

La Causa Charter School Newsletter



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Welcome

Welcome to the third volume of the LCCS Newsletter! Each newsletter is geared to help you stay on top of information about LCCS and help bring us together!

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Important Dates for Nov.-Dec.

- **November 8:** School Governance Council, 4pm.
- **November 14:** Reality Check Workshop for Parents, 4pm.
- **November 14:** La Causa Charter School Open House, 5pm-7pm.
- **November 15:** Family Leadership Organization, 4pm.
- **November 16:** Literacy Night 4pm-6pm
- **November 17:** Birthday Celebrations (All Grades)
- **November 17:** Chuck E. Cheese Fundraiser 3pm-9pm.
- **November 21st-24th:** Thanksgiving Break (No School)
- **November 30:** Holiday Concert, 5pm
- **December 1st:** Awards Celebration, 5pm.
- **December 9:** Breakfast with Santa
- **December 12:** Reality Check Parents Decisions and Impacts, 4pm.
- **December 15:** 7th & 8th grade Dance, 2:30pm-3:30pm
- **December 15:** Birthday Celebrations (All Grades)
- **December 18-29, January 1st:** Winter Break (No School)
- **January 2nd:** Classes begin

Message from School Administration

La Causa Families:

Thank you for your commitment to all of our children and their learning!

The school year is starting well, and we love the excitement and engagement that we see in our classrooms. Children are working hard and having fun. Ms Wichman, Project Lead the Way teacher, had a great unit on Medical Detectives where students learned to take the vital signs of a person, and diagnose and treat illnesses according to symptoms. Mr Ocasio, a 4th grade teacher, partnered with The Universidad Metropolitana de Puerto Rico and did a unit on bats, creating interactive projects and learning all about the importance of bats to our ecosystem. Our sports teams are off to a great start! We currently have flag football, girls' basketball, volleyball, and four soccer teams. Games happen every Saturday and we love the number of parents who are supporting and cheering our students on! We encourage you to come out and join us. We post the game schedule on ClassDojo every Friday. Student Council is starting this month, as well. Students will learn about school citizenship and the democratic process.

We continue to work with Restorative Practices and Positive Behavior Intervention Systems (PBIS) to promote student character development and an encouraging school climate and culture as well as provide students opportunities to show their capacity to make good decisions. We appreciate your support at home with our PBIS tenets: Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe. Your support is critical to a successful school year, at home and in the school building. Our doors are always open, and we are looking for families to work with us by helping out in classrooms, attending Family Leadership Meetings, and being a part of the School Governance Council. Please call or stop by reception anytime to get more information about you can be an active part of our La Causa Charter School Family.

We are thankful for all of your support you give!

Thank you!



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Welcome to Familia La Causa



Ms. Alvarez

My name is Laura Alvarez. I graduated from college in Colombia and continued my studies here in WI to pursue my dreams of continuing to teach. I have been a teacher since 2009 and have taught many different areas and age groups. I am enthusiastic about teaching through activities like play while also providing enjoyable learning experiences for my students all while making them feel appreciated and loved as if they were at home. I like to make people laugh, help everyone see the positives in life, travel, be with my family and friends, and dance.

My overall goal is for my students to be happy learners.



Ms. Swarczewski

Hello! My name is Liz Swarczewski and I am the Instructional Coach for grades 3-5 at La Causa. This is my second year working at La Causa, although I did my student teaching here in 4th grade 9 years ago! In my role I provide professional development and resources for teachers to help them meet the needs of all of our students. In my free time I enjoy doing yoga, baking, and reading. I am proud to be a part of the La Causa family and can't wait to see what else we will accomplish this school year!



Ms. Sommer

Hello! My name is Kayla Sommer and I am the instructional coach for 6th -8th grade. My primary role is to work with teachers to ensure they have the knowledge and strategies to deliver a high-quality education to our students. In addition to working with teachers, I work with our middle school students to complete their service hours. Outside of work, I enjoy going to the gym, spending time with family and friends, and traveling.



Student School Contract Reminder

As a student in the La Causa Charter School educational community, I agree to:

- 1) Respect all students, adults, and property.
- 2) Have a positive attitude towards school and learning.
- 3) Complete and return all assigned work on time to the best of my ability.
- 4) Be responsible for effective time management.
- 5) Read every day.
- 6) Wear the appropriate uniform every day.
- 7) Follow our PBIS rules and make positive behavior choices.
- 8) Follow the technology and cellphone policies



Bullying Prevention

Stop Bullying .gov

[/www.stopbullying.gov/sites/default/files/2017-09/hrsa_guide_parents-and-caregivers_508v2.pdf](http://www.stopbullying.gov/sites/default/files/2017-09/hrsa_guide_parents-and-caregivers_508v2.pdf)

How can parents and caregivers help to prevent bullying?

- **Begin Early.** Aggressive behavior in young children is very common but if these behaviors are not addressed, they can lead to bullying and other problems with peers. Parents can work to stop these behaviors before they become habitual by encouraging cooperative behaviors such as helping, sharing, and problem-solving.
- **Show warmth and be engaged.** Having parents who are disengaged (e.g., parents who spend little time with their children or do not regularly supervise their activities) increases the likelihood that a child will bully others; while having warm, involved parents reduces this likelihood (Espelage, Bosworth, & Simon, 2000; Olweus, 1993).
- **Talk about bullying.** Talking with kids about bullying helps them understand what it is, why it is harmful, and how to respond. Discuss and practice what they can do when they encounter bullying. Give tips for dealing with bullying that they may experience, such as saying “stop” directly and confidently, walking away, and getting help from adults. Talk about how they can help others who are being bullied, by speaking up, showing kindness, and telling an adult at the school.
- **Model how to treat others with kindness and respect.** Children learn by example and will reflect the attitudes and behaviors of their parents/caregivers.

La Causa Charter School 23-24 Calendar

For a full detailed school year calendar, please visit the Parent Resource page on our website at

lacausa.org/charter-school-2/parent-resources/

Student Attendance Days

Non-Student Attendance Days



November - Noviembre 2023



Sunday-Domingo	Monday-Lunes	Tuesday-Martes	Wednesday-Miércoles	Thursday-Jueves	Friday-Viernes	Saturday-Sábado
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December - Diciembre 2023



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What's happening at La Causa Charter School?



- **Fundraising for Washington DC Field Trip**

Help send our students to Washington DC by helping us fundraise! Help by organizing fundraising events at the school such as bake sales, dances, and more! Reach out to Ms. Hernandez for more information.




- **Mr. Ocacio's Bat Project**

Mr. Ocacio's 4th grade class was invited by the Puerto Rican Bat Conservation Program to do a project about bats to celebrate the mammal at the 9th Bat Festival in Puerto Rico! Click on the QR Code to watch the YouTube video they created!



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OUR SCHOOL
FUNDRAISER**

ADDRESS:
2701 S Chase
Avenue, Milwaukee,
WI. 53207

DATE:
Friday, November
17th, 2023

TIME:
3pm - 9pm

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**Stop by Chuck E. Cheese
on Friday, November 17th
from 3pm - 9pm for some
family fun! Say you are
from La Causa Charter
School, as proceeds will
go to our school!**



Why is Parent Engagement important?

1. Parent Engagement with the school enhances the academic performance of your child!



2. Parent engagement has a positive influence on student attitude and behavior in the classroom.

3. When a parent is engaged at the school, they stay informed about the school curriculum and activities, thus being more comfortable with the quality of education their child is receiving and what goes on in the classroom.



How can you be involved at LCCS?

- **Family Leadership Organization**
- **School Governance Council**
- **Volunteer Opportunities:**
 - **After School Program**
 - **School dances**
 - **School Concerts**

For more information on how to participate in these programs for the upcoming school year, please call or send an email to Ms. Hernandez

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