student Honor Roll
- Toluca Times – student published
- Accelerated Reader on-line program
- Student Performances
- School Web Page
- School Yearbook
- Young Author's and Science Fairs
- *5<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip*: Channel Islands National Park



Our outdoor school garden

Under our new administration, our school community is committed to offering the best possible educational experience to our students. We motivate students to explore their interests and develop their skills. We recognize each individual's potential for excellence, and provide the setting within which they can develop their skills and ideas. Through nurturing and guidance, we inspire our students to develop into independent, critical-thinking, creative thinkers who will excel in society.

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## AN ARTS PROTOTYPE & GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION (GATE) SCHOOL



“Together  
We Achieve”

## Toluca Lake Elementary: An Arts Prototype School

Toluca Lake Elementary School provides well-rounded programs aimed at exposing our students to a variety of educational opportunities, and helping them to develop and master their academic skills. Ours is a community of learners.

Located in North Hollywood, adjacent to Toluca Lake, Universal Studios, the NoHo Arts District, and Burbank, Toluca Lake students represent a diversity of backgrounds, cultures, and personalities. They are the heartbeat of our school. We strive to provide them the most effective opportunities to develop their unique abilities, while consistently teaching and reinforcing the academic standards necessary for their future success.

We nurture, motivate, inspire, and challenge our youngsters. While based upon state-adopted texts, our curriculum extends beyond traditional limits to expose our students to a wide array of real-life applications for their skills and knowledge. As part of this process, we have created partnerships with numerous museums and outreach programs.

## Academic Outreach Partnerships

- Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council
- Story Pirates Family Writing Nights – Geffen Playhouse
- Bruce Gray Acting Workshop
- Hour of Code – Computer Programming
- Koreh LA – Volunteer Reading Partners
- Book Pals – Screen Actors Guild (SAG)
- Ready, Set, Gold – fitness with an Olympian
- UCLA: *Design for Sharing* live performances, *ArtsBridge* program, Stunt Ranch
- Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)
- Getty Art Museum
- Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA)
- Skirball Cultural Center
- Japanese American Community and Cultural Center & National Museum
- *youTHink* program celebrating art & society (Zimmer Children's Museum)
- L.A. Music Center / Disney Concert Hall
- Debussy Trio (chamber music)
- Los Angeles Jazz Society
- Kaiser-Permanente Educational Theatre
- Disney
- NBC Universal
- The Children's Nature Institute and *Wondermobile*
- *Tree People*
- Santa Cruz Island Natural Habitat Tour
- L.A. Natural History Museum (*Skymobile & Earthmobile*)
- Windows-on-our-Waters (tide pool trailer)
- L.A. County Vector Control Department & *Vecmobile*
- Environmental Defenders (L.A.C. Dept. of Public Works)
- UCLA Project Brainstorm & Earth Science Outreach
- Green Power Girl
- SFV Audubon Society
- Autry Museum of Western Heritage
- NASA Explorer School / California Science Center
- Star Party Family Night
- Biomes of the World – L.A. Zoo outreach
- Otto the Auto (AAA)
- "Mindfulness" program enhancing self-identity & conflict resolution skills
- Enrich LA – Garden Ranger Program

## Student Performance Goals

From the time they enter our full-day Kindergarten classes, our students are on a journey to success. They are taught that success is not just earning a medal or having the most toys, but that "*success is happiness in your heart because you try 100 percent to be your personal best. And no one can do that better than you.*" (John Wooden – UCLA).

Students learn to:

- Ask thought provoking questions
- Acquire the skills necessary to find the answers to those questions
- Develop the ability to think critically and creatively
- Take pride in their work
- Develop the responsibility necessary for their future success
- Create oral, written, and visual presentations expressing unique, thoughtful viewpoints
- Understand, appreciate, and celebrate the differences and similarities between all people
- Create bridges linking classroom and textual learning with real world applications
- Respect themselves and one another
- Develop the ability to work well independently and in groups

