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# LEXINGTON



Your Guide to  
Acronyms, Programs and Groups  
at Lexington Elementary School



## HSC: Lexington Home & School Club

The Home & School Club (HSC) is Lex's Parent/Teacher organization. HSC volunteers plan and run various programs and fundraisers throughout the year to support our International Baccalaureate program, curriculum support, classroom resources, teacher training, technology and other programs at *specifically at Lexington School*. Every parent is donate to and participate in Lex HSC. [lexhsc.org](http://lexhsc.org)

## LGEF: Los Gatos Education Foundation

LGEF is a district-wide group of volunteers that raises money for vital staff, Science, Music, and Art classes and counseling across *all the schools in the District*. [lgef.org](http://lgef.org)

## LGUSD: Los Gatos Union School District

Our school district includes four elementary schools (Lexington, Blossom Hill, Daves Avenue & Van Meter) and R.J. Fisher Middle School.\* LGUSD is one of three Los Gatos-area school districts.

[lgusd.org](http://lgusd.org)

*\*LGUSD does NOT include the Los Gatos High School, which is in the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District.*

## BOT: LGUSD Board of Trustees

The 5-person, publicly-elected Board of Trustees (BOT) oversees LGUSD and holds evening public meetings. Calendar is at [lgusd.org](http://lgusd.org)

## Clubhouse

Clubhouse is the onsite after-school care facility provided at Lexington and run by the Los Gatos-Saratoga Rec Department. Though the name is confusingly similar to Home & School Club, it is not affiliated in any way. [lgsrec.org](http://lgsrec.org)

## IB: International Baccalaureate Program

The IB is a program of international education that develops inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who are motivated to succeed as global citizens. Lexington has been an IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) since 2007. [ibo.org](http://ibo.org)

## PYP: Primary Years Programme

PYP focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside. It is defined by six transdisciplinary themes of global significance:

- *Who We Are*
- *Where We Are in Place & Time*
- *How the World Works*
- *How We Express Ourselves*
- *Sharing the Planet*
- *How We Organize Ourselves*

These are explored using knowledge and skills derived from six subject areas, with a powerful emphasis on inquiry-based learning. Lexington is currently the only LGUSD school to offer IB.

[ibo.org/pyp](http://ibo.org/pyp)

## The Lex Link

Weekly email newsletter sent from the school each Wednesday. It provides families with timely news and important information. Also called The Wednesday Link or just The Link. A copy is always posted on the school's webpage. [lex.lgusd.org](http://lex.lgusd.org)

## FourLeaf Student Directory

Lexington School's online student directory, accessible by website and app by all Lex families. Great for getting to know the names of students and parents in your class and contacting for playdates, birthday invites, etc. Formerly known as the Buzz Book when it was a print-only book. [fourleaf.net](http://fourleaf.net)

## **Project Cornerstone**

A county-wide school partnership program aimed at reducing bullying, promoting achievement, and engaging teachers, staff and parents as “developmental asset builders” who help students feel valued and respected. Project Cornerstone parent volunteers read a book in the classroom and host activities that build on the book’s central message.

[projectcornerstone.org](http://projectcornerstone.org)

## **Run Across America**

(AKA Running Club) Each class at Lex participates in this weekly running program, organized by parent volunteers. We keep track of the miles run at year-end we add up the miles to see how far the kids have run.

## **Site Council**

This committee participates in writing the School Improvement Plan, evaluates school programs, and assists Principal with modifications to improve the program offered to our students. Meetings are open to the public.

## **Art Docents**

A local volunteer organization that provides visual arts education by teaching art lessons to all elementary students in the district. [artdocents.com](http://artdocents.com)

## **Global Citizen**

A recognition from the staff for students who demonstrate the IB Learner Profile. Each month names are drawn for a special pizza lunch with the principal. [ibo.org/programmes/profile](http://ibo.org/programmes/profile)

## **Lex HSC Facebook Group**

A parent-only Facebook group run my HSC to keep parents up to date on the latest news and events at Lex.

[facebook.com/groups/lexhsc](https://facebook.com/groups/lexhsc)

## **LexEcology**

A parent and student group focused on green and healthy living, including Trash-Free Tuesday, OhmConnect, recycling, composting, school beautification and other outdoor programs.

## **CASA – Community Against Substance Abuse**

A local volunteer organization in Los Gatos with the goal to encourage and support young people in substance-free decisions. Red Ribbon Week is hosted by CASA, with elementary activities to encourage students to make healthy choices. [casalg.org](http://casalg.org)

## **Parenting Continuum**

A community alliance whose mission is to empower parents to nurture the whole child and family by providing parenting education and resources to grades K – 12. They offer periodic events and classes in the district. [parentingcontinuum.org](http://parentingcontinuum.org)

## **Room Parent**

A parent liaison in each class who organizes class parties, collects money from parents for teacher gifts and special activities, coordinates volunteers for class events, sends out reminders about field trips and class activities events.