



MacArthur

MacArthur Elementary

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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.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Family Storytime**
 - March 25 @ 5:30-7:30
- **Sankofa Parent Village**
 - March 25 @6-7:30
- **Parent Conferences**
 - March 31 & April 1
- **No School** April 3
- **Spring Break** April 6-10
- **Smarter Balanced Assessments for ELA and Mathematics**
 - April 27 - May 29
- **Open House** May 19
- **Wizard of Oz** May 21 and 22

A CELEBRATION OF HERITAGE: MACARTHUR'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This past month, the halls of MacArthur Elementary were filled with the spirit of excellence, reflection, and community as we celebrated Black History Month. Under the thoughtful leadership of our third grade teacher, Mrs. Henry, our school hosted a program that was as vibrant as it was moving, bringing our diverse school family together to honor the contributions of Black Americans and local Black businesses.

The heart of the program remained with our students. Through speeches and performances, MacArthur Eagles shared their personal insights on what Black History means to them, reminding us all that history is not just in the past—it is something we carry forward.

We were honored to welcome Diana Craighead, Long Beach Unified School District Board President, who joined our families and friends in the audience. Her presence, along with the support of so many parents, highlighted the strength of our school-to-home connection.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Henry for her tireless work in organizing such a meaningful experience. Her vision ensured that our celebration was both educational and deeply inspiring.


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UNDERSTANDING THE SBAC ASSESSMENT

A GUIDE FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILIES

Each spring, students in grades 3–5 participate in the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) assessments. These tests help schools understand how students are progressing in important academic skills. Starting **April 27 - May 29**, our school district will start the SBAC assessment.

Below are answers to some common questions families may have.

What is SBAC?

The SBAC is a statewide assessment that measures how well students are learning the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts (reading and writing) and Mathematics, and the California Science Test for fifth graders.

The assessment includes:

- Computer-based questions
- Problem-solving and reasoning
- Reading passages and writing tasks
- Performance tasks where students apply their learning

These assessments help schools see how well students are developing skills like critical thinking, reading comprehension, and mathematical reasoning.



WHO TAKES THE SBAC?

Students in grades 3–5 take the SBAC each spring. The assessment includes:

- English Language Arts (ELA)
- Mathematics
- California Science Test

MacArthur's Testing Schedule

May 4-8: ELA

May 11- 15 Math

**May 25-29 Gr. 5
Science Test**

WHAT DO THE RESULTS MEAN?

All results will be found on **Parent Vue**. SBAC scores show how well a student is meeting grade-level standards. Students receive one of four performance levels:

- **Standard Exceeded** – The student is performing above grade level expectations.
- **Standard Met** – The student is meeting grade level expectations.
- **Standard Nearly Met** – The student is close to meeting expectations but may need additional support.
- **Standard Not Met** – The student may need significant support to meet grade-level expectations.

SBAC is just one measure of a student's progress and is considered along with classroom work, teacher observations, and other assessments. What matters most is the growth students make through their hard work, perseverance, and daily learning.

HOW CAN FAMILIES SUPPORT THEIR CHILD AT HOME?

Families play an important role in helping students feel confident and prepared. Here are some simple ways to help:

Encourage daily reading: Have your child read high-interest books, articles, or stories and talk about what they learned. Talking about their reading helps your child share their learning or questions about it.

Practice writing: Encourage your child to write letters, keep a journal, or make a shopping list or to-do list. Any real-world writing will help them see how writing applies in our daily lives. Have your child write a persuasive letter, allowing them to share their thinking about a topic.



Talk about math in everyday life: Allow your child to experience math in daily activities. Cooking, shopping, counting money, measuring, telling time, and planning activities or schedules are great opportunities to practice math. Of course, reviewing math facts will also help your child increase their math skills.



A JOURNEY THROUGH THE MACARTHUR MUSEUM

This is the second year of having our very own, specially curated Cultural Heritage Museum. In January, the museum served as a living classroom, showcasing:

- Black Literature: Featuring authors and poets who have shaped the American narrative.
- Black Art: A stunning display of creativity and vision.
- Community Heroes: Tributes to the Black leaders and influencers within our own local community.

The classroom was transformed into an inviting space for exploration thanks to the many volunteers who spent hours framing art and carefully displaying artifacts. It will be open until the last day of school for our students and community members to visit.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to every family member and staff that volunteered to help make our cultural museum and program a success. The volunteers created a welcoming environment for all to feel welcomed and invited.



PARENT CONFERENCES ARE MARCH 31 & APRIL 1



Parent Conferences will take place on March 31 and April 1. Your child's teacher will contact you if a conference is needed. March conferences are an opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate successes, and identify areas where we can continue to support their growth.

Dismissal for all students during parent conferences will be at 2:00 pm.

We believe that families and schools are partners in learning. By working together as a team, we can support our shared goal: your child's success. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

i-Ready Diagnostic 3 Completed!

Your child has completed the i-Ready Diagnostic 3. 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 3. **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.



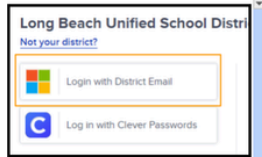
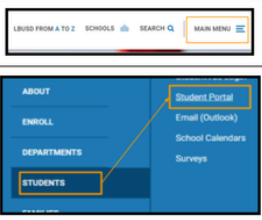
[Accessing Instructional Tiles through Clever Portal](#)

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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**.





WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

DOES 1 DAY EVERY 2 WEEKS REALLY ADD UP?

- A school year is about 36 weeks
- 18 days of absences in a year identifies your child as a “Chronic Absentee”
- 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

- 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



FAMILY TIME

MARCH 25, 2026
5:30PM-7:30PM

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QUESTIONS?
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POSITIVE PARENTING WORKSHOP SERIES

MARCH 30, 2026
POSITIVE PARENTING

APRIL 13, 2026
HELPING CHILDREN DEVELOP

APRIL 20, 2026
MANAGING BEHAVIOR

APRIL 27, 2026
PLANNING AHEAD

REGISTER NOW

QUESTIONS?
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Dr. Akin | Hakin@lbschools.net

C.A.F.E. Community And Family Engagement

2025-2026 Meeting Schedule

Join us each month for parent workshops where families come together to share, connect, and gain tools to support student success. Together, we learn. Together, we grow. Together, we thrive!

Únase a nosotros cada mes en los talleres para padres, donde las familias se reúnen para compartir, conectar y adquirir herramientas que les ayudarán a apoyar el éxito de sus hijos. Juntos aprendemos. Juntos crecemos. Juntos prosperamos!

Time | Hora | ម៉ោង
9:30 am - 11:30 am

Dates | Fechas | កាលបរិច្ឆេទ

LBCC Representative & LBUSD School Safety Friday, November 21 viernes, 21 de noviembre ថ្ងៃសុក្រ ២១ ខែវិច្ឆិកា Educare 4840 Lemon Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807	LBUSD Phone Policy & Social Media Friday, December 19 viernes, 19 de diciembre ថ្ងៃសុក្រ ១៩ ខែធ្នូ Browning High School Multi Purpose Room 2180 Obispo Ave., Long Beach, CA 90804	EL Reclassification Friday, January 16 viernes, 16 de enero ថ្ងៃសុក្រ ១៦ ខែមករា Educare 4840 Lemon Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807
LCAP Friday, February 20 viernes, 20 de febrero ថ្ងៃសុក្រ ២០ ខែកុម្ភៈ Browning High School Multi Purpose Room 2180 Obispo Ave., Long Beach, CA 90804	Harrassment Friday, March 20 viernes, 20 de marzo ថ្ងៃសុក្រ 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 ថ្ងៃសុក្រ ១៧ ខែមេសា TBD
CSULB Field Trip Friday, May 1 viernes, 1 de mayo ថ្ងៃសុក្រ ១ ខែឧសភា TBD	Mental Health Friday, May 29 viernes, 29 de mayo ថ្ងៃសុក្រ 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

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

2025-2026 Complete Workshop Schedule

In-Person Workshops	Time	Topic
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 Cybersafety
	3/12	Substance Prevention
	4/16	Parenting Your Child Through Adolescence
	5/07	Understanding the LCAP
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Webinars	Time	Topic
6:00 - 7:00pm	10/9	Wellness Centers and Student Mental Health
	11/4	High School Assignment Process
	2/5	Middle & K8 School Assignment Process

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

Informational Videos

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

Watch at lbschools.net/YouTube at your convenience

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Registration for In-Person Workshops

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