

Top 20 Name Choices for Le Conte Elementary School

Betty Reid Soskin	At age 96, she is an active U.S. Park Ranger at the Rosie the Riveter the Museum in Richmond, which honors women like her who went to work in a “man's job” during World War II. She was a songwriter in the civil rights movement, community activist, and record store owner in Berkeley.
Carol Sibley	She served on the Berkeley School Board in the 1960's, and oversaw the first successful voluntary desegregation of a public school district in the United States, despite significant opposition.
Chiura Obata	He was a highly regarded artist, with landscapes of Yosemite that are particularly well-known. He taught at UC Berkeley and lived with his family on Ellsworth Street prior to being imprisoned during WWII along with other Japanese Americans. He taught art in the camps and influenced many people.
denise brown	This was chosen for one of the top 7 school names. See Appendix C, “Top 7”
Dolores Huerta	This was chosen for one of the top 7 school names. See Appendix C, “Top 7”
Eleanor Carlisle	She was the first woman elected to the Berkeley School Board, at a time before women in California had won the right to vote. She was a leader in the fight for women's rights and for the needs of children and families.
Elizabeth S. Martinez	An American Chicana feminist who resides in the Bay Area, she is a long-time community organizer, activist, author, and educator, including ¡Viva la Causa! 500 Years of Chicano History. She was one of only two Latina women who worked for the SNCC in 1950's, founded the bilingual movement newspaper El Grito del Norte, and more.
Mamie Tape and Family	This was chosen for one of the top 7 school names. See Appendix C, “Top 7”
Mine Okubo	A Japanese American painter and artist who attended UC Berkeley and lived in Berkeley, she was unjustly incarcerated during World War II with other Japanese Americans. She made a record of her experiences in a memoir published in 1946.

Ohlone	This was chosen as a placeholder for one of the top 7 school names. See Appendix C, "Top 7"
Ruby Bridges	As a child, she bravely lead the way to desegregate an all-white school in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1960; escorted to school by four federal marshals during the first year, she persevered. Today she is a civil rights activist.
Ruth Acty	This was chosen for one of the top 7 school names. See Appendix C, "Top 7"
Sonia Sotomayor	Justice Sotomayor is the first Latina judge on the Supreme Court of the United States. From New York, she is a defender of civil rights, an ambassador for Puerto Rican culture, and an advocate for children.
Sylvia Mendez and Family	This was chosen for one of the top 7 school names. See Appendix C, "Top 7"
Ursula Le Guin	One of the greatest writers of science fiction and fantasy, she brought a feminist, humanist, and ecological perspective that changed the genre. Born and raised in Berkeley, she died in January 2018 at age 88.
¡Adelante!	"This means "Forward" in Spanish, and the exclamation point can provide inspiration to school aged children to exemplify educational excellence."
Arco Iris	This was chosen for one of the top 7 school names. See Appendix C, "Top 7"
Dreamer	This name was suggested as a way to inspire students to imagine and create a better world, and can reflect the "Dreamers" who want a pathway to citizenship, and Martin Luther King's "I have a Dream" as well.
In Lak'Ech	In Lak'Ech is a phrase from the poem "Pensamiento Serpentino" by Luis Valdez, in which he used this Mayan phrase to convey the idea that "you are my other me, tu eres mi otro yo."

Mariposa

This means "Butterfly" in Spanish and represents many possibilities - development from one stage to another, butterfly gardens, and going great distances to achieve your goals. It's also beautiful and multi-faceted.