NATOMAS CHARTER SCHOOL
Leading Edge Academy

26/27 LE Weekly Updates

August 22, 2026

Principal's Message

Hello Leading Edge Families!

This week in Leading Edge, students worked on completing their iReady testing in Math and ELA. The 6th Grade coed Volleyball Team was selected this week as well as the 6th Grade Flag Football Team. 6th Grade Students in Expressions currently have art on Display at the Raley's Starbucks on Del Paso Blvd, featuring Joyful Pop Art inspired by Keith Haring (make sure to stop by and check it out!). 7th and 8th grade students participated in several different Science labs this week, including one which featured a solar panel that powered a small fan!

This Tuesday, August 25th is Leading Edge Back-to-School Night - we hope to see all of our new and returning LE parents Tuesday evening! Please read below for more important information and updates.

Sincerely,

Caroline Hines
LE Principal



LE Starbucks Display located at 4650 Natomas Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95835

LE Back-to-School Night



Back to School Night Schedule

5:00-5:30pm	GENERAL SESSION: (Benvenuti Theater): All Parents (6, 7, 8) ***Presentation by NCS Superintendent Dr. Joe Wood and LE Principal Caroline Hines***
5:30-5:45pm	6th Grade Parents Overnight Field Trip Info Session
5:30pm	7th/8th Grade Parents Transition to Classrooms for Rotations
5:45-7:00pm	Classroom Rotations (6,7,8)
7:00-7:30pm	Washington, D.C. Trip: Parent Information Session (Benvenuti Theater)

LE BTSN Schedule for Parents

All students will bring a paper copy of this schedule home on Tuesday 8/25. 7th and 8th grade students will have filled in their class schedule for their parent/guardian to follow.

Important Links

LE Bell Schedule 26-27
Leading Edge 26-27 Calendar
LE A/B Yearlong Calendar
LE Student and Family Handbook

Leading Edge Facebook Page (Public Page - Please Follow!)
Leading Edge Parent Facebook Group (Private - Request to Join)

Upcoming Dates

08/25/26 - LE Back to School Night, 5:00-7:30pm
09/04/26 - Picture Day
09/07/26 - Labor Day (No School)
09/14/26 - Panda Express Dinner Night Out
09/16/26 - LEAP Parent Meeting, 6:00pm (LMC, Blackrock Campus)

LEAP (Leading Edge Active Parents)

LEAP held their first meeting of the year on Wednesday, August 19th in the LMC - please take a look at the Meeting Minutes! We will be working to offer a virtual option for parents by our next meeting on 9/16 at 6pm in the LMC (Blackrock Campus).

Leading Edge has our 1st **Dinner Night Out Fundraiser** of the year on **Monday, September 14th, 2026**. Last year our Panda Express Fundraiser brought in over $4000 to support LE students and teachers! Please share this flyer with family and friends and encourage them to place their orders online or with the app (using the special code on the flyer). LE will earn 28% of all sales!



Leading Edge News

Knight's Landing (KLE) and After School Student Pickup

Knight's Landing is available cost-free for students who need to wait for a PFAA sibling until 3:35pm (when PFAA dismisses). This is the safest and preferred location for students to wait after school for their rides. For more information about KLE, please contact Greisy Delgado at gdelgado@natomascharter.org.

The park across the street from the Blackrock Campus is not a recommended location for students to wait for their rides or to socialize with peers. This week we had a community member report a conflict at the park to our Front Office (which turned out to be students roughhousing). Please ensure you have a clear plan for Dismissal/Pickup with your student and that they have a supervised/safe location to wait for their ride.

Leading Edge Spirit Wear - 1st Order Deadline is Tuesday, August 25th!

The first batch of Leading Edge spirit wear will ship after August 25th. If you'd like to order something to wear to an upcoming LE sporting event, be sure to get your orders in ASAP! Our next batch will include children's sizes for younger siblings and a few other sweatshirt options for colder weather.

LE T-Shirts and Sweatshirts

https://www.bonfire.com/ncs-leading-edge-spirit-wear-2026-2027/

LE Hats

https://www.bonfire.com/ncs-leading-edge-spirit-wear-2026-2027-hats/





ROCK Store Donations

Our PBIS Team is looking for individually wrapped snacks for students to purchase with their ROCK Tickets after School. Please drop donations in the Front Office Marked/Tagged with "Leading Edge ROCK Store" or Caroline Hines" on top (to ensure they don't go to the wrong academy).

Suggestions:
Pretzels, Crackers
Potato Chips, Tortilla Chips
Meat Jerky (Beef, Chicken, Turkey)
Drizzlelicious (Rice Cake Snack)
Spicy Chips
Cookies, Granola Bars
Protein Bars
Fruit Snacks
Your LE Student might have suggestions based on what they like!

News from your Front Office/Health Office (Repeat Information)

Doctor's Notes for Students

Please email all doctor's notes to healthoffice@natomascharter.org and **NOT** directly to teachers. All notes are reviewed and filtered through the Health Office before they are shared with the appropriate staff members. This process ensures that we have accurate and up-to-date documentation regarding your students current health status and are properly communicated.

The Front Office and Health Office are in need of the following donations:

- Bandages of all shapes and sizes - Latex free, please
- Boxes of tissue
- Snacks for students - individually packaged (nut free options are best)
- Juice boxes
- Disinfectant wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Gift Cards to Target, Walmart, etc
- K-Cup pod donations

If you are able to help, please drop off donations to the front office. Thank you for helping us keep our students healthy, comfortable, and cared for!

News from NCS and the Community

Join the Natomas Arts and Education Foundation

Interested in grant writing and fundraising? The Natomas Arts and Education Foundation is looking for parents and community members to join our philanthropic group. This is a great opportunity to support all five NCS academies! We encourage all families to attend the upcoming NAEF Board Meeting, held virtually via Google Meet. It's a great opportunity to stay informed, share your voice, and learn more about the programs and support provided by the Natomas Arts and Education Foundation.

Flag Football Opportunity

Attention Leading Edge Flag Football Team Members!

Coach Rashad is offering a low-cost opportunity to play for RCSA's Fall Season if you are part of the Leading Edge Flag Football Team. Please contact info.rcssacramento@gmail.com for more information!



Tapioca Express Back-to-School Promotion

Local business Tapioca Express, owned by an NCS family, is currently running a back-to-school promotion for all NCS families. From now to September 15th, families can receive a 10% discount off their tab. Students just need to show their ID at checkout to redeem the discount.



$250,000 Scholarship Opportunity

The Breakthrough Junior Challenge is a global competition for students between the ages of 13 and 18. The Challenge invites them to create a short video - no longer than two minutes - that clearly and creatively explains a concept in life sciences, physics, or mathematics.

Watch the 2025 winning video to get inspired.

The winning student earns a $250,000 college scholarship. The teacher who inspired them gets a $50,000 award, and the student's school receives a $100,000 high-tech science lab. They will also be honored at the Breakthrough Prize Ceremony.

Submissions are due by September 25, 2026.

Historical LE Communications 2026-2027

https://sites.google.com/natomascharter.org/knight-news/home?authuser=0

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