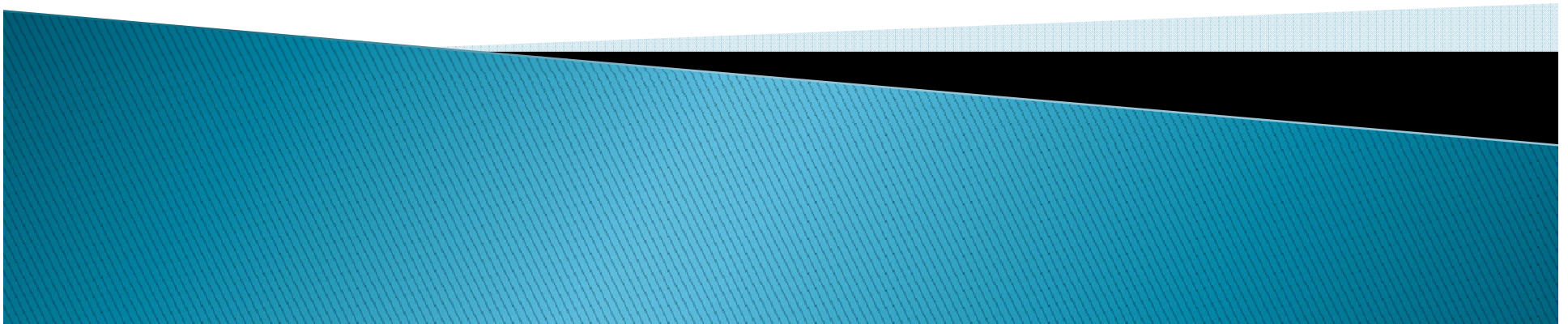


Ladera Vista Honors Parents Association



Welcomes Parents to
Back To School Night
2012-13



Who is LV HPA?

- ▶ The Ladera Vista (LV) Honors Parents Association (HPA) is a group of parents of LV students, many of whom are in Honors classes, who wish to work with the faculty and staff to assist in enhancing our children's educational experience
- ▶ Formed by Mrs MJ Noor during the 2011 – 2012 school year
- ▶ Held four educational sessions for parents that were well-attended



Events 2011–12 School Year

- ▶ **January:** Ms. Maggie Buchan, Principal of Troy High School addressed giftedness in high school
- ▶ **February:** Ms. Janny Myer, former gate teacher and school board member, spoke on how to help gifted children soar
- ▶ **March:** Mr. Harrington, CSUF professor, former headmaster of the Calasancius School for the Gifted in NY, discussed gifted education and his involvement in the development of Advance Placement (AP) testing
- ▶ **May:** Mr. Gower, Chair of Troy High School Science Department spoke on achieving success in high school



2012-2013 LV HPA Board

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Our new website

► <http://lvhonorsparents.weebly.com>



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Link of the Day - CellCraft: Exploring the Gaming

Check out this cool online science game! CellCraft is a state of the art game where the student will gain knowledge about how a cell works. The student will gain such as glucose and ATP, as well as going through an entertaining story. The game encourages students to use their knowledge to grow a super cell and save the Platypus species? Find out by mastering the game! (Don't worry parents! It is FREE!)

(Be sure to check out many more resources we've collected for you on our Resources page)

Welcome to the Ladera Vista Junior High's Honors Parent Association (HPA) website!

We are an association of parents of children in honors classes at Ladera Vista.

VISION
Our vision is to have a school where all students build and maintain a life-long love of learning, and a desire to help others and become responsible, productive citizens of our community.

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LV HPA Vision & Mission

VISION

Our vision is to have a school where all students build and maintain a life-long love of learning, and a desire to help others and become responsible, productive citizens of our global community.

MISSION

Our mission is to assist the school in providing a continually improving educational experience for our children that supports their love of learning and personal development.

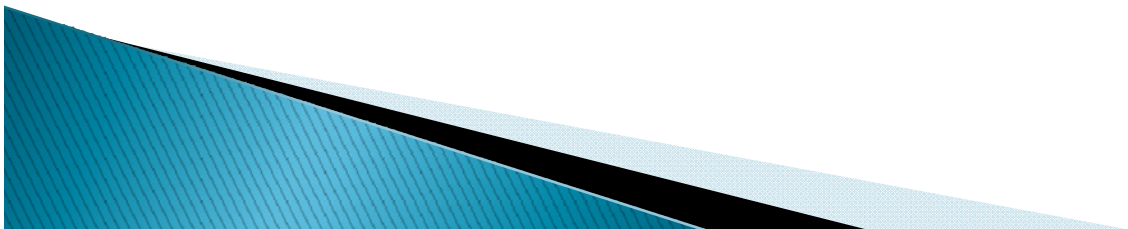


LV HPA Goals

GOALS

In order to fulfill our mission and move towards a reality that matches our vision, our goals are:

1. To partner with other parents, students, faculty and staff for the enhancement of the students' educational experience at LV.
2. To provide educational opportunities to students and parents that are not a part of the standard curriculum at LV.
3. To gather and recommend enrichment resources to teachers, students, and parents for use in and beyond the classroom.
4. To assist our students in developing good study habits, great decision-making skills, and the ability to set and meet meaningful short, medium and long-term goals so that they can become productive members of our global community.
5. To provide information to students and parents to allow them to make informed decisions about their future education and career.



How do we achieve these goals?

- ▶ This is what YOU – the parents, teachers and students – get to decide!
- ▶ What do you want LV HPA to do?
- ▶ Some things to consider:
 - Perhaps repeat the more popular events from last year's HPA activities
 - Mr. Gower from Troy was especially popular
 - Identify ways that we can add students into the activities for their direct benefit
 - Tips on good study habits/skills?



Type of activities to consider...

- ▶ Parent education
- ▶ Student education
- ▶ Field trips
- ▶ Funding for existing enrichment activities (e.g., Science Olympiad, MathCounts, etc.)
- ▶ Creation of new enrichment activities
- ▶ Equipment (e.g., projectors, smart white boards, video production, graphic design, etc.)
- ▶ Educational material (e.g., textbooks, workbooks, etc.)



Educational areas to consider...

- ▶ What can help the students, parents, and teachers in the short-term future?
 - Study skills
- ▶ What can help the students in the medium-term future?
 - Choosing high school to attend
 - Evaluating AP/IB courses/programs
- ▶ What can help the students in the long-term future?
 - Career direction
 - College planning



Some ideas the HPA board has...

- ▶ “Career Talks”
 - Engineering, Marketing, Law Enforcement, Education, Medicine, Astronomy, etc.
- ▶ High school information
 - Overview(s) of local high schools
 - Information regarding Advanced Placement (AP)
 - International Baccalaureate (IB) program information
- ▶ College planning
 - Grades, testing, extracurricular activities, sports, etc.



Dates to consider

- ▶ Tentative dates currently on the LV school calendar:
 - 10/25/12 – tentative speaker about developing math talent through enrichment & competition
 - 12/20/12
 - 3/28/13
 - 5/23/13
- ▶ Possible additional dates:
 - 1/17/13
 - 5/29/13
 - 5/30/13



Potential speaker from FSD

- ▶ Alison Nordyke, Ed. D.
Program Coordinator, BTSA/GATE for FSD
- ▶ Brief Bio:
 - 10 years classroom teaching experience in a school with a high population of GATE students
 - Received her Doctorate in Education from USC in Educational Leadership. Concentration in teacher education, specifically pedagogical practices in classroom instruction and the effect on student achievement. Studied under Dr. Sandra Kaplan & worked with the Jarvis grant (gifted education funding through the US Department of Education) and USC GATE Summer Institutes



What's Next?

- ▶ Pick up the list of some ideas that we have come up with so far and mark your interest
 - Add any additional ideas that you have
 - Let us know if you have any particular contacts that would be of help to us – speakers, educational material providers, discount equipment, special tours, etc.
- ▶ Contact any of the HPA board at any time to discuss ideas
- ▶ Anyone is welcome to attend board meetings and offer to help us!
- ▶ We are working to engage the honors teachers to gather more specific input from them



FSD GATE Parent Organization (GPO)

- ▶ Serves all GATE/Honors families in the Fullerton School District
- ▶ Hold events of interest throughout the year
- ▶ Each school has one representative on the GATE Parents Advisory Committee (GPAC)
 - The LV representative is Vivien Moreno
- ▶ First event of the year will be Wednesday, October 17th “Welcome Back to GATE Night” at Golden Hills Elementary, 732 Barris Drive, Fullerton
- ▶ http://fsd.k12.ca.us/menus/edsvcs/GATE/parent_organization.html



What do you think?

We can't do this without you.

