

## UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPALS / ACTUALIZACIÓN DE LAS DIRECTORAS

June 1, 2020

Dear LALA Community,

Due to the recent events occurring in our communities regarding the protests and riots after the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, we will be hosting a **K-12 Coffee with the Principals on Thursday, June 4th at 6pm**. This will take the place of our regularly scheduled site specific meetings. We hope this meeting will increase understanding of the events taking place and help you to have discussions about these events with your children. We are committed to making positive changes in our communities by guiding our students to demonstrate their leadership skills to increase justice and peace.

- Primary Coffee with the Principal on June 3, 2020 - cancelled
- Middle School Coffee with the Principal on June 4, 2020 - cancelled
- High School Coffee with the Principal on June 3, 2020 - cancelled

Junio 1, 2020

Estimada comunidad de LALA:

Debido a los recientes eventos que están ocurriendo en nuestras comunidades con respecto a las protestas y motines después de la muerte de George Floyd en Minneapolis, tendremos un café K-12 con las directoras el jueves, 4 de junio a las 6pm. Esto tomará el lugar de nuestras reuniones programadas regularmente para cada escuela. Esperamos que esta reunión aumente la comprensión de los eventos que están ocurriendo y brindarles apoyo para facilitar conversaciones sobre estos temas con sus hijos. Estamos comprometidos a hacer cambios positivos en nuestras comunidades y a guiar a nuestros estudiantes a demostrar sus habilidades de liderazgo para aumentar la justicia y la paz.

- Café primario con la directora el 3 de junio de 2020 - cancelado
- Café de secundaria con la directora el 4 de junio de 2020 - cancelado
- Café de secundaria con la directora el 3 de junio de 2020 - cancelado

## UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPALS / ACTUALIZACIÓN DE LAS DIRECTORAS

April 13, 2020

Dear LALA Community,

We welcome our students and community back from Spring Break. We have all been dealing with an unprecedented situation, COVID-19. Increasingly, State health officials have made it clear that the safest place to be is home during the COVID-19 pandemic. With that in mind, we have made the very difficult decision to extend all school closures for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. This decision was not made lightly, but was made in consultation with health and education authorities, and aligns with our authorizing district.

Although our campuses are physically closed, school is still in session and instruction will continue through Distance Learning. Teachers, staff, and administrators remain dedicated to supporting our students and families.

We empathize that this decision impacts events that are milestones in our children's lives such as promotion, prom, grad night, and graduation celebrations. We will be meeting with parents, students and staff to discuss alternatives.

We will continue to update you on the impact of the COVID-19 on our school operations through all of our platforms. Please know that although our buildings are closed, all of our staff is working remotely to support our students and families.

13 de abril del 2020

Les damos la bienvenida a nuestros estudiantes, personal y familias de regreso de las vacaciones de primavera. Todos hemos estado lidiando con una situación muy difícil que no tiene precedentes, COVID-19. Los funcionarios estatales de salud han recalcado que el lugar más seguro para estar durante esta pandemia es en nuestros hogares. Con esto en mente, hemos tomado una decisión muy difícil. LALA va a continuar con el cierre del plantel escolar por lo que resta del año académico 2019-20. Esta decisión no se tomó a la ligera, sino en consulta y con la recomendación de las autoridades de salud y educación.

Aunque todos los planteles están cerrados físicamente, la escuela todavía está en sesión y la instrucción continuará a través del aprendizaje a distancia. Los maestros, el personal y los administradores siguen dedicados a apoyar a nuestros estudiantes y familias. Empatizamos con que esta decisión afecta los eventos que son significativos en la vida de nuestros hijos, como son la graduación, el baile de graduación, la noche de graduación y todas las celebraciones de fin del año. Nos reuniremos con padres, estudiantes y el personal para discutir alternativas.

Continuaremos informándoles sobre el impacto del COVID-19 en nuestras operaciones escolares por medio de todas nuestras plataformas. Queremos recalcar que aunque nuestros planteles están cerrados nuestro personal sigue trabajando desde su casa para apoyar a nuestros estudiantes y familias.

We thank you for all of your support.

Les damos las gracias por todo su apoyo.

Respetuosamente,

Nereida López, directora primaria

Betsy Felix, directora de secundaria

Cynthia Cuprill, directora de secundaria

## UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPALS / ACTUALIZACIÓN DE LAS DIRECTORAS

April 4, 2020

Dear LALA Community,

A special thanks to our staff for working as a team to support our students during the first week of Distance learning. Also, thanks to our parents and students for the collaboration and support while we transition to distance learning. As much as we want to return to our normal school routines, we know that learning from home will be the new norm until it is safe for us to return to our school sites. All of us are working as quickly as possible to set up the process for students to continue learning long term.

This week Principals met with all teachers to assess teacher's needs in order to ensure they can provide learning opportunities for students while they are home. We continue contacting families to assess student needs in order to fully transition to distance learning.

We are aware of the possibility that distance learning might be extended through the end of the school year however, we are awaiting formal communication from our charter authorizer, LAUSD. We will provide you with further guidance once this decision is formalized.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Respectfully,

Nereida Lopez, Primary Principal

Betsy Felix, Middle School Principal

Cynthia Cuprill, High School Principal

### Distance Learning Plans: Packets and Laptops

Dear Families,

Thank you for completing the technology surveys so quickly. To date, we have received about 85% of survey responses! This has allowed us to identify the students who need immediate technology access. We would like to distribute laptops to our students in grade K-8 so that our students can become better engaged, share, and participate in a collaborative learning community. This is the plan for distribution of laptops and work packets:

- LALA Staff will be onsite distributing packets and laptops to parents/guardians on Thursday and Friday using a "Drive-Thru" model
- To facilitate traffic and reduce the number of people on campus, all distribution will take place by timeframes for each grade level. Distribution will take place in the parking lot/blacktop
- Be aware that you will have to sign a Technology Checkout Agreement if you will be checking out a laptop.
- Laptops will be available for those students whose parents expressed a need through the Technology survey.
- If you need to pick up packets for multiple grade levels, we can definitely accommodate you, we just need you to be patient moving through the line.
- In order to abide by City orders of social distancing, please refrain from one-to-one conversations with staff members or other families.

Thursday, March 26th	
Time	Grade
8am-9am	Kinder
9:30-10:30am	1st Grade
11:00-12:00pm	2nd Grade
12:30-1:30pm	6th Grade

Friday, March 27th	
Time	Grade
8am-9am	3rd Grade
9:30-10:30am	4th Grade
11:00-12:00pm	5th Grade
12:30-1:30pm	8th Grade

#### UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPALS (03/23/20)

Dear LALA Community,

We continue to follow the guidance of our charter authorizing district, LAUSD. LALA is committed to supporting the safety, health, and wellness of all of our students, employees, and families during this public health crisis.

**All 3 LALA schools will remain closed through May 1st and we will provide additional updates weekly. Additional information will be provided by each site Principal regarding distance learning schedules and expectations.**

We are going to continue to be thoughtful and practical in the quest to maintain the level of excellence in teaching and learning as we adapt to this new format. Each student will continue with their plan (either as packets, Google Classroom, Class Dojo, or through other platforms) to help them review the instruction they have already been working on with their classroom teacher(s).

We will continue providing you Information through Parent Square, Class Dojo, Remind, Facebook, and our school website ([www.laleadership.org](http://www.laleadership.org)).

Respectfully,

Nereida Lopez, Primary Principal

Betsy Felix, Middle School Principal

Cynthia Cuprill, High School Principal

## UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPALS

March 21, 2020

Dear LALA Community,

Dear LALA Community,

A special thanks to our staff for working as a team to support our students during this challenging week. Also, thanks to our parents and students for the collaboration and support while we transition to distance learning. As much as we want to return to our normal school routines, we know that learning from home will be the new norm until it is safe for us to return to our school sites. All of us are working as quickly as possible to set up the process for students to continue learning long term.

This week Principals met with all teachers to assess teacher's needs in order to ensure they can provide learning opportunities for students while they are home. We are also contacting families to assess student needs in order to fully transition to distance learning. Principals are creating distance learning plans for each school which the school board will review this coming week.

To keep you informed, Principals commit to providing families with an update at least once per week.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Respectfully,

Nereida Lopez, Primary Principal

Betsy Felix, Middle School Principal

Cynthia Cuprill, High School Principal

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## SCHOOL CLOSURE

March 13, 2020

Dear Families,

As you know, we have been following the guidance of the CDC and our authorizing district, LAUSD, in regards to school closure as it affects our LALA community.

The public health crisis created by the corona-virus is not something any of us could reasonably have expected to happen, and we're in uncharted waters as we work to prevent the spread of the illness.

We are now at a point where the balance has shifted and the appropriate path is to close the 3 schools of Los Angeles Leadership Academy. We are taking this step to keep our school community safe.

**Effective Monday, March 16, we will close all 3 of the schools from Los Angeles Leadership Academy for two weeks.**

This is a difficult decision, but necessary, as we try to slow the spread of the virus.

To support our students academically, each student will have a plan (either as packets or via Google Classroom) to help them review the instruction they have already been working on with their classroom teacher(s).

We will continue to update you with additional information throughout the day and following two weeks as it becomes available to us. Information will be distributed through Parent Square, Class Dojo, Remind, Facebook, and our school website ([www.laleadership.org](http://www.laleadership.org)).

We thank you for your support

Respectfully,  
Nereida Lopez, Primary Principal  
Betsy Felix, Middle School Principal  
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Queridas familias,

Como saben, hemos estado siguiendo la guía de los CDC y nuestro distrito autorizador, LAUSD, con respecto al cierre de la escuela, ya que afecta a nuestra comunidad LALA. La crisis de salud pública creada por el corona-virus no es algo que cualquiera de nosotros podría haber esperado razonablemente, y estamos en aguas desconocidas mientras trabajamos para prevenir la propagación de la enfermedad.

Ahora estamos en un punto donde el equilibrio ha cambiado y el camino apropiado es cerrar las 3 escuelas de la Academia de Liderazgo de Los Ángeles. Estamos dando este paso para mantener segura a nuestra comunidad escolar.

A partir del lunes 16 de marzo, cerraremos las 3 escuelas de la Academia de Liderazgo de Los Ángeles durante dos semanas.

Esta es una decisión difícil, pero necesaria, ya que tratamos de frenar la propagación del virus. Para apoyar a nuestros estudiantes académicamente, cada estudiante tendrá un plan (ya sea como paquetes o mediante Google Classroom) para ayudarlos a revisar la instrucción en la que ya han estado trabajando con sus maestros de clase.

Continuaremos actualizándolo con información adicional durante todo el día y después de dos semanas a medida que esté disponible para nosotros. La información se distribuirá a través de Parent Square, Class Dojo, Remind, Facebook y el sitio web de nuestra escuela ([www.laleadership.org](http://www.laleadership.org)).

Le agradecemos su apoyo y comprensión.

Respetuosamente,  
Nereida López, directora primaria  
Betsy Felix, directora de secundaria  
Cynthia Cuprill, directora de secundaria

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Phone Blast (03/13/20)

Dear families,

This is Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_, the principal at LA Leadership Primary Academy with an important message regarding our school closure.

We have sent out official communication that effective Monday, March 16th, all three LALA schools will be closed for two weeks. This closure comes as a result of our communication with our authorizing district, LAUSD. We want to reassure you that your children are safe at school and we will continue with normal operations for today, Friday, March 13th. We will continue with regular dismissal procedures. We ask that you do not pick up your children early from school. This will give us enough time to prepare them for this closure and have the appropriate instructional material available for them to take home today.

Queridas familias,

Les habla la Sra. Lopez, la directora de la Primaria de LA Leadership Academy con un mensaje importante acerca de el cierre de nuestras escuelas. Hemos enviado comunicación oficial que, a partir del lunes 16 de marzo, las tres escuelas de LALA permanecerán cerradas por dos semanas. Este cierre se produce como resultado de nuestra comunicación con nuestro distrito autorizante, LAUSD. Queremos asegurarle que sus hijos están seguros en la escuela y continuaremos con las operaciones normales el día de hoy, viernes 13 de marzo.

Continuaremos con los procedimientos regulares de despido. Le pedimos que no recoja a sus hijos temprano de la escuela. Esto nos dará tiempo suficiente para prepararlos para este cierre y tener el material de instrucción apropiado disponible para que puedan llevarselo a casa hoy.