



SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear Families,

We hope its been a great beginning to the school year. If your child can benefit from an eye exam to assure healthy vision and optimal learning, or determine if low vision learning accommodations are beneficial, we are here to help.

We also invite you to join us at upcoming Partners for Pediatric Vision Family Events and explore fun ways to learn and play together throughout Southern California.

Wishing you and your family a bright start to the school year,

Your PPV Child & Family Vision Specialists
Diane, Rosanna, Mackenzie, Heather, and Tori



Eye Exams Can Make a Difference

If you need assistance locating a Pediatric Ophthalmologist or Low Vision Optometrist, feel free to [Contact Us](#)

Interested in having one of our Vision Educators sit in on your child's eye exam? Partners for Pediatric Vision works alongside doctors at these locations. Call your Family Specialist or (323) 612-8185 for help scheduling an exam.

University Eye Center at Ketchum Health

5460 E. La Palma Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92807
(714) 463-7500

University Eye Center at Los Angeles

3916 S. Broadway
Los Angeles, CA 90037
(323) 234-9137

Serve the People

1206 E. 17th St., Suite 101
Santa Ana, California 92701
(714) 352-2911

Raymond Renaissance Surgery Center

125 N. Raymond Ave., Unit 212
Pasadena, CA 91103
(626) 529-3937

Pediatric Eye Care

1636 Aviation Blvd., #202
Redondo Beach, CA 90278
(310) 374-2727

Kaiser Permanente Optometrists in Southern California (virtually)

Contact us about a virtual visit with your Kaiser eye doctor:
(323) 612 8185

Back to School Questions?

Reach out to our Child and Family Vision Specialists if you would like help with:

- **Accommodations:** Where your child sits in class, labeling school supplies, and identifying key locations like bathrooms, school office, etc.
- **Low Vision Devices:** knowing how to integrate assistive technology that might include screen readers, magnification tools, or note-taking apps to help your child enlarge materials, provide contrast, reduce eye fatigue, or increase reading and writing speed.
- **Encouraging Self-Advocacy:** empower your child to self-advocate by guiding them on how to express their requirements to teachers and peers.
- **Having a Predictable Routine:** setting routines help with morning preparations, homework, and other activities.

- Encouraging Social Interaction: ideas for positive, inclusive relationships to help build friendships.
- Cortical/Cerebral Visual Impairment (CVI): specific strategies that reduce distraction and unnecessary clutter to improve visual attention and encourage active learning.

Contact our Child & Family Vision Specialists by email at info@partnersforpediatricvision.org or at 323.612.8185

Important Update: Parent Support Group Schedule Change

We are excited to share that our **Parent Support Group** now has a new meeting schedule!

To better serve our families, the English group will now meet on the **first Wednesday of every month from 6:30–7:30 PM (Pacific Time)**, and the Spanish group will meet on the **second Wednesday of every month from 6:30–7:30 PM (Pacific Time)**.

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other parents, gain support, and learn strategies and resources for your child and family. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming sessions!





PARENT SUPPORT GROUP



GRUPO DE APOYO PARA PADRES

Do you have a child with visual impairment?
Are you seeking the support of others with similar experiences? Would you like to make new friends and learn about resources and strategies for yourself, your child, and your family?
If so, we invite you to join us.

NEW DAY & TIME

When: 1st Wednesday of every month

Time: 6:30–7:30pm (Pacific time)

Where: Zoom

Group Leaders:

Janice Goldhaber, MFT & Diane Christian, Ph.D.

To register or for more information:

Contact Diane at (323) 612–8185 or

dchristian@PartnersForPediatricVision.org

Tiene un hijo/a con discapacidad visual?
¿Está buscando el apoyo de otras personas con experiencias similares? ¿Le gustaría hacer nuevos amigos y conocer recursos y estrategias para usted, su hijo/a y su familia? Si es así, lo invitamos a unirse a nosotros.

Cuándo: Segundo miércoles de cada mes

Hora: 6:30–7:30pm (tiempo del pacífico)

Dónde: Zoom

Líderes de grupo:

Rosanna Muñoz y Mackenzie Bello–Ponce

Para registrarse o para obtener más información:

Contacte a Mackenzie at (714) 712–0745 o

mbello@PartnersForPediatricVision.org

Back-to-School Pictures

***Send us** your back-to-school pictures to be featured on social media!*



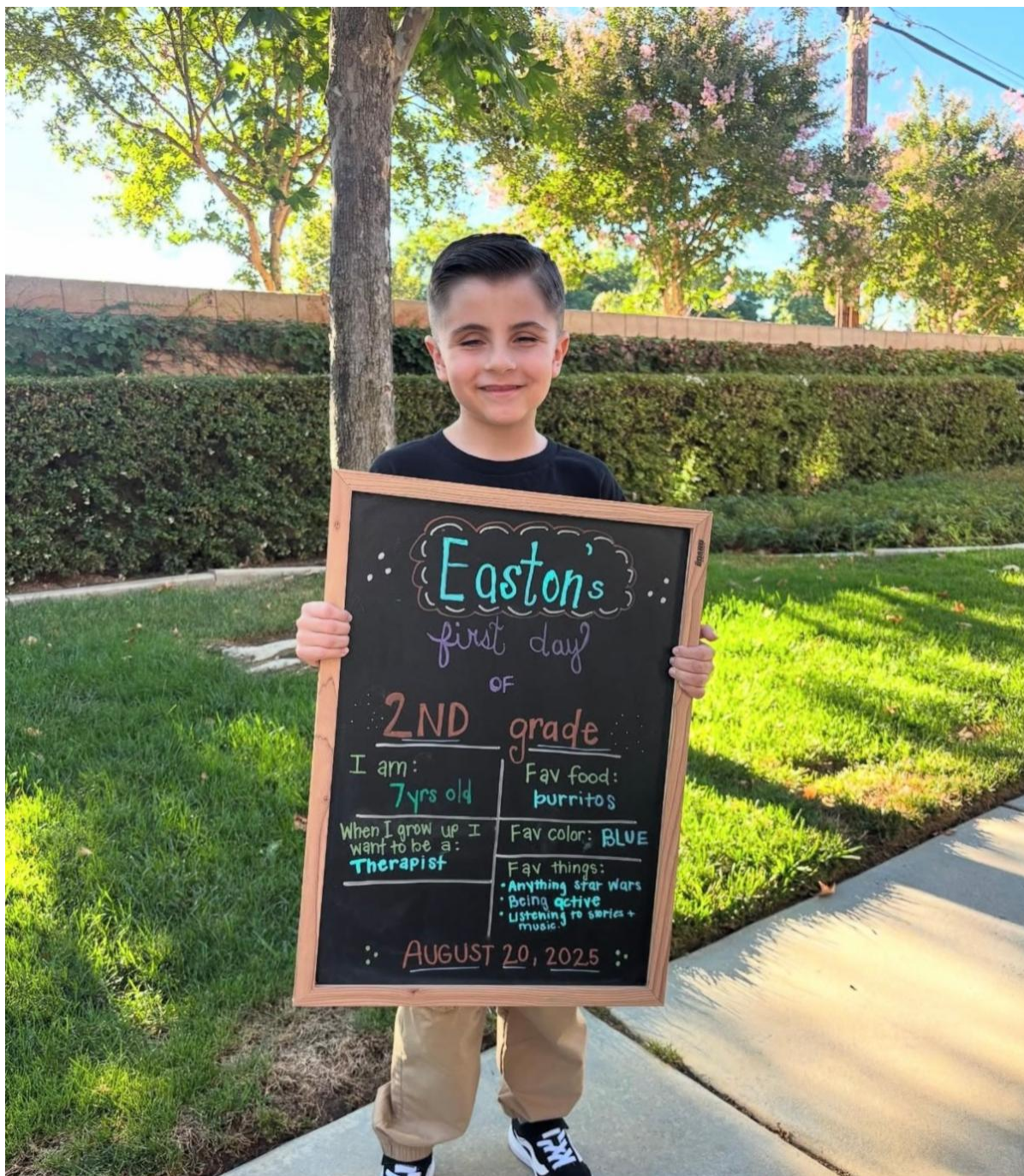
Isaac has started preschool!

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Easton is stepping into second grade!



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A Mindful Moment with Janice Goldhaber, MFT

Checking in with your child at the beginning of the school year. It's a new school year and that can mean new friends, teachers, and a new classroom. Perhaps the school is new to your child.

Your child may be excited but also a bit nervous. Helping them talk about their feelings and experiences may reduce anxiety. It also makes room for conversations in the future. Remember, there is no right way to have a conversation. Sometimes it is just important to begin a dialogue.

Start with something small:

- What happened at recess today?
- Did anything funny happen at school?
- What did you have for snack?
- How were your friends today?
- Did anything surprise you?

It doesn't need to be a complicated dialogue. All you want to do is open the door. Some kids will have a lot to say. Some kids very little. It's all OK.

If your child is less verbal or not verbal, talk to them about what may have happened during the day. Take photos of the classroom and ask about the daily schedule so you can talk about their day by looking at photos together. Giving language to an experience is always useful.

For children with disabilities, consider sending a notebook back and forth to school so the teacher can write a little about what happened during your child's day.

Keeping an open dialogue with your child and their teacher(s) helps you support a positive school experience and sets the expectation for open communication between home and school.



Jovany Barba's Story

We recently hosted a powerful webinar featuring Jovany Barba, who shared his personal journey growing up with visual impairment. Jovany's story is one of perseverance, creativity, and the difference community support can make. [▶_Watch the recording here: youtu.be/HZNxbU_Jzql](https://youtu.be/HZNxbU_Jzql)

UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS

Day at the Park
Sunday, November 2, 2025



LA Phil - Symphonies for Youth
Saturday November 8, 2025



Join us and other families at our family events offered all year round. Click the button below for our most up-to-date events.

[Family Events](#)

Take a look at the highlights below and check out the fun moments from this year's family events:

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A Special Day at Bolsa Chica Nature Conservancy

- Children and caregivers connected with nature, discovering the textures, sounds, and sights of the nature conservancy.

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Notes Bring Hope and Touch Tour at the Western Museum of Flight - A beautiful blend of flight and music encouraged curiosity and connection.

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A Visit to Rancho Los Alamitos - Over 30 participants, including children with visual impairment and their families, joined a guided, sensory-rich exploration of the historic Rancho Los Alamitos.

[>READ MORE](#)



DID YOU KNOW?

PPV is a nonprofit organization!

Partners for Pediatric Vision is a non-profit organization established in 2016 to provide vision education and support services for families of children with vision loss.

Donations support the costs of our services, and we could not do this without the generosity of our supporters! Our PPV families can help us tell the story of our impact, and tell others about our services. You can also lend a helping hand, if it is within your means, with a donation in any amount or join us at our [Wine & Dine Fundraiser](#).

We hope you will consider supporting our mission. No amount is too small. And please feel free to share this with others you think could help.

We wholeheartedly thank you!

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