



MacArthur

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Winter

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Understanding the California Common Core Standards

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent meeting on November 17th. Our goal for this workshop was to develop a better understanding of the California Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and to provide families with practical ways to help support student learning at home.

What Are the California Common Core State Standards (CCSS)?

The CCSS were adopted in California in 2010 and establish clear, consistent guidelines for what every student should know and be able to do in Math and English Language Arts (ELA) from Kindergarten through 12th grade.

They were drafted by teachers and experts from across the country to ensure students are prepared for today's entry-level careers, freshman-level college courses, and workforce training programs. They are also benchmarked against international standards.

The primary focus of CCSS is to develop the critical-thinking, problem-solving, and analytical skills students will need to be successful in a global economy.

MacArthur Elementary School



Our Vision

MacArthur Elementary empowers our Eagles to SOAR by building strong character and fostering a love of learning to make a difference in the world.

Our Mission

Empower every learner through intentional planning, proactive monitoring, and personalized support to achieve success.

What Can You Do to Help From Home?

Parent/Caregiver involvement can help support student success towards meeting the Common Core Standards in many ways. You can help by incorporating learning opportunities into your daily life:

English Language Arts

- Read to/with your child every day.
- Review and discuss what your child is learning.
- Look through your child's backpack and homework.
- Provide as many real-world experiences as possible, as everything is an experience.



Mathematics

- Practice math facts at home.
- Point out math in their world, such as when using money, telling time, cooking, or measurement.
- Provide real-world experiences with math.
- Encourage the use of math programs like ST Math.



How to Read your Child's Achievement Report

Twice a year, families will receive an Achievement Report that provides a clear picture of the student's progress toward meeting grade-level standards. This year, Achievement Reports will be available on ParentVUE on the following dates:

***February 6, 2026**

***June 11, 2026**

Please note: **All Achievement Reports are digital.** They will not be sent home with students. If you would like a printed copy, you may request one directly from the student's teacher.

What Is an Achievement Report?

The Achievement Report is designed to help parents/caregivers understand how the student is progressing in key academic areas. It reflects performance based on classroom work, assessments, and daily learning experiences.

Achievement Levels

Each standard is measured on a four-level scale:

Level 4 - Exceeds Grade-Level Standards: The student consistently demonstrates advanced understanding and application of the standards.

Level 3 - Meets Grade-Level Standards: The student is performing at the expected level for their grade.

Level 2 - Partially Meets Grade-Level Standards: The student shows progress but may need additional support to fully meet the standards.

Level 1 - Does Not Yet Meet Grade-Level Standards: The student requires significant support and improvement in this area.



Life and Career Skills

The report also includes a section on Life and Career Skills, which highlights the habits and behaviors that help students succeed both in school and in daily life. Some of these skills include the following: rules and procedures, demonstrating initiative and perseverance, and taking responsibility for behavior.

Teacher Comments Matter

We encourage all parents to read the teacher's comments carefully. These personalized notes offer an insight into your child's strengths, areas for growth, and overall learning behaviors.

Accessing the Report

You can view your child's Achievement Report by logging into ParentVUE on or after the release dates. If you need help accessing ParentVUE, or if you prefer a printed copy of the report, please contact your child's teacher.

[Click here for directions to view Report Cards in ParentVUE](#)



WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

DOES 1 DAY EVERY 2 WEEKS REALLY ADD UP?

- A school year is about 36 weeks
- Missing 1 day every 2 weeks = ~18 days per year
- Over 12 years of school, that's about 1 1/2 years missed of learning by the time they graduate.

EFFECTS OF MISSING SCHOOL REGULARLY

Academic impact

- Gaps in reading, writing, and math skills
- Harder to keep up with new concepts
- More time spent reviewing instead of learning new material
- Lower test scores and grades over time

Learning & confidence

- Students may feel confused or behind
- Less confidence participating in class
- Increased frustration or school avoidance

Long-term outcomes

- Higher risk of chronic absenteeism
- Increased likelihood of needing intervention or retention
- Lower graduation rates (especially if patterns start early)

WHY THIS MATTERS SO MUCH IN EARLY GRADES

- Skills build daily
- Missing instruction means missing foundations (phonics, fluency, number sense)
- Those gaps compound quickly



Celebrating Filipino Heritage



On October 31, 2025, MacArthur students gathered together to celebrate our school's rich diversity during a Filipino Cultural Celebration. The event honored Filipino American heritage and highlighted the many ways Filipino Americans have shaped and strengthened our communities.

Students came together to learn about Filipino culture and to recognize the important contributions Filipino Americans have made throughout history and today. Ms. Henry led the celebration by organizing student

presentations that shared powerful examples of these contributions and encouraged students to appreciate the impact of different cultures on our society.


Among the contributions highlighted was the leadership of Larry Itliong, a Filipino American labor organizer who played a key role in the farm labor movement and helped secure better working conditions and rights for agricultural workers. Students also learned about the significant role Filipino Americans have played in healthcare, particularly in nursing, where they have long supported hospitals and communities across the United States with dedication and care.

The celebration was a meaningful opportunity for students to learn from one another, honor Filipino American voices, and reflect on the importance of inclusion and respect. Events like this remind us that MacArthur is a place where diversity is celebrated and every culture's story matters.

i-Ready Diagnostic 2 Completed!

Your child has completed the i-Ready Diagnostic 2. Your child's results are on Parent Vue. You are probably wondering how to read the results? The link below will provide information to help you understand the results for Diagnostic 1. **If your child scored below grade level on i-Ready, we strongly encourage to have your child complete i-Ready lessons at home.** The direction to access i-Ready at home are linked below. Please feel free to contact Ms. Clements at hclements@lbschools.com or Mrs. Gaytan at rgaytan@lbschools.net for any help.

[Understanding Your Student's i-Ready Diagnostic](#)




For Families

Understanding Your Student's i-Ready Diagnostic Results

What is the i-Ready Diagnostic?
The i-Ready Diagnostic is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions for each student. As a student answers correctly, the questions get more difficult. As a student answers incorrectly, the questions get easier. This adaptability allows the i-Ready Diagnostic to identify the strengths and opportunities for growth of each student.

Why is my student taking it?
The purpose of the i-Ready Diagnostic is not to give your student a grade but instead to determine how best to support their learning. It will help your student's teacher(s) determine their needs, personalize their learning, and monitor progress throughout the year.

[Accessing Instructional Tiles through Clever Portal](#)

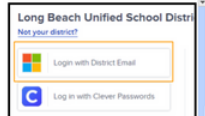



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Accessing Instructional Tiles through Clever Portal

(Logging in as a student)

- From the district website www.lbschools.net click on **Main Menu**.
- Click on **Students** then select **Student Portal**.
- Click on **Login with District Email**.



PTA Reflections 2025: Celebrating "I Belong"

We are proud to announce our 2025 PTA Reflections winners! This year's theme, "I Belong," inspired our MacArthur students to express what connection, community, and belonging mean to them through their creative talents.

Students submitted their Reflections entries in October, and we were truly impressed by the thoughtfulness, creativity, and heart shown in every submission. Choosing winners was not easy, as each piece reflected our students' unique voices and perspectives.

Congratulations to our second and fourth-grade participants, whose outstanding entries were selected to move on to the district level. We wish them the best of luck as they continue in the Reflections program!

A heartfelt thank you to all students who participated in this year's Reflections contest. Your creativity and willingness to share your ideas made this year's program a wonderful success. We are so proud of all our MacArthur artists!



Opportunities for Family Involvement

Parents/guardians are notified about Title I services and encouraged to participate in school activities and meetings. Families may participate in our LBUSD Parent University Workshops and learning opportunities throughout the school year. Parents/guardians are provided with information about our school and district programs through our school website.

Early Learning & Kindergarten Festival

January 7, 2026
6pm-7pm
Virtual-Live
www.lbschools.net/events

January 24, 2026
9am-12pm
Burcham Elementary
8015 Hawthorne Rd.
Long Beach, 90808

March 7, 2026
9am-12pm
Dorothy Elementary
9070 Long Beach Blvd.
Long Beach, 90805

April 25, 2026
10am-2pm
Bill Joan King Health Library & Lincoln Park
2514 G Street
Long Beach, 90801

Celebration of the Young Child

Festivals are for families with children birth to five years old. Families will have the opportunity to learn about early childcare, preschool, school readiness and the LBUSD enrollment process for all incoming 2026-2027 Transitional Kindergarten (TKO) and Kindergarten Students.

Bring your children with you!
Enjoy the workshops, community resources, and giveaways:

- FREE backpack for new TK and kindergarten students! Incentives are limited!
- FREE books for all children
- FREE dental screening

For more information, please call our community partner, Young Horizons (562) 437-8991

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C.A.F.É. Community And Family Engagement MEETING SCHEDULE

2025-2026
Time | Hora | ម៉ោង
9:30 am - 11:30 am
Date | Fecha | រាល់ថ្ងៃ

LBUSD 101 Friday, November 21 viernes, 21 de noviembre ខ្សែវាយ ២១ ខែវិច្ឆិកា Educare 4840 Lomon Ave. Long Beach, CA 90807	iREADY Friday, December 19 viernes, 19 de diciembre ខ្សែវាយ ១៩ ខែធ្នូ Browning High School Multi Purpose Room 2180 Obispo Ave. Long Beach, CA 90804	EL Reclassification Friday, January 16 viernes, 16 de enero ខ្សែវាយ ១៦ ខែមករា Educare 4840 Lomon Ave. Long Beach, CA 90807
LCAP Friday, February 20 viernes, 20 de febrero ខ្សែវាយ ២០ ខែកុម្ភៈ Browning High School Multi Purpose Room 2180 Obispo Ave. Long Beach, CA 90804	Harrasment Friday, March 20 viernes, 20 de marzo ខ្សែវាយ ២០ ខែមីនា Browning High School Multi Purpose Room 2180 Obispo Ave. Long Beach, CA 90804	LBCC Field Trip Friday, April 17 viernes, 17 de abril ខ្សែវាយ ១៧ ខែមេសា TBD
CSULB Field Trip Friday, May 1 viernes, 1 de mayo ខ្សែវាយ ១ ខែឧសភា TBD	Mental Health Friday, May 29 viernes, 29 de mayo ខ្សែវាយ ២៩ ខែឧសភា Browning High School Multi Purpose Room 2180 Obispo Ave. Long Beach, CA 90804	@lbsudengage lbschools.net/engage

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PARENT UNIVERSITY

We are pleased to offer Parent University Series Workshops, designed to engage and support families

2025-2026 Complete Workshop Schedule

In-Person Workshops 5:30pm - 7:00pm	9/18 Tech Help for LBUSD Parents
	10/16 *Preparing for Parent / Teacher Conferences
	11/06 Making Sense of Standardized Testing
	12/11 Introduction to Special Education
	1/08 College Readiness: the LBUSD College Promise
	2/12 Social Media and Cybersecurity
	3/12 Substance Prevention
	4/16 Parenting Your Child Through Adolescence
	5/07 Understanding the LCAP
Webinars 6:00 - 7:00pm	10/9 Wellness Centers and Student Mental Health
	11/4 High School Assignment Process
	1/12 Middle & K8 School Assignment Process
	2/5 The Heart of Parenting: Communication that Connects

Livestreamed at lbschools.net/YouTube with live Q&A to follow (recorded and uploaded for future viewing)

Informational Videos
Watch at lbschools.net/YouTube at your convenience

- Welcome to EEP
- Welcome to LBUSD
- Volunteering: How to Get Involved
- College Readiness: A-G Requirements
- LGBTQIA+ Supports

Registration for In-Person Workshops

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