



# PRCS Coyote Howl

JANUARY 11, 2021

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1/11/21	No school – Pupil Free Day
1/12/21	<b>First Day of Second Semester - Online 9:00 AM</b>
1/12/21	Booster Club Meeting at 3:00 PM via Zoom- p.2
1/18/21	No school – In observance of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr's Day
1/20/21	PTA Board & Assoc. Mtg at 6:00PM via Zoom - p.2
1/21/21	GSC Meeting at 3:00 PM via Zoom – p. 2

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### School Experience Survey (SES) 2020-2021

Be sure to take the online survey

By **January 22, 2021**

**Let us know what you think**



SES Available in *English, Spanish and Korean*

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

### LEADER IN ME - JANUARY HABIT:

**Seek First To Understand, Then To Be Understood.**

Tell us how you Seek First to Understand, Then To Be Understood in a video and send it to

[prcspublications@gmail.com](mailto:prcspublications@gmail.com) to be featured in our Weekly

**Leader in Me** Assembly!

## Principal Demirjie's Message:

Good Evening PRCS Families. I want to wish all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year. We all hope that 2021 will be a better year for all of us.

As you may know, Spring Semester will begin tomorrow. However, classes will be back in session on Tuesday, January 12th starting at 9:00 am. Tomorrow, teachers will have a pupil free day. So once again, the first day for students to attend classes virtually is Tuesday, January 12th starting at 9:00 AM.

Also, on Tuesday, January 12th, Booster club will be having their monthly meeting via Zoom at 3:00 PM. The log-in information for Zoom is below and can be found on p.2.

We're looking forward to partnering with you once again to make this semester a successful one for our students. Thank you.

Booster Club Meeting: 1/12/2021 at 3 pm.

Session ID: 892 6367 4452 Passcode: 30386





## School Announcements

Let us know what you think



Take this survey to share what you think about your, and your child's experiences with Porter Ranch Community School. <http://achieve.lausd.net/SchoolExperienceSurvey>

**LAUSD School Experience Survey:** Please take the time to fill out a survey **by January 22, 2021**. Let LAUSD & PRCS 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](mailto:schoolexperiencesurvey@lausd.net) or call (213) 241-5600. See flyer on p.4.  
**PRCS would like to have 100% participation from parents and staff.**

**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>

**Booster Club:** Next Booster Club Meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 12** at 3:00PM via Zoom  
**Meeting ID:** 892 6367 4452 **Passcode:** 303864

**PTA** – JOIN THE PTA! Membership is only \$10/person. [Click here to join](#) or see P.7  
Next PTA Board & Association Meeting is **Wednesday, January 20** at 6:00 PM.  
**Zoom link:** <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/85727839916?pwd=QStyL2VMT0xBZGVsWTB3QkFoN3ZTd09>  
**Meeting ID:** 857 2783 9916 **Passcode:** hello

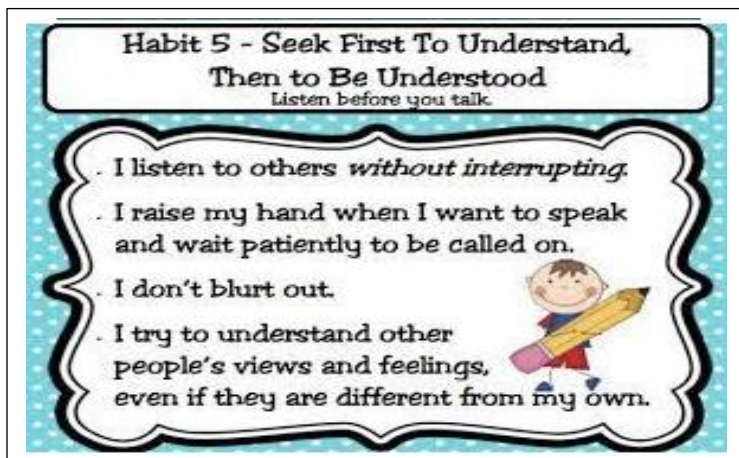
**GSC Meeting** – **Thursday, January 21, 2021** at 3:00 PM via Zoom  
Register in advance for this meeting:  
<https://lausd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlud-yoqDovGtzRCHUNs9Cy7CUW5T6Eh7hK>  
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**Yearbook News** – Pre order for 2020-21 Yearbook Prices: **\$40.00** [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com)

**Submitting photos** to the yearbook website for parents, staff and students: <https://images.jostens.com/>  
**Login ID:** 415468760 or direct link <https://images.jostens.com/415468760>  
Please include the following information when submitting photos:

- student(s) name(s)
- grade of the student(s)
- teacher if in elementary school.
- If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Hayden at [aaron.hayden@lausd.net](mailto:aaron.hayden@lausd.net)

## Elementary News



## The Leader in Me

**JANUARY HABIT:** Seek First To Understand, Then To Be Understood.

Tell us how you Seek First to Understand, Then To Be Understood in a video and send it to [prcspublications@gmail.com](mailto:prcspublications@gmail.com) to be featured in our Weekly **Leader in Me** Assembly!

**Twinkle Time!** Grades TK – 2<sup>nd</sup> are welcome to join LDNW System of Support Staff on Wednesdays 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM for social time through songs and fun activities. Will resume on January 13. **Zoom ID: 897 6804 7212** see flyer p. 12

**GATE Gifted/Talented News** – UPDATE! Please see <https://www.goprcs.org/gate> for the Guide on **Depth and Complexity**

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

## Middle School News

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spirit Wear Orders** extended to **Friday, January 15 at 10:00 AM.**

**Last Chance!** Don't miss out on 8<sup>th</sup> grade CLASS OF 2021 spirit wear! To place an order, please click on the link below.

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Sprit wear link:
  - <https://forms.gle/WF2wTk45BJeECACZ8>
- Class of 2021 LEGACIES – t-shirt, hoodie and sweatpants



**ZOOM HANG OUT!** Virtual club for middle school and high school students from LDNW System of Support. ZOOM HANG OUT meets every Tuesdays and Thursdays - will resume next semester beginning January 12, 2021. Check out the flyer on p. 11

**20 Week Final Grades** for 1<sup>st</sup> semester is available to view in the Parent Portal and the district has mailed out the hard copies of the report cards through US mail.

**Honor Roll Recognition** is tentatively scheduled for January 29, 2021. More information will be available once school resumes in January.



## 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 Porter Ranch Community School. Use the results to learn about your school climate with your children, teachers and administrators and other parents. Available in English, Spanish and Korean.



- 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

We need 100% participation from PRCS Families!

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

Be sure to take the online survey by **January 22, 2021**

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

School Experience Survey is available in English, Spanish and Korean  
<http://achieve.lausd.net/SchoolExperienceSurvey>

Email Jen Endler at [jennifer.endler@lausd.net](mailto:jennifer.endler@lausd.net) if you need any assistance with the School Experience Survey.



# The Path Back to School

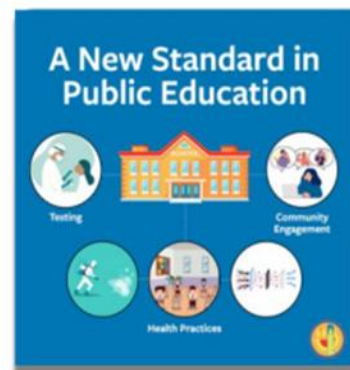
## COVID-19 Testing For All Students



## COVID-19 Testing



- To schedule a test: [achieve.lausd.net/covidtestingappt](https://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](https://parentportalapp.lausd.net/parentaccess)
- Parent Hotline 213-443-1300



To make an appointment for Covid Test click on the below:  
<https://achieve.lausd.net/covidtestingappt>

Student ID can also be obtained by calling our main office  
818-709-7100 or by emailing Jen Endler at  
[jennifer.endler@lausd.net](mailto:jennifer.endler@lausd.net)

PORTER RANCH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

★ 2020-2021 ❄️

# Yearbook

Yearbook Price: \$40.00

Remember; you can submit photos  
through the PRCS website

To purchase:

<https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/students-and-parents/about-yearbooks>

For more information contact:  
aaron.hayden@lausd.net



**Click here to join**

<https://jointotem.com/ca/porter-ranch/porter-ranch-community-pta>

Questions? Email Arezo Abedi, Membership Chair, at

[arezo.abedi@gmail.com](mailto:arezo.abedi@gmail.com)

**Membership is only \$10**

Supports the students, the teachers  
and the school today!

DECEMBER

zoom



## Parent Workshops & Informational Meetings



### Introducing Discovery Education for Los Angeles Schools

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We're excited to announce a new district-wide partnership with Discovery Education to provide 24/7 access to the tools and resources students need to stay connected to learning in and out of the classroom this school year.

Discovery Education *Experience* is a one-stop shop in which families can discover dynamic educational content to engage and support their children. From themed "grab-and-go" daily activities to captivating Virtual Field Trips and immersive student challenges, *Experience* offers families secure, reliable resources to help students continue learning outside of the traditional school day.

To log in to your Discovery Education account, please visit

[LAUSD.DiscoveryEducation.com](https://LAUSD.DiscoveryEducation.com)

To view the Discovery Education flyer [click here](#)







## Explore your interests during the winter break with Discovery Education

Discover popular videos, games, virtual field trips, podcasts, and more. Click on the grade bands below to visit the Studio Board:



K-2



3-5



6-8




9-12



KEEPING YOU CONNECTED

To access Discovery Education Experience directly, please go to [LAUSD.DiscoveryEducation.com](https://lausd.discoveryeducation.com) and enter student's full LAUSD email address and password.

### Students can log into Discovery Education two ways:

1. They can go directly to <https://lausd.discoveryeducation.com> and sign in with their district email and password.
2. They can also go to Schoology, select the waffle  and scroll to find Discovery Education

Parent Awareness Flyers With Log-in Information: <https://discoveryed-my.sharepoint.com/:f/p/sjohangiry/Eiuhpc9rJPVGjMIJ0DzE8zoBim00BdJdaSsf8tTYvpYOW?e=zQv1L5>

Questions: Contact Sarah Johangiry, LAUSD Director of Learning Innovations, at [SJohangiry@DiscoveryEd.com](mailto:SJohangiry@DiscoveryEd.com).



### Student Zones: Homework Help

Trained LA-Based Homework Helpers will assist K-12 students with school assignments and help navigate the library's online student resources.

Monday - Thursday: 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Saturday - Sunday: 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Schedule a free 25-minute appointment: <https://lapl.org/student-zone>

For more information, please contact [teensservices@lapl.org](mailto:teensservices@lapl.org)

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## Library Resources



1. Looking for a great place where teens who have questions about their own health and wellness can get answers to personal questions without asking someone? LAPL offers an online resource filled with reliable information that they can access with complete privacy.

<https://lapl.org/teen-health>

2. Coding 4 Change challenge. Participate... and you could win prizes! For those who want to add something to their list of awards won to their college applications, this is a fabulous opportunity.

<https://lapl.org/steam/neisci/coding-challenge>

3. Do you have questions about IEPs (Individualized Educational Plan) within LAUSD? Does your student qualify? How do you apply? What is the process? What are the advantages of IEPs? Join us Tuesday, December 15 @ 5:00pm to learn more!!

<https://lapl.zoom.us/j/86392607567?pwd=SHZ2Vy9CdTVoV0EyMGpJeml0aHlDUT09>

4. The beginning of the book awards season. Here are the finalists for the Morris awards. <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/morris-award>

**Questions re Library Resources: Contact Marcia Melkonian, Young Adult Librarian III, at [mmelkonian@lapl.org](mailto:mmelkonian@lapl.org)**

## North Los Angeles Regional Center

Questions re system for children with developmental disabilities and current support in the home, contact Monica Munguia, M.A. - Educational Advocate, at [mmunguia@nlarc.org](mailto:mmunguia@nlarc.org) or 818-534-5558



## MEND (Meet Each Need with Dignity)

**Hope & Care Program** - Community Ambassadors educate community on how to properly wear masks, wash their hands and minimize the risks of contracting the virus. Hope & Care Kits are distributed. They consist of face masks, hand sanitizers and information on COVID-19, Mental Health and local testing sites.

Community Ambassadors will also be delivering essentials to families who are in quarantine after testing positive for COVID-19 or who have been exposed to a positive case.

For more information, contact Maria Jimenez, Senior Manager of Performance Excellence, at [maria@mendpoverty.org](mailto:maria@mendpoverty.org) or Victoria Ahuactizi, Community Ambassador Lead, at [victoria@mendpoverty.org](mailto:victoria@mendpoverty.org)

**MEND** - MEET Each Need with Dignity

Main: 818.896.0246

10641 N. San Fernando Rd, Pacoima, CA 91331

[mendpoverty.org](http://mendpoverty.org)

Call Center Hours:  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Children's Health Access & Medi-Cal Program

# CHAMP

Does your family need help getting free/low cost health insurance?

**Contact us at (213) 241-3840 option 1 or email: [champ@lausd.net](mailto:champ@lausd.net)**

CHAMP provides:

- Pre-screening for Health Insurance Program Eligibility
- Medi-Cal | Medi-Cal Expansion | Covered CA | Kaiser Permanente Child Health Program
- Health Insurance Application Assistance and Enrollment
- Outreach and Education on the Affordable Care Act
- Information About Utilizing and Maintaining Health Insurance Benefits
- Health Care Referrals to School-Based Health/Wellness Centers and Community Clinics

**All Youth Healthy and Achieving**

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

CHAMP is a department within the Los Angeles Unified School District and is part of the Student Health & Human Services Division. Partial funding for CHAMP is provided by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services. [www.cms.gov](http://www.cms.gov)



JOIN US!

All TK thru 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students are WELCOME!



## Northwest Stars Twinkle Time



Come join us as we socialize-virtually. We have created a space where children TK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade can come interact through song, dance, making snacks, and most of all use our imaginations.



We meet Wednesdays 12:30-1:00 p.m.



Meeting ID: 897 6804 7212





## ZOOM HANG OUT! 6<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Middle School and High School Students are welcome! Come hang out virtually with students from local middle schools and high schools. Our Advisors from LAUSD's Systems of Support will be available to talk about life, what everyone has been up to and what advice you may have for others while we are off campus. This is a hang out where you can talk about what's on your mind. Get support with the challenges you have and offer support to others. Know you are not alone in how you are feeling.



### Join Us Every

**Tuesday**

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Mtg: 935-9066-4090

PW: 503754

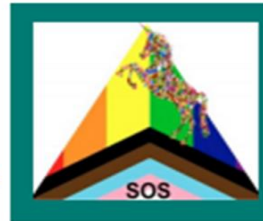
**Thursday**

7:45 AM – 8:45 AM

Mtg: 973-7162-4221

PW: 071917

All 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>  
graders are  
welcome!



*Students, Parents, Teachers and Administrators*

## 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



Tuesdays 2:30pm – 3:30pm

Zoom Code: 935 9066 4090

Thursdays 7:45am – 8:45am

Zoom Code: 973 7162 4221

Porter Ranch CS is invited to **JOIN US** for  
**VIRTUAL MUSIC class lessons**  
 with **INCREDIBLE TEACHERS** and  
 open to **STUDENTS** in **Grades K - 8**



**January Classes Now Being Formed!**  
[www.jointheorchestra.com](http://www.jointheorchestra.com)



- Dozens of classes offered throughout the week
- All levels from beginners to advanced students
- Caring, experienced and supportive teachers
- Zoom office hours with 24 hour email support
- Nationally recognized music curriculum
- 24/7 access to library of instructional videos
- Leaders in music education since 1989



- More flexibility in class times with more classes per week
- Shy students feel more at ease in performing online
- Fewer classroom distractions
- Parents can be more involved in the lessons
- Students can enjoy a more comfortable and familiar learning environment
- More personalized attention with student uploads & individual office hour

Online music  
 classes offer many  
 Advantages over  
 traditional campus  
 instruction.

A limited number of

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 & free **INSTRUMENT** rentals  
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Instruction is provided by the outstanding faculty of the Emmy Award Winning  
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If you are interested in joining the virtual music class lessons,  
 please visit [jointheorchestra.com](http://jointheorchestra.com) or visit [schoolmusic@mac.com](mailto:schoolmusic@mac.com)



# CULINARY KIDS ACADEMY

## WINTER ENRICHMENT CLASS

### WHAT?

Culinary Kids Academy combines hands-on cooking and academic learning in engaging workshops. After teaching 150,000+ students in the classroom, we've shifted to a highly successful Zoom program, tested Spring, Summer, & Fall 2020.

Expect:

- Yummy, kid-approved recipes
- Experiential cooking instruction
- Engaging learning & storytelling

All in the comfort of your own home!



**WANT MORE INFO?** Email us:

[info@culinarykidsacademy.com](mailto:info@culinarykidsacademy.com)

**TO REGISTER:** Click [HERE](#)



### WHEN?

Our Winter 10-Week Session starts Tuesday 1/12/20 and runs through Tuesday 3/16/20, from 4:00-5:00 pm PST.



CULINARYKIDSACADEMY.COM

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## Distance Learning Resources

IT Helpdesk is available at 213-443-1300 or 213-241-3840

- 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](http://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](http://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. This is only for new requests.

### 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](mailto:laura.castillo@lausd.net)

**Parent Portal Pin Code** – Parents have 2 ways to obtain the Parent Portal Pin Code: Zoom is required to verify ID

1. Jen Endler – Parent Community Rep – by Office Zoom Appointments. Please Email for an appointment. [Jennifer.endler@lausd.net](mailto:Jennifer.endler@lausd.net)
2. Call the LAUSD Hotline 6:00AM – 6:00PM Monday thru Saturday. Call 213-443-1300  
Special Winter Break Hours below.

While our office is working remotely, please email us and we will be able to assist you.

### Elementary K – 5

Lisa Adams email: [lisa.adams@lausd.net](mailto:lisa.adams@lausd.net)

Safia Daks email: [safia.daks@lausd.net](mailto:safia.daks@lausd.net)

### Middle School 6 - 8

Laura Castillo email: [laura.castillo@lausd.net](mailto:laura.castillo@lausd.net)

### General Questions

Donna Patterson email: [dpatte1@lausd.net](mailto:dpatte1@lausd.net)

### Parent Information or the Parent Portal

Jennifer Endler email: [jennifer.endler@lausd.net](mailto:jennifer.endler@lausd.net)

### LAUSD HOTLINE NUMBERS:

General: 213-443-1300

Mental Health: 213-241-3840

Visit: <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/16559#spn-content>

Hours Monday thru Friday  
6:00 AM – 6:00 PM

**Special Education:** 213-241-6701

Or visit [achieve.lausd.net/sped](https://achieve.lausd.net/sped)

**Grab n Go Meals** – visit for locations and hours:  
<https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/16904>



PRCS  
Booster Club

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Council \(GSC\)](#)



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**PRCS Website**

[www.goprcs.org](http://www.goprcs.org)





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OR A QUOTE – PLEASE CALL  
TODAY!

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**2020-2021**



**Porter Ranch Community School would like to thank  
Toll Brothers along with our Councilmember, John Lee,  
for their continued support and commitment to PRCS.**