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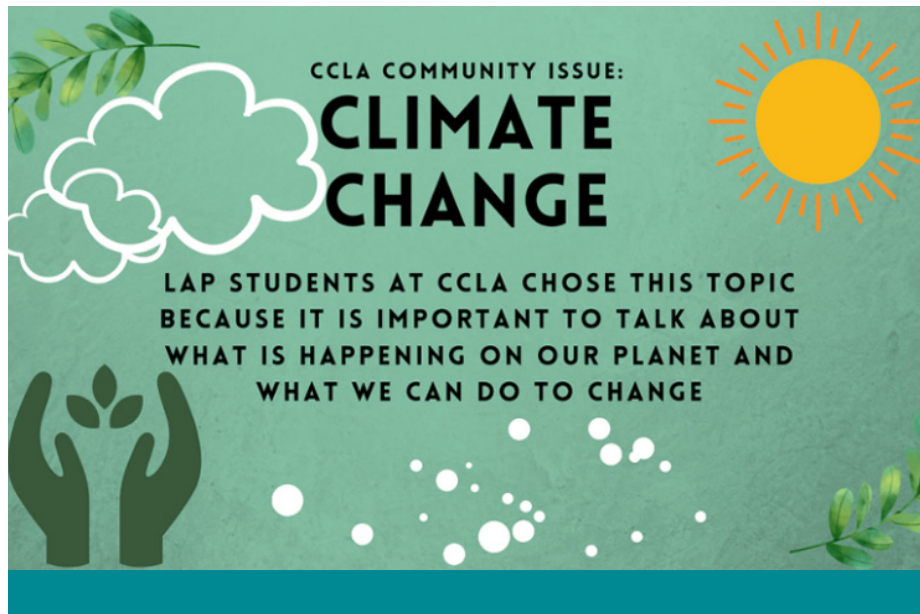


The 2021 school year is coming to an end, but EduCare Foundation is not going on vacation! We're ramping up to bring safe, engaging, enriching, and healing summer learning programs to over 4,500 middle school and high school students across 39 Los Angeles Unified, Lynwood Unified, and Green Dot public schools.

Our services will be in person when possible (following COVID-19 safety guidelines), and hybrid or virtual when necessary to meet the needs of families, now and as conditions change. Since this will be the first time in over a year that many of our students have had in-person instruction, we are prioritizing programs that support social and emotional health and wellbeing, providing young people with the targeted support they need to begin to thrive again.

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Language in Action Program (LAP) raises awareness with spoken word, poetry, and song

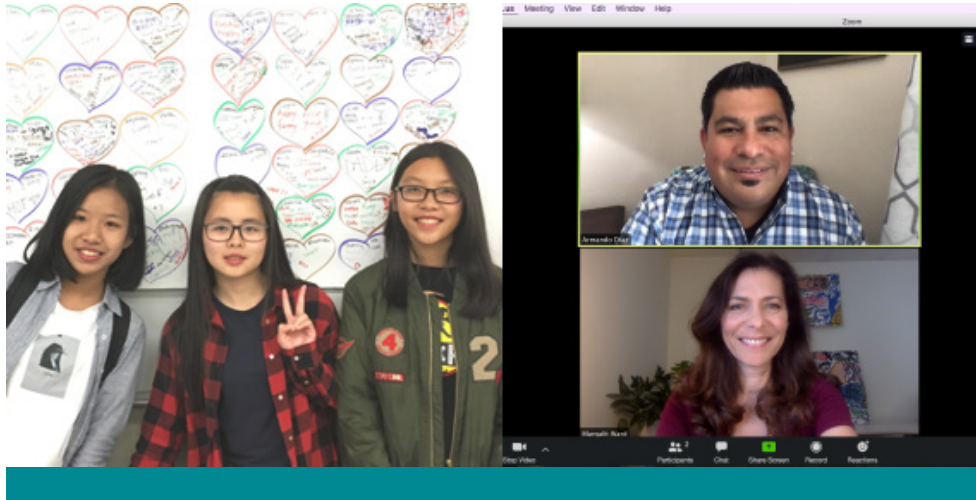


This past year, students in Language in Action Program (LAP), EduCare’s English-language learners program, improved language skills while learning about community issues. Students from each of EduCare’s school sites chose a specific issue to focus on (such as climate change, health, or racial justice), resulting in a creative presentation designed to raise community awareness.

During the last week of May, in a series of virtual celebrations, our students presented their work to their peers from different campuses. In doing so, they both demonstrated their growing English language proficiency while raising awareness about issues important to them. Shout outs to all participating students for creativity and enthusiasm!

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ACE Heartbeats for all Lennox Unified School District students heading to middle school



EduCare is partnering with the Lennox Unified School District to provide ACE Heartbeats, EduCare's Virtual Heartset Social-Emotional Learning Workshops, to every student about to make the critical transition from fifth to sixth grade.

These highly interactive workshops focus on success, positive school climate and connection, and character-building skills. We're delighted to be reaching more than 500 graduating fifth-grade students across all five elementary schools in the district with supportive social-emotional skills and resources as they make this important transition!

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LOVEx30: EduCare celebrates 30 years of making a difference



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Learning Policy Institute Impact Report: How an EduCare ACE Initiative school closes the achievement gap



In May 2021, a Learning Policy Institute study of an EduCare ACE Initiative school, Social Justice Humanitas Academy, gave a close look at how community schools support positive educational outcomes. The study found that even though Social Justice Humanitas serves a more disadvantaged population, they outperform their peer schools on academic performance, graduation rates, and healthy mindsets and habits. The study also highlighted how students, teachers, parents, and core community partners – like EduCare’s ACE Initiative – can effectively come together to support the comprehensive needs of youth.

We are honored to be a part of this effort at Social Justice Humanitas Academy, and grateful that there is a growing body of research proving just how valuable this type of support can be.

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