

October Newsletter

Language Academy of Sacramento

LAS Spotlight

Celebrating our Art Teacher: Verónica Kovats Sánchez

We are excited to recognize our amazing Art Teacher, **Verónica Kovats Sánchez**, who continues to shine both inside and outside of the classroom!

- The **Mexican Cultural Center of Northern California (MCCNC)** has selected Verónica as the **2025 Artist of the Year**.
- Her work is currently featured in *Arts in the Heart*, a group art show at the **West Sacramento Community Center**, on display from **October 6–30**. The reception will take place on **Friday, October 17th, from 6–8 pm**.
- She will also be honored as a **916 Amplified Artist for Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month** at the **Sacramento Kings game on October 15th**.



Verónica is a proud **Xicana artist** based in Sacramento. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Art Studio from Sacramento State University and has exhibited her work widely across California. Her art has been featured in *The Sacramento Bee* and in the *MALCS: Chicana/Latina Studies Academic Journal* from the University of Texas at San Antonio.

In addition to teaching **TK–8th grade art here at the Language Academy of Sacramento**, Verónica has collaborated on international social justice projects such as *Detention Resistance's Art Against State Violence* and *Vivir Quintana's No Estás Sola* music video, which raises awareness about femicides and domestic violence in Mexico.

Her paintings often combine expressive realism and surrealism to explore culture, women's empowerment, and the natural world. She uses her art to celebrate identity, resilience, and tradition while encouraging reflection on culture and community.

We are proud to have Verónica as part of our LAS family and invite you to join us in celebrating her recognition and continued contributions to both our students and the wider community.

County Teacher of the Year nominee - Graciela Castañeda

✧ A huge congratulations to Maestra Graciela Castañeda! ✧

She is the *only* public charter school educator to be nominated for Sacramento County Teacher of the Year!

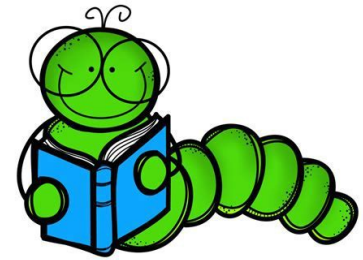
Graciela has been part of our LAS family for 19 years, with 17 of those as a credentialed teacher. As a bilingual educator who is deeply connected to both community and culture, she inspires her middle school students every day to embrace who they are, think critically, and love learning. We are so proud to celebrate her and this well-deserved recognition!



Message from our Literacy Coach

Dear Families,

My name is Maestra Jáuregui, and I am the Literacy Coach at the Language Academy of Sacramento. I look forward to working together this year to support the reading and writing development of all our students.



We will begin our reading intervention program this week for 1st-8th grade students who require additional support. Please be on the lookout for a letter indicating if your child has been selected. If selected, it is very important that students attend school regularly in order to receive this targeted support during the core school day or after school.

- **Grades 1-2:** Intervention will take place 15–20 minutes, at least 3 times per week in the classroom or after school
- **Grades 3-8:** Intervention may last up to 30 minutes, 3 times per week in the classroom or after school

At home, it is crucial that students continue practicing. You can support your child by reading together daily, asking them to retell what they read, and discussing new words you encounter. Together, we can help every child grow as a reader and writer.

Gracias,

Maestra Jáuregui

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Ideas to support literacy at home

Watch this short video: [Being Bilingual Is a Superpower: Multilingual Tips to Support Language and Literacy at Home](#). This video offers ideas on how families can support their child's literacy through activities that celebrate language, culture, and special time together at home!

4th Grade Snack Sale

Please support 4th grade fundraising! Our snack sale is from October 6- 17 during recess and after school! Everything is \$1.



Learning Paths informed by MAP Growth

If you have a student in grades 3–8 at LAS, you may already be familiar with MAP Accelerator. This resource provided students with personalized math learning paths based on their MAP Growth scores and was available through the Clever portal. As of August 31, 2025, MAP Accelerator has been discontinued, which is why you no longer see it on your student's Clever account.

The great news is that Khan Academy now offers **Learning Paths**—a new resource that works in the same way! Just like MAP Accelerator, Learning Paths creates a personalized learning plan for each student using their MAP Growth results to help accelerate math progress.

To access this resource, simply have your student click on the **Learning Paths** icon in their Clever portal.



Attendance

Attendance plays an important part in a child's academic success. We understand that at times students must stay at home due to illness. When they are not ill, we thank you, for ensuring that your children attend school daily and on time.

Way to go to **3rd grade** for having the highest attendance rate for the month of September!

GR	ATTENDANCE RATE / TASA DE ASISTENCIA
TK	95.31%
KG	93.90%
1	96.23%
2	96.23%
3	97.29%
4	96.75%
5	96.18%
6	97.18%
7	96.98%
8	97.27%



About Us

Mission

The LAS mission is to create a learning environment where students: Utilize bilingualism and biliteracy (Spanish and English) to achieve academic excellence and apply skills in real-world situations and diverse settings. (BILITERACY) Develop and exhibit positive self-esteem, pride, confidence, and respect for themselves and others. (CONFIDENCE AND LIFE SKILLS) Demonstrate leadership skills in order to build bridges between communities and apply critical thinking skills to solve problems, promote social justice, and create change in society. (LEADERSHIP AND CRITICAL THINKING)

Vision

Our vision is to provide an exceptional Spanish-English bilingual education for all students.

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