

LARCHMONT CHARTER SCHOOL SPRING FIESTA 2011!!

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*Building a diverse
neighborhood school*

Dear Neighbor,

To all of us at Larchmont Charter, this school represents hope. As parents we have seen first-hand the miracle of this school in our own children. With a 2010 Academic Performance Index (API) of 908, LCS ranks **in the top 6% of all public schools in Los Angeles**. We are living proof that a socially and economically diverse school can succeed. Every day LCS is reinventing what public education can and should be.

This year we opened our doors to our new middle school—appropriately in the *middle* of the city—on the corner of Wilshire and Catalina, thus expanding our mission to 500 students in grades K-7, with an 8th grade being added this fall. This extraordinary progress, in only six years, is a testament to our remarkable kids, our inspired teachers, and our amazing community.

Larchmont Charter is very much *about* our community: our school community, that reflects the diverse city in which we live, as well as the hundreds of dedicated families that helped build this school. If you would like to **see** a vivid example of our community in action, we invite you to view a wonderful short documentary, *Larchmont Charter Schools: Seeds of Change*, now available on YouTube.com.

Without our community, our school simply could not function. Each year we host a **Fiesta & Silent Auction**, the money from which literally helps pay our rent and keep our lights on. With state-mandated cutbacks, **we face an annual per-student deficit of \$1,500 per student**. Our Silent Auction is an essential cornerstone of our fundraising. **This year's event will be held on Saturday, June 11th at our Hollywood campus.**

A central tenet of our charter is *every* public school child is entitled to world-class education with enrichment in art, music and physical education – all of which have been shown to greatly improve academic performance. For this reason, every student at LCS attends at least one class each day in either art, music, or PE. We also offer highly qualified teachers, small class sizes, a teaching assistant in every classroom, and a free (or reduced price) healthy hot lunch to all low-income families. **None of this is possible without you.**

For all these reasons, we hope you will support our school with a donation to our silent auction. Of course, your donation is fully tax deductible, as well your company will be featured in our auction catalogue and in our popular **Business Yellow Pages** that is given to all Larchmont Charter School families—a network of hundreds of families, all of whom live, work and shop in your neighborhood, and throughout Los Angeles.

As parents it is thrilling to see our kids *eager* to go to school in the morning, and bubbling with ideas when they come home. Our kids *love* this school, and our families are so grateful that it exists. Please join us in proving that world-class public education is not only possible, it is finding new life and new meaning here in our city.

With everlasting gratitude,

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