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## Announcements

### **SHOP THE HOLIDAYS USING OUR LINKS AND RETAILERS GIVE BACK!**

Holiday Dinner & Drinks? Visit [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) to update your card or sign up. Contact: [davidhurwitzl@mac.com](mailto:davidhurwitzl@mac.com) for info!

### **BENEFIT: TRAVEL, PRESENTS & SO MUCH MORE!!!**

We are so grateful for all of you who have signed up for our new fundraiser **Benefit**. We are even more thrilled to see those of you actively using the app. With only 25 people using the app regularly, we've raised almost \$400! Imagine what we could raise if everyone signed up and used the app when you shop or dine out. It's easy. The top retailers where our parents are using Benefit are **Target, California Pizza Kitchen, Chili's, Old Navy, Amazon, and Starbucks**. There are hundreds of others, so find your favorites and help out our school while doing your Christmas shopping. One thing we find helpful, when checking out is to tell the cashier/waiter that you have an electronic GIFT CARD. Happy shopping! [Click here for details.](#)

**AMAZON!** Shop via our link!! [CLICK HERE!](#)

## Calendar of Events

### **DECEMBER:**

- 6:** Gala Planning Meeting  
*Join the Gala committee!!*  
*Teacher's lounge: 8:15 - 9:30am*
- 7:** Restaurant Night: Pieology
- 13:** Holiday Show
- 18-1/5:** NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)

### **JANUARY:**

- 1-5:** NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)
- 15:** NO SCHOOL (MLK Day)
- 30:** Parent Meeting; 7:00pm  
*auditorium to review mid year budget & GIFTED program*

## President's Message

WHAT? DECEMBER? Yes it is! We look back at the first half of the year with pride and gratitude for all the accomplishments of our students, staff and community. Thank you for making the first half of the 2017-18 school year so bright! Thanks to all who participate in our very successful turkey trot! We look forward to a spectacular 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year! A few reminders - - look for the toy drive bins in the front office and drop toys by 12/14. Also, we greatly appreciate any donation to our holiday gratitude gift for our amazing E-TEAM teachers (in the front office!). May your holiday season be filled with laughter and love and the New Year season be the brightest one yet!

Best Always -

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### **Save the Date!**

April 7 at a NEW VENUE!  
El Caballero Country Club

Join us 12/6 after drop off, in the teacher's lounge to discuss your Gala event! It's time to plan the fun and start gathering items for the silent and live auctions as we dance the night away in our once a year, adults-only celebration of our star children & school!

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**ENCINO'S BIRTHDAY MARQUEE:** **GIVE THE GIFT OF YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN LIGHTS!** Only \$25 for two weeks! Purchase on our website [HERE](#).

First come first serve so act fast to secure your child's birthday weeks. Here's what is still open!:

Week of 1/22 & 1/29 - 1 slot left

Week of 2/5 & 2/12 - 1 slot left

Week of 2/19 & 2/26 - 1 slot left

Week of 3/19 & 4/2 - 1 slot left

Week 4/9 & 4/16 - 2 slots left

Week 4/23 & 4/30 - 2 slots left

Turkey Trot was a **HUGE** success, we raised \$38,000!! Congrats to Top Class Team Bloom and to Aiden Porter for 1st place. We want to thank everyone for their donations to help to make the Turkey Trot such a great success. Thanks to Parents - Lori Gordon, Justin Brooks, Gaby Bilicki and Cree Duncan and to local sponsors Kurkside, Menchie's, Pieology, The Factory, Big 5, Pinz, Fleet Feet, Corbin Bowl, Subway, Arclight, LA Chargers and Karen's Toys for prize donations.



Note: We were overwhelmed with T-shirt orders the week of Turkey Trot and ran out of sizes. Re-Order will be in soon.



### SHOES, SHOES, SHOES, SHOES, SHOES – WE NEED THEM!

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated shoes to our **ANGEL BINS** fundraiser. We are extending our deadline until after the Winter Break. You can drop your shoes in the bin just inside the drop off gate or in the office. Please ask your families, friends, and neighbors, too. If you need help arranging pick up please contact Melissa Davis at [melcorkern@yahoo](mailto:melcorkern@yahoo)

**TRAFFIC DUTY:** Please remember to sign up for your week and even if it's not your class' week, feel free to volunteer if you can. We truly appreciate your help! Sign up [HERE](#).

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### STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

#### **Tracy Sandler, Assistant Principal, EIS**

Ms. Sandler was born and grew up in West Los Angeles and is a very proud product of LAUSD!



She has been working for LAUSD since 1986 where she started as a General Education Bilingual Teacher's Assistant in West Los Angeles. After serving for a year as a Teacher's Assistant, her teacher gave her some well received guidance to take things to the next level and Ms. Sandler decided to pursue her General Education teaching Credential at U.C.L.A. Upon receiving her Bilingual teaching credential at UCLA, she worked for 19 years at Bassett Street School teaching primarily grade 3. She was also a Title 1 Coordinator at Bassett Street School for 3 years. After receiving her Administrative Credential, she began as an Assistant Principal, EIS on the Westside for 3 years and then transferred back to the valley where she worked as an Assistant Principal, EIS at several schools, serving special education. We are lucky to have enjoyed her for the past 5 years here at ECES and because she loves working at Encino CEL, we hope she stays for many years more!

Her educational philosophy for students and parents is to teach to, and build student strengths while fostering academic growth. She believes it is important to teach students to be independent for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century global workplace. She advises us never underestimate the potential of a child and give them the opportunities in a creative fashion to "show what they know". No one child can fit into a box.

Ms. Sandler is most proud of her professional growth in the area of special education. On the personal front, she's proud of the fact she can still compete in her favorite sport of all – TENNIS! Her love of coffee keeps her going and her favorite quote is a great one - "Keep it simple, Less is more."



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