



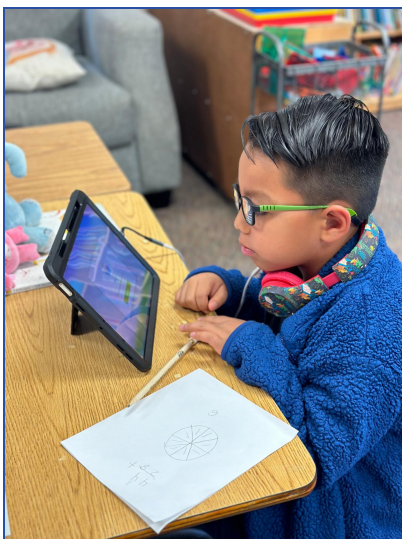
# School Newsletter

Week of September 16-20, 2024

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## Back to School Night Success!

Thank you to all the parents who came out to our Back to School Night! It was great to see everyone gathered together and focus on our student's academic future. If you were not able to join us, please contact your child's teacher for the classroom handbook or any other important information you will need to know.



### MAP Testing

We are currently in the middle of administering our standardized testing with the NWEA called Measure of Academic Progress. MAP is designed to look at a student's academic achievement and growth over time. MAP is a computer-adaptive test which means that the difficulty of each new question is based on how the child answered the previous question. This means each student takes his/her own personalized test which is based on the child's own academic strengths and needs. MAP is a norm-referenced assessment which means that information is provided which compares your child with other students in the same grade level across the country.

## Classroom Highlights





### K-2nd Grade Classroom

We are starting with homework packets this week! Each student was sent home with a new packet in their homework folder. It is important to set up a schedule with your child and plan when your child will be working on their homework throughout the week. Structure and consistency is key!

Our student's will also start learning their first Treasure Verse. We will start with our theme verse found in Joshua 1:9.



### 3rd-5th Grade Classroom

To wrap up the week, we did the Egg Challenge for STEM. We also finished MAP testing this week which means we'll resume our regular school schedule next week. For social studies we learned about maps (political, physical, and vegetation). For science, we learned about fungi. Thank you to everyone who came to Back to School Night. If you have any questions about the information given, please reach out.

TESTS for September 20

Spelling: List 4

Treasure Verse: Psalm 121:1-2

### 6th-8th Grade Classroom

This week in science, 6-8th were learning about the properties of plants. Here they are investigating how water moves through plants by dissecting celery stalks we left in dyed water.



## 2024-2025 Chapel Theme & Verse

**Be brave.  
Be strong.  
Be fearless.  
You are never alone!**

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.  
Joshua 1:9

Pastor Ben from the LNSDA Church led our chapel last week.



**INTERNATIONAL  
FOOD Festival**

**October 13, 2024 | 3-6 PM**

**LAGUNA NIGUEL JR.  
ACADEMY**  
29702 KENSINGTON DRIVE  
LAGUNA NIGUEL

**FOOD & DRINKS**

**MUSIC & GAMES**

**SILENT AUCTION**

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The poster features a central graphic of a globe with a fork on the left and a spoon on the right. Below the globe are illustrations of various food items: a slice of watermelon, a corn cob, a tomato, a hot dog, and a sushi roll. The background is a vibrant blue with yellow and orange accents.

Upcoming Activities

September

27

**Beach Vespers**  
6-8 pm at Doheny Beach  
25300 Dana Point Harbor Drive, Dana Point  
Picnic area 9 or 10

[View beach map...](#)

September

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**Teacher Dedication**  
LNSDA Church @ 11 am

October

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**School Picture Day**  
Students are required to wear their red school polo shirt for picture day

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