

Los Angeles Academy Middle School

"In Pursuit of Excellence"

Newsletter

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Student-led Conferences

On Thursday, November 6, we will conduct Student-led Conferences from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. These conferences are different from traditional parent conferences where the teacher tells the parent how the student is doing; in a Student-led conference, the student shows the parent how they are doing by going over their work samples and portfolios. These conferences allow students to share with their parents what they have done well and where they need to improve.

Student-led conferences are a school-wide commitment. These conferences can have significantly more impact than simply sending grades home. Student-led conferences provide an effective way to reach all parents and focus on students' academic progress. A student-led conference allows students to reflect on their behavior in class and how their behavior is connected to their education.

We hope you are able to join us on Thursday, November 6 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Southern California Shake Out

On Thursday, November 13 at 10:00 a.m., Los Angeles Academy Middle School will participate in a statewide emergency drill that will give schools a chance to test their emergency preparedness. At the designated time, students and staff will evacuate the classroom buildings, and adults on campus will report to their emergency stations. The drill will last less than 30 minutes and will provide valuable practice for students and staff. In preparation for the drill, we encourage all households to discuss their own emergency plans, so in the event of a real emergency, you can better ensure the safety of your family.

LAAMS Yearbook on Sale Now

The 10th Anniversary Yearbook can be reserved for the low price of just \$20. This year promises to be our most exciting issue ever, as we celebrate 10 years of service to the community. Now there are two ways to purchase one: 1. Stop by the Student Store during school hours, or 2. Go online and purchase one on the Jostens secure website. The link is on the LAAMS Website. Hurry and get yours now, as this price will expire Dec. 22.

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 4	Election Day.
Nov. 6	Shortened Day Schedule. Students dismissed at 2:12. Student-Led Conferences, 4:00-6:00 p.m
Nov. 11	Veterans' Day Holiday. No School
Nov. 13	District-Wide Shake Drill, 10:00 a.m.
Nov. 27-28	Thanksgiving Holiday. No School

Administrative Staff:

Principal: Maria A. Borges
Assistant Principals: Marva Woods, Ernesto Guerrero, Al Lewis, Jaime Gomez, LaTonya Dover

School Mission

We, the Los Angeles Academy Middle School community, provide all students with a positive learning environment in which they are inspired to succeed academically and socially.

School Vision

Los Angeles Academy Middle School will be a model school where all students become life-long learners, critical thinkers, and responsible contributors to the global community.