

CLC CONTRACT 2011/2012

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION:

- 1. PLEASE READ AND CAREFULLY REVIEW THE CONTRACT. WE ENCOURAGE YOU ALSO TO REVIEW THE CONTRACT WITH YOUR CHILD.**
- 2. AFTER REVIEWING AND DISCUSSING THE CONTRACT, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ALL (BOTH PARENTS – IF APPLICABLE) SIGN THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 3 OF THE CONTRACT.**
- 3. DONATIONS FOR THE DEDICATED CLC INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE ARE WELCOME. OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL TO CONTINUE THIS BENEFIT FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR IS \$60,000. DONATION CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO “LBUSD,” WITH A NOTE FOR “CLC INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE.”**
- 4. PLEASE LOOK FOR AND REVIEW THE LETTER IN YOUR THURSDAY ENVELOPE FROM OUR TEACHERS REGARDING UPCOMING CLC FIELD TRIPS. VOLUNTARY FIELD TRIP DONATIONS CAN BE MADE PAYABLE TO “LBUSD,” WITH A NOTE FOR “CLC FIELD TRIPS.”**
- 5. PLEASE INCLUDE A CHECK FOR PTA DUES OF \$10.00 TO “CLC PTA,” IF NOT ALREADY PAID.**

RETURN the fully executed CONTRACT, in the enclosed envelope, to the attention of YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER.

- 6. THE DUE DATE FOR RETURNING THE SIGNED CONTRACT IS OCTOBER 15, 2011.**
- 7. THE CONTRACT WILL BE SIGNED BY YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER, AND A COPY WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU.**
- 8. PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE FORM AND INCLUDE IT WITH THE CONTRACT.**

**COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER (CLC)
CONTRACT BETWEEN CLC, CLC TEACHERS, AND CLC FAMILIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2012 WHEREAS:**

- **CLC's Mission is to create a successful educational experience that views all students as gifted.** Children will be encouraged to think critically and creatively. Teaching methods will promote understanding and knowledge of subjects rather than just the ability to recite back facts. This culture of thinking will employ all the student's intelligences by creating project-based, thematic learning opportunities that integrate subject matter when appropriate.
- **Family Participation is a critical component of the program.** CLC is dependent on the support, trust and active participation of the student's family. Parents must be true partners in their child's education to create the necessary relationship that nurtures the child at school, home and the community. The student and family will participate in goal setting during the school year. Parents are expected to participate in school activities and CLC PTA meetings. A true partnership between parents and the school creates a quality of interconnectedness and ownership of the school's success. Children blossom in this atmosphere and spring forth in life with a true and solid sense of self.
- **There are numerous benefits of attendance at CLC.** Probably the most direct benefit is the availability of CLC's teacher's aide, which allows CLC to have a rare 13:1 student /adult ratio (2 teachers, one aide for the 40 children). The CLC Aide is paid entirely by donations from families. Our fundraising goal for the 2011-2012 school year is \$60,000 to maintain the benefit of our dedicated CLC Instructional Aide. If we work together as a community, we will be able to reach our donation goal for this year.
- **CLC can only function if families live up to their classroom volunteering commitments.** Families are required to volunteer for six hours each month per child enrolled in each child's classroom (e.g. if one family has two children enrolled, this means twelve hours of volunteer time per month). Agreements will be made at the beginning of the school year as to the parent's volunteer schedule. It is each parent's own responsibility to arrange for a replacement if, for whatever reason, he or she cannot make it to the scheduled volunteer time.
- **CLC PTA meetings:** Six CLC PTA meetings, one held approximately every six weeks, are a forum for participation by all parents, teachers, and interested individuals. It is expected that at least one parent will attend these meetings whether you have formally joined the CLC PTA or not.
- **Child's classroom behavior:** It is understood that each child's classroom behavior can have an impact on the teacher and the other children in the classroom. Should the child's behavior interfere in the classroom to such an extent that it impacts the teacher and other students, a conference will be held between the parent, teacher, and child, and a behavior contract will be developed to produce the desired behavior. It is expected that the teacher, child, and child's parents will make every effort to comply with the behavior contract.

Donation for CLC Instructional Aide

The CLC Instructional Aide is a direct benefit to students and paid entirely by donations from families. CLC has a **fundraising goal** for the 2011-2012 school year of **\$60,000** to maintain the benefit of having a dedicated Instructional Aide, which allows CLC to have a rare **13:1 student /adult ratio** (2 teachers and one aide for **40** children).

If we work together as a community, we will be able to reach our goal for the year. Please make any donations payable to **“LBUSD”** with a note on the check **“FOR CLC INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE.”**

CLC Field Trips

Please look for and review the letter in your Thursday Envelope from your teacher regarding CLC field trips. A voluntary donation of \$46 per student in the program can be made to **“LBUSD”** to help pay admission costs for each child’s field trips. Please note on the check for **“CLC FIELD TRIPS.”**

CLC PTA Membership (optional but encouraged)

One check for **\$10.00 per parent** paid to **“CLC PTA”** in October 2011, which will be considered your membership dues to the CLC PTA. If you have already joined, thank you!

Parent Volunteers:

We agree to volunteer in our child’s classroom at least **six hours each month** (per child) according to a schedule, which will be agreed to at the beginning of the school year.

PTA Meetings:

We agree to have at least one parent participant at each of the **six CLC PTA meetings**, which will be scheduled throughout the school year.

Child’s Behavior:

We agree that should our child’s behavior be such that a behavior contract is required to be developed between the teacher, our child, and us, we will make every effort to comply with the contents of the behavior contract.

Free Public Education

The California Constitution requires that public education be provided to students free of charge, unless a charge is specifically authorized by law for a particular program or activity. Therefore, the Laguna Beach Unified School District may not charge fees for school programs and extracurricular activities, except for those programs or activities where a fee is specifically authorized by law.

The law does allow school districts to request voluntary donations and engage in fundraising activities and programs. These donations and fundraising financial contributions are voluntary, and all students will be allowed to participate in school activities and extracurricular activities regardless of whether the parent or legal guardian makes a donation or contribution.

Signatures:

Parent 1

Parent 2

Teacher

Date