

DON BENITO
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PASADENA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

WELCOME HOME

REWARD
FOR INFORMATION LEADING
TO DETENTION AND
APPREHENSION OF PERSONS
WANTED AND/OR
COMMITTING A THEFT OF
PROPERTY

WE ARE LIMITLESS

At Don Benito we believe the academic potential of each student is unlimited. We know that one of the greatest predictors of success in life is educational success.

Therefore, we are committed to creating a school that knows no limits to the academic success of each student.

We are honored that you're considering Don Benito as the home of your child's academic journey.





A DON BENITO EDUCATION
TRANSCENDS BOUNDARIES

THE RIGHT PATH FOR STUDENT SUCCESS



Don Benito is committed to promoting college readiness and the academic and social success of all students.

WE REFLECT OUR AREA

Don Benito is a model for District integration. The social-economic and racial diversity of our student body mirrors Pasadena, Sierra Madre and Altadena as a whole and it infuses our school community with **tolerance**, **inclusivity** and **empathy** for people from all walks of life.

43%

Hispanic

28%

White

11%

African
American

9%

Asian & Filipino

8%

Other ethnicities

8.1%

English Language Learners

53.1%

Free / Reduced Meals

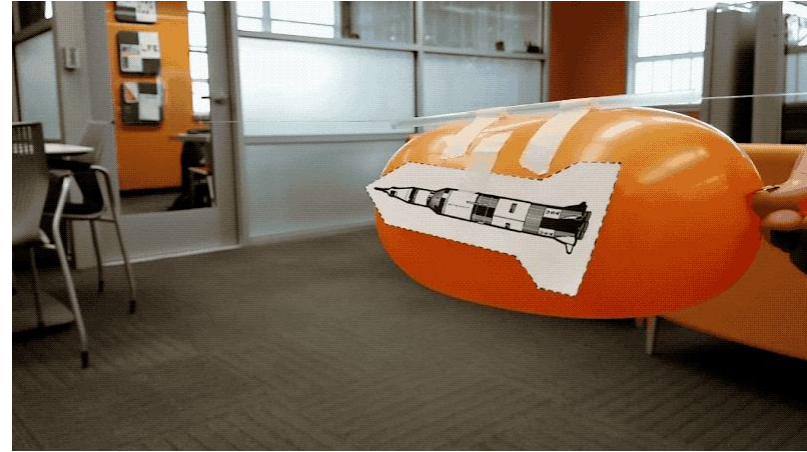
BEGINNING YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY



Curriculum

Focus on developing the whole child

- California Common Core State Standards
- Emphasis on 3 Rs (reading, writing, math)
 - Reader's Workshop Model
 - Lucy Calkins Writing Units of Study
 - Ready Math and iReady (online)
- Stemscores in addition to science lab
- Rich Art Curriculum & Art Studio
- Technology embedded across the curriculum



MEET OUR KINDER TEAM

Heather Huezo



Lene Bendiksen











WELCOME

TO

Don Benito











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FUN
COMMUNITY
EXPLORERS

WE ARE
DON BENITO

DISCOVERING
CREATIVE
FUNDAMENTAL

DON BENITO STUDENTS ARE LEARNING **IMPORTANT VALUES**



DON BENITO STUDENT PROFILE

CRITICAL THINKER -

CREATIVE & INNOVATIVE THINKER -

COMMUNICATOR -

COLLABORATOR -

PREPARED FOR COLLEGE & CAREER -

CULTURALLY COMPETENT CITIZEN -

HEALTHY MIND & BODY -



STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Our student leadership development models are in place to encourage **purpose, character** and **integrity**.

- Student Council
- Second Step Curriculum
- Portfolio Development



ADDITIONAL CURRICULUM

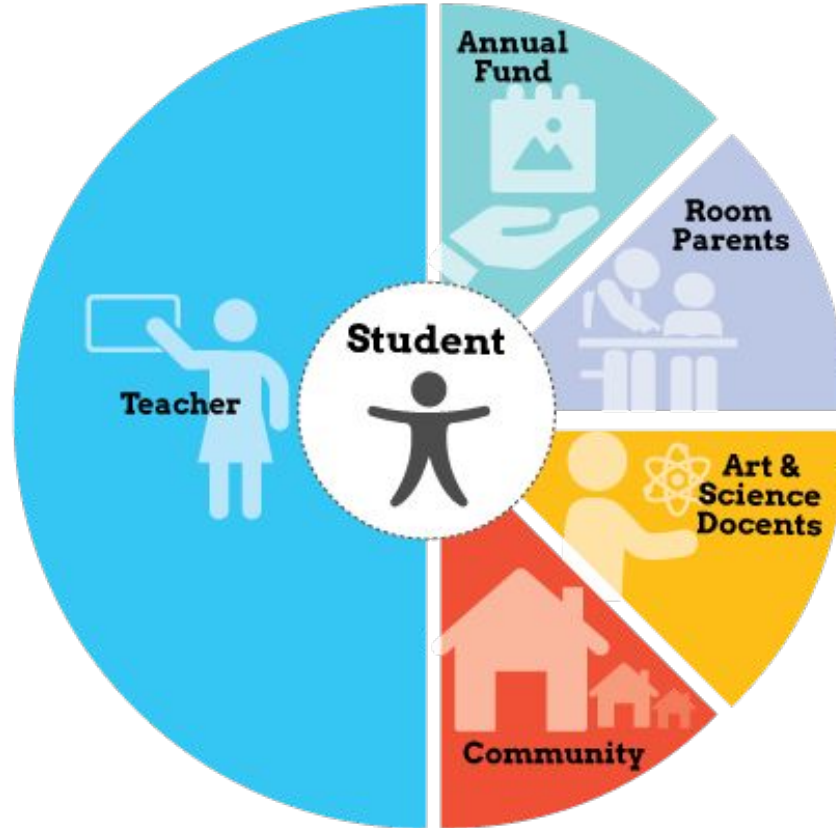
- Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)
- Choral Music
- Instrumental Music
- Math Club





SCHOOL & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR
WHOLE CHILDREN

SUPPORTING THE WHOLE CHILD



DON BENITO PTA



Vision

Ensuring our children achieve a whole education through a connected community.

Mission

Don Benito PTA supports educators in enriching the educational journey of our students by building relationships within our community and creating opportunities for families to engage in their child's success.

Values

Positive.

We set the example for our children. Life is full of adversity. With positive thought and action, we strengthen our resiliency and are capable of identifying solutions that are productive and meaningful.

Inclusive.

In our work, our mindset is to include all children, families, backgrounds, and viewpoints. We find cohesion and balance through diversity. We build community on this framework.

Committed.

Public education is better with strong family engagement and an active community. Our dedication is demonstrated by raising our hands, engaging in conversation, keeping informed and supporting our children towards their success.

2021-2022

PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD



President - **Mimi Cristobal**

Executive Vice President - **Kalea Dunkleman**

VP of Fundraising - **Chevonne Winters**

VP of Volunteers - **Tarah Kennedy**

VP of Membership - **Morgan Slade**

VP of Communications - **Sara Rogers Ramirez**

Secretary - **Maria Maldonado**

Treasurer - **Jonathan Grimm**

Financial Secretary - **Andrew Jarvis**

Historian - **Sahar Vann**

Social Events Coordinator - **Michelle Salas**

Room Parent Coordinator - **Courtney Novak**

OUR PROGRAMS



- Room Parent Program
- Science Docent Program
- Art Docent Program
- PTAfterschool
- Campus Beautification
- All-school Experientials
- and so much more





Don Benito Annual Fund

WHO WE ARE

The Annual Fund's **goal is to ensure that programs and services** that have made our school special are continued while also looking for opportunities where we can support the school in new ways. The Annual Fund **raises money to help fund programs** that may have been cut through state budget cuts or identified services and programs unique to our school. Our goal and priority are to always fund programs and initiatives that are of **benefit to all our students**.

OUR PARTNERS

We work closely with the school administration, teachers, School Site Council and Pasadena Educational Foundation in identifying services and programs to bring to Don Benito.

HOW WE FUNDRAISE

Through events and activities including Read-a-thon, Restaurant Nights, Annual Bobcat Bash, Back to School Drive, and Fun Run.

OUR WORK IN ACTION

Programs that the Annual Fund has helped to support include Choral Music, Technology, Library and Physical Education.

AFTER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Outside the classroom, Don Benito offers a multitude of after school opportunities, from free PTA-sponsored enrichment, to fee-based programs designed to stimulate your child.



PTAfterschool
at Don Benito

JOIN OUR FAMILY

If you live within the Don Benito Attendance Boundary...

- Registration begins on November 29th
- Student must turn five years old on or before September 1, 2022
- Register online by going to <https://www.pusd.us/enrollment>
- The following documents will be required at registration:
 - Your child's birth certificate
 - Your child's most recent immunization record
 - Two documents showing proof of residency:
 - Recent gas, electric or water bill in parent/guardian's name
 - A deed of trust, mortgage payment receipt, rental receipt with a copy of the lease agreement, or a property tax bill in parent/guardian's name
 - Most recent Individualized Education Plan (IEP), as applicable if child was previously determined eligible for special education services.

JOIN OUR FAMILY

If you live outside the Don Benito Attendance Boundary...

- First Lottery
 - Apply January 10, 2022 through January 28, 2022
 - Results available online on February 17, 2022
 - Register at your school of choice February 18, 2022 through February 28, 2022
- Second Lottery
 - Apply March 7, 2022 through March 11, 2022
 - Results available online on March 18, 2022
 - Register at your school March 21, 2022 through March 25, 2022
- Intradistrict permit requests accepted beginning March 28, 2022
- Visit <https://www.pusd.us/enrollment> for more information

LEARN MORE



Social Media

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 **instagram.com/donbenitopta**

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Don Benito PTA President Mimi Cristobal - president@donbenitopta.com

Web

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PTA Website: **donbenitopta.com**