



Parent Newsletter

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Conservatory End-of-Year Gala Events

Talented students from all over Los Angeles Unified School District wowed audiences at the Conservatory of Fine Arts 37th Annual End-of-Year Gala Events.



At the Visual Arts Final Art Show on April 21, 2018, 290 student artists displayed their best artwork in the Fine Arts Gallery at California State University Los Angeles. Ten graduating seniors, many of whom have participated in the Conservatory for eight or more years, were awarded art scholarships to continue their studies in college. More than 225 student performers took to the stage at the Performing Arts Final

Showcase Performance on the afternoon of April 28, 2018, in 25 short acts at Esteban Torres High School to demonstrate their talents in dance, drama, and vocal music. Seven graduating seniors culminated their years in the program with solos and lead roles.

Conservatory of Fine Arts Registration

The Conservatory looks forward to starting its 38th season in the Fall of 2018. Applications for interested students can be found on <https://apply.lausd.net> starting early June through September 7, 2018. Please note that students who are identified as talented in the arts have first enrollment priority into this program. New, non-identified students are accepted as space is available. If you are interested in your child participating in the talent identification process, please visit our website at <http://achieve.lausd.net/GATE> or call Gifted/Talented Programs, Advanced Learning Options, at (213) 241-6500.



Family “Tech” Tips

For many families, summer means sleeping in, more time to play outdoors, and family vacations. It also can mean more screen time for kids. For this edition of “Tech” Tips, we share ideas from around the web to help families navigate summer screen time.

National Public Radio (NPR) has many articles on screen time for parents on their website <https://www.npr.org/templates/search/index.php?searchinput=screen+time+for+kids>.

Healthy Children.org is a great resource for articles on how parents can monitor and manage the messages kids get from media <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/Media/Pages/default.aspx>.

In addition to general media tips, the Center for Parenting also gives suggestions on monitoring popular music <https://centerforparentingeducation.org/library-of-articles/riding-the-waves-of-the-teen-years/tips-for-using-electronic-media/>.

School Spotlight Euclid Avenue Elementary School (Local District East)

Euclid Avenue's Gifted/Highly Gifted/High Ability Bilingual Magnet is located in the historic community of Boyle Heights. In an effort to consistently challenge their students and give them a myriad of



experiences and skills that will help them navigate the 21st century, they fostered a partnership with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory

(JPL) in La Canada Flintridge, California. The JPL scientists visited Euclid Avenue Elementary School and provided the students and staff with many resources and even brought a Mars Rover to the school.



Fourth grade magnet students in Ms. Dillingham's class were challenged to write a grant/proposal, as well as, design and create a Mars Rover. The students went through a process that required them to solve a design problem, think like an expert and analyze phenomena. As a part of this process, the students were also required to build a budget, read primary sources, view videos of the Mars Rover, test their designs during a performance challenge, and confer with JPL scientists and a NASA astronaut.

If your school has something to share for the "School Spotlight" section, please email Susanna Furfari, District Coordinator, at susanna.furfari@lausd.net.

Summer fun
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Join the LA Public Library Summer Reading Program - <https://www.lapl.org>



Get an LA City Pools Youth Pass \$10 for all summer - <https://www.laparks.org/aquatics>



Visit the California African American Museum - <https://caamuseum.org>



See the Griffith Park Free Shakespeare Festival - <http://iscla.org/griffith-park-festival/>



Get your free membership to LA County Museum of Art - <http://www.lacma.org/kids-families/nexgen-fast-facts>

Important Dates

- ♦ **May 25:** Deadline for schools to submit Creative and Leadership Ability referrals
- ♦ **May 28:** Memorial Day Holiday
- ♦ **June 7:** Last day of school for the 2017-18 school year
- ♦ **August 14:** First day of school for the 2018-19 school year