



Welcome back LMS Families! And welcome if you're new to our community!

It was so fantastic seeing everyone at Get Your Stuff Days, knowing that we are starting off the year under "normal" circumstances for the first time in three years. The excitement and pure happiness on the kids' faces to see their friends and meet new ones was amazing. While the summer flew by, it looked like the kids were ready to get back into it. And for me, as the mom of an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, a little bittersweet at the same time knowing this would be the last year here at Lincoln, but I know it's going to be an amazing year... we have so many great things in store for us.

As you know we have a new leader this year - Principal Bourke is committed to working with and alongside students and families. He believes in strong school-family relationships, and I've already seen firsthand his commitment to our children. The PTSA and Principal Bourke have been working throughout the summer to plan for our return to school – including designing new and improved [PE uniforms](#) for our kids! There will be many opportunities for you as well to get to know and collaborate with Principal Bourke and the PTSA this year. Principal Bourke is ready and eager to be there with us for the ride!

The LMS PTSA's mission is to positively impact the lives of all children and families. We do that through providing volunteer hours to LMS in support of their needs, supporting legislation that positively impacts our community, and raising funds to support needs and enhance programs at LMS. Your donations are used to support After School Programming such as the Drama Program, School Clubs, and Library Supervision. They support our Food Pantry, On-Line Educational Programs, 6th Grade Teamwork Activities, Back to School Picnic, Movie Nights, Tech Supplies, Student Incentives, National Junior Honor Society, Reflections Art Program, and a litany of other items. It is impressive what our community can do when we work together.

Our PTSA Annual Giving Goal this year is \$92,000, so we can support our students with all these initiatives. Whether you can donate \$10 or \$10,000, any amount is appreciated. You can [donate on our PTSA website](#) or download our [All-In-One Form](#).

We are also a 100% volunteer-based organization. For our PTSA to be effective and representative of our school, parent involvement is essential. Whether you have 30 minutes or want to chair an event... whether you can volunteer in person or help behind the scenes from home, we've got a role for you. Your time, your ideas, your talents, and your voice are all vital to our success. There are endless possibilities in the ways you can help! [Sign up here](#) to help.

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We also couldn't do it without the support of the Santa Monica Education Foundation. The partnership between the Ed Foundation and the Lincoln PTSA enriches Lincoln students' education, making the difference between a good education and a great one.

Donations to the Ed Foundation fund staff and programs during the school day at Lincoln –mindfulness, ASB, and grade-level coordinators, the drama program, valuable teacher training, 6th-grade transition activities, dance, and more. These staff, programs, and supplies would not exist without your support! Learn more at: [smedfoundation.org](http://smedfoundation.org)

A few dates coming up that I wanted to remind you of, so mark your calendars!

- 8/18 – Welcome Back Parents' Coffee with the Principal at 9am on the Quad
- 8/25 – Our first PTSA meeting will be on Thursday 8/25 at 6:30pm – both in person and via Zoom. An agenda and final details will be sent out prior to the meeting. Please join us as we'll be discussing the plan for the year, including voting on our budget, which details where the funds we ask you to donate are utilized. The PTSA does good work, so come and hear about it. We always like to have our ASB Students join us each month to give us a student perspective. I hope you will join us, both at the meetings and as a Member of the LMS PTSA. Anyone who joins for this school year by our first meeting will be eligible to win one of four \$25 Gift Cards. [Sign up to be a member](#)
- 8/26 – Welcome Back Picnic for all families on the Quad

We have an outstanding administration and faculty that make LMS great! We have a new principal with exciting new ideas! We have an amazing community, and I look forward to meeting you all. I also welcome your feedback and input, so feel free to reach out and share your thoughts and ideas with me. I am truly excited for an incredible year ahead for us all!

Sincerely,  
Hanny Patel  
PTSA President