

# What's Happening in the Grove?

## THIS MONTH'S NEWS + UPDATES

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## MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Erica H. Balakian

Happy Holidays to all of our Lemon Grove families. I hope you are looking forward to a restful winter break! We hope you find these tips about raising confident children helpful in your parenting journey.

### ENCOURAGE CURIOSITY

Sometimes a child's endless stream of questions can be tiresome, but it should be encouraged.

Paul Harris of Harvard University told [The Guardian](#) that asking questions is a helpful exercise for a child's development because it means they realize that "there are things they don't know ... that there are invisible worlds of knowledge they have never visited."

When children start school, those from households that encouraged curious questions have an edge over the rest of their classmates because they've had practice taking in information from their parents, This translates to taking in information from their teacher. In other words, they know how to learn better and faster.

Thank you again for your partnership - we love our LGSD Families!

# Community Resources

## SD County Library: Lemon Grove Branch

We are a branch of the San Diego County Library system, and as such, we are committed to enriching the lives of the residents and community of Lemon Grove. We provide a variety of community resources such as books, e-materials, e-resources, computers, 3-D printing, and events for all ages from babies to seniors.

Recently we have added two new award winning AWE bilingual stations that offer 85+ STEAM aligned educational games for children. With new integrated graphics, interactive games and e-books these stations are a vast benefit for families to help their young learners succeed in a fun and engaging way. We have also been lucky enough to install and maintain our very own Little Free Library located in Lemon Grove Park. We have a wonderful partnership with the San Diego Council on Literacy and the Friends of the Lemon Grove Library to keep our Little Free Libraries stocked with new and gently used books. We encourage you to stop by and take a book home with you.

Visit [www.sdcl.org](http://www.sdcl.org) or our Facebook page @lglibrarysdcl for resources and updates on hours and services. We look forward to seeing you at the library!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 20** - January 3rd - Winter Break
- **January 4** - Student's first day back
- **January 11** - School Board Meeting
- **January 17** - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

### EVENT SPOTLIGHT

**DRIVE-THRU FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS**  
 (LEMON GROVE RESIDENTS ONLY / MUST SHOW CURRENT PROOF OF RESIDENCY)

THE DEPUTY SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION WILL BE PASSING OUT STOCKINGS. THE CHILDREN MUST BE IN THE CAR TO RECEIVE A STOCKING.

**WHEN: DECEMBER 18, 2021**  
**TIME: 9:00 AM – WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**  
**WHERE: LEMON GROVE RECREATION CENTER**  
**3131 SCHOOL LN.**

Please stay in your car. Make sure your trunk is clear so food can be loaded. No walk-ups are allowed. **Serving the first 200 cars.**

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# School Spotlight Mt. Vernon School

Mount Vernon is a diverse International Baccalaureate (IB), dual immersion (DI) school. We have 366 active learners in grades Pre-K to 6, coming from diverse backgrounds of races, cultures, and languages. This diversity is a source of our vitality as we constantly strive to design and provide a high quality educational experience for each student. We are very unique because there are less than a handful of IB/DI programs in our state. We are currently transitioning from a 50/50 program to a 90/10 program. Our Kindergarten is taught 90% of the day in Spanish, 10% in English, and our First grade is taught 80% in Spanish, 20% in English. At this time, the remainder of the school is taught 50% in Spanish, 50% in English. This is the timetable for our transition:

Year of Transition	Grade	% Spanish/ % English
2021-22	Kindergarten	90/10
2021-22	First Grade	80/20
2022-23	Second Grade	70/30
2023-24	Third Grade	60/40
No change	Fourth Grade	50/50
No change	Fifth Grade	50/50
No change	Sixth Grade	50/50

Mount Vernon is an International Baccalaureate community of compassionate lifelong learners who are dedicated to developing inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. Our students become bilingual, multi-skilled, active, and are prepared for success in all of their endeavors. We develop globally-minded thinkers!

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