

**LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

***Kenter Canyon Elementary Charter School***

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Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers:



On behalf of Kenter Canyon faculty and staff, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the start of a new school year. Although, our instructional program will start with remote learning, we learned a lot from last spring’s experience to enhance the 2020-2021 distance learning plan. We will keep the website updates for you regarding announcements, activities, and resources to help make it a productive and exciting experience for our learners.

The focus of our instructional program will be L.E.N.S. and Equity. Educators will be looking through the LENS in a different way to ensure our distance learning program addresses the academic and social-emotional needs of the students and families we serve.

- **L**iteracy Across the Curriculum
- **E**ngagement in Blended Learning
- **N**etworking
- **S**ocial Emotional Well-Being



Using L.E.N.S. at Kenter Canyon School, you will witness how lesson planning, practice routines and structures will support mathematic rigor, ELA shifts and standards, progress monitoring, literacy building, equity, and student discourse.



You have already received emails and phone calls about the significance of Parent Portal-Schoolology. Please visit the website to learn more if you were unable to attend any of our Parent Portal training sessions. Schoolology is the name of the hub that manages student and teacher communications. Schoolology requires a password for students and their parents to access their daily assignments, homework assignments, feedback on assignments, announcements, updates, and it is also where you will retrieve your child’s attendance records and report cards. Parents will not be receiving daily emails about your child’s instructional program; schoolology is the resource being used in all LAUSD schools. You will not be receiving daily emails with lesson plans for 2020-2021 like you did following the March closures; instead, you will be accessing “schoolology” for pertinent information for remote learning. It is also the platform in which parents can access their child’s attendance, assignments, work feedback, view recordings/video clips, and receive their child’s progress reports.



An important source of information recently posted on our website is the LAUSD Families and Students Handbook and LAUSD Back to School Plan. Please access these documents on the homepage of our website at [www.kentercanyon.org](http://www.kentercanyon.org). You can find on our website Kenter Canyon’s 2020-2025 recently Board of

Education approved Charter Petition, the 2020 Charter Oversight Evaluation and resources related to Title XI Discrimination and Mental Health Resources.



Materials and device distribution days are being planned. A box is prepared by each teacher for his or her students. Students within each grade level will have the same box of “distance learning needs.” The box may include textbooks, workbooks, basic supplies, and an electronic device. The textbooks and devices will be scanned into the LAUSD system for inventory purposes. Parents

**DISTRIBUTION DAYS**

will be required to sign a restitution policy and a computer check-out form for both items. The Distribution days will be announced for each grade level on the website. Families will use a sign-up genius to enable parents to select a time on specific days to drop by the school to retrieve these distance learning needs” box. We opted to use a box to help keep your child’s belongings in an organized location. For students that may be traveling between caregivers, we wanted to make the transitions as simple as possible. Enrichment programs will begin on August 31, 2020. All enrichments will be live, interactive enrichment opportunities. Kenter Canyon students will be afforded opportunities in art, music, PE, library, and technology.

The distribution of materials and devices will be time specific for each grade level. This will result in multiple visits to campus for families whose children are in different grade levels. Our distribution plan will allow visitors to check-in near the Main Office. From the office, families will be directed to a specific location on campus to retrieve their child’s box of distance learning needs. All visitors will enter one location and exit a different location to ensure our adherence to social distancing guidelines. No persons are permitted on campus who are not correctly wearing facial coverings/masks. Persons on campus are restricted to only the areas designated for distribution pickups.

We request that parents take parental measures in your own home to ensure that the materials in the “box” are only used with teacher direction and not used for discretionary purposes prior to students receiving instructions from his or her teacher. Should a family need to replenish any items in the box, they may call the school and arrange a time to pick up additional or replacement materials. Please note in the Handbook the LAUSD Restitution Policy regarding parents’ responsibility to care and return textbooks and devices when asked to do so. Failure to comply may result in a hold on the student’s records and being held monetarily responsible for replacing any lost or damaged items that belong to the school or district.



Teachers will be communicating with their students and families in advance of their first zoom lesson. School begins on August 18-19 with a schedule of activities planned by the LAUSD Division of Instruction. Embedded in these two days’ schedules will be a zoom greeting from me as Principal and an opportunity for your students to hear and meet their teachers. Schoology will provide the weekly schedules, synchronous and asynchronous activities, and assignments.



Employees are prohibited from providing tutorial service or instructional support for compensation for families currently enrolled at Kenter Canyon School. This is a strict LAUSD Board of Education policy. (See website for policy.) Refrain from offering compensation to any employee for assistance with their instructional needs. Intervention opportunities are built into the instructional plan outside of an individual teacher's synchronous and asynchronous times.



To maximize communication efforts with transparency and positive intentions, parents will be invited to West LA Community of Schools meetings, Town Hall Meetings, Tea with Terry at our school, learn about our Governance Council and our Parent Support Group.

Information about PSG and their Annual Giving Campaign is posted on the website. We would not be able to provide the distant learning "boxes and "devices", supplies, aides, and enrichment teachers without the continued support of our parents through PSG. We greatly appreciate your generosity in which our students are ultimately the benefactors.



The collaboration, creativity and caring spirit of our faculty and staff is evidenced in the leadership our teachers accept with pride and professional integrity.

**\*Grade Level Chairs and Instructional Leadership Team for 2020-2021**

\*Kindergarten-Heather Herzikoff

\*Grade 2-Megan Walsh

\*Grade 4-Stephanie Ross

Special Education-Tasneem Dieguez

\*Grade 1-Lewis Gabel

\*Grade 3-Carly Citron

\*Grade 5-Matthew Risan

English Language Arts-Kate Robsinon

Mathematics-Donnajo Popielarski



**Other Leadership Roles**

Shared leadership is a key component of faculty members that keeps Kenter Canyon progressing and achieving. Other significant roles for our school include:

- Assistant Principal: Lorianne Forkin
- Administrative Assistant: Elizabeth Sandoval
- Office Technician: Claudia Morales
- Parent Engagement Liaison/Website Coordinator: Jasmit Nijjar
- Administrative Designee: Stephanie Ross and Shari Laham
- Title IX Managers: Andrea Shaloo and Stephanie Ross
- Remedy Technology Inventory Coordinator: Lewis Gabel
- Intervention Supports: Shira Raanan and Tatiana Puente
- English Learners Coordinator: Jennifer Oh Yoon
- Gifted and Talents Education Coordinator: Jamie Haas
- Language Acquisition Team: Jennifer Oh, Allison McClean, Lauren DiMascio
- Student Success & Progress Team Leads: Tasneem Dieguez, Allison McClean
- Positive Discipline Team Lead: Danielle Klapproth
- CAASPP Testing Coordinator: Shari Laham
- Restorative Justice/Character Education Lead: Katy Cohen
- Homeless/Foster Youth Liaison Lead: Sumer Dundov
- Crisis Team Members Lead: Allison McClean/Grade Chairs/Learning Center Team
- Safety/Emergency Preparedness Co-Chairs: Heather Herzikoff/Michelle Lynch
- UTLA Chapter Chair: Andrea Shalo



The Kenter Canyon website is maintained by parent volunteers. It is our primary method of accessing up-to-date announcements and reminders. Parents are encouraged to visit the website frequently. Other methods of communications will include a weekly Principal message to your home, teacher communications via schoology, voice mails and emails.



Applications for the 2020-2021 Head Room Parent positions are due to the Principal no later than noon on August 21, 2020. Teachers may be consulted in this process. The applications will be reviewed, and an email blast will be sent to all parents and staff indicating the HRP selections. The HRP Application is posted on our website. We are seeking parents in each classroom to be a designated technology support to their respective class, a yearbook photographer among other roles you will learn about from your HRP.



Kenter Canyon Governance Council is the school's decision-making body. It is comprised of 7 parents, 7 faculty, 1 administrator and 1 classified employee. Nomination forms will be posted on the website in September seeking candidates to serve the 2020-2021 vacant positions. Representatives are elected for a two-year term. The orientation and first meeting will be scheduled in early October. More information regarding Governance Council will be forthcoming on the website.

Together, we are about to start a new school year in which I trust you will share my commitment to young learners and "strive to make the best of every child even better."

Onward,

*Terry Moren*

Dr. Terry Moren

**We take pride having  
you in our circle.**

