

LPS Newsletter

September 15th 2009

Principal's Message

By Larry Vilaubi

First of all, I want to thank everyone for a very successful Back to School Night last week. We had over 200 parents here visiting classes and meeting teachers. Those of you that came know how valuable the experience was and we hope you use the connections you made with your student's teachers to continue to communicate in ways that will help your students succeed at their highest levels.

We also have some great news to share with you. For the second year in a row, LPS-San Jose has had a huge gain in our API score. Our API went up by 52 points. The API is based on a number of factors such as the state STAR test that measures all kids' progress every spring and the California High School Exit Exam that all students must pass in order to graduate. The 52 point gain is again one of the highest in our region. While we are still slightly below the state average, the state API only grew by 11 points so we beat the state gain by 472%. It's quite an accomplishment and one that all our students and staff should be very proud of.

On the other hand, we have been hit by another major budget reduction. As a result, we were forced to lay off one of our teachers. It was a very painful decision but after much consideration and deep cuts in other sections of the budget, we had no other choice but to lay-off one of our math teachers. Fortunately, we are able to combine a couple of classes and by utilizing some online classes as well, we are able to meet the needs of all our kids.

Recruitment Challenge

If you have friends or neighbors looking for a great small school in San Jose, please put them in contact with Jessica Miranda, our Enrollment Coordinator. She can be reached at: 408-937-2731 or jmiranda@leadps.org

Site Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 14th 2009 ~ 6:00PM ~ LPS - 18

Parent/Guardian Association Meeting

Wednesday, October 14th 2009 ~ 7:00PM ~ LPS - 18

Yearbook Garage Sale

Do you have "stuff" in your closet or garage that you want to get rid of? Donate it to the LPS – San Jose for the Yearbook Garage Sale! Contact Charles Ku at 408-937-2719 or cku@leadps.org to make a donation!

Mark Your Calendar!

September 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10 Back to School Night 6:30 - 8:00	11 Wii Tournament 4:00 - 6:00 School Dance 6:30 - 10:30
14	15	16 Site Council 6PM - 7PM PGA Meeting 7PM - 8PM	17	18 SAT: Sept. 19 Yearbook Garage Sale
21	22	23	24 Basketball Tournament 2:30 - 4:30 Movie Night 5:00 - 8:00	25 Fun Food Friday 11:40 - 12:40 School Dance 6:30 - 10:30