

HOOFBEATS



The Dapplegray Lane Property Owners Association Newsletter
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DLPOA Board Meeting

Wed, Sep 6th 7:30 pm

Zoom – link to be emailed

DLPOA Calendar:

DLPOA Board Meeting	Oct, 4th
DLPOA BBQ	Sep 16th
Horse Show	Oct 22 nd



DLPOA Board of Directors

Brian Little	President
Chrissy Meisterheim	Vice President
Kareena Dong	Secretary
Julia Ambrose	Treasurer
Adam Buckman	Board member
Joseph Litchfield	Board member
Meagan Patterson	Board member

Got Brisket?



We can't get enough of Jeff Meisterheim's brisket... Fortunately he's back for this year's BBQ!

Mark your calendars for the DLPOA Summer BBQ coming this month on Saturday, Sep 16th.



An update from our HOA President:



Hi Neighbors,

I hope this note finds you basking in the newfound freedom that comes with sending your kids back to school.



It's been a great summer, and I'm excited to celebrate with you all at our end of summer BBQ on September 16th. We'll have music, games, a full bar and the absolute best BBQ compliments of Meisterheim's Meats. We look forward to seeing you there!



If you have not yet paid your HOA Dues, please do so!

In other news, the City is ready to (re)begin the street repavement project. Work is set to commence on Tuesday, September 5th and is expected to be completed in 3-4 weeks. Please be mindful of signs indicating timing of work in front of your house, and the resulting limitations around parking, water, trash, etc. The contractor – Hardy & Harper – will do their best to accommodate individual situations, but this will clearly be a disruption to our neighborhood and please do your best to be patient. With any luck the project will be completed before my term is up.

As always, don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

See you around The Lanes.

-Brian
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for your Hoofbeats editor:

If you have an event, a birthday, a special occasion to celebrate, a graduation, a cute picture, a neighborhood announcement / reminder, a fun story, a sad story, a pet story, a picture of your dog or family member reading Hoofbeats... to share in Hoofbeats, please text or send me an email:

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Deadline for any submissions to appear in upcoming editions is third Sunday morning of the month!

Jeanette Jacobson AKA JJ

Chucks Corner:



Happy September birthday wishes to:



**Lulu Bryant, Kathy Glicksman,
Cindy Gelman, Mike Goldsmith,
Maureen Hawke, Gerd Hoyer,
Kelly Kelley, Jan Packard and
Jenny Zack**

Special birthday wishes to little Miss **Lennon Dong** on Buckskin who turns 2 years old this month.



Belated Birthday wishes to **Juliette McNamara** on Dapplegray Lane who turned teenager in June!





Happy 23rd anniversary to

Brian
and Kim
Little on
Dapple-
gray!



May you
grace
the
Lanes
with lots
of more
adorable
kiddos!



**Welcome to the Thomas Family
At 81 Dapplegray;
Chris, Brie, Maddison and Shae**

Please give a warm welcome to the newest residents of 81 Dapplegray Lane – the Thomas family!



(Editors Note: This is our second Thomas family in the Lanes as the first Thomas's are still going strong at 95 Dapplegray!)



Mark your calendars for the annual
DLPOA Horse Show!
Sunday Oct 22nd 9 AM – 2 PM

This event has fun activities for all ages; riders as well as non- riders! More details to come in next Hoofbeats.

The new Thomas clan is a family of 6: Chris and Brie, with their two girls Maddison (17) and Shae (10), plus Trinity the show poodle and Wesley the rescue pup! This squad may grow as they are looking to potentially fill their yard with some adorable Nigerian dwarf goats and rent out their barn stables to some horse friends (will take any tips on how to rent stalls – they have a very sweet set up)!

Contact Jenny Litchfield & Kelly Yates for info and volunteer opportunities!

Jennylitchfield4@gmail.com OR 310-704-7226



Chris and Brie were located in Santa Monica for quite some time. When their friends packed up for Redondo Beach, they realized how amazing the South Bay was and in short order were in a condo in Palos Verdes Estates. However, the dream of land, chicken coops, and an overall upgrade was never far from their minds, and they found their dream spot at 81 Dapplegray where they moved in May of this year.

Brie works for a PR healthcare agency with major pharmaceutical clients in New York and Chris works as a senior colorist for IMAX in Playa Vista where he works on movies like Inception, Avatar and Oppenheimer (to name a few) – keep your eye out for his name in the credits!



In early July Chris and Brie celebrated their 13th wedding

anniversary in Vegas where they watched the international UFC fight (annual tradition) – a fitting activity considering Chris is a purple belt in jujitsu and their daughter Shae is a two-time gold medal winning grey and black belt (reminder she is 10 years old and can do 10 real pull-ups and I have never felt more inferior).

Brie and Chris met when they were working in the same office complex (different companies) and Brie threw a quick note into Chris's cubicle after he mentioned she had a nice sweater; a note that he almost accidentally threw away! Thank God he didn't because they were engaged 9 months later and have been happily married ever since.



You can catch this family hanging out by the pool and grilling, or traveling to Big Bear and Idlewild for some family time which is especially important with Maddison becoming a senior at Penn shortly and looking at colleges in Texas to eventually become a dermatologist.

The Thomas's are so excited to be in The Lanes and cannot wait to get involved, meet new friends, and make great memories. I would expect to see Chris showing off his secret DJ skills at the next neighborhood bash!

- Interview by Ariana Diverio

Pets in the Lanes!

Hello! Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Dolly Mae Litchfield and I am 4 months old. I was born into a litter with 7 siblings, and I just moved into a household with 2! My oldest sister Abby, loves to play with me and she



tolerates my love for biting her ears. My new brother Taco, definitely has his opinions about me, and mom keeps telling him, "if you can't say nothin nice,

don't say nothin at all!", but I think he's warming up to me :)

I live with 6 humans now and they all want cuddles 24/7! I especially like to give cuddles to those who give me treats. I know many tricks on command like, going to my kennel, sit, spin, high five, lay down, and... I know how to play dead when someone points at me and says BANG!

Another new thing I love about my new home is Moms garden! The tomatoes are my favorite, but Mom doesn't like me to eat those, so I sneak them when she's not looking! Shhh! Don't tell her ;). Anyway I'm going to go grab a tomato, so I'll see you around the neighborhood!



- Cathy Litchfield



"Octonauts don't go to school", explained Matty Little. Ms. Naaaannnnncyyyyy is my favorite teacher!! Matty had a lot to say! Well, the consensus among the rest of the school age kids in the Lanes is they ALL love Mrs. Johnson, our favorite local teacher. And they all couldn't wait to see all their friends again. There were hugs and smiles everywhere when kids went back to school.



In keeping with tradition, the first school pictures were snapped by the community bulletin board before heading off to school on August 23rd





Everyone was excited to see each other and get back into their routines, especially the parents!



Nate and Cailin Pollock are off to 8th grade at Miralest and 5th grade at Dapplegray – their last years at respective schools! Cailin is looking forward to expanding her vocabulary this year while Nate is mostly looking forward to hanging with his friends at school.



Emee Little who is starting 4th grade can't wait to meet her new teacher and learning new things.

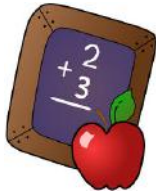
Her sister Cali, a new second grader was pondering if Mrs. Smith or Mrs. Johnson is her all time favorite teacher, and settled on both!

Matty, who is off to pre-school mysteriously said kids know what's exciting about school but parents don't know... Tell us, we all want to know!





Luca Palma is ready for First grade! He's looking forward to the Turkey Trot, Halloween and all the other fun events at school! He missed Mrs. Oshman over summer break, who also happens to be one of his 2 favorite teachers. Mrs. Lloyd being his other fav!



Brooklyn, Farrokh-Siar who's heading into 5th grade is looking forward to being the Big Kids on campus this year! She can't wait for Astro Camp and the Catalina trip!

Layla is looking forward to getting back into fun science experiments -which she really missed during summer break.

Skylar has yet to meet a teacher she doesn't love!!



Aydin Fleece can't wait for advanced math to get started. His favorite teacher is Mr. Idhe from Miraleste.



His big brother Masun is excited about playing hockey for USHL and hanging out with all of his hockey buddies again.

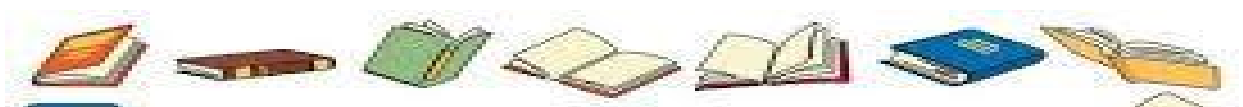


Effi Meisterheim's favorite teacher so far is Ms. Kidd. Effi missed playing on the bars at school with all her friends so that's top on her list! Big brother Loukas, is now in fifth grade so he intends to enjoy every minute of his last year at Dapplegray. It will be a fun one!





First Day of School Picture in the Lanes 2023



Masun F., Jack B., Charlotte G., Ashley P., Charlotte H., Cathy L., Poppy P., Polly P. Griffin G.

Living with our multicolor friends



As anyone who has driven through the Lanes knows, some of our closest neighbors are Peafowl. These magnificent birds have been



part of the Peninsula for over 100 years. In addition to being beautiful, our iridescent friends bring many benefits. They eat spiders, snails, slugs, bugs, rodents, snakes, lizards and just about

everything else you don't want in your house. However, living with these wild birds comes with some responsibility. Here are a couple of tips to make co-existence with these splendid creatures easier.

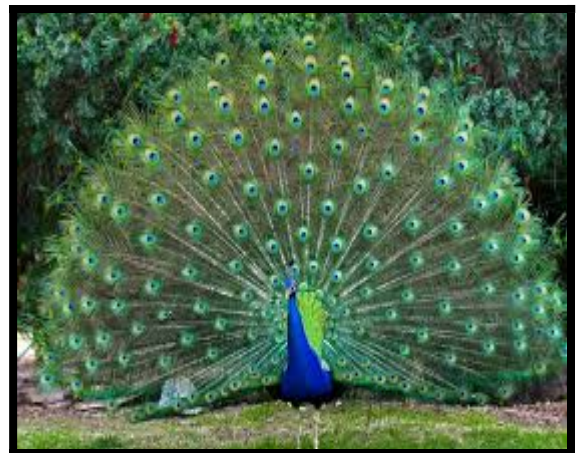
First, **don't feed them**. Not only is feeding them a violation of our City's Municipal Code, the food causes the birds to become dependent on humans and to stop eating their natural diet. It will also cause them to congregate in one area possibly creating a more odiferous experience than you desire and several unwanted shoe hazards.

Next, there are many flowers you can plant that the Peafowl will not bother. Succulents, Roses, Bougainvillea, Mexican Sage, Bird of Paradise and Lavender are just a few of the "safe" plants. Armstrong Nursery has a

complete list of the numerous plants and flowers available. Before spending a lot of money on spring flowers that could be someone's lunch, give Armstrong a call.

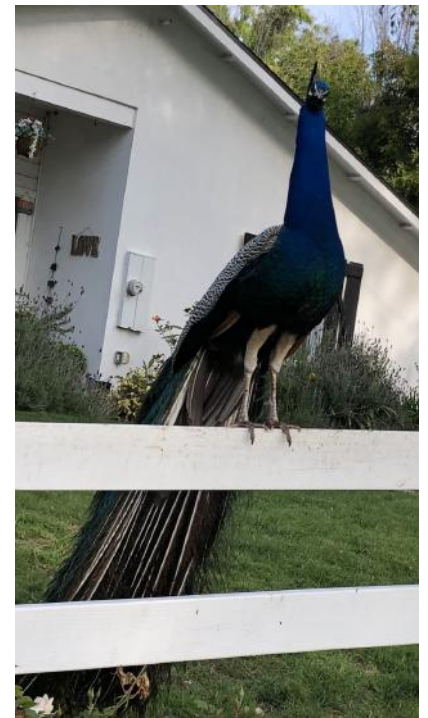
If you want to keep the birds off of your property, you can get a lawn sprinkler connected to a motion detector. The water spray tends to humanely discourage them. You might have fewer skunks and possums too.

Finally, **slow down when driving** through the Lanes. This is good advice across the board. Because we have no sidewalks, children, horses and all sorts of animals walk or play in the streets. The birds also strut their stuff right in the middle of the Lanes but do not have our same work schedules or sense of urgency.



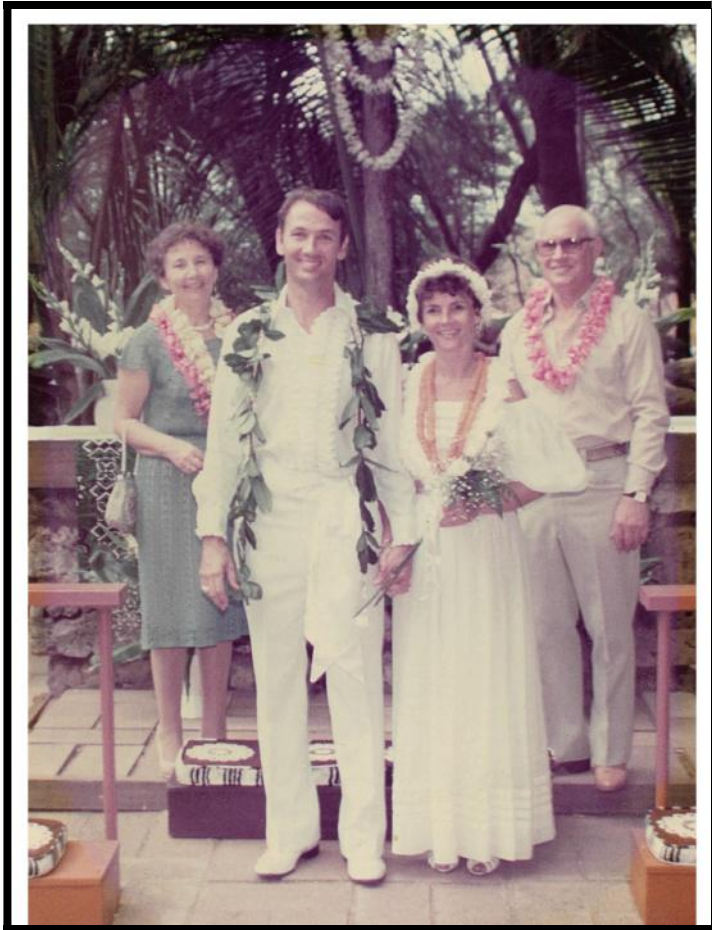
While the speed limit is 25 miles per hour, that might be too fast to stop in time if you come up on something or someone who should not be in the street.

- Kirk Retz



Ode to Lahaina, Maui

September 2nd marks 39 years together, and this particular anniversary includes many memories of faith at work, family, pioneering, adventure and aloha. Our lives together started on Maui, in Lahaina. The current Lahaina tragedy has sparked a lot of memories for both of us.



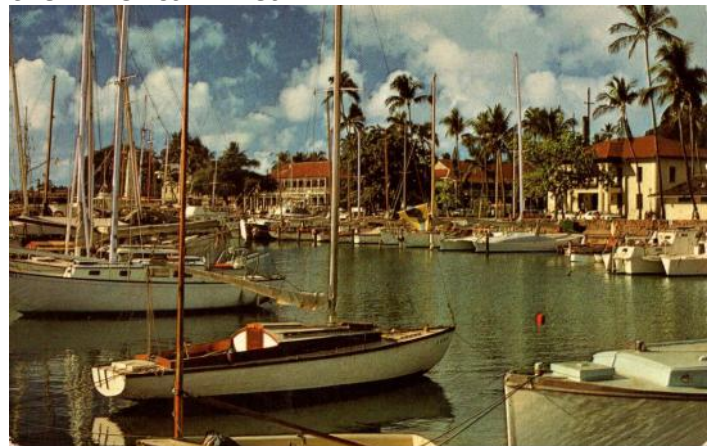
Craig's Hawaiian story started after his grandparents Lloyd R. and Sadie Killam, moved from Missouri to Honolulu where Lloyd was hired as the assistant secretary, later appointed the General Secretary of the YMCA.

According to Gwenfread E. Allen's book, "The Y.M.C.A. in Hawaii, 1869-1969", one Friday evening in 1916, Lloyd was driving an old open Model T Ford, from one ethnic 'Y' (Chinese, Korean, Filipino and Japanese races were all separated) to another, and the skies opened up". Lloyd felt inspired. He proposed his idea to combine the ethnic groups into one, which sparked an experiment that was

later seen as the association world's most notable achievement in racial integration. Born in Honolulu in 1945, his grandson Craig would later build a new Maui linen-supply plant within an 8,000 sq ft section of the Lahaina cannery. The equipment and idea existed, the company did not. Craig too has always enjoyed a challenge, especially building a big erector set project! He's the creative one.



My Hawaiian story started after changing college majors, and needing a summer break to clear my head, which I did with a friend. In 1976 with \$52 between us, no jobs, a one-way ticket, and no place to stay, we ventured off to Maui for the summer. The first \$10 was spent for 2 bus tickets from Kahului to Lahaina! I took after my parents who left their families in Holland with a 4-1/2 yr old daughter, me, and no jobs to America to live the American Dream!



My next 8 years included teaching 4th/5th/6th grades, needing two jobs to make ends meet, and then after amazing experiences in the ocean (diving while witnessing humpback whales mating, calves being born, black coral

dives, lava tubes, and adventurous inter-island sails) I changed careers to manage Seabird Cruises where thousands more would experience the sunsets and sea adventures around the islands. I embrace change with tenacity.

That's where Craig and I formally met. I was the GM and Craig was the Business Consultant who was writing/coding our automated accounting and reservation system. We spent many a lunch and evening at the Whale's Tale (across the street from the Pioneer Inn and Banyan Tree).



Our first kiss was in the parking lot at King Kamehameha III Elementary School (which was next to the Banyan Tree where the concrete bench is still standing) and after a couple years we were married on the island.

Luckily for us, the house Craig owned on Front Street (a couple blocks from the Banyan Tree), was sold several years later, and we were fortunate to escape that level of tragedy, faced by so many other locals recently. Only the lava rock wall still remains.



After Maui we moved to California. We purchased our first home in Lomita – we borrowed the down-payment from my

parents, our realtor lent us her commission, the previous owner carried a 2nd, and we bought our first house for \$225,000. We had an amazing view, but weren't completely comfortable letting our kids roam the neighborhood alone.

So we started driving around to learn about other local neighborhoods and schools. We had enrolled our children in Peninsula Montessori and drove all along PVDN for months, adventuring into the neighborhoods. One day after turning into Dapplegray Lane for the 3rd time, the streets seemed unpretentious, comfortable, homey, and a few of the houses were actually for sale! We visited an open-house and realized it was situated at the top of the hill and we could continue to enjoy similar views to what we had, and there was something else...the property had something we'd dreamed about for years – a very large lot.

Our timing was great. Real Estate was falling rapidly – we bought the property on a short sale from the previous owner who had paid 125,000 more than we would be paying. Properties continued to depreciate, but we continued to believe it would come back.

In late 2000 our dear neighbors, Herb and Yuki Moen, decided to move to Lotus, CA near the American River. We had been offering to buy their home for years, hoping to have my parents move in for their later years. So we bought it for my parents and planned to take care of them while raising our kids in this great neighborhood.

Our children Ryan and Kareena spent countless days exploring the trails, sliding the hills, and experiencing life in a safe neighborhood. Today they both work in the family business, while raising their families locally.

We pinch ourselves often, when we realize how blessed we are and how many amazingly wonderful experiences we have had. And to think it all started on Maui in Lahaina! May they rise from the ashes and prosper again.

- Antoinette Killam, Buckskin Lane

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL SUMMER



FOOD • LIVE MUSIC • FAMILY FUN

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH

5-10PM AT THE COMMUNITY ARENA

\$50 PER ADULT INCLUDES FOOD AND OPEN BAR (\$25 FOR KIDS)

**PRE-ORDER TICKETS: PLEASE DROP OFF THE ATTACHED
ORDER FORM AND CHECK, PAYABLE TO THE DLPOA, AT
84 DAPPLEGRAY LANE (FARROKH-SIAR RESIDENCE) BY
FRIDAY SEPT 8TH.**

**OR ZELLE @DLPOAMEMBERS@GMAIL.COM AND INCLUDE
YOUR NAME/ADDRESS IN THE MESSAGE**

QUESTIONS-PLEASE CONTACT BABAK AT BFARROKHSIAR@GMAIL.COM

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BBQ Order Form

Name: _____

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Number of Adult Tickets: _____ X \$50 = _____

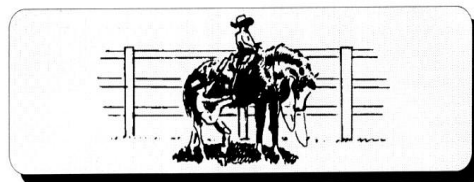
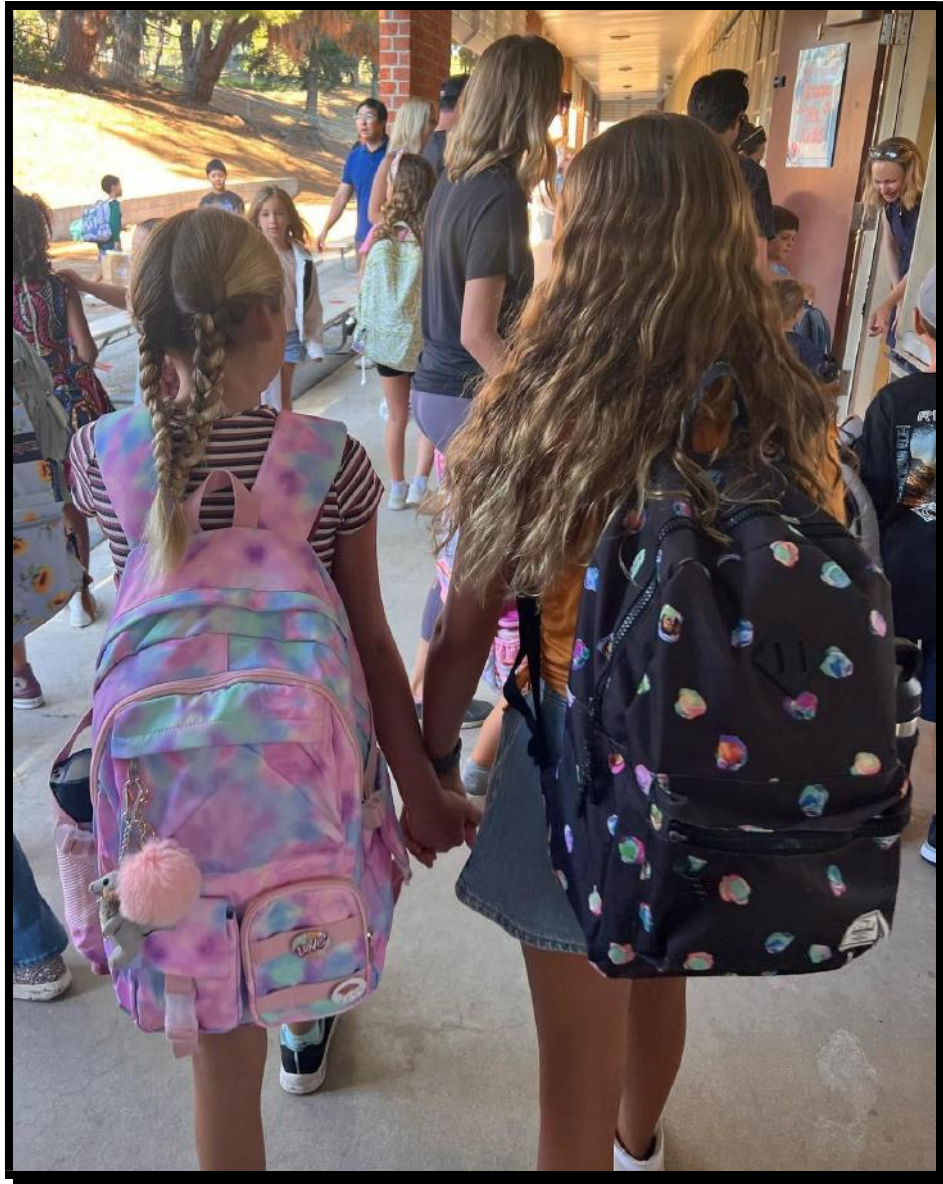
Number of Kids (Under 10) Tickets: _____ X \$25 = _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____



Drop off order form to 84 Dappegray Lane (The Farrokh-Siar residence) by Friday, September 8^h.

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