

# LIN HOWE FROM A TO Z

This is a simple reference guide that quickly describes what each of our Lin Howe events and programs are. We hope it's helpful as you navigate life at Lin Howe!

## **After School Cornucopia**

Cornucopia is Lin Howe's after-school enrichment classes. These classes are provided by a third party and are open to all students (though some classes are for specific grade levels). Information about classes, cost, and signing up is sent home with each student and can also be found [here](#).

## **Art Classes**

Art is very important to the Lin Howe community. We are proud to offer an art lesson to every classroom nearly every week.

## **Back-to-School Night**

This parent only event takes place during the second week of school. It's an important night where parents can learn more about their child's classroom experience and hear from their teacher about the coming year.

## **Beautification Day**

Held two times throughout the school year and organized by the Green Team, Beautification Day is when Lin Howe families come together on a Saturday or Sunday to help keep our school looking great. There's always plenty to do including tasks like planting, painting, and picking up garbage. It's a fun way to get involved and care for our campus.

## **Book Fair**

Lin Howe PTA hosts two Book Fairs during the school year. Load up your kids' brains with amazing books - all proceeds go directly back to buying books for our school library! Typically, the Book Fair takes over the whole library and each class visits the Fair, but this year it might take place virtually. Teachers also create wish lists for their classroom libraries.

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## **Boosters**

The mission of the Linwood E. Howe Booster Club is to positively enhance the education of the whole child, cultivate a cohesive community, and develop a well-rounded and socialized student body. We accomplish this goal through parent participation and volunteerism, fundraising and targeted programs, and facilitation of local and foundational support. The Boosters fund enrichment programs and materials.

The [Boosters](#) meet bi-monthly at various off-campus locations and/or virtually. The meetings are open to all Lin Howe adults who would like to learn about Boosters and get involved with fundraising or the programs they sponsor. Join the Booster email list to be notified of meeting information by emailing [info@linhoweboosters.com](mailto:info@linhoweboosters.com).

## **CCUSD**

CCUSD stands for Culver City Unified School District.

## **Character Counts/Character Traits**

Classroom guidance lessons are presented to each class focusing on the character trait of the month. The six pillars of character are Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.

## **Committee for Equity**

The LinHowe PTA Committee for Equity aspires to be a coalition of parents, teachers, and administrators working toward ensuring equity at Lin Howe for all students and families. We believe our school community is unique and we should work toward making sure EVERY child has the opportunity to learn and grow in our school.

## **Costume Parade**

Coinciding with Halloween, Lin Howe typically has a costume parade where students dress up and parade around the perimeter of school. An alternate activity is provided for students who do not wish to participate in the parade.

## **The Dragon Wagon**

This is Lin Howe's walking school bus which kicks off in October. Students and parent volunteers meet Friday mornings from two locations to walk to school together. Join us at Carlson Park at 8:10 am or Ince/Carson at 8:20 am, or join in along the way. Students are given a tag to be scanned and an opportunity to win a prize.

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## **Facebook**

The Lin Howe Facebook page is a PTA & Boosters run page. It's a great way to keep up to date with school related issues and connect with other Lin Howe Families. Search for "Linwood E. Howe PTA & Boosters" and ask to join. Members must agree to comply with outlined rules in order to participate. A school-appointed monitor will accept you after a brief screening questionnaire.

## **Family Fun Nights**

Lin Howe is more than a school, it's a community. Nowhere is this more apparent than at our PTA sponsored Family Fun Nights! All FFNs are free of charge and open to all Lin Howe families. Not only are Family Fun Nights great community builders, but they also take a community to make happen. We're always looking for help with planning or volunteering before, during or after the event, so don't forget to sign up for a volunteer shift!

## **Farm Fresh to You**

Farm Fresh to You is an organic food delivery company that brings California-grown fruit and vegetables directly to your door. They've partnered with our school to donate 10% of all proceeds from purchases by Lin Howe supporters. Simply use promo code "seadragons" when signing up with [farmfresh toyou.com](http://farmfresh toyou.com). Existing customers may also add the "seadragons" code to their subscription through the "Accounts" page. Contact Bronwyn Jamrok at [bsjamrok@me.com](mailto:bsjamrok@me.com) if you need more information.

## **Field Trips**

PTA is proud to fund at least one field trip for every grade level at Lin Howe. Students and teachers enjoy going off campus for a special experience, and a parent volunteer or two are often included.

## **Green Ambassadors**

This is the student group that focuses on the 5 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Ride and Rethink! The Green Ambassadors attend meetings where they learn about ways to be sustainable and then share that information with their classmates.

## **Green Team**

This is the parent run volunteer team that works to ensure Lin Howe is thinking and functioning in the most sustainable, earth friendly ways. The Green Team organizes two school Beautification Days throughout the year to help keep our school looking beautiful. It's a great way to get involved!

## **Growing Great**

All Lin Howe Sea Dragons benefit from a series of nutrition education lessons from a trained instructor using a curriculum from [Growing Great](http://Growing Great), a non-profit organization that promotes healthy food choices through hands-on education programs.

### **Instrumental Music**

K-2 students experience instrumental music through the symphonic Jazz Orchestra (described later in this packet). Third graders work with recorders, while 4th and 5th graders can opt into instrumental music.

### **Intervention (Reading and Math)**

Lin Howe has dedicated reading and math intervention specialists who support students in their grade level benchmarks.

### **Jump Rope for Heart**

This event is typically organized by the physical education teachers and students are asked to get sponsorships to jump rope. The money raised is given to the American Heart Association to help fight heart disease.

### **Kinder Celebration**

Kinder Celebration is the culmination of kindergarten, usually taking place a couple of days prior to the last day of school. It typically includes a short performance and a simple celebration.

### **Lin Howe's Got Talent**

Dozens of Sea Dragons participate in Lin Howe's annual talent show, highlighting their singing, dancing, instrumental, comedic and other talents. Students attend auditions, dress rehearsal and perform during the evening show. Most performers start working on their acts over the winter break. It's a fun night for all!

### **Math Olympiads**

A not-for-profit dedicated to stimulating enthusiasm, fostering creativity, and strengthening intuition in mathematical problem solving.

### **Office of Child Development (OCD)**

OCD is short for the Office of Child Development. OCD is part of CCUSD and offers fee based and income eligible preschool programs, before and after care programs for TK-5, and summer camps for K-5.

### **Open House**

Held in February, Open House offers an opportunity for parents to see what their child has been working on throughout the year. Students are excited and proud to show off their work and teachers are available to answer questions.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent Conference dates are in mid-December. This is a time to meet with your child's teacher to discuss progress, concerns, etc. These dates also coincide with early dismissal days at 1:45 pm.

## **PTA**

[PTA](#) stands for Parent-Teacher Association. The PTA's purpose is to promote the education, health and welfare of children in the home, school and community.

*Membership Drive*—We kick off the school year with our annual membership drive. It's \$6 to become an official PTA member, though many people “round up” to \$10 per membership so that even more funds can go back to our various programs. A membership can be purchased for all members of your family - parents, children, grandparents, etc. We strive for 100% participation as the funds raised go right back into helping our school. You can join anytime at [linhowepta.com](http://linhowepta.com)

*Monthly Meetings*—Typically held the second Thursday of each month from 6-7pm, the PTA monthly meeting is open to all Lin Howe adults who want to learn about what the PTA is working on and to get involved. Come join us!

## **Pali Camp**

5<sup>th</sup> grade students may have the opportunity to attend Pail Camp through the Pali Institute for adventure, education and bonding experiences.

## **Picture Day**

This is the day where student portraits and class photos are taken for the new school year. It usually occurs in mid September. There is also a make-up day for any student who was absent that day, enrolled late or a retake is needed. This usually occurs a month after the original picture day.

## **Promotion - 5th Grade**

This is the culmination of the 5th grade year, typically taking place a couple of days prior to the last day of school. It typically includes a tribute and a simple celebration.

## **Reflections**

Reflections is a nation-wide arts appreciation and recognition program for students, sponsored by the National PTA. To participate, Lin Howe students may submit an original piece of their own independent work, inspired by the annual theme, in any of the following six areas: Dance/Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Photography, Music Composition and Visual Arts (2D and 3D). Reflections kicks off in the fall, and entries are due in mid-October.

## **Science Fair**

Participating students showcase their science project in the cafeteria before judges. All science projects remain on display for all Lin Howe families to view in the Spring. Encouraged for all grades but typically required for fifth graders.

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### **Special Education Committee**

The Lin Howe PTA Special Education Committee is a parent-led group that works closely with school faculty and staff to ensure that children of all abilities are visible and supported in our school and community. We organize special assemblies, classroom readings, and other activities to increase understanding and empathy for students who are differently abled. There also is a Parent Resource book center that addresses an array of social, emotional and developmental issues for our children at the LinHowe library. For more information, contact co-chairs Gabby Zadra ([gzadra@hotmail.com](mailto:gzadra@hotmail.com)) or Sheila Iverson ([shaydoss@gmail.com](mailto:shaydoss@gmail.com)).

### **Spirit Wear**

Spirit wear is our line of clothing that features multiple Lin Howe and Sea Dragon logo designs. There is a fantastic assortment for kids and adults including tees, sweatshirts and caps. Look for the Spirit Wear table at Lin Howe functions throughout the year and during Spirit Wear drives. Stay tuned for more information!

### **School Site Council (SSC)**

The School Site Council is comprised of parents, teachers, school staff members and the principal. All members are elected by the group they represent and serve two year terms (with the exception of the principal). This group discusses the school site plan (including school-wide goals), the school safety plan, and some school spending.

### **School Calendars**

- The Lin Howe website address is <http://linhowe.ccusd.org> and the Lin Howe events calendar is on the bottom of the home page.
- The CCUSD website is <https://www.ccusd.org> and the CCUSD calendar is located under the “About Us” tab.

### **Symphonic Jazz Orchestra**

Symphonic Jazz Orchestra is a K-3 music program. Professional musicians visit classrooms at Lin Howe to teach students about music and musical instruments.

### **Targeted Parent Teacher Conferences**

Unlike regular Parent Teacher Conferences, where teachers meet with ALL students, these are teacher requested conferences. The teacher will let you know if they would like to schedule a conference time. Target Parent Conference Dates are in the Fall & Spring. These are also early dismissal days at 1:45 pm for all students.

### **Teacher Contact Information**

A list of teachers (staff directory), with an option to email the teachers, is under the “About Us” tab on <http://linhowe.ccusd.org>.

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## **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week**

Lin Howe celebrates Teacher Appreciation Week in May with a staff breakfast, luncheon and other special events throughout the week. Room Parents also organize specific gifts for teachers. It's a great way to show our appreciation for all they do!

## **Vegetable Garden**

Lin Howe has an amazing vegetable garden, with a garden bed for each grade level. Parent volunteers help students plant the garden. When it's harvest time, students pick what they've grown and enjoy eating a salad made by their own crops!

## **Volunteer Registration Process**

In order to be able to volunteer in the classroom, enter a classroom during the day, or go on field trips you need to have completed the [volunteer registration process](#) and confirm current Covid requirements with the front office before you volunteer. It takes a few weeks, so start ASAP. The front office can guide you through the process. Forms are available on the school website, under the parent tab.

## **Walk 'N Rollers**

An organization that encourages kids to walk, bike, skate or scoot to school. Walk 'N Rollers sponsors two events twice a year to help bring awareness to the community. Dance/Walk to School Day typically takes place in October and families "dance-walk" from City Hall to Lin Howe. National Bike to School Day typically takes place in the Spring and riders bike from the Culver City downtown plaza to Lin Howe.

## **Website Links**

Culver City Unified School District - <https://www.ccusd.org>

Linwood Howe Elementary - <http://linhowe.ccusd.org>

Afterschool Cornucopia - <https://afterschoolcornucopia.org>

Lin Howe Boosters - <https://www.linhoweboosters.com>

Lin Howe PTA - <https://www.linhowepta.com>

Facebook: Linwood E. Howe PTA & Boosters

## **Yearbook**

The yearbook comes out at the end of the year and is filled with photos from throughout the school year. To create the yearbook, parents are asked to send high resolution photos of classroom events, field trips and school events to the PTA Yearbook Committee. Pre-orders are taken in the Spring and the book is distributed at the end of the year.