Dear Parents and Friends,

The last day of school is on its way and what does that mean? Summer Camp! Where will your child go? What are the new choices and activities? Learning Tree has reinvented our program to include many more fun and challenging activities. It will be a blockbuster summer!

NEW! Fun Fridays with Balboa Park museum adventures; branded programs such as Challenge Island with hours of non-stop fun and brain-busting challenge activities; Icky Me Minion; Drama Club, Space Wars, Emoji . NEW! Super Hero; American Girls and Dolls; Kiln Fired Ceramics and Fencing! NEW! SAT Tutoring for the August test.

Other fun classes will be Mad Science, real cooking with stove and oven (can you smell the chocolate chip cookies baking?), Chess, Robotic Link, Health Science, Manners, Greek/Roman Mythology and Critical Thinking Composition Writing, Chinese Credit Classes, basic computer skills and more! We offer off-site classes of Fencing, Swimming, Tennis and Ice-Skating.

Summer is the ideal time for your child to brush up and improve scholastic skills, too. We continue our “Best of the Best” tutoring (we’ve won Silver and Bronze for “Best Tutoring” from UT Community newspapers for three years in a row) for writing composition classes and math programs.

Remember we have a full service on-site Music Department with world class international music instructors whose students consistently win competitions in piano, violin and flute. Our Table Tennis Department and Membership Club is full of multinational champions and hosts a former World Champion-Stellan Bengtsson, US Champion-Angie Bengtsson, US Top Titled Competitors-Earl Alto and his brother John, Texas State Champion and National Title holder-Perry Schwartzberg. Come join our summer camps and private lessons with these outstanding athletes! We have our own kiln and our students are producing ceramic fired fun creations of wizards, animals, flower pots and more from clay.

Every day of the year we offer mathematics, languages of Chinese and Spanish and physical education. As you can see, we offer the most comprehensive, diversified, well rounded summer camp program of any school of our type. Your child will develop teamwork skills through specialized activities while creating strong friendships with peers who share their interests. Please check our website for all details of our new programs!

So come spend the summer with us and call for more information if you need it!

Principal
Hong Yu
SAT PROGRAM:
DIRECTOR: ANDREW CHUNG

Our next SAT OPEN HOUSE is on Saturday, April 29th at 7 pm. Mr. Chung will talk about the SAT test and our SAT Summer Program. It’s your opportunity to find out what colleges are looking for on applications and ask every question you can think of about the SAT test. Mr. Chung has over eight years in the SAT program tutoring business and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to better help your student obtain the best grade possible on the SAT test.

This function is free, refreshments will be provided and the discussion will take place at Learning Tree, 11525 Sorrento Valley Road, SD 92121. Reserve your spot today!

GREETINGS FROM THE ART ROOM!
MS. TRISHA NEUBRAND

For the next few weeks, students will be learning about color mixing using pastels, and then they will apply this skill to a landscape drawing. The younger students will also be learning about the Spanish artist Miro and will make a drawing in the style of Miro. The older students will study the surrealist artist Salvador Dali and use their imaginations to create their own surrealist painting.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT:
MS. VIVIAN BERGOVA

The 2017 Certificate of Merit (CM) brought great news of excellent performance by 18 students that are enrolled in the Vivian Bergova Flute Studio at Learning Tree, with different CM levels ranging from 3 to 10 (Advanced). We had a passing rate with 17 out of 18 students winning Branch Honors and two of our high school students claiming 100% theory scores, plus three elementary/middle school students achieving a 99% theory score.

These are exceptional achievements, especially the number & percentage of our honor students resulting in a rare case that no other studio could have achieved!  We always welcome more
In the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOZART YOUTH FESTIVAL 2017 held on April 22-23, Ms. Galina Talis’ two students earned great achievements in the piano contest.

Emma Lin took second place and Leighton Hsieh earned Honorable Mention after the two-day intense competition.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOZART YOUTH FESTIVAL is a very famous and important music event held every year in San Diego. The rule is very strict to all the players: All music must be performed from memory. Participants will perform one piece without repeats. The time limit for each piece is 6 minutes.

MUSINGS FROM MATH:
MR. GARY GUAN

First, our pre-algebra class is showing progress with the students building confidence in problem solving, a growing interest in math and abilities to solve more complex problems. The course will continue from summer through the fall of 2017. Enrollment for the new session will begin this summer.

Second, the Math Olympiad contest concluded on March 10th and the participants ranged from 3rd to 4th grade. The class provided stimulating challenge and motivation to continue to strive for higher learning.

Last, the National Noetic Math Contest was held on April 6th with 100 ASLT students competing from Kindergarten through 6th grade. 20 students took the challenge of taking a higher level math test than their grade level. The number of students that scored 85% and above were:

7 Students = 100%
9 Students = 95%
12 Students = 90%
14 Students = 85%

We are proud of them all and are patiently waiting for the results.

Congratulations!
On Sunday, February 5, a few of our young players participated in the international tournament called HOPES International Tryouts. Participating countries hold tryouts for children ages 11-12 in different regions. The top regional three are taken and then entered into another tournament and play all the other qualifiers. One of the tryouts was held at Grace Lin Table Tennis Center in Los Angeles. The top three boys and three girls qualified to play next in New Jersey where the competition will be against the highest 15 American players and the top 12 Canadians. The 1st place finisher for the boys and girls division then goes to Luxembourg to determine the best 11 year old in the world. ASLT’s Ted Li dominated the boy’s side for California proving his #1 USA ranking. ASLT’s Kayleigh Cui finished third on the girl’s side and was able to clinch the last spot. Both players are now training diligently for the next round in New Jersey to be held April 29 and 30, 2017.

An unusual problem to have!! We are finding it’s difficult to build incentives for outsiders to participate in our home tournaments. Locals of the San Diego table tennis scene are increasingly reluctant to compete against ASLT players. Our bimonthly tournaments are often filled with matches where unknown, underrated, and often under-sized ASLT players pull off upsets against local Ping Pong rock stars!

The February 25-26 in-house tournament was a big success, with plenty of notable matches. The Women’s Open was exciting from start to finish with Yerim Song having a very close 3-2 loss in the finals against top seed Yang Yang Jia of SDTTA. The up and coming Sean Chen was able to win the U2100 and dominated the entire field with 3-0 wins from round robin to the finals. Though Evan Zhong didn’t win this event, he knocked out the top seed Kenny Yu in a 3-2 David and Goliath match-up (Kenny Yu is 6’2” and rated 2100 and Evan is less than 4’ and rated 1500). It was the most exciting set of team matches ever! Each match ended with as little margin as possible.

SDTTA was able to pull through against the Friday night Penholders in the finals. The team event lasted from 10 am to 11 pm with high energy from start to finish. Overall it was the best tournament in ASLT Pong History and already, the May 5-7 tournament is shaping up to be an even bigger better event!!

P.S. Our coach, Earl Alto is so awesome that almost no one wanted to play against him in the Open Singles! That’s no fun for Earl!