

The Learning Castle

&

La Cañada Preparatory

# The Weekly Blast

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Saturday, January 14, 2012

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To see upcoming events, visit our website at [www.thelearningcastle.com](http://www.thelearningcastle.com).



## NEWS

### Annie, Jr., Auditions Begin

LCP started the audition process for Annie, Jr., this week. January 10 through 18 is a brief rehearsal and learning period for those interested in auditioning. Students have received their audition packs from Miss M, and the official auditions will begin on Thursday, January 19 and run through January 26.

A detailed schedule of the audition process has been included with this notice. Practice music (with and without vocals) along with a downloadable audition pack have been posted to our website at [www.thelearningcastle.com/AnniePractice](http://www.thelearningcastle.com/AnniePractice).

### Spelling Bee Approaches

LCP will be holding their annual all-school spelling bee on Monday and Tuesday, January 30 and 31, 2012. The overall winner will represent LCP at the Scripps regional bee in March with the winner of that bee advancing to the national spelling bee in Washington, D.C., in June. The four top spellers in grades four through six will represent LCP in the annual La Cañada Unified School District Spelling Bee on February 2, 2012.



For more details, see the notice included with this blast.

### Revolution Foods Visits TLC

Revolution Foods, our hot lunch provider, visited the students of TLC on Friday, January 13, to host their “Eat a Rainbow” nutrition classes. Students were introduced to the importance of eating a rainbow every day. Red was represented by the apple which is loaded with vitamins and minerals and is perfect for digestive health. Orange was represented by the carrot which is high in beta-carotene and is excellent for the health of our eyes. Green was represented by spinach which is considered by nutritionist to be a super food. Blue and purple were represented by grapes and blueberries, both of which are great for the heart. Last but not least, the banana represented yellow, high in potassium and great for the muscles. Each student received a sticker for tasting each of the foods and a rainbow coloring sheet.



## SPORTS

### Varsity Tennis Takes First and Second at Tourney



The Middle School Tennis League’s annual end-of-season tournament was held at the Arroyo Seco Tennis Center on Wednesday, January 11, 2012. LCP was represented by Myles Webb in singles and the team of Zak Rizkana and Sean Kazangian in doubles. Both our singles player and the doubles team advanced to the championship game. Zak Rizkana and Sean Kazangian fell 8 games to 2 to the doubles team of Amanda Chan and Crystal Juan from High Point Academy. Myles Webb defeated Cartier Juan of High Point, 8 to 5, winning La Cañada Prep’s first-ever singles title. Congratulations once again to Coach Tosh and the 2011 Knight’s Tennis Team for an amazing season!



### Room Parents

Ever wondered how to contact your child’s room parent? Go to our website at [www.thelearningcastle.com/RoomParent](http://www.thelearningcastle.com/RoomParent) to see the contact list.



### Changing Your Password

To change your password, go to [mytlcprep.com](http://mytlcprep.com), log in, and select ‘Change Password’ from the menu on the right. Follow the instructions and presto, chango, you have a new password.



## THE CLASSROOM TICKER

This week, 4th graders went to the Autry Museum, 7th graders went to The Huntington, and Revolution Foods held nutrition classes at TLC. Next week, all students will have their class picture taken on Wednesday and 6th graders will go to the California Science Center.



## **Class Picture Day**

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Class Pictures will be taken this Wednesday, starting at 9:00 a.m. for LCP and 1:00 p.m. for TLC.

We want your child to look their best.

All students should wear the required uniform.

**Girls:** Girls should wear their Kirk-plaid skort, a white polo shirt with the school-emblem embroidery, white socks, and white, navy or black shoes.

**Boys:** Boys should wear their navy pants or navy shorts, a white polo shirt with the school-emblem embroidery, a belt (if in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or above), white socks, and white, navy or black shoes.

**HALF-DAY STUDENTS NEED TO STAY FOR THE FULL DAY AT NO CHARGE.**

**Please see the flier from On Location Creations for more details.**



To download the Audition Pack or access the audition music, go to [www.thelearningcastle.com/AnniePractice](http://www.thelearningcastle.com/AnniePractice).

## **Annie, Jr., Audition Process**

Fri (D2) 1/13  
Per 3/4 Silver II Sing

Tues (D3) 1/17  
Lunchtime Learning: "Annie" Sing-a-long for Cobalt

Wed (D4) 1/18  
Per ¾ (10:35-11:30) Bronze I Sing  
Lunchtime Learning: "Annie" Sing-a-long for Gold

Thurs (D5) 1/19  
Per 3 Miss M Humanities (10:35-11:30) Cobalt I "Annie" Auditions  
Per 4 Miss M Humanities (11:30-12:25) Platinum II "Annie" Auditions  
Per 5/6 Silver I Sing (1:10-3:00)

Fri (D6) 1/20  
Per 2 Miss M Humanities (9:25-10:20) Gold I "Annie" Auditions  
Per 6 Miss M Humanities (2:05-3:00) Gold II "Annie" Auditions

Mon (D1) 1/23  
Per 3/4 Bronze I & II Auditions  
Per 5/6 Miss Ellin Lang Arts (1:10-3:00) Silver I "Annie" Auditions

Tues (D2) 1/24  
Per 2 Miss M Humanities (9:25-10:20) Cobalt II "Annie" Auditions  
Per 5/6 Miss M Humanities (1:45-3:00) Platinum I "Annie" Auditions

Wed (D3) 1/25  
Per 5/6 Miss M Dance (1:15-3:00) Copper II "Annie" Auditions

Thurs (D4) 1/26  
Per 3/4 Miss Katherine Math (10:35-12:25) Copper I "Annie" Auditions  
Per 5/6 Miss Anush Math (1:10-3:00) Silver II "Annie" Auditions (flip flop G/B w/PE)

# The 6<sup>th</sup>-Annual YEARBOOK COVER Design Contest

Are you an LCP student? Do you have skills? Drawing skills? Painting skills? Design skills? If you have any of these skills, then you should enter LCP's sixth-annual Yearbook Cover Design Contest. The winner's artwork will be featured on the front and back cover of this year's TLC/LCP yearbook.

The deadline for entries is **Tuesday, January 17, 2012.**

Please follow these guidelines when submitting artwork:

- Artwork should be created on paper designed for art. This includes drawing paper, construction paper, and printer paper. **Pencil or pen drawings on line paper will not be accepted under any circumstances.**
- Artwork should be completed. Half-done drawings, rough sketches, and/or ideas won't be accepted.
- Think in color. Our yearbook is full-color, including the cover. Color your artwork and it will have a better chance of being selected.
- Remember that you're designing both the front and back cover. Make sure you submit either two finished 8.5" x 11" sheets (or larger) or one 11" x 17" piece. Try to unify your sheets into one design that flows from the front cover to the back.
- Make sure to incorporate the words: "The Learning Castle and La Cañada Preparatory 2011-2012 Yearbook" into your artwork.
- Be creative. Feel free to use your favorite media and methods when designing your cover art. Drawing, painting, collage, and computer artwork are all acceptable and encouraged.

Good luck! If you have any questions, see Mr. Chris in the Mr. Chris district of the LCP office.

# Special Discounts for Summer School 2012!

## The "Our-Student" Discount **SAVE 5%**

Receive A 5% Discount



- ▶ If your child is currently enrolled at TLC or LCP for the 2011-2012 school year.
- ▶ Good for single and full sessions, full and half day.

## Early Bird Special!

**SAVE AN ADDITIONAL 5%**

Receive A 5% Discount

- ▶ If you register, using our online portal, between January 1, 2012, and January 31, 2012.
- ▶ Good for single and full sessions, full and half day.



Save  
10%

# SUMMER @

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# LCP SPELLING BEE



On Monday, January 31, 2011, LCP will hold a spelling bee for all students in grades 4 through 8.

The top speller will go on to compete in the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee to be held at the Walter Reed Middle School Auditorium on February 26, 2011.

The winner of the regional bee will represent Los Angeles at the National Spelling Bee to be held in Washington, D.C., on June 1 and 2, 2011.

LCP's top speller will also win a free one-year subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica® Online for Kids and the award-winning powerspeaK12® language course.

A list of words to study has been posted to our website at [www.thelearningcastle.com/spelling](http://www.thelearningcastle.com/spelling).

We wish best of luck to all.

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## A NEW RECYCLING PROGRAM

TLC and LCP are pleased to introduce a new recycling program in concert with SoCal Recycling Industries. All of our recycling efforts will now be under one vendor. The recycling of old clothes and shoes (not good enough for charity), electronic equipment, ink cartridges and laser toner cartridges will now earn money for our schools. We will also be recycling the usual paper, cans and bottles.

For clothes and shoes, deposit your donations in the large green bins located on the south side of the LCP office. We will be holding digital equipment drives biannually (or more often if the need arises). Ink and toner cartridges may be turned into the LCP office at any time.

Please join us as we step up our efforts to reuse, recycle and renew.





# The Learning Castle & La Cañada Preparatory 2011 -2012 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

## THE TOTAL FOR 2011-2012 IS \$68,449.00

### THIS WEEK'S DONORS

Thank you to the following for their donation(s) this week.

#### FOUNDER'S CIRCLE

Charles and Jennifer Aragones                      Nolan                      Purple

#### SAPPHIRE

Vahe Gazarian and Tina Ghotanian                      Gregory                      Red

#### Annual Giving Campaign Levels

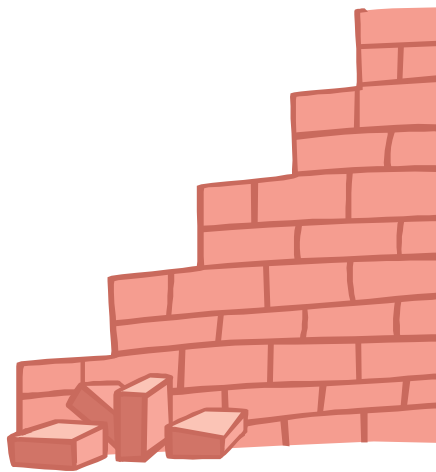
Founder's Circle	\$2,500.00 or greater
Diamond	\$1,500.00 to \$2,499.00
Emerald	\$1,000.00 to \$1,499.00
Ruby	\$500.00 to \$999.00
Sapphire	\$250.00 to \$499.00
Pearl	Up to \$249.00

Donations can be made online or  
in person with a check, cash,  
MasterCard or VISA.

### 2011 - 2012 FOUNDERS' CIRCLE

Thank you to the following Founders' Circle Donors for their very generous donations this year.

Charles and Jennifer Aragones	Nolan	Purple
Bruce Bagheri and Fariba Firozeh	Lily, Melody	Silver, Bronze
Paul Chu and Judy Liao	Alyssa, Ryan	Yellow, Green
Song Hun and Ji Cho	Chloe, Gavin	Silver, Green
Ji Yun and Jin Yoo Kim	Noah	Blue
Kenneth and Laura Liang	Kennadi	Platinum
Marc and Nancy Panossian	Christina, Marc, Peter	Copper, Silver, Green
Jeong Wook and Young Han	Angela, Chris	Cobalt, Platinum

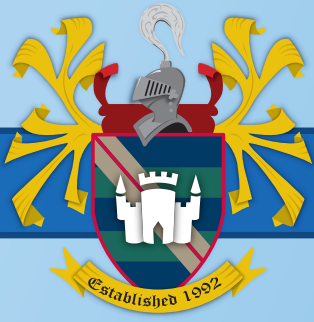


### 2011 - 2012 DIAMOND DONORS

Thank you to the following Diamond Donors for their very generous donations this year.

Sangil and Erica Chin	James	Silver
Kenneth and Audrey Fong	Julianna	Purple
Eugene and Lisa Goss	Maxwell	Bronze
Robert and Beth Hansen	Gerald, Robert	Bronze, Gold
Eddie Song and Kyung A. Lee	Daniel, Hannah	Blue, Copper
Maggie Liao	Charlene & Katrina Weng	Blue, Copper
Young and Michelle Ouh	Audrey, Nathan	Copper, Silver
Mayur and Nisha Patel	Karan	Copper
Ramy and Gihan Rizkana	Dalia, Zak	Silver, Platinum
Scott Williams and Catherine Curry Williams	Grace	Gold





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# CLASS CONTEST

Each class that reaches 100% parent participation by **April 30, 2012**, will receive a free-dress day and lunch from the In-N-Out Food Truck.

A very generous LCP parent, who has asked to remain anonymous, has donated this delicious incentive.

Let's make it happen! **DONATE NOW!**



**Annual Giving  
Campaign**

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**100% Parent  
Participation**

# Parent Association and Family Service Newsletter

January 14, 2012

## *Special Reminder*

School will be closed this Monday, January 16, 2012, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

## *Updates and Thank Yous*

### **Used Uniform Sale**

Thank you to all the families who donated uniforms to the Used Uniform Sale. We appreciate your support. Thank you to the following parent volunteers who organized uniform displays on the day of the event and provided assistance and support to our Chair, Cynthia Kelley and Co-Chair, Sherilyne Di Paolo: Pascale Valderama, Adriana Wong, Jennifer Wong, Cherie Kyte, Shannon Straw, and Joy Gillman, our Parent Association President.

## *Upcoming Events in January*

### **Class Picture Day**

**January 18, 2012**

On Wednesday, January 18, 2012, TLC and LCP will have class pictures taken. LCP pictures will begin at 9:00 a.m. and TLC pictures will begin at 1:00 p.m. Half Day I students need to stay full day at no additional charge. See the enclosed notice for details.

### **Science Fair**

**January 27, 2012**

On January 27, 2012, TLC and LCP will hold its 12<sup>th</sup>-Annual Science Fair. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>-grade students will present a science experiment for public viewing and judging.

### **LCP Spelling Bee**

**January 30/31, 2012**

On Monday and Tuesday, January 30 and 31, 2012, LCP will be hosting a spelling bee for all students in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. The winner will represent LCP at the regional Scripps Spelling Bee for a chance to go to the national bee in Washington, D.C.

## *Service Opportunities*

### **Co-Hospitality Chairs Needed To Support VP of Hospitality!**

Each Hospitality Co-Chair supports the VP of Hospitality for one specific school event by recruiting volunteers, if needed, and also making reminder phone calls to parents providing support (set-up, serve and clean-up) and/or food, beverage and supply donations. **Each hospitality co-chair will receive 5 hours for his or her specific hospitality event.**

### **Need Chairs & Hospitality Co-Chairs: For the Following Events**

#### **Science Fair (3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades) (Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>)**

Need Hospitality Co-Chair for this event to support the VP of Hospitality. Responsibilities include the following: recruiting parent volunteers, if needed, and also making reminder phone calls to parents providing support (set-up and clean-up) in the gymnasium; and/or food, beverage and supply donations for the judges' luncheon (the parents, who volunteered to serve as judges for the Science Fair). FSP Credit: 5 Hours.

### **Performing Arts Spring Musical (Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>)**

Need Concession Chair for this event. The Concession Chair assists the Performing Arts Coordinating Chairperson with the organization of the vendors and parent volunteers for the festival held immediately following the first performance until the start of the second performance. FSP Credit: 10 Hours.

### **4<sup>th</sup>-Annual Sports Banquet**

Need Chair and Co-Chair for this event. Responsibilities include: organization and coordination of the parent volunteers, vendors and donations to create this annual sports banquet held in May in honor of our LCP student athletes. Special trophies and awards presented to the student athletes. FSP Credit: 10 Hours.

### **8<sup>th</sup>-Grade Graduation Celebration (Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>)**

Need Hospitality Co-Chair for this event to support the VP of Hospitality. Responsibilities include the following: recruiting parent volunteers, if needed, and also making reminder phone calls to parents providing support (set-up, serve and clean-up) and food, beverage and supply donations. FSP Credit: 5 Hours.

## **NEED THE FOLLOWING CHAIRS FOR ON-GOING SCHOOL EVENTS**

### **Pizza Day Tuesdays**

Need Chair for this event. The on-going volunteer Pizza Day Chair coordinates the parent volunteers for Tuesday pizza days on the TLC campus. FSP Hours: 10 Hours.

## ***Supplies Needed***

If you would like to donate supplies to fulfill your service hours, the school needs the following:

- ✓ Hand sanitizers for each classroom (large bottles or gallon refills)
- ✓ #8 Brown Paper Bags (Smart & Final) 500ct.
- ✓ Outgrown books, games, and toys appropriate for yard and/or playrooms.
- ✓ Educational DVDs and CDs and/or educational software
- ✓ Office Depot Copy Paper
- ✓ Quart-sized Ziploc bags
- ✓ **Clorox disinfecting wipes (large canisters)**
- ✓ Box tissues
- ✓ Braun Ear Thermometer Probe Covers
- ✓ Children's Liquid Benadryl – "Perfect Measure"
- ✓ Food Handler Gloves
- ✓ Used or outgrown dance shoes, tap shoes, dance costumes, and/or Halloween costumes (ones that might be appropriate for one of our theatrical productions).

If you are shipping supplies to the school, please be sure to ship to La Canada Preparatory, c/o Scott Albright. **Be sure to include your family name to receive FSP credit.** If dropping items off at the school directly, make sure to sign the donation clipboard.