

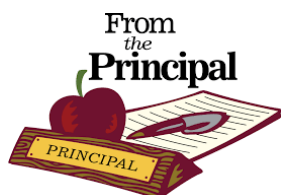
# Bostonia Language Academy Lobos



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By Principal Jacobo

Dear Language Academy Families,

Welcome back from Spring break! I hope that everyone is well rested and ready for a strong finish of the Language Academy's inaugural year. We are looking forward to an excellent third trimester! March was a busy month, and there's much excitement that lies ahead as we fast approach the end of the school year.

The second semester passed by so quickly! Our Student Award Assemblies and the Students Demonstration of Learning events were such a great success, thank you for joining us in our celebrations of student progress and achievement! The Family Math Event was well attended. Students and families enjoyed a number of math games as they learned a number of strategies to support children at home. We hope you can join us for the upcoming Family Reading Event. The SDSU Ambassador Guest Teacher Program has started at the LA, we have guest teachers from Colombia, India, and Malaysia. Don't forget to ask your student to share about this wonderful experience with you. Another highlight of the last trimester of school is the Computer Science Minecraft educational component. Minecraft is an educational game world where students can explore and develop collaboration, communication, problem solving and critical thinking skills. These skills are incredibly valuable when working towards a variety of common core standards-based learning objectives.

This year our third grade students will be taking the state assessment for the first time. More information on this important topic is forthcoming. It is extremely important that your student arrive at school on time every day, well rested, and ready to learn. I cannot overstate the importance of starting the school day ready and in the right mindset to have a great learning experience.

Regards,

Izela Jacobo

Websites recommended by the Principal:

## INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DIGITAL LIBRARY

**Biblioteca Internacional para Niños**

<http://www.childrenslibrary.org/icdl/SimpleSearchCategory?ids=&pnum=1&cnum=1&text=&lang=English&langcode=en&lang=English&langid=61&OK=OK>

**Children's Books Forever- Libros Infantiles para Siempre**

<http://www.childrensbooksforever.com/childrenpages/Spanish.html>

Character Trait of the Month:

## Honesty

Honesty means telling the truth, refusing to lie, be deceitful, or fraudulent. Honesty is based on truth and sincerity and shows others you respect them.

Why is Honesty Important?

- It helps you to build relationships and trust
- It helps you to learn and grow as a person
- Being honest with yourself builds confidence

Dinner Table Discussion

*When was a time you were dishonest? What was the outcome? What could you have done differently?*

*When was a time you were honest? What was the outcome? What will you do in the future to make good decisions?*



- ✓ New Lobos T-shirts now on sale! See PTA President's Notes & be on the lookout for more details.
- ✓ Yearbooks are still on sale for \$15 until April 15th. Limited quantities available after April for \$20. [www.yearbooks.lifetouch.com](http://www.yearbooks.lifetouch.com) Yearbook ID code: 12622416
- ✓ It's never too late to join the PTA! Only \$10 membership fee. Make a difference in your child's education.
- ✓ Save your box tops. Forms are in the office. [www.boxtops4education.com/about](http://www.boxtops4education.com/about) and our school coordinator is Jessa Ward
- ✓ Please be considerate when dropping off and picking up your child(ren). Don't double park. Drive as far forward as possible in bus circle. Use sidewalks & crosswalks. No wrong-way driving in one-way lanes. Respect our Crossing Guard & traffic monitors
- ✓ Our school is always in need of donations of white copy paper and colored paper for classrooms. Drop off in office.



## PTA President's Notes

By Angelica Gonzalez

Hello BLA Families. I hope everyone enjoyed their time off during spring break. Can you believe we only have a couple of more months left of school? In the month of March the PTA hosted its first Book Fair. It was a success! Our scholars and families showed their love for reading, and PTA raised almost \$2,500 in scholastic money. With the scholastic money raised, PTA purchased \$100 worth of books for each of our wonderful classrooms. In conjunction with the Book Fair PTA raffled off 25 posters for the poster contest. Congratulations to all the lucky winners. Also, PTA's bookmark contest, all entries received a new free book! Thank you to all the students, families and volunteers who continue to support our PTA school events. We give a special thank you to our Book Fair Chairman Grace Couper, and to the volunteers who helped during the Book Fair.

Families and students – The wait is over... Our school Lobos t-shirts are now for sale! Thank you for being patient as we worked to get details finalized. T-shirt order forms will come out this week! Please be on the lookout for the details.

PTA was also able to award *another* hundred dollars to each classroom! This will be a total of \$200 per classroom this year. This money will be used by the teachers to purchase items that will enrich our student experience at the school!

Our PTA membership has elected its new board for the 2016/2017 school year: President, Angelica Gonzalez; Vice President, Larissa Palmeri; Treasurer, Ana Solano; Secretary, Grace Couper; and Historian, Julia Agüero. Congratulations and thank you, I'm excited to work with such great parent volunteers. PTA's next association meeting is Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> (last one for this year). I hope to see you all there. Thank you so much, parents, for all that you do for our school!



## Websites to Visit:

Understanding Common Core Standards & Grade Level Expectations

<http://www.greatschools.org/gk/category/milestones-subjects/math/>

[http://schools.nyc.gov/Academics/CommonCoreLibrary/ForFamilies/LearningAtHome/SLH\\_k8.htm](http://schools.nyc.gov/Academics/CommonCoreLibrary/ForFamilies/LearningAtHome/SLH_k8.htm)

Fun Crafts For Kids

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/fun-and-games/activities-and-crafts/>

Supporting Reading & Writing at Home

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/how-parents-can-support-common-core-writing-standards>

Other Community Resources

<http://www.elcajonresources.org/>

### Did You Know...

- ❖ If you qualify for the school lunch program that you can get internet through Cox Communications as low as \$9.95? Call Connie for information (858) 200-9787 x11 or visit <http://everyoneon.org/about/c2c/>
- ❖ That you can enroll in CalFresh, Medi-Cal, and Covered California by calling 2-1-1? They can help with just about any other community resource. Call to check out what our community can do for you or visit [www.211sandiego.org/new/](http://www.211sandiego.org/new/)



## Upcoming Events

- ✚ April 12,19,26 – Ballet Folclórico, 2-3:00 PM
- ✚ April 15 – Jump Rope For Heart Day
- ✚ April 16 – TEDX for Kids, El Cajon 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM at Greenfield Middle School, 1495 Greenfield Dr
- ✚ April 22 – Crazy Sock Day for School Spirit!
- ✚ April 26 – Family Reading Day at 4:00 PM in auditorium
- ✚ April 29 - Kindergarten Zoo field trip
- ✚ May 11 – Last PTA Association Meeting of 2015/2016 school year



## In The Community

- Farmer's Market every Thursday in downtown El Cajon <http://www.rescue.org/farmers-market>
- April 30/May 1 - Kids Expo & Fair <http://www.sandiegokidsexpo.com/#/exhibit/coaj>
- May 21<sup>st</sup>- America on Main Street - <http://www.ci-el-cajon.ca.us/discover-el-cajon/events/america-on-main-street>



The school newsletter will be published monthly. Paper copies are displayed on the bulletin board by the school gate and are also available from the school office.