



TOW REFERENCE NOTEBOOK
for Newcomer Parents
about
Top of the World Elementary School
& Laguna Beach

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Cool TOW School Events

(chronological order per school calendar; subject to change)

For All Grades:

Bonanza Carnival (September or October) [parents and kids]

Halloween Parade (October) [parents and kids]

Talent Show (January) [parents and kids]

Jog-A-Thon (March) [parents and kids]

Angels Baseball Game (April) [parents and kids]

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## Kindergarten:

Thanksgiving Play/Harvest Feast (November) [parents and kids]

Holiday Sing (December) [parents and kids]

Spring Stations / Egg Hunt (March/April) [kids]

Parent Picnic (May) [parents and kids]

Ocean Institute Field Trip (May) [kids]

Kindergarten Promotion (June) [parents and kids]

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

Young America Sings (May) [parents and kids]

First Grade End-of-Year Picnic (June) [parents and kids]

Laguna Art Museum (LAM) Field Trip (May/June) [kids]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

Spring Field Trip (March/April) [kids]



## Cool TOW School Events (continued)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:

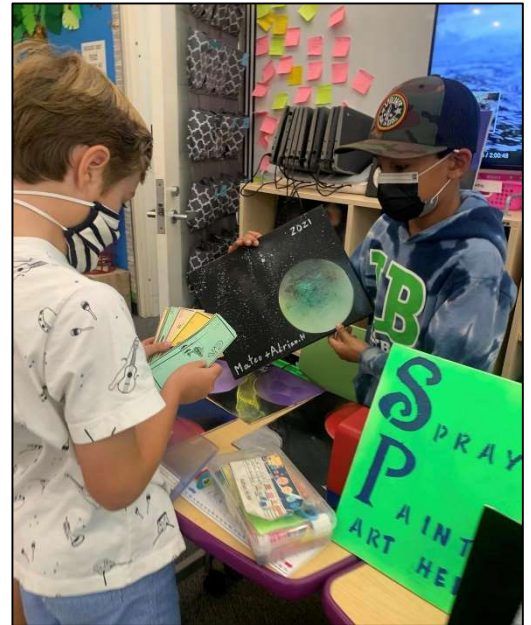
Violin instruction begins [kids]  
Environmental Nature Center (ENC) Field Trip (December) [kids]  
Laguna Art Museum (LAM) Field Trip (May/June) [kids]  
Charlotte's Web Reader's Theater (June) [parents and kids]  
Giddy Up Petting Zoo (June) [kids]  
Downtown Government Field Trip (June) [kids]

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Choose your Instrument [kids]  
Spanish language instruction begins [kids]  
Geology Rocks Performance (November) [parents and kids]  
Fall Marketplace (November) [kids]  
Field Trip to San Juan Capistrano (December) [kids]  
Missions & More Performance (February) [parents and kids]  
Pilgrim Field Trip to Ocean Institute (March) [kids]  
Egg Drop (April) [parents and kids]  
Gold Dust or Bust Performance (May) [parents and kids]  
Walk Through California (May) [parents and kids]  
Fiesta Day (June) [parents and kids]

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Spelling Bee (April) [parents and kids]  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Marketplace (December) [kids]  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Parties & Ceremony (June) [parents and kids]



# Popular Kids Recreation Options & Summer Camps

## Year-Round Recreation Options:

Via Laguna Beach City Recreation (alphabetical order):  
<https://secure.rec1.com/CA/city-of-laguna-beach/catalog>

- Challenger Sports Soccer (ages 2-14)
- Coding Classes (grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)
- KDA Kids Dance (ages 3-11)
- Ladybug Music (ages infant to 5)
- Pro Touch Soccer (ages 4-14)
- Skyhawks Soccer, Flag Football and Multi-Sport (ages 2-12)
- Splashball (ages 5-7)
- STEM Engineering (ages 5-12)
- Swim (ages 5-15)
- Track & Field Clinic (ages 6-14)
- Volleyball (ages 11-17)
- Water Polo (ages 7-15)



## Year-Round Recreation Options (continued):

*Via Other Sites (alphabetical order):*

- Anaheim Ducks Youth Ice & Roller Hockey Leagues (ages 4 and up)
- ARTime BARRO Kids & Family Pottery Class (ages 5-12)
- AYSO Soccer (ages 3-18)
- Azarian Gymnastics (ages 5 and up)
- Bead Shop of Laguna Beach (all ages)
- Boys & Girls Club Laguna Beach Basketball League (grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup>)
- Boys & Girls Club Laguna Beach Skateboarding Club (Kindergarten and up)
- Cho's Martial Arts Academy (ages 3.5 and up)
- Laguna Beach Dojo (ages 3 and up)
- Laguna Beach Football Club (LBFC) (soccer) (ages 5-15)
- Laguna Beach Little League Baseball (ages 4-16)
- Laguna Beach Youth Flag Football via NFL (ages 5-15)
- Martine Cotillion Ballroom Dancing & Etiquette (grades 3-8)
- V&V Tennis Academy at Laguna Niguel Racquet Club (ages 4-13)

*Day Visits (alphabetical order):*

- Aliso Viejo Ice Palace (Aliso Viejo)
- Anaheim Ducks NHL Hockey Game (Anaheim)
- Big Air Trampoline Park (Laguna Hills)
- Defy Extreme Air Sports (Mission Viejo)
- Great Park Ice & Five Point Arena (Irvine)
- Laguna Art Museum (LAM) (Laguna Beach)
- Los Angeles Angels MLB Baseball Game (Anaheim)
- Ocean Institute (Dana Point)
- Pacific Marine Mammal Center (PMMC) (Laguna Beach)
- Pirate Coast Paddle Company (Newport Back Bay)
- Pump It Up (Lake Forest)
- Sender One Climbing (Santa Ana)
- Zoomars Petting Zoo (San Juan Capistrano)



## Summer Camps:

*In Laguna Beach (alphabetical order):*

Anneliese Summer Camps

(Ecology, Art Cooking, World Language/Culture, STEM, Sports) (ages 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Amazing Magic Camp (ages 8-12)

Bala Shala Yoga (ages 4-15)

Beach Camp Laguna (ages 4.5-14)

Boys & Girls Club (ages 5-12)

Center Stage Studio Theater Camp (ages 6-17)

Champions for Life Tennis/Swim Camp (ages 5-14)

City Soccer Camps (ages 4 and up)

Fun Fit Summer Camp (ages 1-14)

Golf at the Ranch (ages 6-15)

Junior Guards (ages 8-15, swim test required)

LBUSD Enrichment Program (1<sup>st</sup> grade and up)

LEGO Summer Camp (ages 6-12)

Little Mermaids and Sea Cubs (ages 4.5-7)

Pacific Marine Mammal Center (ages 8-12)

Paulo's Skim School (ages 6-13)

Project Scientist (ages 4-12)

Reem's Refined Bohemian Art & Adventure Camp (ages 5-12)

Radio Camp at KX FM (ages 10-16)

Skim Laguna (ages 6-17)

Skyhawks (multiple sports) (ages 4-12)

Sli Dawg Surf Camp (ages 8-17)

SoLag Skim School (ages 6 and up)

Summer Swim Lessons (ages 6 months to 14)

Tennis Camps (ages 5-18)

Youth Volleyball (ages 11-17)



## Summer Camps (continued):

### *In Aliso Viejo (alphabetical order):*

Azarian Gymnastics (ages 3.5-10)  
Swim Camp (ages 5-14)

### *In Dana Point (alphabetical order):*

KG Beach Camp (kayak, sailing, rowing, Stand Up Paddle) (ages 4-9)  
Ocean Institute (ages 5-12)  
Westwind Sailing Camp (ages 6-13)

### *In Irvine (alphabetical order):*

Henry Brunton Golf (ages 6-15)  
Jewish Community Center (ages 5 and up)  
UCI Anteater Recreation (ages 8 and up)  
UCI Basketball (ages 5 and up)

### *In Laguna Niguel (alphabetical order):*

Laguna Niguel Racquet Club Tennis & Swim (ages 4-14)

### *In Newport Beach (alphabetical order):*

Back Bay Ocean Camp (ages 6-12)  
Bodyboarders Beach Camp (ages 5-15)  
Camp James (ages 4-13)  
Galileo (ages 5-15)  
OCC Sailing (ages 6-17)  
SUP / Ocean Safety in Back Bay (ages 6-12)

### *In San Juan Capistrano (alphabetical order):*

Los Rios Rock School (ages 6-17)







# Local Family-Friendly Parks & Beaches

## Parks (alphabetical order):

Alta Laguna Park

3300 Alta Laguna Drive

Amenities: tennis & pickleball courts, basketball court, playground, soccer field, baseball field, hiking

Bluebird Park

772 Cress Street

Amenities: BBQs, basketball court, playground

## Parks (continued):

Heisler Park  
375 Cliff Drive  
Amenities: BBQs

Lang Park  
21540 Wesley Drive  
Amenities: tennis & pickleball courts, basketball court, playground, soccer field

Main Beach Park  
Broadway & Coast Hwy  
Amenities: basketball courts, beach volleyball courts, playground

Moulton Meadows Park  
Balboa & Capistrano  
Amenities: basketball courts, tennis courts, BBQs, playground, soccer field, hiking

Riddle Field Park  
555 Hillcrest Drive  
Amenities: baseball field, basketball court, playground

Village Green Park  
Catalina & Monterey  
Amenities: BBQs, playground



Beach Spots (alphabetical order):

- Aliso Beach
- Anita/Oak Street Beach
- Baby Beach (Dana Point)
- Crescent Bay Beach
- Main Beach
- Montage Beach
- Wood's Cove



# Family Friendly Eateries

## American Food (alphabetical order):

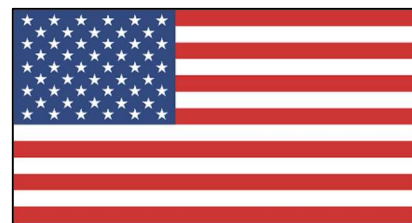
Active Culture

American Food: Acai Bowls, Juice Bar, Smoothies, Frozen Yogurt

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner \$\$

Order at Counter

1006 S Coast Hwy



Crystal Cove Shake Shack

American Food, Burgers, Milkshakes

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner \$\$

Order at Counter

7703 E Coast Hwy (Newport Coast)

Harley Laguna Beach

American Food

Dinner \$\$

Sit-Down Service

370 Glenneyre St

Harvest at The Ranch

American Food

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner \$\$

Sit-Down Service

31106 S Coast Hwy

Jersey Mike's Subs

American Food, Deli, Sandwiches

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner \$

Order at Counter

1350 S Coast Hwy

Kitchen in the Canyon

American Food, Juice Bars & Smoothies

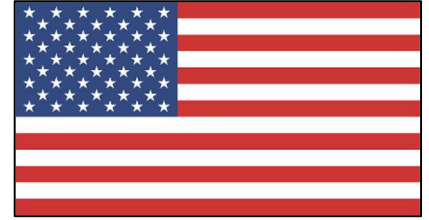
Breakfast & Lunch \$\$

Order at Counter

845 Laguna Canyon Rd



## American Food (continued):



Laguna Beach Beer Company  
American Food, Beer Bar  
Lunch & Dinner \$\$  
Order at Counter  
859 Laguna Canyon Rd

Lost Pier Café  
American Food  
Breakfast, Lunch, Early Dinner, Fire Pits \$\$  
Order at Counter  
31131 S Coast Hwy at Aliso Beach

Lumberyard  
American Food, Seafood  
Lunch & Dinner \$\$  
Sit-Down Service  
384 Forest Ave, Ste 10

Orange Inn  
American Food, Juice Bar, Smoothies  
Breakfast & Lunch \$\$  
Order at Counter  
703 S Coast Hwy

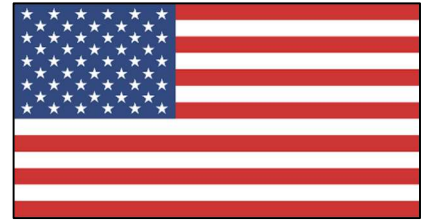
Penguin Café  
American Food  
Breakfast \$  
Sit-Down Service  
981 S Coast Hwy

Ruby's Diner  
American Food, Burgers, Milkshakes  
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner \$\$  
Sit-Down Service  
30622 S Coast Hwy

Skyloft Rooftop Deck  
American Food  
Lunch & Dinner \$\$  
Sit-Down Service  
422 S Coast Hwy



## American Food (continued):



The Beachcomber  
American Food, Burgers  
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner \$\$  
Sit-Down Service  
15 Crystal Cove (Newport Coast)

The Porch at The Ranch  
American Food  
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, Fire Pits \$  
Sit-Down Service  
31106 S Coast Hwy

The Stand Natural Food  
American Food, Vegan, Juice Bar, Smoothies, Sandwiches  
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner \$\$  
238 Thalia St

Urth Caffe  
American Food, Coffee, Desserts  
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner \$\$  
Order at Counter  
308 N Pacific Coast Hwy

Wine Gallery Laguna Beach  
American, Tapas, Wine Bar  
Dinner \$\$  
Sit-Down Service  
1833 S Coast Hwy, Ste 110

Zinc Café & Market  
Vegetarian Food  
Breakfast & Lunch \$\$  
Order at Counter  
350 Ocean Ave



Asian Food (alphabetical order):

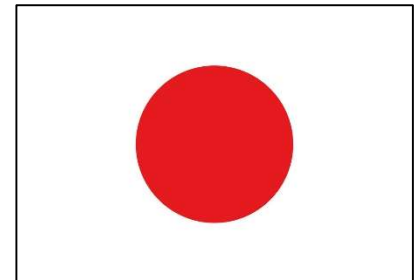
Another Kind Cafe  
Vietnamese Food  
Lunch & Dinner \$\$  
Sit-Down Service  
793 Laguna Canyon Rd



Gu Ramen Taps & Tapas  
Ramen, Noodles  
Lunch & Dinner \$\$  
Sit-Down Service  
907 S Coast Hwy



Laguna Thai by the Sea  
Thai Food  
Dinner \$\$  
Sit-Down Service  
31715 S Coast Hwy

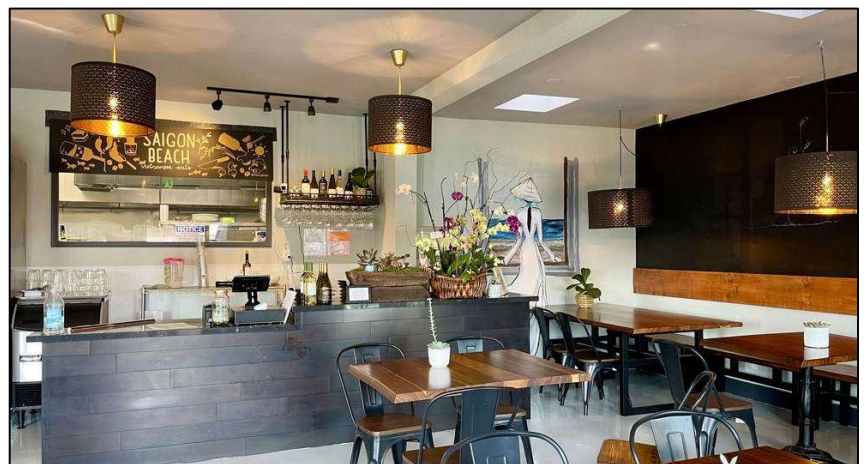


O Fine Japanese Cuisine  
Japanese Food, Sushi Bar  
Lunch & Dinner \$\$  
Sit-Down Service  
30872 S Coast Hwy

Saigon Beach  
Vietnamese Food, Vegetarian  
Dinner \$\$  
Order at Counter  
1750 S Coast Hwy

San Shi Go  
Japanese Food, Sushi Bar  
Dinner \$\$  
Sit-Down Service  
858 S Coast Hwy

Thai Bros  
Thai Food  
Dinner \$\$  
Sit-Down Service  
238 Laguna Ave



## European Food (alphabetical order):

Adonis Mediterranean Grill  
Mediterranean Food  
Lunch & Dinner \$\$  
Order at Counter  
202 Park Ave



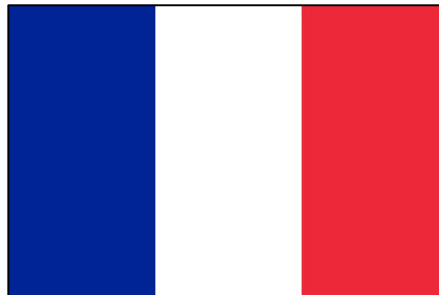
Brussels Bistro  
Belgian, Bar  
Dinner \$\$  
Sit-Down Service  
222 Forest Ave



Heidelberg Café & Bistro  
German and American Food  
Breakfast, Brunch, Coffee \$\$  
Order at Counter  
1100 S Coast Hwy, Ste 116



Moulin  
French Bakery, Coffee  
Breakfast & Lunch \$\$  
Order at Counter  
248 Forest Ave



## Italian Food (alphabetical order):

Alessa by Chef Pirozzi  
Italian Food  
Lunch & Dinner \$\$  
Sit-Down Service  
234 Forest Ave



Gina's Pizza & Pastaria  
Italian Food, Pizza  
Lunch & Dinner \$\$  
Order at Counter  
1100 S Coast Hwy



## Italian Food (continued):

Neapolitan Pizzeria & Birreria  
Italian Food, Pizza, Wine Bar  
Lunch & Dinner \$\$  
Sit-Down Service  
31542 S Coast Hwy



Sal's Famous Pizzeria  
Pizza, Chicken Wings  
Dinner \$  
Order at Counter  
610 N Coast Hwy

Salerno's by Chef Pirozzi  
Italian Food  
Dinner \$\$  
Sit-Down Service  
220 Beach St

Slice Pizza  
Pizza, Beer Bar  
Lunch & Dinner \$\$  
Order at Counter  
477 Forest Ave



Z Pizza  
Pizza, Vegan, Gluten-Free  
Lunch & Dinner \$\$  
Order at Counter  
30822 S Coast Hwy

## Latin Food (alphabetical order):

Adolfo's  
Mexican Food  
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner \$  
Order at Counter  
998 S Coast Hwy



## Latin Food (continued):

Asada Tacos + Beer  
Mexican Food  
Lunch & Dinner \$\$  
Sit-Down Service or Order at Counter  
610 N Coast Hwy



Avila's El Ranchito  
Mexican Food  
Lunch & Dinner \$\$  
Sit-Down Service  
1305 S Coast Hwy

Carmelita's  
Mexican Food  
Lunch & Dinner \$\$  
Sit-Down Service  
217 Broadway St

Coyote Grill  
Mexican Food  
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner \$\$  
Sit-Down Service  
31621 Coast Hwy



La Sirena Grill  
Mexican Food  
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner \$  
Order at Counter  
2 locations: 347 Mermaid St and 30862 Coast Hwy

Maro Wood Grill  
Argentine Food  
Lunch & Dinner \$\$\$  
Sit-Down Service  
1915 S Coast Hwy



Rasta Taco  
Mexican Food  
Lunch & Dinner \$\$  
Order at Counter  
170 Beach St

## Latin Food (continued):

Sergio's Empanadas  
Argentine Food  
Lunch & Dinner \$  
Order at Counter  
977 S Coast Hwy

South of Nick's  
Mexican Food  
Lunch & Dinner \$\$  
Sit-Down Service  
540 Coast Hwy

Wahoo's Fish Tacos  
Mexican Food, Seafood  
Lunch & Dinner \$  
Order at Counter  
1133 S Pacific Coast Hwy



## Dessert Eateries (alphabetical order):

Active Culture  
Frozen Yogurt \$\$  
1006 S Coast Hwy

Candy Baron  
Candy Store \$\$  
231 Forest Ave

Chocolate Soldier  
Chocolatier \$\$  
1200 S Coast Hwy, Ste 103B

Crystal Cove Shake Shack  
Milkshakes \$\$  
7703 E Coast Hwy



## Dessert Eateries (continued):

Dolce Gelato  
Ice Cream \$  
247 Broadway St

Gelato Paradiso  
Ice Cream \$\$  
448 S Coast Hwy

Le Macaron Laguna Beach  
Patisserie \$\$  
184 S Coast Hwy

Lost Pier Café  
Balboa Bars, Churros \$\$  
31131 S Coast Hwy at Aliso Beach

Moulin  
French Bakery \$\$  
248 Forest Ave

Ruby's Diner  
Milkshakes \$\$  
30622 S Coast Hwy

South Swell Donuts  
Donuts \$  
31660 Coast Hwy

The Stand  
Fresh Fruit Soft Serve \$\$  
238 Thalia St

Urth Caffe  
Desserts \$\$  
308 N Pacific Coast Hwy



# Fun LB Annual Events & Tips Around Town

Annual Events in Town (chronological order):

## First Thursday of Every Month

- Laguna Beach Art Walk  
Galleries and Laguna Art Museum (LAM) open 6-9p

## March / April

- Laguna Beach Parents Club (LBPC) Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- Patriot's Day Parade through Downtown LB
- Laguna Beach Music Festival



## June

- Fete de la Musique  
Cultural music-in-the-streets festival



## Summer

- Pageant of the Masters Art Festival  
90 minute performance of tableaux vivants (living pictures) in outdoor amphitheater
- Sawdust Art + Craft Festival  
Unique artwork, live entertainment, artist demonstrations (glass blowing), hands-on art workshops (pottery, painting), and food & drink
- Laguna Beach Pride
- Music in the Park Summer Concert Series  
Bluebird Park at Cress St and Bluebird Canyon Dr

## August

- The Vic Skimboarding World Championship at Aliso Beach

## Annual Events in Town (continued):

### September

- Laguna Dance Festival
- Pet Parade & Chili Cook-Off

### October

- Taste of Laguna Food & Music Festival
- Laguna Beach Plein Air Painting Invitational
- Laguna Beach Parents Club (LBPC) Annual Halloween Trick-or-Treat Walk through Shops in Downtown LB
- Trick-or-Treating on Halloween  
(tip: due to lack of sidewalks in town, most locals trick-or-treat on Oak & Brooks St in the Village, but some Top of the World locals trick-or-treat up in that neighborhood to avoid crowds)

### November

- Coast Film Festival
- Art & Nature Festival

### December

- Surfboard Menorah Chanukah Celebration via Chabad of Laguna
- Children's-friendly version of Nutcracker at Pacific Symphony
- Sawdust Tree Lighting Opening with TOW Chorus and Santa photo opportunities; and Sawdust Winter Fantasy Festival
- Hospitality Night with TOW Chorus and Santa photo opportunities



## Tips Around Town:



- Free Transportation around Laguna Beach
  - Trolley App (along PCH Hwy and in Canyon): Laguna Beach Trolley App (real-time information about trolley location & routes)
  - Rideshare Van App (everywhere in LB): TransLoc (Track Transit & Schedule Rides)
- Laguna Beach Shopper's Parking Permit  
Don't bother with parking meters!  
\$80 per 1<sup>st</sup> 2 cars every 2 years  
<https://www.antaeusllc.com/pls/atu/atuPagePrep.pageDis?xSiteIDNo=82146997&xpageNo=138&hash=04052022152806>
- Laguna Beach Farmer's Market  
Every Saturday 8a-12p  
Lumberyard Parking Lot 12 at 521 Forest Ave
- Laguna Playhouse  
Award-winning live theater  
949-497-2787  
606 Laguna Canyon Rd
- KX FM Radio  
Laguna's own non-commercial radio station broadcasting at 104.7 FM and airing generational rock and community programming to Laguna Beach
- Susie Q Community & Senior Center  
<https://www.thesusiq.org/>

# Family Resources

(alphabetical order)



Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach  
(after school programs in coordination with LBUSD school buses, clubs)

<https://bgclagunabeach.org/>



Laguna Beach Library  
(story time, arts & crafts, programs)

<https://www.ocpl.org/libraries/laguna-beach>



Laguna Beach Parents Club (LBPC)  
(support network, moms-night-outs, dads-night-outs, kids events)

<https://www.lagunabeachparents.com/>



Laguna Beach Presbyterian Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)  
(support network, bible study, childcare available)

<https://lagunapreschurch.org/event/m-o-p-s/2022-03-24/>



LBUSD Lunch Menu Information

<https://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/index.php?sid=0410072205588281&page=menus>



LBUSD School Bus Information  
(school transportation)

<https://www.lbusd.org/departments/transportation>



LBUSD Early Learning Community Task Force (ages 0-5)  
(events for early learning opportunities)

<https://www.lbusd.org/departments/student-services/preschool-resources/early-learning-community-task-force>



## Family Resources (continued):



LBUSD Learning Link (ages 2.5-5)

(daily activities to support and encourage healthy growth and development)

<https://www.lbusd.org/departments/student-services/preschool-resources/learning-link-program#:~:text=The%20Learning%20Link%20is%20a,encourage%20healthy%20growth%20and%20development.>



LBUSD School Calendar

(note school closures, December, February and April breaks)

<https://www.lbusd.org/calendar>



School Power

(parent volunteer-based non-profit education foundation raising money for LBUSD schools)

<https://lbschoolpower.org/>



TOW Elementary School Bell Schedule

(Wednesdays kids are excused an hour early; minimum days excused at 11:40am)

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1588869653/lagunabeach/pwrteode3pd1znsreaj0/TOWBellSchedule.pdf>



TOW PTA

(forum for parents, teachers & administrators discuss ways to promote education, expand the arts, encourage community involvement and work for a healthy environment and safe neighborhoods)

<https://towpta.org/>



TOW PTA After School Program

(unique after school classes offered at TOW Elementary every trimester Monday through Thursday in coordination with LBUSD school buses)

<https://towpta.org/after-school-program/>



## Disclaimers

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