

## Weekly Update 11/30/09

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone has a wonderful and relaxing Thanksgiving break.

Our December PTA meeting is on Tuesday, 12/1 at 9:15am. Our guest speaker will be Kathy Hernandez who will give us an overview on Internet usage and how our students are using cyberspace. Please make time to join us as this is an important topic that every parents should be aware of. We will be meeting at the Faculty Lounge, beside the cafeteria.

The Dine & Dance is this Thursday, 12/3 at 5pm.

Many thanks to our counselors, Allison Dalbeck and Shannon Brascia, who will keep us updated with their Counselors' Info articles.

See you all at our PTA meeting!

Best regards,  
Sharon Otsuka

### COUNSELOR'S NOTES

The entire LCHS staff and student body in general is embarking on a campaign to spiff up the campus. Our 7/8 kids have made great strides in the last two years. Things have been much cleaner after lunch, and we encourage the kids to clean up their tables as a group and not worry about who exactly left what on the table when the bell rings. We are all responsible for making this campus look good.

7th graders have recently enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Brascia about personality traits and differences. The overall message was that differences are to be respected and celebrated, not used to put each other down or see each other in a negative light. The kids had fun figuring out if they were a 'Red Circle', 'Green Diamond', 'Blue Heart' or 'Yellow Star', and teaching each other about what makes them tick and how to work well with their personality type.

The 8th graders also had a visit from the counselors where many enlightening class discussions were held about intolerance, insults, and bullying. More recently the 8th grade class had a class-wide assembly during STEP, where they learned about the behavior expectations as they relate to end-of-the-year activities. There is a letter that went home detailing the expectations, which should be returned to your child's Social Science teacher.

We continue to encourage all students to support each other, speak up for each other, and report instances where other students are unkind.

### 7/8 PTA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We need volunteers to help form a slate of officers for election to the 2009-2010 7/8 PTA Board. The commitment usually involves one to two meetings (usually in early January) and phone calls to people you would like to see serving on the 7/8 PTA Board. This is a terrific way to get involved and be informed about LCHS 7/8. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or being a PTA officer for the 2009-2010 school year, please contact Dru Gartside at 818-957-5004 or email at [drugartside@earthlink.net](mailto:drugartside@earthlink.net).