Lennox School District State Preschool Program

Early Childhood Education Newsletter

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Learn Strategies To Promote Student Success

By Nellie Ríos-Parra, Director of State Preschool

You are invited to the upcoming Parent Workshop, in Spanish, that will take place this Thursday, May 2nd at the Professional Development in the District Office, 10319 Firmona Avenue at 8:30 AM. The presenter, Mrs. Ana Patricia Garcia, has been leading these workshops for several years with the goal of helping families stay focused and aligned to character values that produce positive student outcomes. Childcare will be provided, however, we do need you to call and reserve your space. Call 310-680-3500 today to RSVP.



The parent workshops are part of a series. Feel free to attend one or all of the sessions. Invite a friend or family member to also attend. If there is a family member or babysitter that takes care of your child, feel free to let them know about this learning opportunity. We want children supported by knowledgeable individuals.

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Experience and Training of Program Staff

By Nellie Ríos-Parra, Director of State Preschool and Natali Gaxiola, State Preschool Teacher



We invite you to get to know our staff. Each week we will feature a different staff member in this section titled, *Experience and Training of Program Staff*. This week we are highlighting Ms. Natali Gaxiola who is a State Preschool Teacher at Buford State Preschool. She was hired into her current position in March 2007.

Ms. Gaxiola earned an Associate of Arts degree in early childhood education from El Camino Community College and is a

graduate of California State University, Dominguez Hills, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. She holds an Early Childhood Education teacher permit from the State of California and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. This is her twenty-first year teaching in the Lennox School District. Her background in psychology and experience in the classroom has equipped her with strategies and teaching methods that support the development of the whole child. She believes in finding innovative ways of teaching and has found partnerships that facilitate consistent improvements in her pedagogy.

Ms. Gaxiola supports the early childhood education field beyond the Lennox School District. She has been working with the University of California, Los Angeles supporting the early acquisition of math skills for young children. The UCLA Mathematics Project has trained her with research-based teaching methods, which have led her to be featured on the Teaching Channel, present at the CMC South Conference, participate as a collaborating author of the book Choral Counting & Counting Collections: Transforming the PreK-5 math classroom, and current at the CGI Biennial Conference.

In June 2019, Ms. Gaxiola was named Los Angeles County's 12th Annual Early Educator of the Year. In January 2020, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon appointed her to the California Early Childhood Policy Council. In addition, she serves on the Ed-Trust West Educator Advisory Council advocating on behalf of educators. She was also named Employee of the Year for the Lennox School District during the 2021-2022 school year. She has a passion for learning and teaching. Natali also believes that a strong connection between home, school, and community is the most powerful element that leads to a child's overall success. She is a proud product of the Lennox School District and is giving back to the Lennox State Preschool community because of the focus on academic success for all students, *Cradle to College*.

UPCOMING EVENTS

***** EVERY Tuesday, please return the READ WITH ME books to school. *****

May is

National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Thursday, May 2 8:30-10:00 AM - Parent Workshop in Spanish at the District Office Professional Development Center: 10319 Firmona Ave. Call 310-680-3500 to reserve your space. Childcare is provided.

Wednesday, May 1 - National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, wear your favorite sports team jersey.



Wednesday, May 1 - First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

Thursday, May 2 - Happy Birthday State Preschool Teacher assistant Ms. Valenzuela!

Friday May 3 - Picture Day at **Buford**, cap and gown photo for children enrolled in TK or K next school year. https://preschoolportraits.lifetouch.com/get-ready-for-picture-day

Friday May 3 - School Food Hero Day



Monday, May 6 - Happy Birthday State Preschool Teacher Mrs. Morales!

Monday, May 6 - - Picture Day at **Moffett**, cap and gown photo for children enrolled in TK or K next school year. https://preschoolportraits.lifetouch.com/get-ready-for-picture-day

Tuesday, May 7 - Parent Teacher Conference Day, No school. Please make your appointment with your child's teacher.

Wednesday, May 8 - Classes resume.

Wednesday, May 8 - Beep, Beep and Camera Games (Hearing and Vision Screening) @ **Whelan**

Wednesday, May 8 - Picture Day at **Jefferson**, cap and gown photo for children enrolled in TK or K next school year. https://preschoolportraits.lifetouch.com/get-ready-for-picture-day

Wednesday, May 8, 3:15 PM, Parent Advisory Council Meeting via Zoom.
https://lennoxk12-org.zoom.us/j/82746928883?pwd=N3RSazcwOER0M1VQeFJESFJQb2E1UT09
Meeting ID: 827 4692 8883 Passcode: 906153

Thursday, May 9 - Taller de padres en el PDC: 10319 Firmona Ave. Call (310) 680-3500 to reserve your space.

Thursday, May 9 - Picture Day at **Felton** and **Whelan** State Preschool, cap and gown photo for children enrolled in TK or K next school year.
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Friday, May 10 - Beep, Beep and Camera Games (Hearing and Vision Screening) at **Felton State Preschool**



Sunday, May 12 - Happy Mother's Day!

Tuesday, May 14 - 9:30-10:30 AM WSP Morning Session Performance

Tuesday, May 14 - 1:30-2:30 PM WSP Afternoon Session Performance

Tuesday, May 14 - Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 15 - 9:30-10:30 AM BSP Morning Session Performance

Wednesday, May 15 - 1:30-2:30 PM BSP Afternoon Session Performance

Thursday, May 16 - Happy Birthday State Preschool Site Supervisor Mrs. Salcedo!



Friday, May 17 - Super Hero Julian Roque Day, Wear your favorite superhero costume

Monday, May 20 - Happy Birthday State Preschool Teacher Ms. Alma Maciel!

Tuesday, May 21- 9:30-10:30 AM JSP Morning Session Performance

Tuesday, May 21- 1:30-2:30 PM JSP Afternoon Session Performance

Wednesday, May 22 - Jog-a-thon!

Thursday, May 23 - Taller de padres en el PDC: 10319 Firmona Ave. Call (310) 680-3500 to reserve your space.

Friday, May 24 - 9:00-10:00 AM MSP Morning Session Performance



Friday, May 24 - 1:30-2:30 PM MSP Afternoon Session Performance

Monday, May 27 - Happy Memorial Day, No classes

Wednesday, May 29 - Happy Birthday State Preschool Teacher Mrs. Cortez!



Friday, May 31 - Blue Submarine in school field trip at BSP

Friday, May 31 - 9:30-10:30 AM Felton SP Morning Session Performance

Friday, May 31 - 1:30-2:30 PM Felton SP Afternoon Session Performance

Monday, June 3 - Blue Submarine in school field trip at FSP

Tuesday, June 4 - Blue Submarine in school field trip at JSP

Wednesday, June 5 - Blue Submarine in school field trip at MSP

Thursday, June 6 - Blue Submarine in school field trip at WSP

Thursday, June 6 - Last day of read with me backpack distribution

Tuesday, June 11 - Collect ALL read with me backpacks

Tuesday, June 11 - Board Meeting at 6PM

Tuesday, June 11 - Happy Birthday State Preschool Secretary Betsy McLaurin!



Wednesday, June 12, 3:15 PM, Parent Advisory Council Meeting in person

Sunday, June 16 - Happy Father's Day!



Monday, June 17 - Friday, June 21 - End of the year spirit Week

Wednesday, June 19 - Juneteenth, No class, Preschool Office will be closed.

Friday, June 21 - Last day of school, have a great summer break!

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