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LAEF Offers Free Language Classes Across the District!

(Los Alamitos, CA) – The Los Alamitos Education Foundation (LAEF) is proud to offer free World Language classes to 2nd graders across the district for the first time this year as part of its Fall After School Program. All six of the district’s elementary schools will be provided with language classes ranging from Mandarin and Japanese to Spanish, French and American Sign Language depending on the school site.

Nearly 200 students have already signed up for these free classes. Due to the tremendous popularity, LAEF has added a second language class at McGaugh and Weaver elementary schools. All the languages offered are currently available for Los Alamitos High School students. LAEF’s goal is to expose children to language they can pursue further in their secondary education.

The idea of offering free language classes came from Los Alamitos Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Sherry Kropp, who is a volunteer advisor on LAEF’s Board of Directors. The free classes are being offered to 2nd graders due to the recommendation of the World Language Department at Los Alamitos High School as they are stronger in reading and writing skills than younger students. Studies have shown that learning another language at an early age is great for brain development, enhances academic achievement, boosts empathy and cross-cultural understanding, and increases creativity and problem-solving skills. LAEF hopes to expand free or reduced-fee language classes to additional grade levels in the future.

“LAEF is very grateful to the community for its continued support of our fundraising efforts, which makes this fantastic learning opportunity possible,” said LAEF Executive Director Carrie Logue.

Fall classes begin on August 27 at Weaver Elementary and on September 4 at all other Los Al USD school sites. There are still spots available in several free language classes and registration is open at LAEF4Kids.org/programs. The free 2nd grade World Language classes have 24 seats available. As classes fill up, LAEF will make every effort to offer an additional class at that school.

LAEF is the non-profit partner of Los Alamitos Unified School District. LAEF enhances educational excellence by providing after-school and summer enrichment programs to children in grades Pre-K to 12. LAEF provides significant funding for STEAM teachers and instruction, as well as igniting new programs and providing valuable resources, to impact all students. For additional information on LAEF, please call (562) 799-4700 Extension 80424 or visit www.LAEF4Kids.org.



Students work on an activity in Spanish class during LAEF’s Summer Enrichment Institute.

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