



PRCS Coyote Howl

October 26, 2020

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The Leader in Me™

OCTOBER HABIT

Begin with the End in Mind

SPIRIT DAY on 10/30/20

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School Experience Survey (SES) 2020-2021

Be sure to take the online survey by
December 11, 2020



Let us know
what you think? p.4



SES Available in English, Spanish and Korean
<http://achieve.lausd.net/SchoolExperienceSurvey>

Principal Demirjie's Message: Good evening PRCS families. LAUSD is highly encouraging all of our students, both elementary and middle school, to get tested for COVID -19. You can find all the information by visiting our website at gopracs.org or in the HOWL on p. 5.

Beginning Monday, October 26th, our annual [School Experience Survey](#) will be available online. I want to encourage everyone to participate in this survey and let us know what you think about our school. You could also find the survey information on [LAUSD website](#) for SES, our [website](#) and the HOWL. (p.4)

For our Middle School parents, we will have Middle School Virtual Parent Meet-Up via Zoom this coming Thursday, October 29th at 5pm. Mr. Guidry, our Assistant Principal and Ms. Almany, our Counselor, will be sharing information that will be very helpful. Pre-registration is required. Information is on our [website](#) and also be included in the HOWL MS News section.

Our Spirit Day for this coming Friday is to wear your favorite character day. This is for both elementary and middle school students. Be sure to share a pic with us at prcspublications@gmail.com for the weekly assembly!

Save the date parents for our virtual Book Fair TIME MACHING that will be online this year from November 9th – November 20th. Flyer is on our [website](#) and p.9 of the Howl. All online book purchases will directly benefit our school.

Booster Club will have their monthly meeting on November 3rd, at 3pm via Zoom. The Zoom info is on p.2 of the HOWL. Our [Booster GIFT Fund](#) is still going strong. If you donate to the GIFT Fund by November 1st, you'll be entered into a drawing to for a chance to win a pair of apple Air Pods. The [Booster GIFT Fund](#) will end on November 15th. Also, I want to remind everyone to join our [PTA Membership](#). You could do so by visiting our website at gopracs.org. Thank you and please stay safe everyone.



School Announcements

LAUSD School Experience Survey: Please take the time to fill out a survey by December 11. Let LAUSD know what you think? Online survey is available in English, Spanish and Korean. The **School Experience Survey** is an annual survey administered in the fall to all LAUSD schools. Survey results provide schools with important feedback from teachers, staff, students and parents. If you have any questions about the School Experience Survey, please send an email to schoolexperiencesurvey@lausd.net or call (213) 241-5600. See flyer on p.4

LAUSD Covid-19 Testing for All Students – Testing Appointments are now available at local school sites near Porter Ranch (Frost Middle School or Lawrence Middle School are the nearest Covid-19 testing sites see p. 5) To schedule an appt: <https://achieve.lausd.net/covidtestingappt>

Library Book Grab & Go Reserve your books by visiting our website. The step by step instruction has been **revised as of 10/23/20**. Updated instructions are listed under **STUDENTS** or [click here!](#) Next Book Grab n Go is **Friday, November 6**. Students must check out books online and book reservations must be confirmed by Mr. Martellaro. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Martellaro at mjm4042@lausd.net

PTA – SAVE THE DATES! PRC PTA's **Virtual Book Fair** will be online **November 9th – 20th**. All online book purchases will directly benefit our school! If you have any questions, please email PTA Book Fair Chair, Meena Vishwanathan at vishwanathan.meena@gmail.com - see p.9

Reflections Arts Contest deadline has been extended to November 16. See p.8

Booster Club: Last day for GIFT Drive is November 15. GIFT Incentive! Act by November 1 and be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a pair of apple Air Pods. See p.7 for programs GIFT provides to our students programs at PRCS!

Make a difference! Click on <https://www.supportprcs.org/gift> to donate.

- Booster Club Meeting will be on **November 3rd at 3:00PM**
- Session ID: 884 8337 2823 Passcode: 894221

Special Birthday Wish on PRCS Marquee – If you would like to see a special birthday message on our school marquee, please submit the Birthday Blast Form to the main office. Birthday Blast Form is available on our website www.gopracs.org under **PARENTS** click [here](#) for the form.

Pre-order your Yearbooks for 2020-21 on sale for \$35.00 www.jostensyearbooks.com

For more information on 8th grade dedications, photo submissions and other Yearbook updates, please continue to check the weekly edition of the HOWL and our website. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Hayden at aaron.hayden@lausd.net

Submitting photos to the yearbook website for parents, staff and students: <https://images.jostens.com/> **Login ID: 415468760** please include student(s) name(s), grade and teacher if in elementary school.

For parents of 8th graders only to purchase a Yearbook Recognition Ads. Click on "Yearbook Recognition Ads". Create a profile. **Hard due date of Friday, December 4th** for dedication to be paid for and completed.

Elementary News

LAUSD Covid-19 Testing for All Students – Letter from Mr. Demirjic was sent on 10/21/20 to all parents. To view the letter click [here](#). Flyer for more info on p.5

2021-2020 KDLP Choice Application K – 5th Grade for new students has been extended to November 20 at 5:00 PM. For more information go to www.echoices.lausd.net

GATE Gifted/Talented News – Up to date information about HG/Gifted/ OLSAT testing can be found at <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/16576>

- E Choice for 2021-22 for Update on HG/Gifted/SAS <https://echoices.lausd.net/Magnet/MagnetGiftedCriteria#gsc.tab=0>
- E Choice is accessible through the Parent Portal under General Resources column when you sign in or go to for more info echoices@lausd.net or call Choices Support Line at (213)241-4177

Leader in Me – T-Shirt Design Contest for 2020-2021 is open to all K – 5 students!

- See flyer p.6 Winner will receive a free **Leader in Me** t-shirt of their design.

Elementary & Middle School Spirit Day this Friday!!!

Spirit Day Friday: October 30 is Dress as your Favorite Character Day!

Don't forget to take pictures and submit to prcspublications@gmail.com

Middle School News

Middle School Virtual Parent Meet Up with Mr. Guidry and Mrs. Almany

- IGPs, Report Cards, High School information for our current 8th graders, ASB, Culmination requirements, Math Homework Club information, and Transcript requests.
- October 29 at 5:00 PM on Zoom – Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://lausd.zoom.us/join/mtg/join/tZMkdO2tqD8iGdO2PJclu9q0IPtFMME2RP6J>

Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) – The IGP has been mailed home for each students in grades 6th – 8th. Please make sure to save your IGP copy for a meeting with Mrs. Almany. Each student will need to have their copy for the meeting during their PE class.

8th Grade Updates - Since we are virtual for now, we are missing our annual field trip to Chatsworth Charter High School. Please visit their website at <https://www.chatsworthhs.org> and schedule a virtual tour. For parents interested in LAUSD High School Magnet, SAS or other programs, the application window started October 1st and **closes November 20th** at 5pm. Please visit www.echoices.lausd.net for more information or please contact Choices Support Line at (213)241-4177. If you are interested in any of the high schools, please check out their school websites for virtual tour dates and information.

8th Grade only - Yearbook Recognition Ads. Make the yearbook even more special for your student with an 8th grade recognition ad. Choose a photo and layout, then add your personal message. They'll cherish it always. Click on "Yearbook Recognition Ads". Create a profile. Hard due date of Friday, December 4th for dedication to be paid for and completed.



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL EXPERIENCE SURVEY 2020-21

Let us know what you think



Students



Staff



Parents/Guardians

Take this survey to share what you think about your, and your child's experiences with his or her school. Use the results to learn about your school climate with your children, teachers, administrators and other parents.



- Students and staff, take the survey online
- To protect the health and safety of LAUSD families and school staff, the District is strongly encouraging all parents/guardians to take the survey online this Fall
- Some paper copies will be available at each school. Please coordinate with school staff to obtain a copy if needed

<http://achieve.lausd.net/SchoolExperienceSurvey>

Be sure to take the online survey by December 11, 2020

Contact your school with questions or contact the School Experience Survey team by phone (213) 241-5600 or by email: SchoolExperienceSurvey@lausd.net



Click on link to take the survey here: Begins on Monday, 10/26

<http://achieve.lausd.net/SchoolExperienceSurvey>

The Path Back to School

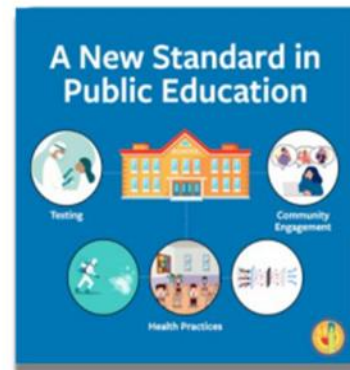
COVID-19 Testing For All Students



COVID-19 Testing



- To schedule a test: achieve.lausd.net/covidtestingappt
- 6 testing locations in Local District Northwest:
 - Frost MS -Holmes MS -Lawrence MS
 - Northridge MS -Reseda HS -Woodland HS
- Student ID can be obtained through Parent Portal:
parentportalapp.lausd.net/parentaccess
- Parent Hotline 213-443-1300



Testing Appointments:
<https://achieve.lausd.net/covidtestingappt>

Student ID can also be obtained by calling our main office or by emailing Jen Endler at jennifer.endler@lausd.net

K - 5th Grade
**T-SHIRT DESIGN
CONTEST**

Theme:
Caring Coyotes

**HELP US DESIGN OUR
NEW ELEMENTARY
LEADER IN ME
T-SHIRT!**



**Porter Ranch Community
School needs YOUR help to
design our 2020-2021
Leader in Me t-shirt.
Show your Leader in Me pride
with your original design.**

- **Contest is open to all K – 5th grade students.**
- **Deadline** for submissions is **NOVEMBER 2nd, 2020**
- **Scan a clear picture of your design and submit it with your first and last name, grade, and teacher's name to prcspublications@gmail.com**
- **Winner will be announced on November 9th, 2020.**

Directions:

**Create a design that has a
title of four words or less
and a hand drawn picture
to represent the theme,
CARING COYOTES.**

**All designs must be
original, STUDENT
DESIGNED, and outlined in
black marker on white
8 ½ X 11 paper.**



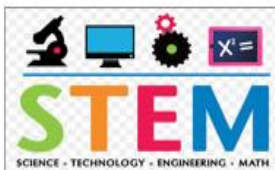
Booster Club **GIFT** Incentive! Make your donation to PRCS **GIFT** Fund by **November 1** and be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a pair of **apple Air Pods**. Last day for the GIFT Drive will be November 15. Please donate today!



DONATE TODAY! [Click here!](#)

GIFT

Giving & Inspiring For Tomorrow



Dance



Computer/
Science Lab



Theatre



Learning
Academies



Technology



Music

Friends of PRCS GIFT 2020

Why GIFT? No school district is able to fully fund all the services and programs our children need in order to thrive. Almost all schools rely on direct donation appeals, such as this one, to maintain the quality education we want for our children. GIFT is how OUR school supports the vital programs, classroom materials, and staff support.



PRC PTA Reflections Art Guidelines and Submissions

NEW
DUE DATE
11/16/20

Use the arts to share your personal *Reflections* on this year's theme: **I Matter Because...**

Submissions are due to the Reflections Chairperson, Kristi Matassa,
by Monday, November 16, 2020.

Use MUST use the following Google Form and attach the submission.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wNvsl9qsK2MCn9ZO7GkDQdh5UvxLfg7oFSWCmPoUuM>

Please make sure to keep your student's original artwork.

We look forward to celebrating your artistry and achievement in the arts!

Dance Choreography: Solo and ensemble works of all dance styles are accepted. Entrant must be the choreographer and may also be the performer, or one of the performers. If background music is used, cite it on the entry form. **Video** file must not exceed 5 minutes in length and 1,000 MB (1,000 megabyte) in file size and be in MP4 or AVI format.

Film Production: Accepted short film styles include: Animation, narrative, documentary, experimental or media presentation. Use of PowerPoint is prohibited. Entrant must be the screenwriter, cinematographer, editor and producer. If background music is used, cite it on the entry form. **Video** file must not exceed 5 minutes in length and 1,000 MB (1,000 megabyte) in file size and be in MP4 or AVI format.

Literature: Accepted forms of fiction and nonfiction include: Prose, poetry, reflective essay, screen play and play script, narrative, and short story. Entrants may write in their primary language as long as an interpretive English translation is also attached. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. **Writing** must not exceed 2,000 words and may be handwritten or typed. Accepted formats: Single-sided print on 8 1/2x11" paper, PDF file.

Music Composition: All music styles and combinations of instrumentation are accepted. Entrant must be the composer and may also be the performer, or one of the performers. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. **Audio** recording must not exceed 5 minutes in length and 1,000 MB (1,000 megabyte) in file size. Accepted audio file formats include: MP3 and WAV. **Notation** (score/tablature) in PDF format is only required for middle and high school divisions.

Photography: Photo must be a single print/digital image. Collages and collections of photos are not accepted. Entrant must be the photographer and may use a variety of digital editing techniques including but not limited to, multiple exposure, negative sandwich and photogram. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. **Print** image dimensions must be no smaller than 3x5 inches and no larger than 8x10 inches. Accepted print formats: Mounted on mat or poster board no larger than 11x14 inches. Framed prints are not accepted. **Digital** image dimensions must be at least 640x960 (pixels) and 300 dpi (resolution). Accepted file formats: JPEG, JPG, and PNG.

Visual Arts: Works of both fine and design arts are accepted, including but not limited to: architectural drawing and models, ceramics, collage, computer generated images and graphics, crafts, drawing, fashion clothes and jewelry, fiber work, mixed media, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. **2D** artworks must be mounted on sturdy material and no larger than 24x30 inches with matting. Framed entries are not accepted. Include one digital image of artwork with your submission. **3D** artwork submissions must contain 3 digital images of artwork at different angles. Image(s) are used for artwork identification, judging and exhibition purposes. Accepted file formats: JPEG, JPG, and PNG. **Special**

Artist: Students who identify as having a disability and may receive services under IDEA or ADA: Section 504 may enter in the Special Artist Division or grade division most closely aligned to their functional abilities. See Official Rules for Details.



Enter our Book Fair Time Machine and fill your library with wonderful adventures that let your imagination take flight!

Launching November 9th - November 22nd

Online only at

[PRC PTA's Virtual Scholastic Book Fair](#)

- Exclusive online shopping experience for PRCS families!
- Over 6,000 products including Book Fair Exclusives, New Releases, Value Packs and more!
- All book only purchases of \$25 and over SHIP FREE directly to your home!
- All purchases directly benefit our school!

Questions? Please contact Meena Vishwanathan at vishwanathan.meena@gmail.com



Investing in the future one book at time!

OCTOBER

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Parent Workshops & Informational Meetings



Local District Northwest Parent and Community Engagement Unit



Online Training for Parents

Topic: Stay Connected With Your Child During Distance Learning

Parents and Guardians,
Please join our video conference to participate in a parent workshop.

Please visit zoom.us. Click **JOIN A MEETING**. Use this code to join the meeting: **830 2142 7396** Password: **LEARNING**



Date	Time	Language
Tuesday, October 27, 2020	10:00 a.m.	English/Spanish

If you have any questions, please contact:

Ritma Estupiñan (ritma.estupinan@lausd.net)

Robert Goldstein (rdg6546@lausd.net)

Morena Camp (morena.camp@lausd.net)

Sandra Becerra (Sandra.x.becerra@lausd.net)



**Do you have questions
about when and how
our schools will open?**



**Then, this
webinar is
just right
for you!**

SCOTT M SCHMERELSON

LAUSD BOARD DISTRICT 3

**Thursday
October 29
6-7:30 pm**

**to register and
submit your questions**

**focus
your
phone's
camera on
this graphic**



Creating a Positive Culture CLUB

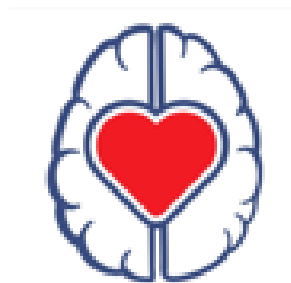
We are here to support YOU!

(Students, Parents, Teachers, and Administrators)



We provide a safe place for all stakeholders to discover resources to manage social-emotional skills in a virtual setting.

Join us Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings



Tuesday 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Zoom Code

[935 9066 4090](#)

Thursday 7:45 a.m.-8:45 a.m.

Zoom Code

[973 7162 4221](#)

Our focus is to provide all stakeholders with continuous support to build positive culture in the virtual setting.

Tuesdays 2:30pm – 3:30pm


Zoom Code: 935 9066 4090

Thursdays 7:45am – 8:45am

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LAST WEEK!

Please make your appointment for a flu shot today!



FREE Flu Shots



Vacunas contra la gripe GRATIS

Oct 13, 2020 – Oct 30, 2020

Date / Fecha	Time / Hora	Local District	School / Escuela	Address / Dirección
10/13/2020	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Central	Franklin HS	820 N Ave 54 Los Angeles 90042
10/16/2020	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Northeast	San Fernando MS	130 N Brand Blvd San Fernando 91340
10/20/2020	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	East	Perez CTC	4540 Michigan Ave Los Angeles 90022
10/23/2020	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Northwest	Lawrence MS	10100 Variel Ave Chatsworth 91311
10/27/2020	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	South	Gardena HS	1301 W 182 nd St Gardena 90248
10/30/2020	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	West	Palms MS	10860 Woodbine St Los Angeles 90034

- COVID-19 Safety Guidelines will be followed / *Se seguirán las pautas de seguridad COVID-19*
- Vaccine available for ages 4 yrs old and older / *Vacuna disponible a partir de 4 años de edad*
- Identification required for parent/guardian / *Se requiere identificación para el padre/tutor*
- Mask or Face Covering required (2 yrs old and older) / *Se requiere mascarilla o cubierta facial (a partir de 2 años de edad)*

Schedule an Appointment at / *Programe una cita en:* <https://tinyurl.com/LAUSDFlu2020>



Schedule an Appointment at
<https://tinyurl.com/LAUSDFlu2020>



A BIRTHDAY BLAST!!

If you would like to see a
Special Birthday Message
on our School Marquee
please submit the bottom portion
of this flyer along

with \$20 (cash only please)!

-----Birthday Blast-----



I have attached \$20 for the Main Office the week prior to my
requested date. I would like the Birthday Blast for the

Monday of the Week of: _____

Student's Name _____ Room # _____

Student's Birthdate _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Contact # _____

Please print out the form that is available on our website and send in to the main office as instructed. The Birthday Blast Forms can be found on our website at www.gopres.org Click on **PARENTS** then Helpful Documents.

Distance Learning Resources

IT Helpdesk is available at 213-443-1300

- Parents, students, employees - devices or hot spots tech support
- Hours for IT Helpdesk, Fieldtech - 7:30AM – 4:30PM
- Password/reset issues for Student Mymail - Please contact your teacher

Tech - Trouble Shooting Tips: Mymail, Schoology and Parent Resources! LAUSD Schoology resources for students, parents, and teachers can be found on our website at www.goprcs.org along with other how to tutorials and instructions for different platforms. Click on **STUDENTS** or **PARENTS**

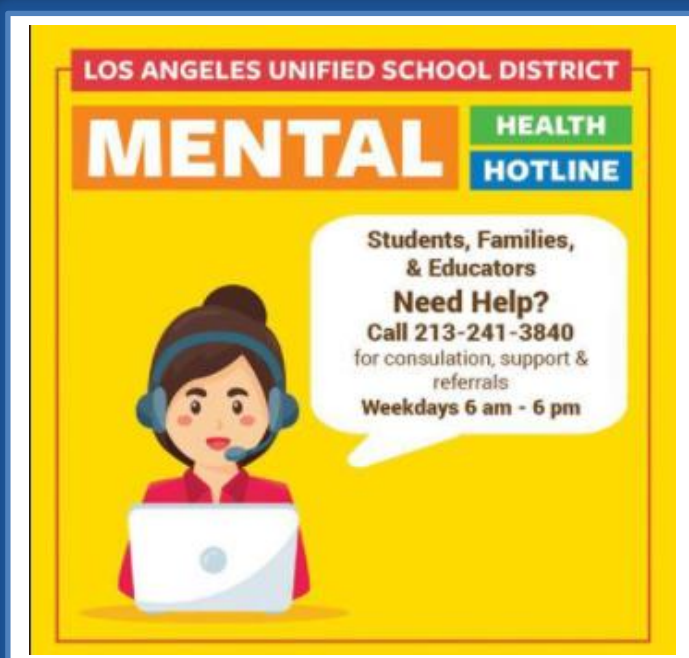
Device or Hotspot Request go to: Parent Portal to request or to our website at www.goprcs.org click on Computer Device & Hotspot Internet Request. Enter Access code: **Lausd2020** and only choose: **PORTER RANCH SCHOOL (1230301)** Once registered, please wait for the school to contact you – Device Distribution date will be sent by the email on the request.

Absence Notes while Distance Learning

- **Elementary – Parents** can send an email to their child's teacher,
- **Middle School - Parents** can send an email to Ms. Laura at laura.castillo@lausd.net

Parent Portal Pin Code – Parents have 3 ways to obtain the Parent Portal Pin Code:

1. Main office – In person only with a valid ID during office hours 7:30AM – 3:00PM
2. Jen Endler – Parent Community Rep – Office Zoom Hours Please Email for an appointment. Jennifer.endler@lausd.net
3. Call the LAUSD Hotline 6:00AM – 6:00PM Monday thru Saturday. Call 213-443-1300
OPTION 2 & 3 will require to zoom to verify ID on camera.



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MENTAL HEALTH HOTLINE

Students, Families, & Educators
Need Help?
Call 213-241-3840
for consultation, support & referrals
Weekdays 6 am - 6 pm

The poster features a yellow background with a red header. On the left, there is an illustration of a woman with dark hair in a bun, wearing a headset and a red shirt, sitting at a desk with a laptop. A speech bubble from her contains the text: 'Students, Families, & Educators Need Help? Call 213-241-3840 for consultation, support & referrals Weekdays 6 am - 6 pm'. The words 'MENTAL', 'HEALTH', and 'HOTLINE' are in large, bold, white letters on orange, green, and blue rectangular backgrounds respectively.

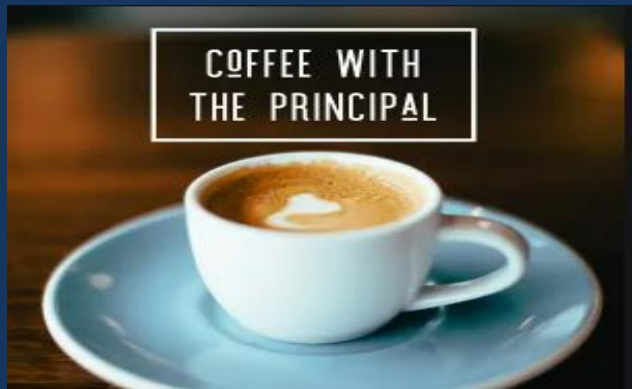


LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

HEALTH INSURANCE HOTLINE

Students, Families, & Educators
Need Help?
Call 213-241-3840
Option 1
for assistance enrolling in health coverage and support accessing basic need services.

The poster features an orange background with a red header. On the left, there is an illustration of a woman with dark hair, wearing a headset and a red shirt, gesturing with her hand. The text 'HEALTH' is in large, bold, white letters on a green rectangular background, and 'INSURANCE HOTLINE' is in large, bold, white letters on a blue rectangular background. Below the text, there are four small circular icons: a person, a group of people, a house, and a sun.



Coffee with the Principal
TBA



Please join
PRCS
Facebook
Group. Click
[HERE](#) to join
for up to
date



JOIN THE PRC PTA! [Click Here](#)



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Welcome 2020-2021

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