





The CCMS Improv Program thanks the CCMS administration and members of the CCUSD School Board for their strong individual and collective support. The CCMS Improv Program is incredibly grateful for ongoing financial support from the Culver City Education Foundation (CCEF), which has supported the growth of the CCMS Improv Program, as it does so many programs for all CCUSD students. Your donation benefits ALL of our students: ccef4schools.org. The CCMS Improv Program also gratefully receives financial accounting services from Panther Partners, the CCMS Booster Club.



The CCMS Improv Program is the longest-running and largest after-school activity at CCMS with 100+ students participating for the full year every year. Accessible to all interested students regardless of experience or resources, the CCMS Improv Program is directed by energetic, highly skilled professional improvisers and has been since its founding over a decade ago. The program utilizes foundational concepts of professional improvisation to guide and challenge students to identify and actively implement their individual and collective strengths, resulting in the development of essential life skills

such as confidence, collaboration, acceptance, perseverance, courage, flexibility, and commitment. These skills translate directly to students' academic performance, emotional/social intelligence, and a lifelong love of learning. Students participate in 2 major performances per year, as well as additional performances throughout the year.

2021-2022 has been a great year so far, we have been thrilled to be back on campus this year. While we needed to moved back to zoom for our January shows, we recognize the big BONUS is we are able to include friends and family from all over the world! The ability of teachers, students, and families to roll with all the last minute changes illustrates the true power of improv as a life skill.



Unmatched elsewhere for quality, relevancy, and lasting impact, the intensely popular CCMS Improv Program helps to place CCMS at the forefront of the district's *Full STEAM Ahead* initiative of championing the arts as integral to education. The CCMS Improv Program was founded by parents Bonnie Wacker, Diana Kunce, and Diane Feldman with a mission "to build a creative and collaborative community through arts education, giving middle school students a positive social and emotional experience that strengthens self-esteem and opens doors for exploration during a key transitional time in their lives." As the CCMS Improv Program has evolved under the leadership of successive volunteer parent producers it has upheld its founders' mission with gratitude and pride. This program relies on financial support from the Culver City Education Fund; we encourage you to support its many essential initiatives that support all CCUSD students, including the CCMS Improv Program.

SATURDAY

GROUP 8

Cat Chism, Charlie Pochon, Evan Daurio, Evan Der, Francisco Martinez, Isla Keough, Kiri Gaynor, Lauren Davidson, Maia Goldman, Miles Silverman



GROUP 6

Calum Aranda, Emma Monges Franklin Westbrooks, Jayden Haynes, Lucia Amespil, Lucine Linnemayr, Nico Pogorzelski, Noah Uyeki, Roman Casarez, Zoey Doss



GROUP 4

Alec Pezo, Amani Mehta, Elliot Rosenberg, Juliet Siegel, Miles Hsu, Quinn Panagiotis, Serena Fisch, Simone Siegel, Willow Butterworth, Yuval Ram



GROUP 1

Asa Snow, Calvin Townsend, Emma Martinez, Gabriel Reilman, Isaac Cobb, Mariko Ash, Marley Hunter, Olivia Medina-Ruggeri, Tabby Gentz, Theo Bain



Clark Erekson, Caetano Sanchez, Grace Griffin, Kiran Paesel, Lauren Montgomery, Lela Vaux, Naomi Ostrick, Sienna Burris, Will Marcot



SUNDAY



GROUP 3

Andrew Tellez Jacobstein, Carl Barber, Carmen Piro, Catherine Laborde, Charlotte Hamill, Emi DeCicco, Ethan Morita, Hadley Hamilon-Lowe, Harry Brooks, Ruby Brandenburg



Alexa Krupat, Cameron Trux, Chloe Griffith, Douglas Beer, Henry Jamrok, Miles Pitts, Orion Henderson-Oana, Soledad Kirk, Sorava Robinson



GROUP 10

Ava Nagami, Bek Barthelman, Erin Kingsbury, Francesca Sorbille, Harper Hatfield, Jacob Sondik, Liam Ferreria, Lucia Escobedo, Ryan Vermette Sebastian Leake, Ella Ou



Benjamin Taylor, Audrey Erekson, Bodie Jenkins, Graham Gafni, Greta Larson, Jackson Niles, Pilar Paez, Samson Reid, Tess Goldman, Zahara Lazor



GROUP 5

Amir Kumar, Annabelle Andreone, Braden Brown, Charlotte Sasson, Emerson Jurentkuff, Joseph Daou, Kaelyn Feger-Zerpoli, Mila Petrella Sachi Reiss, Shawn Fairbairn



CCMS IMPROV PROGRAM TEACHERS

ERIC PRICE has been performing and teaching improvisation professionally since 1996. He is a Second City Chicago conservatory graduate and studied improv with Upright Citizens Brigade and ComedySportz. Eric performs regularly at those theaters, and with his long form improv group, Old Milwaukee. He has taught at both ComedySportz and Second City. Eric's television credits include Workaholics, Reno 911, Key and Peele, and Breaking Bad. Eric was a cast member on the final season of MadTV.





SARAH PARGA has been studying improv since 2004. Sarah has performed improv at ComedySportz Los Angeles, the Chicago Improv Festival and the Edmonton Improv Festival with the cast of Mannerhouse Manor, and on the green stage at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival as a cast member of Chickspeare. Her award-winning show, Quarters & June, performed at the Dad's Garage Improv Festival in Atlanta. Sarah has taught improv to adults and high school students for many years but working with the CCMS program is a special delight because the kids crack her up and she finds their imaginations surprising and hilarious.

THE CCMS IMPROV PROGRAM: PARENT SUPPORTERS We are grateful to every family in the CCMS Improv Program, as each of you has contributed to the success of this amazing program throughout the semester and specifically for these performances. You have offered support of all kinds: donating your time, talent, energy, food, materials, professional services, and more. You have created a very special community with and for our children. We also thank the parents who founded the CCMS Improv Program: Bonnie Wacker, Diana Kunce, and Diane Feldman, as well as past producers Michelle Adams, Tania Fleischer, Julie Bechtloff, Elaine Behnken, and Sara Kocher ~ you inspire us to carry your vision forward; it is an honor to follow in your footsteps!

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