



LOS ALAMITOS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

LAEF

2021 NEWSLETTER

Check out how LAEF impacted Los Al Kids in 2021!

WELL SPACES OFFICIALLY OPENED THIS FALL



LAEF funded the build out of classrooms at both middle schools last year to create well spaces. Known as The Corner at McAuliffe and The Den at Oak, the spaces are centrally located on each campus to allow for easy student access. LAEF also donated \$25,000 towards the middle school mental health counselor's salary this year. In addition to Dr. Jensen, school psychologists and mental health interns also staff the spaces, which provide a calm, safe and supportive environment to assist students with issues that impact their ability to be their personal best. This fall, a Grand Opening was held for the Well Spaces. These are amazing, supportive spaces for middle schoolers, and LAEF is so happy to ensure that they are being utilized. This marks the fifth year in a row that LAEF has made mental health a funding priority, thanks to donor support!



The Den at Oak



The Corner at McAuliffe

DR. PULVER ADDRESSES THE STATE OF THE DISTRICT

Superintendent Dr. Andrew Pulver addressed a full house at the State of the District Breakfast on November 18. It was a great success with 185 people in attendance, business sponsorships totaling \$14,000 and an opportunity drawing for donated LA Rams tickets that brought in an additional \$2,880 for LAEF. Dr. Pulver gave construction updates, reviewed District Priority Goals, celebrated our achievements and expressed the district's unwavering commitment to support the students. The morning was a demonstration of the community's continued commitment to LAEF and Los Al kids!



LAEF Has Donated Over \$1.3 Million to Los Al USD Since 2013!

LAEF PROGRAMS ARE BACK IN FULL SWING



LAEF enjoyed four fabulous weeks at Rossmoor Elementary this summer for our elementary Summer Enrichment Institute (SEI), plus offered classes to older students at McAuliffe and LAHS. Sports and Arts camps with LAHS coaches and directors also took place. It brought us so much joy to see the kids in action, both inside and outside of the classroom! At least 1,000 kids participated in our summer programs this year! LAEF awarded 71 scholarships for SEI totaling over \$8,500.00.

Our summer programs rely on volunteers to be successful. This year alone, we had over 100 teenage volunteers who collectively donated over 3,300 hours of their summer during our 4-week program. Volunteers help teachers in the classroom, on the fields and help staff with lunch and recess supervision.

This Fall, LAEF ran after-school classes at all 9 district campuses. Over 130 in-person classes were offered, in addition to 13 FREE virtual World Language classes for Grades 2-5. Nearly 80 students have been awarded fee scholarships, so that all kids have access to our awesome enrichment opportunities.



STEAM SHIFTS TO A CONTEST

In May, LAEF held our first-ever STEAM Contest (science, technology, engineering, arts and math). Due to the pandemic, we shifted away from school-based fairs and our district-wide showcase. LAEF, with the help of Los Al STEAM teachers, provided all interested students with video lessons and online information to assist with their project creation. Over 150 projects were submitted in the contest, which were narrowed down to five finalists in each of the four grade-level groups. After presenting to a panel of judges, first, second and third place prizes were awarded to each grade level group. Winners received gift card prizes and all finalists received plaques.

LAEF STEAM CONTEST WINNERS



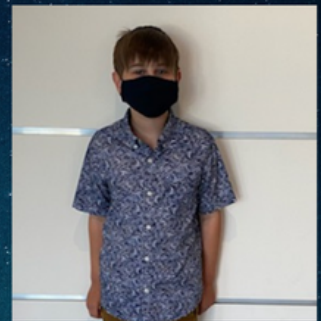
Arjun Ghosh
1st Place, Grades 9-12



Spencer Bystrom
1st Place, Grades 6-8



Leah Jackson
1st Place, Grades 3-5



Carson Schiele
1st Place, TK-2

COMING SOON - FUNDRAISING FEBRUARY



Fundraising February 2021 culminated with LAEF crowning LAHS Interim Principal, Dr. Gregg Stone as King of Hearts.



Please support the 2022 campaign to raise funds to build and furnish a Well Space at Los Alamitos High School.



Learn more at
LAEF4Kids.org/FundFeb

Friday, Feb. 11, 2022
The Grand, Long Beach

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