

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Welcome



BACK TO SCHOOL

ALL ABOUT AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Theme: I'm Me, I'm Special **Colors:** Green, Red & Yellow **Virtue:** Compassion

Birthstone: Peridot & Sapphire

Flower: Poppy, Gladiolus, Aster & Morning Glory

DAYS TO REMEMBER THIS MONTH

08/02 National Ice Cream Day, 08/07 National Lighthouse Day, 08/09 National Book Lovers' Day, 08/10 In 1993, Ruth Bader Ginsberg became the second woman to be sworn in as Supreme Court Justice. 08/11 In 1929 Babe Ruth became the first baseball player to hit 500 home runs. 08/12 National Middle Child Day, 08/15 National Relaxation Day. 08/18 In 1868 Helium was discovered by Pierre Janssen. 08/21 National Senior Citizens Day, 08/21 In 1959 Hawaii became the 50th state. 08/26 Woman's Equality Day, 08/30 National Beach Day. 09/02 In 1969, the first ATM in the U.S. opened, 09/01 Labor Day, 09/09 National Teddy Bear Day, 09/11 National Grandparents Day, 09/22 First day of Fall, 09/28 National Good Neighbor Day



A BIG WELCOME TO ALL OUR STAFF



We would like to welcome all of our new and returning staff! In Elementary, our Kindergarten-Prep/Kindergarten teacher is Mrs. Terri Saderup, our First Grade teacher is Mrs. Jennifer Whittamore, our Second Grade teacher is Ms. Patty Rosas, our Third Grade teacher is Ms. Nancy Medina, our Fourth/Fifth Grade teacher is Mrs. Silvia Pacheco, and Sixth Grade teacher is Ms. Lauren Melaku. Our Computer Technology teacher is Miss Cinthia Flores and our Spanish Teacher is Mrs. Yuliana Ramos.

Our School's Administrators are Mrs. Dru Craven and Mrs. Angela Morway. Our Principal is Mr. Robert Craven. Our Office Manager is Ms. Brittany. Our Kitchen Staff includes Ms. Diane Gervin. Our School Support Staff include Mrs. Bonnie Nicolson, Ms. Grace Ruiz, and Ms. Niki Perera. Our After School Coach is Coach Omar Pena. Our Custodians are Miss Francine Naperano and Mr. Craig Naperano.

We are very pleased with the student enrollment this year and believe that you will be extremely pleased with your child's teacher, as well with our entire staff. Please say "hi" to any new faces you see and welcome them to our Learning Tree Family. We are especially happy to see the faces of our returning parents. Your continued support has been especially important as we continue to navigate and adjust. A warm welcome goes out to all of our new parents. Your added involvement with our school is happily welcomed and received. We consider The Learning Tree not just a good school, but an extension of our families; both yours and ours. Again, we welcome you!



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August & September Birthdays

Birthday wishes go out to the following students and staff for the month of August and September:

08/04	Craig Naperano	09/01	Giana Usera
08/06	Cliona D'Alessio	09/02	Vladimir Stange
08/07	Christian Nava	09/10	Kenzleigh Davis
08/15	Ariella Butler	09/10	Uriah Rosas
08/15	Aaliyah Butler	09/15	Tatianna Petermann
08/20	Cannon Gervin	09/17	Liam Alvarado
08/22	Josiah Gomez	09/20	Sebastian Ramos
08/26	Chris Dominguez	09/20	George Suarez
08/29	Moretti Sidoti	09/23	Jace Reyes
08/30	Ezra Smith	09/21	Noah Bernard
		09/27	Kelly Valenzuela



UPCOMING CALENDAR REMINDERS

AUGUST

Monday, August 25 - First day of school

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 1st-Labor Day *The entire school is closed*

Thursday, September 18th-Elementary Back to School Night at 7:00PM

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR HOLIDAYS

September 1st-Labor Day

November 10th-Veterans Day

November 26th, 27th, & 28th -Thanksgiving Holiday

December 22nd through January 2nd-Elementary Winter Break**

December 24th & 25th- Holiday Break - school closed

December 31st & January 1st -New Year's Break - school closed

January 19th-Martin Luther King's Birthday

February 9th-Lincoln's Birthday

February 16th-Presidents Day

April 20th through 24th-Spring Break for Elementary**

May 25th-Memorial Day

June 12th-Elementary Last Day of School

June 15th-Summer Camp Begins

**Camp is Available for Elementary during Winter and Spring break.

TUITION REMINDERS

Tuition is due by the 5th of each month; there is a \$25 late fee for all tuitions paid thereafter. If you need to make special payment arrangements, please see Miss. Angela.

Elementary Tuition:

\$925.00 without lunch

\$1000.00 with lunch

Book Fee: \$600.00

Daily Lunch: \$4.00

T-K Tuition

\$925.00 without lunch

\$1000.00 with lunch

Part-Time Daily Rate:

\$55.00 without lunch

\$59.00 with lunch

Elementary Book Fee: \$600.00

Application Fee: \$225.00

See Angela for special arrangement



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Our Back to School Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 18th at 7:00pm. This evening is designated for parents only; you will have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom and learn about the curriculum, classroom rules & guidelines, homework procedures, and much more. This is also a great time to ask any questions that you may have.

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LEARNING TREE SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We have uniform shirts available for purchase for \$25 each. Our shirt colors are: Burgundy, Green, Navy, and Red. We have boys and girls bottoms available. Our bottoms are Khaki and Navy. We also have a plaid skort available for girls for \$26, as well as leggings for \$18.00. Socks colors include, Black, White, Khaki, Navy. or Green. You are welcome to purchase uniform attire elsewhere, but please note that all shirts **MUST** be embroidered with our logo. Our logo location for embroidery is McDowell Awards, 80-126 Highway 111, Suite 1 Indio, California, (760) 347-0069.

NEW FOR SIXTH GRADE ONLY - New shirt colors are also available for the Sixth Grade - Light Pink and Light Blue. Also Physical Education clothes - shirt and shorts - will be needed and will be available for purchase for physical education class.



ILLNESS & ABSENCES



As an important reminder, if your child has a fever or is sick to any questionable degree, it is imperative that you take the necessary precautions and keep your child at home. We are fast approaching cold and flu season and these viruses can quickly spread throughout our schools and community.

If your child is absent, please make sure you contact the school and report the absence. This not only allows us to notify the teacher but also assists us with tracking symptoms. Our main priority is to ensure that our children, faculty, and staff stay healthy. We appreciate your support and assistance with this.

PlasmaPURE AIR PURIFICATION SYSTEMS

PlasmaPURE Air Purifications have been installed in all classrooms, as well as the cafeteria. The installation of these systems assists with removing odors. bacteria, viruses, dust, mold spores, pollen, etc... How it works: The systems are installed in the air handlers, allowing PlasmaPURE to produce millions of positively and negatively charged oxygen ions, which travel through the duct system and into occupied spaces to neutralize pollutants.



PARENT REMINDERS

Our goal and priority is to ensure the safety of all once you enter the gates at The Learning Tree. Part of this process includes accurate record keeping. When you bring your child to school and pick them up daily, we ask that you take the time to properly Sign-In and Sign-Out each and every time. This will require you to exit your cars, which we understand can make the parking lot busy. To this point, we want to remind you of the importance of adhering to the posted signs with regard to maneuvering throughout the parking lot, as well as travelling at the posted speed. Thank you for your cooperation with ensuring the safety of all.

DRESS CODE

Simplicity and modesty is the expectation.

1. Clothing must be neat and properly fitted.
2. Hair must always be clean, neat, and should not be colored.
3. Children must wear socks with all shoes; this includes sandals. Shoes with no back are not allowed.
4. All belongings should be marked with your child's full name and a change of clothing should be left at the school at all times (including all students).
5. **Jewelry is not permitted**, this includes all necklaces, rings, and bracelets with the exception of I.D. bracelets. Pierced small earrings are allowed. Watches are only allowed if your child can tell time.
6. Only **LIGHT** colored nail polish is allowed.



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SCHOOL POLICIES

It is very important that our school rules are adhered to, as this will ensure consistency for your child. Please review the following items carefully:

1. Acknowledge your child's Share Day. Remember, no guns or make-up allowed. Items are to be brought to school only on Share Day.
2. Jewelry items are an interference with our school process and therefore, are not allowed. Pierced small earrings are allowed. Watches may be worn if the student can tell time.
3. Our school medicine form is required for the distribution of any and all medication. All over the counter medication must be labeled with the child's name and date using permanent marker. Medication must be left up front with Administration.
4. If your child is out of school for any reason; especially with illness, you must contact the school on the day of the absence, preferably in the morning.
5. All Elementary students must own and wear "Full Uniform Attire" for special events, assemblies, field trips, and Fall Picture Day. Full Uniform Attire consists of the Red LTC Polo with Navy shorts, skorts, or pants. Girls can also wear the LTC plaid skort.

UPCOMING AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please note that the following afterschool classes and programs are going to be starting soon:

No Charge: Soccer, Basketball, & Study Hall
For further information regarding these programs, look for fliers in your child's classroom and in the front lobby.



LEADERSHIP PROGRAM: STUDENT SENATE

A special service organization, The Learning Tree Student Senate was started for students, Kindergarten through Sixth Grade to service such areas as the lunchroom, afterschool programs, tutoring support, and recycling/clean-up. This program is set-up on a merit system and is a challenging experience for all those students involved. Involvement in the Student Senate is based on the following criteria:

- 1) A 3.0 grade point average or better.
- 2) Being elected to the Senate by their peers.

For our younger students, monitors will be used for the balls, special equipment, and lost and found. The administration team at The Palm Desert Learning Tree is diligently striving to give our students an opportunity to not only receive a fine education, but also to experience creative challenges. Our students, your sons and daughters, need to have an opportunity to experience a variety of tasks, such as helping others, holding positions of leadership, and taking on responsibilities to build character in themselves-our future adults. Please encourage your son or daughter to be a part of this program this school year. Look for the Student Senate packets at the end of September.

EXTRA CLOTHES REMINDER

All children, Pre-Kindergarten through Kindergarten are expected to have an extra set of clothing in their cubby for the possibility of wetting, falling in the mud, or for rips that may occur. Thank you for your help with this matter.

