



Woodlake Elementary Community Charter School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Each year, students in grades three through eight and high school participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Assessment System. Depending on the grade level and instructional program in which your child is enrolled, your child may have to take one or more of the following tests:

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English language arts (ELA) and mathematics are required in grades 3–8 and 11. Students with the most significant disabilities whose individualized education program (IEP) identifies the use of alternate assessments take the California Alternate Assessment (CAA) for ELA and Mathematics.
- California Science Test (CAST) is required in grades 5 and 8 and once in grade 11 or grade 12. Students with the most significant disabilities whose IEP identifies the use of alternate assessments take the CAA for Science.

Woodlake ECC will start administering CAASPP assessments from May **8-19**. To make sure your child feels comfortable taking tests, you can:

- Explain to your child that these tests are tools to help them learn and they should not be anxious or scared.
- Explore the practice tests with your child at <https://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html> so your child can become familiar with the platform and setup of the tests.
- Remind your child that you and the teacher want them to try their best and are there to help them prepare.

In early fall of 2023, the state will make available your child's score report, which will include the scores for all the tests your child takes this spring. When combined with other measures such as grades, classwork, and teacher observations, these test scores give families and teachers a more complete picture of the student's learning. You can securely access, download, and print your child's current and prior year's test score reports in the LAUSD Parent Portal (<https://parentportalapp.lausd.net/parentaccess/>).

Parents or guardians have the option of exempting their child(ren) from participating in the CAASPP program. If you would like to exempt your child, please submit your request in writing to your school as soon as possible so we can make alternative arrangements for your child on the date of the test. Please submit your request to Principal Pedersen, and Stacey Boiles, CAASPP Coordinator.

To learn more about CAASPP, go to the Starting Smarter web page at <https://ca.startingsmarter.org/>, or review the Parent Guides to Understanding at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp>.

At **Woodlake ECC**, our goal is for all students to achieve their full potential. The CAASPP test results are one way we can better understand if we are meeting that goal. Thank you for all that you do to partner with us in your child's education. If you have any questions regarding CAASPP testing at our school, please contact Stacey Boiles at sab6587@lausd.net.

Sincerely,

Amy Pedersen, Principal

WOODLAKE

RECYCLE DRIVE AND CONTEST!

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 8-9 AM

AND SATURDAY 22

AT EARTH DAY EVENT

CANS - PLASTIC BOTTLES

Sorted by volunteers, please no glass or trash!



**TOP 3 CLASSES WILL
RECEIVE A SURPRISE, AND
FIRST PLACE GETS A BONUS!**

**TWO
DAYS!**

**FRIDAY APR.
21 + 22**

Woodlake Elementary Community Charter PTSA Event

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 22, 2023

10:00am-2:00pm

Family Nature Projects

Rock Painting

Garden Exploration

Recycling

Campus Cleanup & Beautification



Accepting donations of GENTLY used clothes, shoes, handbags & linens. CRV plastic bottles & aluminum cans, ink cartridges.

No glass or trash! Raffle entry for any donation. Thank you to this year's sponsors

Got Game Sports & Desert Creations

www.GotGameCamp.com * www.DesertCreations.com

Woodlake PTSA is a 501c3 organization accepting donations & corporate sponsorships year-round.



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Night Of The Arts presents "Friends Fur-Ever" Respecting Our Animal Friends



Drawn by Sharon Oren Inspired by
Debbie Carman's "Goofy Dog"

Free Community Event

Saturday, April 29, 2023

4:00pm-7:00pm

Choir Performances

Musical Theater Pieces

Latin & Line Dancing

Art Exhibit

Interactive Art Projects

Food & Dessert Vendors

Petting Zoo

Live Music...Family Fun!



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Kindness
STARTS WITH ME



Resilience

April 2023

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Activities for Parents/Caregivers & Children

How can we as parents gauge our own child's level of resilience? What is resilience? "Each child's individual biological response to stress plays a role in his or her level of resilience. Some children show great sensitivity to stress; others are more easygoing in nature. Resiliency isn't just predetermined, though. Your child's ability to adapt and thrive in the face of a challenge also is shaped by experiences and relationships." From: [Tips for helping kids build resilience - Mayo Clinic Press](#) . For this month's parent choice board we'd like to take you on a journey. Begin with How is Resilience Built? and end your journey with a Kindness Adventure!

#1 How is Resilience Built

Before we recommend an activity to do with your child, we'd like to introduce you to this video from Harvard.edu and the Center on the Developing Child. Please watch below then continue to choice #2.



#2 Make Caring and Justice a Focus

We have opportunities abound in our LAUSD COMMUNITY to build community. Take a field trip with your child and give them an experience! Learn the history of our fellow students and attend a Heritage Night. "Start with conversations with children about the caring and uncaring acts they see in their daily lives or on television and about acts of injustice they might hear about in the news. Ask children how they see these actions and explain why you think these are caring or uncaring, just or unjust." - Harvard.edu



#3 Kindness is a big part of Resilience

"Kindness is a big part of resilience: without kindness and support, dealing with difficult situations becomes much harder. Building resilience also means being kind to yourself. One way to do this is to build healthy habits so that challenges become easier to deal with in the future. Here are five suggested activities for building healthy habits and developing resilience and kindness." From: [British Red Cross](#)

Click Here For Activity



Build Resilience with practice and kindness!

Practice matters, just like anything else our children learn in school. After all, "practice makes progress" can apply to anything, including a more kind world. - From: [enrichmentbeat.com](#)

Take your child on a Kindness Adventure with this Kindness Adventure Guide.





REGION NORTH

Family Academy



FAMILY ACADEMY SPRING 2023 COURSE CATALOGUE

April 2023



LOCATION

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 19
9:00-10:00 AM

**Strathern
Elementary School**
7939 St Clair Ave.
North Hollywood, CA 91605

Dental Health and Hygiene

Let's talk about dental health! Families, join us to learn how you can support your child to have healthy dental habits. Participants will receive a free dental kit to take home.

LOCATION

TUESDAY
APRIL 25
4:00-5:30 PM

Fulton College Prep
7477 Kester Ave.
Van Nuys, CA 91405

Family Financial Literacy

The importance of savings, use of credit and avoiding debt are critical topics of conversation between students and the family. Bring your student and learn together how to begin planning for financial stability of the household.

ZOOM INFO

THURSDAY
APRIL 27
3:00-4:30 PM

<https://lausd.zoom.us/j/85639598200>
Webinar ID #: 856 3959 8200

LISTOS: a Virtual Disaster Readiness Webinar with CHIRLA

Are you and your family ready for an earthquake, wildfire, flood or pandemic? Learn about how your family can be prepared for disaster with the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights Los Angeles (CHIRLA) and LISTOS California.