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LAEF's Fall After-School Program Enriches Over 1,100 Students!

(Los Alamitos, CA) – The Los Alamitos Education Foundation's fall after-school classes are off to a great start with lots of enthusiasm from students, parents and LAEF instructors! This fall, LAEF has offered over 100 classes across all nine Los Al USD school sites. Participating children are experiencing amazing enrichment opportunities taught by credentialed and highly-qualified teachers in classes averaging 17 students or less.

New this fall, LAEF is proud to offer free World Language classes to 2nd graders across the district. Nearly 200 students are enrolled in these free classes ranging from Mandarin and Japanese to Spanish, French and American Sign Language depending on the school site. LAEF's goal is to expose children to languages they can pursue further in their secondary education. "Thank you to the LAEF staff for the quick and quality rollout of free world language classes," said parent and LAEF board member Ruth Anne Salau Kurkjian who expressed that her daughter is loving the French class at Weaver.

LAEF also expanded the popular Skatedogs after-school skateboarding class to three additional elementary school campuses this year. In addition, science, LEGO engineering, musical theater and gymnastics classes are some of the most popular among district students. Due to classes filling quickly, LAEF was able to add nine class sections so that even more students could participate in the after-school program.

Over 1,100 students are participating in classes; LAEF is facilitating even more participation now by continuing to offer tuition scholarships, thanks to the support of grant donors like Run Seal Beach, Wells Fargo and the Miller Foundation.

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 impacts all students by providing significant funding for STEAM teachers and instruction, as well as igniting new programs and providing valuable resources. For more information, visit www.LAEF4kids.org or call (562) 799-4700 Extension 80424 today!





Students in Japanese class at Lee Elementary, one of LAEF's free world language classes.