



# THE DIAMOND NEWSLETTER

## LA HABRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



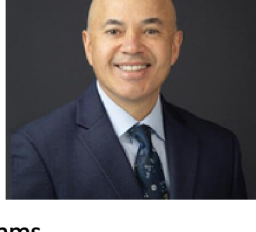
### UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 22 - Arbolita Back to School Night
- August 23 - Sierra Vista Back to School Night
- August 23 - El Cerrito Back to School Night
- August 24 - Washington Back to School Night
- August 24 - Las Lomas Back to School Night
- September 4 - Labor Day - No School

### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

#### When We Believe, Our Students Achieve!

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the start of the 2023 - 2024 school year. The Diamond Newsletter will enter its second year and will be communicated to share updates and information on the many amazing things happening across LHCS.



We hope you enjoy these updates and feel connected to our schools and our high quality programs.

As we enter into our second week of school, I want to thank our families for keeping our students safe during drop-off and pick-up times. Your patience is greatly appreciated. I also want to thank our staff for beginning the highly engaging teaching and learning, and setting of routines for student success from day one. Most importantly, thank you to our amazing students for returning ready to learn, and on-time. Daily attendance is imperative for academic success. This year our theme will be, **When we believe our Students Achieve**. Working together we will accomplish great things. We are off to a great start!

Respectfully,  
Mario A. Carlos, Ed. D.  
Superintendent



“Welcome back La Habra City School District Families! We are so excited to have your children back on our campuses and we can not wait to witness the great things our students are going to achieve this year.”

- Ofelia Hanson, Board President

### BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

All schools throughout the La Habra City School District are hosting Back to School Nights to provide families an opportunity to connect with school principals, teachers, and staff. Come walk our school campuses and classrooms to get a glimpse of your child's day while at school.



Our remaining Back to School schedule:

- August 22 - Arbolita Back to School Night
- August 23 - Sierra Vista Back to School Night
- August 23 - El Cerrito Back to School Night
- August 24 - Washington Back to School Night
- August 24 - Las Lomas Back to School Night



### EXTENDING LEARNING AT SUMMER BRIDGE

Through our Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) approximately 1300 La Habra City School District students attended our Summer BRIDGE and Extended School Year Programming. During this time, students participated in academic instruction in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics. Students also had the opportunity to attend the afternoon portion of the day where various enrichment programs were in place. Students participated in programs such as: coding, digital animation, digital art, creative sculpture, anime, cartooning, and comic creation, cooking, physical education and various STEM activities.

In addition to various vendors used during our summer programming, we are thankful for our collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club of La Habra who in addition to staffing support, provided our middle school students with engaging hands-on activities through the use of their STEAM Lab.



### TK IS OFF TO AN AMAZING START IN LHCS!



La Habra City School District, with the support of our School Board, took a bold initiative to welcome all four year olds into Transitional Kindergarten; three years ahead of the state requirement. We have welcomed over 270 four year olds to the La Habra City School District family!

For over a year, the Early Learning Department, school site staff, and District departments have been working tirelessly to ensure that our classrooms are ready for this expansion. Our wonderful TK teachers have journeyed into uncharted waters and are laying the foundation for our youngest scholars by initiating a sensational start to a successful year and a bright educational career.

La Habra City School District's TK teachers, students and classrooms are thriving! Teachers and Educational Assistants are building relationships with our families to ensure that students are comfortable and ready to learn. Within the first week of school, students are learning and following classroom routines, sharing materials in small groups, and working independently. In every classroom, children are smiling, engaged, and active learners. Because of ALL LHCS team member's belief in ALL of our children, THEY ARE ACHIEVING!

### DATA CONFIRMATION

The online Data Confirmation process must be completed for each child at the start of each school year. Completing the Data Confirmation process assures that the District has accurate contact information for you and all of your families emergency contacts. Accurate contact details allow us to reach you promptly in the event of an emergency or to share information about important school and District events. To complete the online Data Confirmation process, please log in to your Aeries Parent Portal at (<http://www.lahabraschools.org/parentportal>). If you have any questions, please call your child's school office or the District at 562-690-2305.

### IPAD INSURANCE PROGRAM



The La Habra City School District is proud to be able to provide an iPad device to all students within the District. The iPad will be issued to your child for their use at school and home. We also understand both students and parents are concerned about keeping these tools secure and in good working order. In response, the District has developed a voluntary LHCS iPad Insurance Program.

#### WHAT IS COVERED BY INSURANCE

- ✓ Accidental damage (drops and spills)
- ✓ Cracked screen
- ✓ Water damage
- ✓ Fire, flood, natural disasters
- ✓ Power surge
- ✓ Theft (requires police report)
- ✓ Vandalism (requires police and/or school report)

#### WHAT IS NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE

- ✗ Purposeful damage or neglect
- ✗ Damages that occurred before insurance was purchased
- ✗ iPad that has sustained damage while it is not in a District issued case
- ✗ iPad that has sustained damage in a case that was modified or altered
- ✗ iPad protective case



IPAD INSURANCE INFORMATION



HOW TO PAY FOR INSURANCE

**\$ 10 EFFECTIVE THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR AND SUMMER SCHOOL**

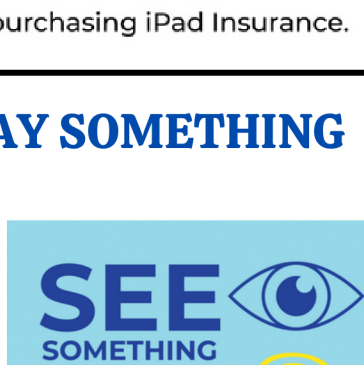
For further assistance please contact your school office or the District at (562) 690-205

\*Deadline to opt into the iPad Insurance Program is Friday September 15, 2023.

\*Families must complete the Data Verification process prior to purchasing iPad Insurance.

### SEE SOMETHING, HEAR SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

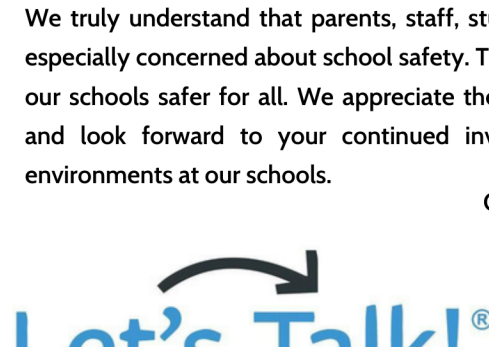
Ensuring that our students are safe requires a collective effort where all of us work collaboratively to provide safe learning environments. We would like to reemphasize practices that have been implemented at our school sites over the past several years to minimize vulnerabilities and increase preparedness among students, staff, and families.



We truly understand that parents, staff, students and community members are especially concerned about school safety. Through our unified vigilance, we made our schools safer for all. We appreciate the privilege of educating your children and look forward to your continued involvement in creating safe learning environments at our schools.

One can Say Something by any of the following means:

- Telling a teacher
- Telling someone in the office
- Telling the school principal or vice principal
- Telling a parent
- Submitting a Let's Talk message on the website (which can be anonymous)
- Calling the District Office
- Calling the La Habra Police Department



### NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

[lahabraschools.org/lhcsd-enrollment](http://lahabraschools.org/lhcsd-enrollment)

### JOIN OUR TEAM!

The La Habra City School District (LHCS) is known for its family atmosphere. Our district is more than just a place to work, it is a community where all are welcomed, supported, and valued. When joining our team, you are not just getting a new job, you are getting a new family!

To apply, visit [www.edjoin.org/lhcsd](http://www.edjoin.org/lhcsd)