

# Lynwood Teachers Association Newsletter: Holiday Edition

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## Membership Discounts & Benefits

**Happy Holidays Everyone!** With *three weeks off* for Winter Break, why not take some time to check out all the discounts and services LTA/CTA/NEA members have available? You may even find some gift ideas for those hard-to-shop-for people on your list! Some examples include: auto rentals/travel, amusement/theme parks, banking and lending, investment/retirement, insurance policies, flower and gourmet gifts, warehouse club memberships, mobile service, magazine subscriptions, hearing aids, appliances, and even car purchasing.

### AUTOMOBILE RENTAL DISCOUNTS



Get discounts on various car rental agencies.

### THEME PARKS & ENTERTAINMENT



Water parks, movies and lot of other fun stuff.

### TRAVEL



CTA Access to Savings is the largest private discount network.

### PRODUCT DISCOUNTS



Special discounts at your fingertips through CTA and NEA Member Benefits.

To see all the great discounts & services offered through your membership with CTA, please visit their website at:

<https://www.cta.org/en/Member-Services/Member-Benefits/Discounts-and-Travel.aspx>

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE  
LYNWOOD TEACHERS  
ASSOCIATION!**



## IMPORTANT UPDATES

If you are planning to retire this academic year, the District will provide \$7,500 to eligible unit members who submit an irrevocable retirement request by the deadline, 1/31/19, on a first come-first serve basis, up to the cap. Please request a form from Human Resources at the District Office.

All members: Please make sure to check your status on the Seniority List (Site Reps have lists). Report all changes to Human Resources.

Elementary and Middle School Teachers: Interested in teaching "Winter Camp" from December 17-21? Apply online at [www.Edjoin.org](http://www.Edjoin.org)

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LTA OFFICE PHONE NUMBER HAS CHANGED. The new number is 310-933-8577.\*\***



# LUSD Animal Advocates

*By: April Spurlock, Elementary School Director*

I'm curious to know how many animals' lives have been changed for the better by Lynwood Unified School District employees.

My mom now has two wonderful dogs I found on the grounds of Will Rogers Elementary. Pepper is a Staffordshire Bull Terrier who we suspect was used as a bait dog for dog fighting, due to her behavior around large dogs and a partially shredded ear. She also must have been tied up because she has a deep scar across the back of her neck. Despite what she may have endured, however, she is the sweetest and most gentle girl. Except maybe for a tail whipping from happiness! Carl is a Border Terrier who used to be underweight and afraid of brooms. He's still a trim guy, but he no longer runs and hides when it's time to sweep. They are best friends who now share a large yard, sleep indoors, get peanut butter in their Kong every night before bed, and are very, very loved.

I once saved a gopher from kids throwing balls and rocks at it. I crawled under one of our bungalows to get a scared puppy reunited with its mother. And, of course, I have dog and cat food in my car just in case I come across a hungry furry friend roaming around.

I know there are many more stories about helping animals at school sites. If you would like to share your story, or even just the data of how many you've helped, please email them to [april@lynwoodta.org](mailto:april@lynwoodta.org)

*\*\*Editor's Note: For more information on how you can help rescue animals, please visit <https://spcala.com/> or <https://www.bestfriends.org/>*

*If you come across a homeless dog or cat and have it within your means to kennel them or transport them easily, SPCALA has no-kill shelters and adoption centers in Hawthorne, Long Beach, and Pico Rivera. Please visit their website above for more information. Some centers will even come retrieve the homeless animal for you!*

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## How the LTA Office Can Help You!

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The LTA Office is a great place to get information and learn more about the organization. Here are some ways the LTA Office can help you:

- ❖ Learn about member benefits
- ❖ Get more information about upcoming events, elections, and meetings
- ❖ Update your contact information so you can stay up-to-date on LTA communications
  - ❖ Sign up to become a new member if you aren't one already
  - ❖ Sign up to get more involved, such as becoming a member of a committee
    - ❖ Learn how to get in touch with your Site Representative
    - ❖ Inquire about representation for a meeting

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