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## LBUSD High School Students Among President's Scholars at CSULB



Nicole Becker



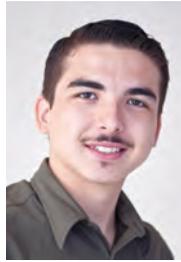
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Whitney Miller



Alvaro Nunez



John-Michael O'Brien



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Channika Xen

By F. King Alexander, CSULB President

Nine students from Long Beach have been named President's Scholars at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) for the upcoming 2012-13 academic year, and as such, each will receive a full, four-year scholarship from the university worth about \$70,000.

The CSULB President's Scholars Program was created in 1995 to bring valedictorians and National Scholars from California high schools to the Long Beach campus. Today, the program is recognized as the premier program of its kind in the state. Since its inception, more than 1,000 students have been selected for the program.

Among this year's 2012 President's Scholars are two graduates from Millikan High School—Nicole Becker and John-Michael O'Brien and two students from Renaissance High School for the Arts— Whitney Miller and Alvaro Nunez.

Joining them at the CSULB campus this fall will be Deyanira Cendejas from Cabrillo High, Meagan Meylor from Wilson Classical High, Michael Oscarson from Lakewood High, Abigail See from Long Beach Poly and Channika Xen from Jordan High.

"The President's Scholars Program at Cal State Long Beach attracts some of the most academically talented students in California, and this year's class in no exception," said CSULB President F. King Alexander. "The program is extremely competitive. Each year, we receive hundreds of applications for these scholarships, but this year only 26 students were selected to be part of this incoming group of scholastically outstanding individuals."

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Mary Stanton  
Member

David Starr  
Jordan High School  
Major Renovation  
project update:  
The district staff  
under the leadership  
of Carrie Matsumoto  
recently held a  
meeting regarding  
the progress on the  
renovation of Jordan High School.  
She will be scheduling another for  
the public at the end of the summer.

There are many of us who are  
eagerly anticipating the start of this  
project even though it will mean a  
disruption to the campus for several  
years.

The district held public meetings  
to develop the Strategic Plan. Staff  
has continued to meet to bring  
these ideas to the architects who

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### Winning the Battle Against Gangs



Douglas P.  
Haubert  
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There is a battle  
taking place in cities  
across America, a  
battle to keep kids in  
school and out of  
trouble. This battle  
isn't new, but it is  
important.

What is new is  
that police and prosecutors are more  
involved than ever.

Prosecutors and law enforcement  
officers try to work closely with  
school officials to help reduce  
truancy and make schools as safe  
as possible. Since there is a link  
between truancy and gangs, getting  
kids to school can make our  
communities safer.

By now, everyone knows my  
office is attacking gangs and truancy

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### Summer Fun = Reading Fun



Tina Hansen  
Mayor  
City of Signal Hill

When I was a  
child I loved to read  
and one of my  
favorite places was  
my local library. Now  
that I have 7 year old  
twins entering 2nd  
grade in the fall (go  
Prisk Pioneers!) I get  
to experience the joy  
of watching two more

children fall in love with reading,  
and we look forward to our visits to  
the local libraries in both Signal Hill  
and Long Beach. Although we and  
our kids love summer, as parents  
we want to find ways to continue  
educating our kids during the  
summer to stop what is called the  
"Summer Slide". Reading is the  
perfect way to do that, and with  
the wonderful reading programs

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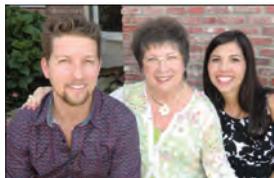


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Since this issue is highlighting how the schools got their names, I am reminded this is the month I got married and changed my name from Madison to Coop...50 years ago! My husband and I met at Jefferson Junior High (now middle school) and then we went on to Wilson High School.

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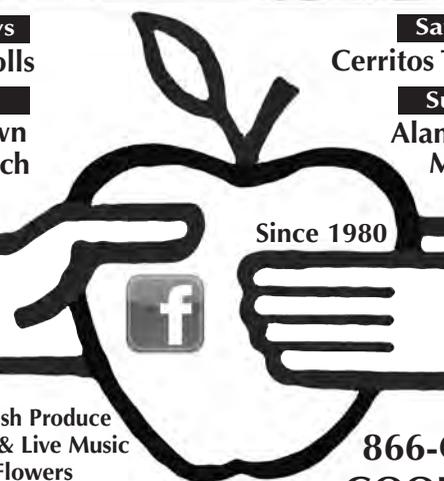
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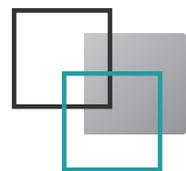
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### Reflections on the 2011-12 School Year

Despite difficult challenges, the 2011-12 school year proved to be very productive and rewarding for employees and students of the Long Beach Unified School District. We should all be proud of what we have accomplished this year. Listed below are some of this year's highlights:

**Christopher J. Steinhauser**

- Scholarships earned by graduating seniors in LBUSD reached a record-high of \$52.58 million, a 192 percent increase since 2007.
- A list of the nation's top high schools released by the Washington Post includes seven schools in LBUSD. The rankings include schools that surpass 91 percent of other public high schools nationwide in terms of their ability to offer rigorous college prep courses.
- The newest ranking of America's best high schools by *U.S. News and World Report* includes three schools in LBUSD. Among the three is a gold medal winner, the California Academy of Mathematics and Science, and two silver medal winners. CAMS and Poly High School made repeat appearances on the list. Making the list for the first time was Renaissance High School for the Arts.
- A progress report by LBUSD on its five school board districts showed significant gains in student achievement throughout all geographic areas as measured by state and national assessments, college readiness measurements including scholarships earned, and other factors.
- A progress report on the four-year-old Long Beach College Promise initiative to prepare more youngsters for college success revealed promising results, with nearly three out of four (74 percent) of our graduates pursuing post-secondary education. While the number and proportion of CSULB freshmen from LBUSD has grown, the percentage requiring math and English remediation has decreased. LBCC students from LBUSD continue to be much more likely to persist in college. LBUSD students' persistence dramatically outpaces the persistence rates of students entering from other high schools. Class of 2012 high school graduates in the Long Beach Unified School District also will participate in the College Promise Pathways Program, which provides a number of benefits including a tuition-free first semester, guaranteed enrollment and specialized academic advice.
- One of the nation's largest foundations, the Lumina Foundation, awarded \$600,000 to support collaboration among LBUSD, Long Beach City College and other partners as they work to increase the success of Latino students here.
- Fifteen schools here made the statewide Honor Roll list announced by California Business for Education Excellence (six more than last year).
- The Obama Administration named Longfellow Elementary School among 78 schools to receive first-ever national Green Ribbon awards for reducing environmental impact, promoting health and ensuring high-quality environmental and outdoor education.
- Lowell Elementary School's outdoor Learning Garden earned the top honor for student achievement from the California State PTA.
- Construction commenced on the new McBride High School. The project remains on schedule for opening in fall 2013.
- Construction of a new Nelson Academy is wrapping up at the former GTE site at 20th Street and Cherry Avenue in Signal Hill, with opening set for this fall.
- Cabrillo High School's new aquatic center is on schedule to open in fall 2013.
- The Cabrillo High School Dance Team traveled to Las Vegas to win the national title in hip hop, six first place trophies, two second place trophies, two third place trophies and the Most Spirited Award.
- China, the Philippines, Arizona and Ohio were all among the dozens of requests this school year to visit LBUSD to observe successful practices. Visits included officials from many school districts, several foundations and other education agencies, doctoral candidates from Harvard University, and various regional and national media outlets.
- The annual Kindergarten Festivals for incoming 2012-13 kindergartners and their families attracted record numbers of people.
- The American School Board Journal in its January edition detailed how LBUSD continues to see "world class" gains in student achievement despite tough times.
- The Broad Foundation's 2011-12 Annual Report lauded the progress made in Long Beach schools over the past decade. "We celebrated the 10th year of The Broad Prize for Urban Education in 2011," the report stated. "Across the decade, school districts from Long Beach to Miami, from Brownsville to Boston have succeeded in raising student achievement, despite high-poverty, high-minority populations. They stand as beacons to other districts across the country."
- The National Center for Urban School Transformation announced that Lafayette Elementary School and Roosevelt Elementary School were finalists for the NCUST 2012 National Excellence in Urban Education Awards.
- LBUSD's 84 schools earned Energy Star Certification as part of a conservation effort that has saved \$29.1 million since 2003.
- Tincher Preparatory School's significant gains in student achievement earned the K-8 campus its second "School to Watch" honor given by the California Middle Grades Alliance.
- A visit to the LBUSD by a representative of a Washington, D.C.-based national education policy organization prompted a glowing review on the group's website. "Last week I did a site visit at Long Beach Unified and was reminded of what is really possible in urban education," observed Ace Parsi of the Alliance for Excellent Education. "The district has redefined equity and access to a high-quality education by saying, we're not going to have a good school here or there where some students can get a high-quality education. Instead, we're going to have a high-quality system where all students benefit from this education regardless of the school they choose to attend. Taking a page out of 'the Long Beach way' can provide huge benefits to students in other schools and districts across the nation."
- Gov. Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 650, the Long Beach College Promise Act, authored by State Sen. Alan Lowenthal. The legislation was sponsored by Long Beach City College and LBUSD to support the Long Beach College Promise, an effort to increase college success.
- More than \$190,000 in donations preserved middle school sports this school year.
- LBUSD announced a new partnership with the Long Beach Health Department, using a \$1 million grant from Kaiser Permanente to improve the health of children and their families in North Long Beach. The grant ties into LBUSD's North Long Beach Initiative, which aims to make a planned \$105 million major renovation of Jordan High School a centerpiece for community revitalization.
- CAMS again won America's top honor for public and private schools. CAMS was among 304 National Blue Ribbon Schools announced by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.
- CAMS was among 16 schools nationwide to earn a 2010-11 Model Schools Award from the nonprofit Project Lead The Way, a top provider of science, technology, engineering and math curriculum. Winners were selected from 4,200 schools.
- The world's leading computer chip company honored CAMS during a ceremony in Washington, D.C. recognizing some of the nation's most successful education programs. CAMS was one of 18 schools recognized as finalists in the Intel Schools of Distinction Contest.
- A new high school for students who need to catch up on credits opened at the Long Beach School for Adults. Beach High School Intensive Learning Program this year helped hundreds of students who in many cases might otherwise have dropped out of school.
- Lakewood High School was one of 14 schools nationwide selected for the NASA 2011 School Recognition Award for contributions to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education.
- LBUSD became part of a statewide group considered "early implementers" of Transitional Kindergarten programs. With its four-year history of Preppy Kindergarten, LBUSD increased the number of Transitional Kindergarten classrooms across the city in the 2011-12 school year.
- LBUSD began implementation of a two-year, \$500,000 grant from the Stuart Foundation and its Effective Education Systems Initiative. As part of the grant, a pilot group of principals transitioned from paper and pencil to using iPads for data collection during school walkthroughs. The iPad pilot program for principals is slated to expand to all schools next year. The grant also has supported work on Common Core Math Standards implementation as well as the piloting of middle school level library/media units of study that support the attainment of reading and writing standards.



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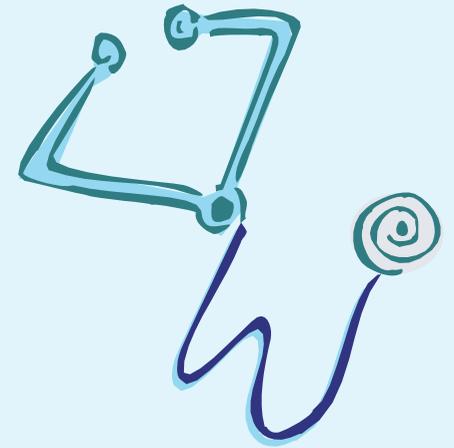
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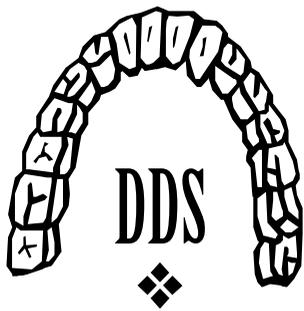
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# Effective Networking



By Cecile Harris Walters, National Ambassador and Vice President of the Diamonds of Southbay Chapter, Long Beach, California

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Are you heading to the next meet-and-greet event? If so, bring along your best networking skills! Comfortable clothes, a stack of current business cards and your descriptive responses, when you're asked, "What do you do?"

**Tina Gandy**  
National President

So what's next? Reach out to new faces. Don't get stuck in long conversations. Break away in a nice way by excusing yourself as you need to catch someone across the room. To help you remember

people you meet, take a few seconds and jot down information on the back of their business cards. Effective networking means that people think they'd like to spend more time with you. If you've done the networking part right, more is sure to come.

These hints and many more are taken from the *Women in Business Magazine* of ABWA. ABWA brings together businesswomen of diverse occupations and provides opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition.

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### Nobel Peace Prize Honoree

Jane Addams was born in Cedarville, Illinois. Her mother died when she was two, and she was raised by her father and, later, a stepmother. She graduated from Rockford Female Seminary in 1881, among the first students to take a course of study equivalent to that of men at other institutions. Her father, whom she admired tremendously, died that same year, 1881.

Jane Addams attended Woman's Medical College in Pennsylvania, but she left the college, probably due to her ill health and her chronic back pain. Jane Addams toured Europe 1883-5 and then lived in Baltimore 1885-7, but did not figure out what she wanted to do with her education and her skills.

In 1888, on a visit to England with her Rockford classmate Ellen Gates Starr, Jane Addams visited Toynbee Settlement Hall and London's East End. Jane Addams and Ellen Starr planned to start an American equivalent of that settlement house. After their return they chose Hull mansion, a building which had, though originally built at the edge of the city, become surrounded by an immigrant neighborhood and had been used as a warehouse.

Using an experimental model of reform — trying solutions to see what would work — and committed to full- and part-time residents to keep in touch with the neighborhood's real needs, Jane Addams built Hull-House into an institution known worldwide. Addams wrote articles, lectured widely and did most of the fund-raising personally and served on many social work, social welfare and settlement house boards and commissions.

Jane Addams also became involved in wider efforts for social reform, including housing and sanitation issues, factory inspection, rights of immigrants, women and children, pacifism and the 8-hour day. She served as a Vice President of the National Woman Suffrage Association from 1911-1914.

In 1912, Jane Addams campaigned for the Progressive Party and its presidential candidate, Teddy Roosevelt. She worked with the Peace Party, helped found and served as president (1919-1935) of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and was a founding member of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

In 1931 Jane Addams was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, shared with Nicholas Murray Butler, but her health was too fragile to attend the European ceremonies to accept the prize. She was the second woman to be awarded that honor.

Jane Addams died in 1935.



## Alvarado *Elementary School*

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### A California Leader

Our school was named after Juan Bautista Alvarado when the doors opened 19 years ago. He was born in 1809 in Monterrey, California and died in 1882. Alvarado was the governor of Alta California from 1836-1842 and was the leader of the Californian revolt against the Mexican authority. Prior to being the governor, he was appointed by José María de Echeandía to oversee the secularization of Mission San Miguel. Juan Bautista Alvarado was one of the names submitted to a committee consisting of community members, parents, and teachers when selecting the name of our school.

After reviewing all of the names the committee voted for Alvarado.



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### Mists of Our History

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Avalon School assumed the town's name when it opened in 1922. The school was first located in the old Casino for two years. William Wrigley Jr. donated land in Rockfall Canyon in 1924 for a permanent school site. In April of that year, the students moved into the newly constructed building. The gym and elementary buildings were completed in 1930. In 1933, the earthquake damaged so much of the school that classes had to be held in bungalows during reconstruction. The main building was rededicated in 1936, and the shop and new gymnasium were ready for use in 1937.

The Lancer mascot, which reflects the school's association with King Arthur, is now over 70 years old. There is one other school in the district with a lancer mascot, necessitating our school's reference as the Avalon Lancers. Avalon Schools currently serve grades K-12.

Two Harbors Elementary School, also known as the Little Red School House, assumed the name of the location where it resides. Two Harbors Elementary School, located approximately 20 miles away by road from the Avalon campus, celebrated its 20th anniversary a year ago. It currently serves 9 K-5 students.

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### Historian

Bancroft Middle School, formerly known as Lakewood Junior High, opened in the fall of 1946. On February 7, 1955, the name of Lakewood Junior High was changed to Hubert Howe Bancroft Junior High. Lakewood Senior High School was due to open in September, 1955, and it was thought that the similarity of the two names might be confusing. So, for the sake of clarity, the name of Lakewood Junior High was dropped.

Bancroft's namesake, Hubert Howe Bancroft, was a historian of the North American West, born in Granville, Ohio, on May 5, 1832. For a short time he sold books in Buffalo, New York, but soon joined the westward migration and in 1852 went to San Francisco. There, in the same year, he started a publishing house, which within a few years became the largest in the West. Bancroft collected historical materials in the western regions of North America, from Central America to Alaska. Under his leadership a large number of research students and editors between 1871 and 1890 prepared his *History of the Pacific States* in 28 volumes, with five more on the aboriginal races, and six volumes of essays. Bancroft organized new selling methods to market his expensive work. In later life he brought out other works, which contained autobiographical material. His collection of historical material was acquired by the University of California at Berkeley. Bancroft died in San Francisco on March 2, 1918, at the age of 86.

The following is an excerpt from *A Short History of Bancroft Junior High School* written by Raymond D. Conn (Faculty Club President – June, 1974): "With a one-time enrollment of over 1600 students, Bancroft was for a time the largest junior high school in the Long Beach system. With the revamping of the school boundaries, the opening of Hoover and DeMille close by, and the declining birth rate, however, this claim to fame by virtue of our bigness is now a thing of the past. Now quality rather than quantity is stressed. Bancroft has always stood high on the city scholastic tests. Over the years it has accumulated more than an average share of honors for musical excellence, for athletic competitions, and for the high caliber of its teachers. In addition, time has brought Bancroft two proud traditions: the honor of having the first local branch of the National Junior Honor Society and the distinction of having originated the Pan-American Festival of Friendship."

## Beach *High School*

3701 E. Willow Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815 562/595-8893

### The Newest High School in Long Beach

In September of 2011, Long Beach Unified School District opened a new high school to provide an alternative setting for credit-deficient students to make up their credits and, at the same time, get a new start toward academic success. Students from all of the other high schools were eligible to attend, providing they were referred by their high school counselors.

The new high school was given the name Beach High School and located on the campus of the Long Beach School for Adults. Matt Saldana, chosen to be the first principal, quickly set his sights on offering extracurricular activities to introduce Beach High students to careers with high potential for employment.

Sophomore, Jennifer Perez, was elected as the first Student Council President, with Alexis Megar and Thori Jackson serving as the Council members. This group of students, with input from other students, had the fun tasks of selecting a mascot, a logo, and the school's colors for the new high school. The Council then incorporated these items into school sweaters and other school materials to give the school a personal identify to other schools and the public.

This year a robotics team was formed. The goal was to compete in the city-wide high school competition for underwater robotics teams. After learning the basics of electronics and the principles of motors, buoyancy, wiring, and construction to build their entry, the Beach High team came in 13th in their first competition. The robotics team was excited about this successful experience.

At Beach High, all students work in a lab setting, supported by teacher-instructed, small, pull-out sessions and one-on-one instruction. For those who need remedial assistance, there is a literacy lab on campus. Once the students have made up lost credits, they have a significantly better opportunity to be successful and graduate with their class and be prepared for work or higher education.

## Barton *Elementary School*

1100 E. Del Amo Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90805 562/428-0555

### An Inspiring Role Model

Clara Barton, the youngest of five children, was born December 25, 1821, in Massachusetts. Her father was a farmer, horse breeder and politician. Always excelling in her studies, she was mostly educated by her older siblings. Although we think of Clara Barton as the founder of the American Red Cross, beginning at age 17, her early professional years were spent as an educator. Clara desired so much to make a difference that she opened her own free school in New Jersey. She left teaching in 1854 and was the first woman appointed to the U.S. Patent Office breaking the ground for more women to employed in such positions. It was here in Washington D.C. where she first heard about the needs of soldiers on the battlefield.



It was the emergence of the Civil War that would change her life forever. Her passion was aiding soldiers on the front, where she became known as the "Angel of the Battlefield."

After the war she began a campaign to search for missing soldiers. She also was highly dedicated to fighting for and furthering the rights of women. In 1869 she traveled to Europe for some rest, and it was there that she learned about the Red Cross, as outlined in the Treaty of Geneva. When she returned to the United States, she rallied to have the United States join the treaty, which eventually occurred in 1882. Barton expanded the original concept to include assisting in any great national disaster.

Barton was president of the American Red Cross for 22 years, retiring at age 83. Throughout her life, her two rules of action were "unconcern for what cannot be helped" and "control under pressure."

Clara Barton School in Long Beach opened its doors in 1943 on a site that formerly accommodated temporary bungalows. Many years later, students continue to follow Clara Barton's example of a life devoted to selfless, compassionate giving and serving for the benefit of others.

## Bixby *Elementary School*

5251 E. Stearns St., Long Beach, CA 90815 562/498-3794

### A Legacy of Caring

*Written by Savannah Marshall, Student– 5th Grade (2008)*

A great woman. A contributor to Scripps College. A leader and president. Florence Bixby was all of these things and more. She donated to Scripps College, an all female school. She then started the first day nursery in Long Beach. She and her partner made sure children who were there had enough clothes and food especially through the Great Depression. She did this because she wanted to provide early and quality care and education for young children whose mothers had to work. She was the president of this nursery for more than 35 years.



John and Susan Bixby, Florence's in-laws, had 1,460 acres of rancho land. John, Susan and their son, Fred, developed the rancho into a ranch, dairy farm, and cattle feed lot. But it was not large enough to bring money to their family. Later in the 1920s lucrative oil was found near Signal Hill and Seal Beach. The oil was the Bixbys' main money maker. Fred later married Florence, and she planted the flowers around the rancho. She then started running the rancho in 1911 and continued until 1961.

In 1968 their children donated the rancho to the city of Long Beach so it could be used for as a historic site. Today hundreds of students visit the rancho and learn about California history and the contributions and legacy the Bixby family provided for the city of Long Beach.

# Birney

710 W. Spring St., Long Beach, CA 90806 562/427-8512

## Advocate for Education

*I dared to dream that I could make a difference. I saw around me children who started to work at the age of eight. Children who were too tired to learn, children unable to attend school. I talked to friends in my circle; they were concerned but what should we do?*

*I decided with a friend of mine to organize a meeting in Washington, D.C. We invited noted educational leaders of the day. I hoped at least two hundred people would come. On February 17, two thousand people came. They really cared as I did and thought we could make a difference. And make a difference we have! I dared to dream that I could change things for the children.*

—Alice McClellan Birney

Alice Birney was one of two founders of the National Congress of Mothers, the predecessor of today's Parent Teacher Association (PTA). She was elected as the first president, and continued to advocate for education. Initially limited to mothers, the movement quickly expanded to encourage fathers. It also included juvenile justice concerns.

Over the years, the PTA has continued to advocate for student needs, including urging kindergarten formation, youth hygiene, a campaign against illiteracy, vaccinations and numerous nutrition initiatives.

Sadly, Alice Birney passed away before many of these initiatives actually took place, but her legacy lives on through the good work of the PTA.

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# Bryant *Elementary School*

4101 E. Fountain St., Long Beach, CA 90804 562/498-3802

## Boyhood Home Now a Museum

*By Murlyn E. Burkes, Speech and Language Specialist*

Bryant Elementary School is named after William Cullen Bryant of Cummington, Massachusetts. His ancestry traces back to passengers on the Mayflower and to colonists who arrived about a dozen years later. His boyhood home is now a museum. William Cullen Bryant studied law at Williams College and became a lawyer in Plainfield, MA. He used to walk to work daily and one day he noticed a single bird flying on the horizon and the sight moved him enough to write "*To a Waterfowl*."

Bryant developed an interest in writing poetry. He died in 1878 of complications from an accidental fall in Central Park. In 1884, New York City's Reservoir Square was renamed Bryant Park in his honor. The city later named a public high school in Long Island City, Queens in his honor.

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# Burbank *Elementary*

501 Junipero Ave., Long Beach, CA 90814 562/439-0997

## Scientist and Horticulturalist

*By Nely Madrigal, Student 4th Grade*

Our school was named after a scientist, named Luther Burbank who was born on March 7, 1849 in Lancaster, Massachusetts. He was the person who invented Russet Burbank potatoes.

Luther Burbank wrote many books with other people in the world. One of the books he wrote in 1921 was called *How Plants Are Trained to Work for Man*.

Luther Burbank's personal life was interesting and different. He loved to travel to many places to discover things he wanted to do. He invented a cactus with no spikes so even animals can eat it because he wanted everyone in the world to eat and be healthy. He also invented Shasta Daisies that is our school's auditorium name. Luther Burbank also made Burbank plums to eat and now we make smoothies and other wonderful things with plums.

Luther Burbank loved to discover many things. He was an amazing scientist and horticulturalist!

# Burcham *(K-8)*

5610 Monlaco Road, Long Beach, CA 90808 562/420-2685

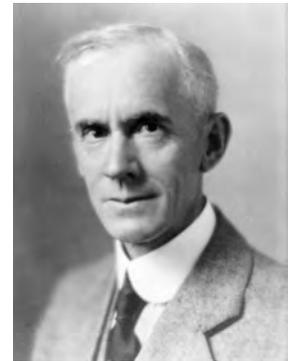
## Priceless Heritage

David "Daddy" Burcham was born July 1, 1875 in Indiana and moved to Long Beach in 1907 to accept the position of principal of Long Beach Polytechnic High School, then known as Long Beach High School, to 347 students. During his 34 years as principal at Poly, the school grew into the largest high school in the state of California, with over 3,000 students.

At his retirement in 1941, David Burcham was affectionately known as "Daddy" Burcham by thousands of students. He was a man of faith and conviction, and was involved in many community activities such as the Long Beach Tuberculosis and Health Association, the Calvary Presbyterian Church and Long Beach Retired Teachers Club. He was very proud of Poly's sons and daughters who served in both World Wars. His son, Dr. Hugh Burcham, served in World War II as a U.S. Navy Chaplain and led Covenant Presbyterian Church here in Long Beach. Hugh's son and David's grandson, David W. Burcham, served as a clerk to the United States Supreme Court Justice Byron White and was recently promoted to provost for Loyola Marymount University.

In 1941, during his last year as principal of Polytechnic High School, David "Daddy" Burcham wrote these words, which are still pertinent today:

"In these trying days, we find ourselves drawn to a new and increasing appreciation of the priceless heritage that has come down to us as citizens of America...Our hearts are stirred as we review the events of the past, which gather 'round these great monuments to freedom and the American way of life. We in the schools will not overlook the fact that the American public school holds a place in our national life that gives it high rank among the shrines of democracy. From the days of the little red schoolhouse down to the present time, it has been dedicated to the important task of training a loyal and intelligent citizenry, without which democracy cannot long survive."



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# Burnett *Elementary*

565 E. Hill St., Long Beach, CA 90806 562/595-9466

## Second Oldest Public School in Long Beach

The story of Burnett Elementary is very interesting. It is the second oldest public school in Long Beach. It opened its doors over a hundred years ago, in 1888. In 1885, the Long Beach Unified School District was officially created. The first board opened its first school (known as Central School) in 1886 at 6th and Pine Avenue. As the city began to grow, the school district also needed to grow. In May of 1888, a school election was held in which it was voted to expand Central School and open the second school; our school at the cost of \$900.

Many things have changed over these years. The first school building was very small at Atlantic and Hill Streets. It was a one-room school house and it was called Signal Hill School originally. Our school was later renamed after the first governor of the State of California, Peter H. Burnett. However, in more recent times, there is a different chronology of how our great school got its name. According to a published book on the Art Deco architectural history in Long Beach, it's been said that Burnett was originally named after Thomas Burr Burnett, a railway builder in the United States and only then, did it get named after the first governor of California.

Either way, Burnett Elementary today has come a long way! It survived a devastating earthquake in 1933 which destroyed much of the two-story buildings. Most of our school was destroyed but learning did not stop. By 1935, the buildings were repaired and restored to its grand glory of today.

Those of us at Burnett today are so proud of the many fine parents, teachers, students and friends that have contributed to the history and growth of Burnett Elementary School. They have helped to make it one of the finest schools in Long Beach. We are especially proud of ALL Burnett students—past and present.

## Cabrillo *High School*

2001 Santa Fe Ave., Long Beach, CA 90810 562/951-7700

### Explorer

Juan Rodrigues Cabrillo (1499 – January 3, 1543) was a Portuguese explorer noted for his exploration of the west coast of North America on behalf of Spain. Cabrillo was the first European explorer to navigate the coast of present day California in the United States. He helped found the city of Oaxaca, in Mexico.

Not much is known about Cabrillo's early years. For that reason, most biographies describe him as Portuguese. Despite this, Cabrillo is now remembered as the first European to travel the California coast, and today many streets and buildings in California bear his name.

One such example is Cabrillo College in Aptos, California; another is the portion of State Route 1 that runs through Big Sur, which is also called the Cabrillo Highway.

The SS Cabrillo was a great wooden steamer launched in 1914 to serve as a

ferry across the San Pedro Channel to Santa Catalina Island. It was later requisitioned by the U.S. army and served as a troop transport all over San Francisco Bay and surrounding areas in Northern California during World War II. In San Diego, the National Park Service operates a monument, Cabrillo National Monument, overlooking the bay at Point Loma commemorating his first landing in California and offering views of both San Diego and the Pacific Ocean.

The Cabrillo Bridge and Cabrillo Freeway running through San Diego's Balboa Park are also named for him. In Santa Barbara, scenic Cabrillo Boulevard runs parallel with the coast through the eastern part of the city.

There are also two high schools, one in Lompoc, California and the other our very own high school in Long Beach.

In San Pedro, the Cabrillo Beach and the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium are also so named after Cabrillo.

In 1992, the United States Postal Service issued a 29¢ stamp in honor of Cabrillo. In addition, in the state of California, September 28 is officially "Cabrillo Day."

## Carver *Elementary School*

5335 E. Pavo St., Long Beach, CA 90808 562/420-2697

### Second-Graders Honor Carver

Students were asked to research the namesake of Carver School, George Washington Carver. He was responsible for helping many farmers with agriculture and farming challenges but is best known for his use of peanuts for crop rotation to enrich the soil. Many school children today enjoy peanut butter sandwiches thanks to his work. His farm is now a national monument.

Following is an excerpt from one of the students' outstanding essays.



By Melanie Son (2008)

When George Washington Carver was a child, he loved to play sports and to read. He was born in 1864. He was born a slave. He lived with Moses and Susan Carver. When slavery ended, he was free.

Carver went to college and then became a college teacher. He was a wise man. He was a "Plant Doctor." He became a great scientist.

By the time G.W. Carver was finished, he had become the "Peanut Wizard." He discovered all sorts of products from peanuts. He made food, oil, soap, dye, and shampoo, just to name a few items. He also told people not to plant cotton every year because it would damage the soil. He told them to plant either sweet potatoes or peanuts to put nutrients back into the soil.

I am lucky to be at a school named after such a magnificent man.

## Chavez *Elementary School*

730 W. Third St., Long Beach, CA 90802 562/590-0904

### Yes, We Can!

Chavez Elementary School was named after one of America's greatest modern heroes. Cesar E. Chavez, the American labor and civil rights leader, revolutionized the way owners worked with farm workers, including contracts which guaranteed that workers would have rest periods, clean drinking water, hand-washing facilities, and protective clothing against pesticide spray. He also made sure that workers were given the proper tools to be more efficient and avoid disabilities. Chavez initiated union health benefits and implemented a credit union for farm workers. He was a great man who inspired a whole class of people, and he dedicated himself to relieving the plight of others who could not fight a system more powerful than they.

As a Safe and Civil School, we base our Guidelines for Success on principles we recognize in all that Cesar E. Chavez accomplished. The students and staff are committed to demonstrating respect, responsibility, pride, effort and confidence. We have adopted his motto of "Si, se puede! Yes, we can!" and know that following his example will ensure our students are successful in school and as members of society.

## CAMS

1000 E. Victoria St., Carson, CA 90747 (310) 243-2025

### Named by Founding Principal

The California Academy of Mathematics and Science is commonly referred to as CAMS. The school was named by its founding Principal, Dr. Kathy Clark. CAMS opened in 1990 and is the result of a partnership including the California State University Chancellor's Office, California State University, Dominguez Hills, and a consortium of eleven area school districts. Member districts include: Long Beach, Compton, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lennox, Los Angeles, Lynwood, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Torrance and Wiseburn.

The California Academy of Mathematics and Science (CAMS) is a comprehensive four-year high school located on the campus of California State University, Dominguez Hills, serving a diverse student body of 625 students. The Academy's mission centers on increasing the nation's pool of college graduates in the fields of mathematics and science by offering an intensive college preparatory education to motivated high school students. Fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the Academy maintains memberships in the National Association of College Admission Counseling and National Consortium for Specialized Secondary Schools for Mathematics, Science and Technology.

CAMS enrolls students from the eleven consortium districts and offers a rigorous curriculum that includes: two years of engineering, four years of mathematics, and four years of science as part of the graduation requirement.

## Cleveland *Elementary*

4760 Hackett Street, Lakewood, CA 90713 562/420-7552

### Grover Cleveland

Cleveland Elementary School is named after a President of the United States. Stephen Grover Cleveland was our 22nd and 24th President. He is the only president to serve two non-consecutive terms (1885-1889) and (1893-1897) and is therefore the only person to be counted twice in the numbering of presidents. He was the only Democrat elected to the presidency in the era of Republican political domination that lasted from 1861-1913. Cleveland was born in 1837 and was the fifth of nine children in his family. He became a lawyer in 1859 and started his own practice in 1862. Disaster hit the nation as his second term began when the Panic of 1893 produced a severe national depression that he was unable to reverse. During his presidency he was praised for his honesty, independence, integrity, and commitment to the principles of classical liberalism. He fought political corruption, patronage, and bossism. Grover Cleveland died in 1908 at the age of 71.

Cleveland Elementary is proud to be named after President Grover Cleveland and we strive to teach all our students to be honest and independent thinkers, who have integrity and commitment in all they strive to achieve.



# Cubberley

3200 Monogram Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808 562/420-8810

## Who was Ellwood P. Cubberley?

Ellwood Patterson Cubberley (1868-1941) was an American educator, who began his career in education in a one room Indiana schoolhouse.

A pioneer in the field of education, he was instrumental in the development of the profession of school administration in the United States.

Cubberley studied at Indiana and Columbia universities and taught at Harvard University. Before joining Stanford University, he served as the Superintendent of Schools in San Diego, California. At Stanford, he accepted a position as professor of education from 1898 – 1917. He was appointed to Dean of the School of Education in 1917 and served until 1933.

In his first year at Stanford, Cubberley traveled 7,700 miles and delivered 77 lectures. The theme of his lectures touted the importance of higher education to educators.

Cubberley emphasized good teaching methods and insisted that Stanford faculty develop materials to teach, know what was being taught elsewhere in their specific fields and provide educational leadership within their department.

# Edison

625 Maine Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802 562/590-8481

## Succeed Despite Failures

Edison Elementary School is named after the infamous inventor Thomas Alva Edison who was born in Milan, Ohio on February 11, 1847. At age 7, Edison's family moved to Port Huron Michigan. His teachers in Port Huron considered Edison to be a dull student. Because of hearing problems, Edison had trouble following lessons and his school attendance became spotty. However, he became an avid reader and at age 10 he had his own laboratory in his parent's basement. He is credited with inventing the phonograph, the incandescent light bulb, and kinetoscope. Edison had 1,093 patents and many failures to go along with his successes. However, his legacy is defined by his successes which is what we at Edison focus our students on; succeeding despite the failures that they may have experienced in their lives.



# Emerson *Parkside Academy Charter*

2625 Josie Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815 562/420-2631

## A Tradition of Excellence

Emerson Parkside Academy Charter School has gone through a few name changes over the years. Originally the school, which was constructed in 1952, was named Ralph Waldo Elementary School. The Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education named the school after the American essayist, philosopher, poet, and leader of the Transcendentalist Movement, which took place in the 1800s.

About a decade ago, the school's name was modified to Emerson Parkside Academy. This name reflects a change to focus on a more stringent content standards-based curriculum and mindset. A few years later, Emerson's name again evolved, after becoming a conversion charter school within the district, to Emerson Parkside Academy Charter School.

Although the name has changed somewhat over the years, Emerson is still known by its current and past students, parents, teachers, and community members alike to represent a tradition of excellence. Over 100 years ago Mr. Emerson said, "Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you," and we are still striving to live up to those words.



# Dooley Global Studies *Magnet School*

5075 N. Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90805 562/997-2655

## Dooley Family Honored

Dooley Global Studies Magnet School opened its doors for the first time to students on September 5th, 2007. Dooley, home of the "dragons," is the newest elementary school in Long Beach, serving students in the North Long Beach area.

With over 1100 students, our first school year came to a successful close on June 12th. The students bade a bittersweet farewell to their teachers, and especially, the new building facility, which they quickly learned to appreciate.

Initially, a naming committee, formed by the district to include community members, took on the task of naming us "Dooley Elementary School," since we were built on the land where the Dooley Hardware Mart once stood during most of the 1900s.

Many local residents share fond memories of shopping for their family's immediate needs there, and as a treat, dining on Dooley's famous hot dogs. After some thorough research, the naming committee came to the consensus that Long Beach's newest school should bear the name of the Dooley family, since it was operated successfully by the whole family, especially with the contributions of its dedicated women members.

In its first year, Dooley was awarded a three-year Magnet Assistance Program grant for global studies. This innovative program will enable us to apply for International Baccalaureate status at the end of our third year of study. When the grant was initially awarded, the school community gathered together to enhance its new name based upon the Dooley heritage. The school now stands as Dooley Global Studies Magnet School, an International Baccalaureate World School.

In addition to welcoming the Dooley name, students took the opportunity to choose a mascot. Hence, the well-read "dragon" was born. Dooley Global Studies Magnet School is well on its way to living up to its honorable name.

# Franklin *Classical Middle School*

540 Cerritos Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802 562/435-4952

## An Ideal Choice

Benjamin Franklin Classical Middle School, one of the first junior high schools in Long Beach, opened in 1922. Severely damaged in the 1933 earthquake, the district moved the main building to its present location on Sixth and Cerritos, and it reopened in 1934. Benjamin Franklin was an American author, diplomat, inventor, physicist, politician, and a printer: in many ways an ideal choice for the name of a school for kids in the middle years.



Here are a few quotations from our namesake:

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

"Energy and persistence conquer all things."

"Genius without education is like silver in the mine."

And, of course, "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise."

A few years ago, the Long Beach Unified School District approved a name change from Franklin Middle School to Franklin Classical Middle School to signal our transformation to a classical school based on the award winning approaches at Hill Classical Middle School.

## Gant Elementary School

1854 Britton Drive, Long Beach, CA 90815 562/430-3384

### Vision for the Future

Minnie Gant was a pioneer educator in Long Beach Public Schools from 1915 through 1946. In 1953, she shared the following story with the boys and girls of Minnie Gant Elementary School.

“I was born on a homestead farm in Wabaunser County, Kansas in the early 1880s. Both of my parents were born and reared to adulthood in England. They came to America and became naturalized citizens of the United States.

“At a rather early age, I was left without a father. My mother moved into various towns, and finally we went to Lawrence, Kansas, where there were good educational facilities. I attended the University of Kansas for several years and taught in the elementary schools there for three years. My brother, now deceased, graduated from Kansas University Law School.

“Finally, for better opportunities for all of us, we found ourselves living together again in Lincoln, Nebraska. There, I attended the University of Nebraska and taught social studies for quite a few years in the upper elementary grades.

“It was while attending the University of Nebraska that I became deeply interested in the use of visual aids for educational purposes and used an old-fashioned, carbon-lighted reflectroscope for the showing of magazine pictures, etc.

“In 1915 when I came to Long Beach, I started a small collection of visual aids in my classroom, in which I taught geography and history for three years to seventh- and eighth-graders. When I became the principal of Temple Elementary School (the first female principal) in 1918, I immediately began building up a Visual Aids Department and later opened the first room for visual aids and an elementary library in Long Beach public schools.”

Minnie Gant Elementary School is honored to be named after such an extraordinary woman.

## Garfield Elementary School

2240 Baltic Ave., Long Beach, CA 90810 562/424-8167

### Determined, Courageous, Skilled, Intellectual

That's what's in his name. James A. Garfield was the 20th President of the United States. He was only in office for 100 days before he was shot and then eventually died at the age of thirty-three. Born in a log cabin in Ohio in 1831, Garfield was raised by his mother along with four siblings. His love for reading contributed to his intellectual superiority. Through his hard work and determination to provide for his family, James Garfield became a farmer, carpenter, teacher, preacher, military general, and then politician. His thirst for knowledge was infectious to his students, as they admired his personal magnetism when he spoke.



As a military general during the Civil War, Garfield was able to out power the Confederates with only 1,100 soldiers compared to their 5,000 soldiers. His intellect and wit helped him gain his victory. His life was short-lived, when in 1881 the president was walking in a railroad depot and an angry citizen shot him twice in his back. Although he didn't die instantly, he did suffer for 10 weeks fighting the infection from the wound. This is a testament to his determination, courage, and will to survive. He truly gave his life for his country!

Interesting Facts: Garfield was the first left-handed president. He could write Latin with one hand and Greek with the other. He advocated the cause of freedom against slavery. Alexander Graham Bell devised a metal detector in order to locate the lodged bullet but was unsuccessful because Garfield unknowing was lying on a metal coil spring mattress, which was rare at that time.

## Gompers (K-8)

5206 Briercrest Ave., Lakewood, CA 90713 562/925-2285

### Labor Union Activist

Samuel L. Gompers K-8 school is named after the famous labor union activist. Long Beach and Lakewood have always been associated with labor unions, and many schools are named after famous leaders.

Samuel L. Gompers was the first president of the American Federation of Labor (AFL). He helped found the Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions in 1881, which reorganized and turned into the AFL in 1905. Samuel Gompers was president of the AFL from 1886 to 1924. He fought for higher wages and job security for skilled laborers and craftsmen.



Samuel Gompers is so popular because many of his labor practices as AFL president are still in evidence today. His philosophies focused on laborers and workers. The union fought for higher wages, benefits and job security. He achieved these through strikes and boycotts rather than political action or affiliation. Samuel Gompers' legacy in the unions is the development of procedures for collective bargaining and contracts between labor and management.

Gompers persuaded his fellow workers to form unions and organize because wage reductions were almost a daily occurrence. As president of the AFL, Samuel Gompers was instrumental in passing immigration restriction laws from the 1890's to the 1920's because the union felt that unrestricted immigration from Europe and Asia lowered wages for American workers. He allied with the Democratic Party and helped pass and enforce the Immigration Act of 1924. Samuel Gompers was a major influence in the labor movement and helped found the most powerful union in the United States.

## Harte Elementary School

1671 E. Phillips St., Long Beach, CA 90805 562/428-0333

### Prophet of American Letters

Francis Bret Harte was born in Albany, New York on August 25, 1836. His family settled in Brooklyn in 1845, after the death of his father. Although his education was spotty and irregular, he inherited a love of books and was a published author by age 11.

In 1854, Harte's mother moved him to California, where he worked as a miner, school teacher, express messenger, printer, and journalist. While in San Francisco writing for *The Californian*, he worked with Mark Twain, Charles Warren Stoddard, Prentice Mulford and the paper's editor, Henry Webb.

Harte became the first editor of *The Overland Monthly*. "The Luck of Roaring Camp," published in *The Overland Monthly*, brought him instant and widespread fame. Bret Harte's witty, sometimes heart-rending tales of frontier California earned him acclaim during the 1860s as the "new prophet of American letters." The highlights of Harte's works helped establish the foundations of western American fiction, and his stories of the American West were much in demand.

Harte was passionate about the treatment of minorities, and he was particularly disgusted with the influence civilization was having on the West. In 1871 he moved to New York and then later moved to Boston. Harte continued to write poetry and prose, and enjoyed widespread popularity.

In 1878 Bret Harte was appointed United States Consul at Crefeld, Germany. He was transferred to Glasgow, Scotland in 1880. Bret Harte died of throat cancer in Camberely, England on May 6, 1902.



## Henry (K-8)

3720 Canehill Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808 562/421-3754

### Patrick Henry – The Great Patriot

By *Natasha Hikita, Alumna*

Patrick Henry was a great person. It just so happens that our school was named after him. Without him our country would never be the same.

Patrick Henry was born May 29, 1736 in Hanover County, Virginia. His father was John Henry who married Sarah Winston Syme. Patrick Henry attended local schools for a few years, and then his father tutored him. He later married Sarah Shelton, who together had six children. As a wedding gift, his father gave them six slaves and the 300-acre Pine Slash Farm. He began his career as a planter, but a fire destroyed their home in 1757. He made other attempts in business but failed again and later put him on the path of being a lawyer.

Patrick Henry was probably best known for his “Give me Liberty or give me death” speech. He gave the speech to the House of Burgesses on March 23, 1775, in Saint John’s Church in Richmond, Virginia. His words inspired our country to fight for freedom from the British. After the Revolution, Henry again served as governor of Virginia from 1784-1786. Patrick Henry died on June 6, 1799 while on his family’s large plantation. He died of stomach cancer. Patrick Henry was a great warrior in the court and we shall never forget the great things he did for our country.

## Hoover Middle School

3501 Country Club Drive, Lakewood, CA 90712 562/421-1213

### Herbert Clark Hoover, 34th President

Hoover Middle School in Lakewood, California is named after the 34th President of the United States of America, Herbert Hoover. Like many of the original residents of Long Beach, Herbert Clark Hoover had roots in Iowa. Born in West Branch, Iowa to Jessie and Hulda Randall Hoover, Herbert was an orphan by the age of nine. After living with relatives and other members of the Quaker Church, Hoover set out on his own to become a self-made man. While working various mining-oriented jobs, Hoover attended night classes and eventually become one of the earliest students in the newly created Stanford University, graduating with a geology degree in 1895. He became a very successful international mine operator/owner, having an estimated wealth of \$4 million dollars by 1904. Hoover’s private sector success ultimately led to career in the public sector.

Herbert Hoover rose to prominence in the public arena after helping feed millions of Europeans who were facing starvation as a result of World War I. He would later do the same after WWII. His role in providing humanitarian aide led to his appointment as head of the U.S. Food Administration during the Wilson administration and eventually becoming Secretary of Commerce under President Harding. His success as Commerce Secretary eventually led to a nomination and victory in the presidential election, as a conservative Republican, of 1928.

Unfortunately for Herbert Hoover and his presidency, the worldwide economic depression and stock market crash, along with his administration’s reaction to it, has contributed to people viewing his presidency (1928-1933) as a failure. Hoover’s government set up many policies and agencies that would, in time, be used and deemed successful during the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration’s New Deal. After his presidency, Hoover dedicated his time to many humanitarian agencies, charities, and the Hoover Institute at Stanford University. The Hoover Institute’s mission statement reads in part, “by collecting knowledge, generating ideas, and disseminating both, the Institution seeks to secure and safeguard peace, improve the human condition, and limit government intrusion into the lives of individuals.” Hoover’s tenure as president did not define the man; he eventually went on to rehabilitate his image and regain his status as a respected American statesman until his death in 1964. His story is that of redemption, a lesson for us all.



## Hill Classical Middle School

1100 Iroquois Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815 562/598-7611

### Dr. Walter Bradley Hill

Walter Hill was born on March 6, 1875 in Chicago, Illinois. John Wright Hill, Walter’s father, grew up in the “wilds” of Wisconsin. At age 17 he joined a group that was headed for the California gold fields, where he spent 10 years.

Jane Bradley, Walter’s mother, grew up on a farm in Dundee, Illinois. As a teenager, she went to teacher-training school and spent several years in the education field before getting married.

Walter was the third of seven children born to John and Mary, and one of only three to survive to age 25. In December of 1881, he and his family relocated to Garden Grove, California. They lived on a small farm and attended Garden Grove Grammar School. Walter helped on the family farm and hunted ducks at Bolsa Chica to contribute to the family dinner.

Walter had a fine tenor singing voice. He attended Los Angeles Normal School (a teacher college). Upon graduation, he taught at Garden Grove Grammar School and soon became its principal.

On April 3, 1898, Walter married Rose Medsger from Riverside. They decided that Walter should return to school and study to become a doctor at USC. He was later a World War I veteran.

Most of his years as a doctor were spent in Long Beach, where he delivered 12,000 babies. He was also a member of the Long Beach Board of Education from 1931 to 1947.

Dr. Hill died on July 19, 1949 at the age of 74. He is remembered as a kindly man who cared deeply for his family and patients. His wife lived on to age 92. A daughter, Muriel Hill Pratt, three grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter, all survive him.

He was honored for his service by having a school named after him in Long Beach, the Dr. Walter B. Hill Middle School.

## Holmes Elementary

5020 Barlin Ave., Lakewood, CA 90712 562/633-4427

### Brilliant and Original Thinker

Oliver Wendell Holmes was born at Cambridge, Massachusetts on August 29, 1809. He graduated from Harvard University in 1829 with a degree in law. Soon after, he decided to change careers and practice medicine. Holmes studied in Europe for two years, and then returned to Harvard where he earned a degree in medicine in 1836. Holmes then spent two years at Dartmouth College as chairman of the Anatomy and Physiology Department. He accepted a similar position at Harvard, and remained at Harvard until 1892.

During his 47 years as a professor, Holmes wrote and published numerous works or poetry and prose. His poetry was published in magazines, journals, and in book form. His literary work also included essays known for their humor and flights of fancy. His poetry published during the civil war was noted for its patriotism and loyalty to the idea of a united America.

Oliver Wendell Holmes passed away October 7, 1894. He is remembered for his contributions of American wit and humor, a reflection of his brilliant and original thinking.

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“Language is the blood of the soul into which thoughts run and out of which they grow.”

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## Hudson (K-8)

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### A Passion for Education and Children

Elizabeth Hudson Elementary School first opened in the fall of 1968 with 38 teachers and three specialists teaching 1,100 students. The school was uniquely designed with eight large pods instead of self-contained classrooms. The students were grouped by age and maturity level in non-graded classes, with individual students expected to move up to new pods every two years. At that time, 88 percent of the students came from Navy families.

The school was named after Elizabeth Hudson, a prominent supporter of education and an active community leader. She was involved in many civic and cultural organizations in Long Beach and the state of California. Mrs. Hudson was instrumental in the planning and development of the Tucker Elementary School for handicapped children. She was the first vice president of the California School Trustees Association, as well as a member of the Los Angeles County Trustees Association. Additionally, she was chairman of the Long Beach Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, serving on its Board for 17 years. She was also president of the Long Beach Chapter of the United Nations Association. Furthermore, Mrs. Hudson was a member of the Long Beach School Board for 22 years and served as its president six times.

Elizabeth Hudson, a teacher for 10 years, clearly had a passion for education and for children. Her participation in these organizations demonstrates her commitment to the children of the Long Beach area. She fought to maintain high standards in education during a difficult post-war period and rapid expansion in the community. We are honored to have been named after such an instrumental and dedicated woman.

## Jordan High School

6500 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, CA 90805 562/423-1471

### What's In a Name?

By D. H. Coop, Teacher – History

The study of names is called onomastics. First names identified the individual and surnames identified the family. Surnames started to become common around the 13th century. Individuals were addressed by one name and around this time one-third of England's male population was a John, William, or Richard. The practice came into use of addressing one as the "son of" so that William son of Andrew became Anderson and so on. Another way was to identify one by his occupation, such as Smith, Miller, or Cooper. A third way to establish a surname was by a location, such as hill or woods.

The name I wish to explore is David Starr Jordan. David most likely comes from the Hebrew word *dvd*, which means beloved. The surname Jordan, meaning to descend or flow down, comes from a location—the Jordan River. This tells you about the name, but what about the person? Who was David Starr Jordan?

Jordan was a doctor of medicine, a science teacher, the president of two major universities, the author of books on ichthyology and evolution, and an advocate of peace. In 1925 he won the Herman Peace Prize of \$25,000 for his educational plan for preserving world peace. He also served as president of two major universities, Indiana University and Stanford University.

David Starr Jordan held the belief that the "final end of education is not learning or official position, but service to humanity." It is an honor to teach at a school named after such an individual.

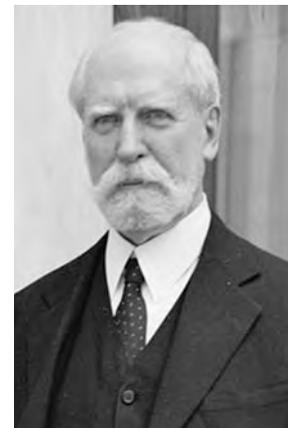


## Hughes Middle School

3846 California Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807 562/595-0831

### Lawyer and Politician

Charles Evans Hughes, Sr. was born on April 11, 1862. He was best known as a lawyer and Republican politician from the State of New York. He is remembered for having served as the 36th Governor of New York from 1907 to 1910. He defeated William Randolph Hearst in 1906 to win the election. That year, he was the only Republican statewide candidate to win office. Following his governorship, he subsequently became an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States from 1910–1916. That led to his appointment as United States Secretary of State from 1921–1925. Hughes then was appointed the 11th Chief Justice of the United States from 1930 to 1941.



Hughes not only practiced law, but he was also a politician. Hughes was the Republican candidate in the 1916 U.S. Presidential election, losing to Woodrow Wilson. Hughes was also an important leader of the progressive movement of the 1900s, a leading diplomat and New York lawyer in the days of Harding and Coolidge, and a leader of opposition to the New Deal in the 1930s.

Hughes went to Colgate University, then transferred to Brown University, and graduated in 1881 at age 19, youngest in his class. He then entered Columbia Law School in 1882, and he graduated in 1884 with highest honors.

## Kettering Classical Elementary School

550 Silvera Ave., Long Beach, CA 90803 562/598-9486

### American Inventor and Scientist

Many schools in Long Beach are named for a famous president or pioneer. At Kettering Classical Elementary, we are proud to carry the name of an American inventor, who, while not quite a household name, made some significant contributions in several fields.

Charles F. Kettering was an innovative scientist who held over 300 patents. Thanks to him, we don't have to crank our cars to start them in the morning, because he invented the electric starter. He was also responsible for the development of air conditioning and incubators.



In 1945, he helped found the Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, where he hoped that industrial research techniques could be used to improve cancer research.

The greatest lesson that Kettering students have learned from our namesake is the value of perseverance. He once said that, "An inventor fails 999 times, and if he succeeds once, he's in. He treats his failures simply as practice shots."

This is a philosophy that we have embraced. Kettering's "Kids" are encouraged to take chances and overcome all obstacles to make a difference in the world. Thanks, Mr. Kettering!

Following this great inventor's name in our title is the word "classical." This signifies our focus on excellence in academics, as well as our commitment to creating many enriching experiences for our students.

We are also proud to reference our connection to Hill Classical Middle School and Wilson Classical High School. At Kettering Classical Elementary, our name says it all



# King

145 E. Artesia Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90805 562/428-1232

## Great Orator

Thomas Starr King was called “the orator who saved the nation” based on his work in favor of keeping California in the Union during the Civil War. He is credited with saving California from becoming a separate republic. He also campaigned relentlessly for Leland Stanford for California governor and was invited to run for US Senate but he declined.

He was born December 17, 1824, in New York City. The sole support of his family at age 15, he was forced to leave school. King completed a self-study for the ministry. At the age of 20 he took over his father’s former pulpit at the First Unitarian Church of Charlestown, Massachusetts.

In 1848 he was appointed pastor of the Hollis Street Unitarian Church, Boston, where he became one of the most famous preachers in New England. In 1860 he accepted a call from the First Unitarian Church of San Francisco. In addition, he organized the Pacific Branch of the Sanitary Commission, which cared for wounded soldiers.

A fiery speaker, he raised over \$1.5 million for the Sanitary Commission headquarters in New York, one-fifth of the total contributions from all the states in the Union. The relentless lecture circuit exhausted him, and he died in San Francisco on March 4, 1864, of diphtheria.

In 1931 a statue of Thomas Starr King was placed in the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United States Capitol. In 2009 it was replaced by a statue of Ronald Regan. The King statue has been moved to the Capitol mall in Sacramento.

(Based on documents from the office of the Architect of the Capitol, Washington, DC)

# Lakewood *High School*

4400 Briercrest Ave., Lakewood, CA 90713 562/425-1281

## Lake in the Woods

Lakewood High School has a long and interesting history—from bean fields and dairy farms to a tree-lined streets and a trend-setting community of 70,000 tract homes. Way back in 1897, William Clark, a descendent of the Louis and Clark team, bought 8,000 acres from the Bixby family and formed the Montana Land Company to grow beets. The land was sold to developers, who built 70,000 homes in three years, beginning in 1950. This was the first such commuter community in the country and has been duplicated in suburbs in every city in the U.S.

The lake in the woods that gave Lakewood its name, known now as Bouton Lake, was formed from an artesian well in the late 1800s. Old man Bouton, who capped the artesian well, was involved in building the Lakewood Country Club in the 1820s. This lake in the middle of the golf course was accessed by Arbor Road, a tree-lined horse path. Most of the streets crossing Arbor in the old Lakewood Village near Long Beach Community College are named after trees.

Initially the area was called Radio Park, because the streets were named in honor of local and national radio personalities and favorite radio characters, such as Amos and Andy, Dagwood, Gene Autry, Jimmie Fidler, and Jean Hersholt. More homes were built after Pearl Harbor and named for real or fanciful trees: Graywood, Pepperwood, Pennswood, Blackthorn, and Whitewood. Most of these homes were built for the workers at the McDonald Douglas plant.

Lakewood High School was named after the city of Lakewood, and the graduates of this high school have forever been grateful that the original name of Clabberville—named for the milking process in this old dairy community—was changed!

# Lafayette *Elementary*

2445 Chestnut Ave., Long Beach, CA 90806 562/426-7075

## The Hero of Two Worlds

Marquis was born on September 6, 1757 in Auvergne, France. His father was a soldier and died during a war against England. His family was wealthy. He joined the French Army when he was only 14 years old.

Why is he important? He helped the colonists against the British. He volunteered his time and money to help the Americans. He was able to help the Americans win the war and was treated as a hero.

Marquis de Lafayette was a French general who played an important part during the Revolutionary War. After the Revolutionary War Marquis returned to France and was part of the French government. He returned to the French army in 1782 and was considered a hero because of his work in other wars.

He was known as “The Hero of Two Worlds.” The United States rewarded him with money and land for all of his help.

Lafayette died in Paris on May 20, 1834. He became a symbol of the friendship between France and the United States. He is known for being brave and willingness to help others. Even though he lived so many years ago he is still famous for helping the United States gain its independence.

Lafayette Elementary is named after Marquis de Lafayette who was a famous General. He was an important person in the American Revolutionary War. He helped the colonists during the war. Now you know why our school is named Lafayette Elementary School.

# Lindbergh *Middle School*

1022 E. Market St., Long Beach, CA 90805 562/422-2845

## Soars With Eagles

Charles Augustus Lindbergh Middle School commemorated the 80th anniversary of Lindbergh’s solo flight across the Atlantic on May 20, 1927. The daunting task took



Lindbergh an astounding 33 1/2 hours to pilot himself from New York to Paris, including 1,000 miles through sleet and snow. In 1931, in recognition of his strength, will and determination, the Long Beach Unified School District dedicated one of its middle schools to be named after the aviator.

Charles A. Lindbergh opened its doors in 1931 as a two-story middle school for the youth of Long Beach. However, an earthquake in 1933 severely damaged the school. The school reopened in 1935 as the Home of the Eagles. Since then, student success and improved student achievement have been the primary goals at Lindbergh Middle School.

Lindbergh’s history and tenacity live on at Lindbergh Middle School. Teachers and students display the many attributes of Charles Lindbergh in their dedication to teaching and in their motivation to learning. Creating lifelong learners and the understanding that dreams can be reality through hard work and a commitment to excellence are inherent in everything that the school does.

The many accomplishments of Charles Lindbergh are recognized and cherished by our own staff. Mrs. Eleanor Weems, a local attorney, a W.A.S.P. (Woman Airforce Service Pilot) in W.W.II and a former teacher at Lindbergh Junior High School, recalled that one of her fondest memories was getting to fly with Charles Lindbergh on one of his barnstorming trips. She recalled the cost of her ticket was \$3.00, which at that time was a fairly expensive flight. Lindbergh used this money to finance future flights.

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# Long Beach School for Adults

3701 E. Willow Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815 562/595-8893

## Providing Special Education Assistance to Adults

The Long Beach School for Adults (LBSA) began in 1933 as an alternative school for adults who had not completed their high school diplomas. Since that time LBSA, originally called the Evening High School, has offered a wide range of academic, cultural, and vocational opportunities based on the ever-changing and growing population of the city of Long Beach.

The same is true at this time. Although there have been deep cuts in funding at all levels of education, LBSA has maintained its diversified course offerings by adding moderate fees to some programs.

In the beginning, classes were held at Wilson High School under the auspices of Long Beach City College, which was a division of the unified school district. In 1970, when the community college and the unified school district became separate entities, the Long Beach School for Adults/Evening High School began.

LBSA moved to its present campus on Willow Street in 1994 from an earlier site on Orange Avenue. A second campus was later added on Cedar Street because the population of Long Beach changed dramatically to include refugees and immigrants from 85 other countries. For many years, English as a Second Language was the largest program, and Regional Occupational Program (ROP) classes were offered on the campus as well. Today that space is occupied by Beach High School, the newest high school in the district.

Today, adults, high school students seeking to finish their high school diplomas, and Beach High students share the campus. There are many opportunities for all to learn, with programs ranging from basic literacy skills to advanced classes in computerized learning.

# Lowell Bayside Academy

5201 E. Broadway, Long Beach, CA 90803 562/433-6757

## Great Poet

"To educate the intelligence is to expand the horizon of its wants and desires." These were the words of poet James Russell Lowell. He lived from 1819-1891 and was one of the most famous American writers of his time.

The son of a minister, James Russell Lowell was raised in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and graduated from Harvard in 1838. Lowell's passion for writing was encouraged by his wife, poet Maria White. By 1844, Lowell made his start as poet, editor, critic, and anti-slavery reformer. Eventually, he became editor of *The Atlantic Monthly* and served on the faculty at Harvard University. In the late 1800s, Lowell was named U.S. Minister to Spain and Great Britain. The final years of his life were spent at home in Cambridge.

Lowell Bayside Academy was one of 11 Long Beach elementary schools opened in 1926 to house the skyrocketing enrollment of the oil-boom years. The school suffered extensive damage in the 1933 earthquake, when a brick tower collapsed into the second-floor library. The school was eventually reconstructed to be entirely one story.

Today, a statue of James Russell Lowell stands outside our school office, where the great poet overlooks parents, students, and teachers "educating their intelligence" and "expanding their horizons." We're certain that James Russell would be proud of what's happening at Lowell today!



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# MacArthur Elementary

6011 Centralia Street, Lakewood, CA 90713 562/420-3588

## Decorated General

Our school is named after an American general in World War II, General Douglas MacArthur. General MacArthur served as supreme allied commander of the occupation of Japan after World War II. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point with what is believed to be the highest academic record in the school's history. MacArthur also received the nation's highest military award, the Medal of Honor.

Our staff and students are very grateful to the men and women who have chosen to serve our country in the armed forces and we are very proud of how our school was named.

# Marshall Academy of the Arts

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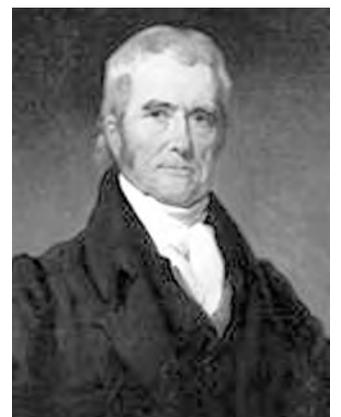
## Supreme Court Judge and Student of the Arts

By Ameelia Ghareeb, Teacher Librarian

Most remember John Marshall for his service to the United States Supreme Court. Born in 1755, he was instrumental in creating the foundation of American law understood today. When we think of John Marshall, we recall a man of integrity, sharp intellect, having great faith in the American principle of justice.

But Marshall was more than that black-robed figure pulled from our collective mind. From a very young age, he was also a student of the arts. He loved Shakespeare, read poetry, enjoyed music and art. He wrote extensively, and maintained libraries. He was a man who truly loved and valued the arts.

As Marshall Academy of the Arts opens its doors this September, we share his love of artistic pursuits. Our students are more than your standard scholars: we're poets and authors and musicians. We're scientists, we're journalists. We are Marshall Academy, and here we are creating tomorrow's leaders.



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## FOR KIDS

This section features enrichment opportunities for children to find their passion!

### Art To Grow On In the Moment

As summer is slowly coming to an end, I again promise myself to hold onto so many wonderful memories. Yet, each year, by the time October rolls around, I've lost the summer mode and am back on the treadmill with carpooling, homework, feeling rushed, and having my days turn into weeks then into months then...here we are again!

Time is such an elusive concept. The school year is like a blink. Summers though are a different story. I remember eating peaches and strawberries, listening to my kids tell great stories, smelling the fresh air, and being with friends. This "mindfulness" needs to be with me at all times I tell myself! Why can't I make the time to notice time in the school year?

As my boys start 1st and 4th grade, I know the upcoming year will be demanding and full. I have already looked ahead to September and have rearranged some events and commitments. I am starting to understand that it is the "open spaces" that make summer so wonderful. That is the piece of summer I will keep with me. Yes, sports, homework, religious school, tutors are just around the corner...but this time, not so packed, not so scheduled.

I will check back in with you before the holidays to tell you how our fall was...and I hope to convey lots of creative and spontaneous adventures and many outings for ice cream!

Enjoy each and every day!

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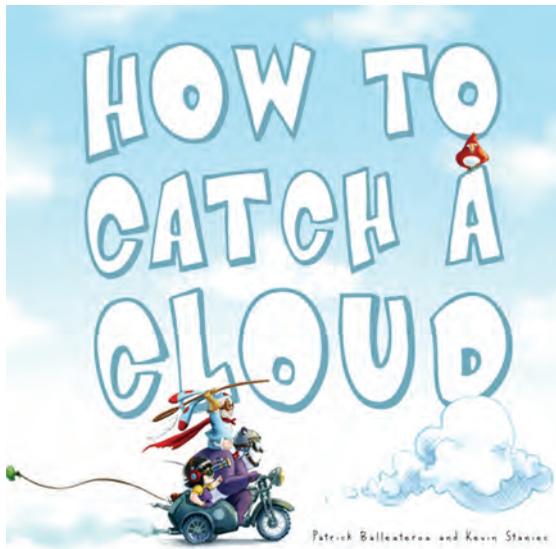
# For Dreamers Who Stare At the Sky

Author Kevin Staniec, who lives in Orange County, explores the delights and nuisances of chasing a dream in his second children's book, *How to Catch a Cloud*, being released by Treehouse Bandits, a specialty publishing house that produces inspiring stories for kids and kids at heart.

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## Nutrition Update

# Nutrition & Brain Health: Is There a Connection?



Carol Berg Sloan, RD

A recent study out of the Oregon Health & Science University showed that those who consume foods that are high in B1, B2, B6, folate, B12, C, D and E have better cognitive function scores. Now while the subjects in this study were older (average age 87), as a registered dietitian I think if we start promoting foods containing these vitamins and minerals to our children there may be a connection in improving their brain health as well, both now and later.

Foods that are rich in the above mentioned nutrients include whole grains, fruits and vegetables, nuts and seeds and unsaturated fats. Do you see a pattern here?.....these are the very foods that

have been touted for years as those that contribute to a healthy diet and better long term lifestyle. Seems like a no brainer to me (pun intended) More studies need to be done on all age groups for more specific outcomes and correlations, but in the meantime start your child's school year with sandwiches with lettuce and tomatoes, carrots and celery as a side and fruit for dessert. Don't forget school and breakfast and lunch is full of fruit, vegetable and whole grain choices!

Here is a recipe that can be used as a dessert, quick breakfast or snack, that is rich in the B vitamins (whole wheat flour), vitamin C and folate (zucchini), vitamin D (sit outside in the SoCal sun while eating) and vitamin E (nuts and seeds).

### Whole Wheat Zucchini-Nut Bread

[www.wholegrainscouncil.org](http://www.wholegrainscouncil.org) courtesy of King Arthur Flour Company

Ingredients:

2 large eggs	1/4 cup molasses
1/2 cup vegetable oil	1/2 cup granulated or brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract	1 cup whole wheat pastry flour
3/4 cup unbleached all-purpose flour	1/2 tsp baking soda
1/4 tsp baking powder	1 tsp ground cinnamon
3/4 cup raisins (golden are nice)	3/4 cup chopped walnuts
1 cup shredded, unpeeled zucchini (1 small to medium)	

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F; lightly grease a standard 8 1/2" by 4 1/2" loaf pan, or line it with parchment. In a large mixing bowl, beat the eggs, oil, molasses, sugar, and vanilla until smooth.
2. In a separate bowl, whisk together the flours, baking soda, baking powder, salt and cinnamon.
3. Stir the dry ingredients into the wet mixture.
4. Stir in the zucchini, raisins and walnuts.
5. Pour the batter into the prepared pan. Bake for 50 to 55 minutes, until the loaf tests done (a wooden tester inserted in the center will come out clean). Remove the bread from the oven, and place on a rack to cool for 20 minutes before removing from the pan and returning to the rack to cool completely.

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New classes for teens this fall are “Drivers’ Education,” a class that prepares teens to apply for their California Driver’s Learners permit and issues a DMV accepted completion certificate upon successful course completion, and “SAT PREP and Test Strategies” to improve your child’s test scores.



To register for classes, call (562) 570-3111 or visit [www.LBParks.org](http://www.LBParks.org).



### Free Programs for Youth and Teens

This fall Long Beach Parks Recreation & Marine’s After School programs at parks and schools, Teen Centers, sports leagues, and mobile recreation program will help provide safe, fun and enriching activities youth after school and on weekends

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### Youth Sports

Free youth sports leagues provide recreational and competitive sports activities for youth and teens to increase their knowledge of sports and fitness levels, improve their self-esteem, and develop social skills. This fall Coed Flag Football will be offered for ages 5-8, and Boy’s Flag Football and Girls Volleyball will be offered for ages 9-14. Register at your local park beginning September 1. Leagues will begin in mid-October.



### Teen Programs

Teen Centers at Chavez, El Dorado, Houghton, Silverado and McBride Parks will be open after school for teens to enjoy games, sports, tournaments and crafts. Visit [www.lbparcs.org](http://www.lbparcs.org) or call (562) 570-3150 for locations and hours.

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## Make Believers, 23 Skidoo



Kate Karp

The title of this inventive collection of contemporary musical styles may be initially deceptive—none of the songs, even the one about “Jack and the Beanstalk,” concern fantasy play. Instead, they’re vehicles and metaphors intended to make believers out of children—believers in themselves.

The performer and writer of the songs, hip hop artist Secret Agent 23 Skidoo, has gathered an ensemble of musicians that include vocalists from indie bands, his wife and his preteen daughter. The instrumental backup features horns from tuba to trumpet, great percussion, and strings, including an appearance by indie-folk cellist Ben Sollee. The songs, all penned by Skidoo, concern the issues that preadolescents encounter as they prepare to face the world. They are written as much for parental enlightenment as for a motive force for young people.

“Gotta Be You” deals with issues of popularity. The song, scatted by Skidoo’s daughter, Sati, takes the cliché out of “Be your own best friend.” The doo wop-infused “Nightmares Disappear” lifts the fear from the night, leaving only its beauty and the security of a safe adult. “Snowforts and Sandcastles,” a gorgeous and radio-hit-worthy number, can best be described as a double monologue of melody and hip hop. “High Five for the High Dive” not only sends the guys off into summer but also revels in the bravery “from the wading pool to the high dive, so high that it looks like a sky dive.” And the trip back to school will come up before they rinse the last drop of chlorine from their swimsuits—“Back Home” traces the first day in a new school as related by a nervous student to his best friend, the dog.

Adolescence can be a difficult period and one during which children and parents may find communication difficult. To this purpose, and in another play on words, *Make Believe* works as a musical bridge. Available on Underground Playground Records.

Kate Karp is an editor for *School News Roll Call* and a freelance writer and editor.

## Back to School



Rajeshri Gandhi

The period just before a new school year can be as stressful as it is exciting, for both students and parents. Start your school year with less anxiety:

Start preparing for the first day of school 10-14 days ahead of time. This amount of time allows students to complete (or start!) any summer work that was assigned, complete school-related shopping trips and for students’ bodies to acclimate to “school year” routines.

Talk with your child to gauge sources of excitement and anxiety.

Getting to know your child’s apprehensions makes you aware of potential triggers and better allows you to coach him/her. Having this knowledge will also allow you to communicate with his/her teacher better should a situation arise.

Use the new school year for a new start. Encourage your child to enter the new year without any old baggage (conflicts with classmates, apprehensions about academics, etc.) Help your child learn the lifelong lesson on how to use time as a healer.

Prepare your child for major changes, especially if your child is transitioning to a new school. Every new school year holds changes and change can cause anxiety. You can help address questions and ease your child’s fear. An older student can serve as a mentor, answer any ‘technical’ questions and provide your child a peer/ ‘in house’ expert.

Prepare yourself financially for the start of school. Starting a new school year is expensive! Request the school supply list ahead of time. Calculate additional classroom costs (projects, fieldtrips, uniforms etc) and optional choices (sports, scouts, lunch, etc) to budget and talk with your children ahead of time about their choices.

Go through steps 1-4 above for yourself. As a parent, you have your own set of emotions about sending your children back to school and working through your anxiety allows you to be best prepared to help your child.

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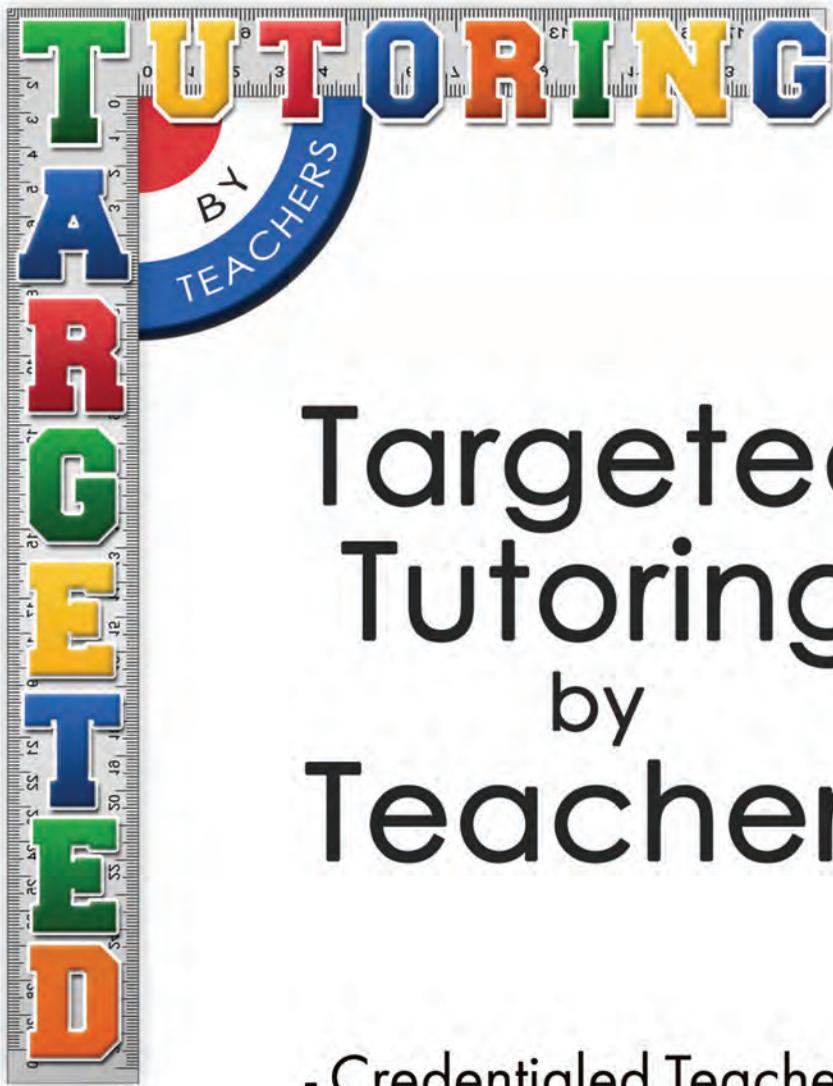
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## McKinley *Elementary*

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### 25th President

William A. McKinley Elementary School opened in 1925 during the skyrocketing enrollment of the oil boom years. Ten other Long Beach schools opened from 1924 to 1926 due to rapid growth in the greater Long Beach area. First located on 68th and Richfield, McKinley moved to its present location some years later. Student class sizes that first year ranged from 39 in first to 44 in sixth. District archives reveal that the superintendent of that era asked teachers to avoid dance halls and pool rooms, and teachers were expected to live in the city during the days of the week that schools were in session.

Our school was named for the 25th president of the United States of America. The official website of the White House, [www.whitehouse.gov/about/presidents](http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/presidents), reports that McKinley was teaching in a country school in Ohio when the Civil War broke out. Fighting for the union, McKinley rose in rank from private to brevet major. After the war he won a seat in Congress and served in the House of Representatives for 14 years. He then served two terms as Ohio's governor. McKinley was elected president toward the end of a severe economic downturn and was elected to two terms. A deranged anarchist shot the president at the Buffalo Pan-American Exposition. He died eight days later in September 1901.

Now beginning its 87th year, McKinley will have 23 teachers this fall in grades K-5 serving 760 students. President McKinley persevered during difficult economic times and was in the White House during the Spanish-American War. Like our namesake in his challenging times, McKinley school today will continue to work hard for the benefit of its students, their families and our community during our own difficult budgetary times.

## Monroe *(K-8)*

4400 Ladoga Ave., Lakewood, CA 90713 562/429-8911

### Fifth President

Our wonderful school was named after James Monroe, the fifth president of the United States. James Monroe was born in Virginia on April 28, 1759. Monroe attended the College of William and Mary and, in 1775, left college to go to war. He became a lieutenant in the Third Virginia Regiment of the Continental Army, formed that year to fight British troops. He practiced law in Fredericksburg, Virginia before turning to politics.



From 1790 to 1794, Monroe was a United States senator representing Virginia. From 1794 to 1796, Monroe was a minister to France. During his time there, he displayed strong sympathies for the French. Monroe held the office of governor of Virginia from 1799 to 1802. He also had the opportunity to be a member of the Continental Congress from 1783 to 1786.

While in Congress, which was meeting in New York City, Monroe met Elizabeth Kortright, whom he married in the spring of 1786. They had two daughters and a son, who died in childhood.

Monroe's ambition and energy, together with the backing of President Madison, made him the Republican choice for the presidency in 1816. With little opposition, he easily won re-election in 1820.

James Monroe is most famous for the Monroe Doctrine, which was a statement of United States policy on the activities and rights of European powers in the western hemisphere. It was made by President Monroe in his seventh annual address to the Congress of the United States on December 2, 1823. The Monroe Doctrine eventually became one of the foundations of U.S. policy in Latin America. Because it was not supported by congressional legislation or affirmed in international law, Monroe's statement initially remained only a declaration of policy and was not referred to as the Monroe Doctrine until well after his death in 1831.

## Millikan *High School*

2800 Snowden Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815 562/425-7441

### Nobel Prize Winner

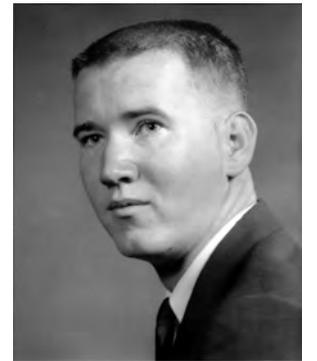
Have you ever wondered about the history of your name? I have a name that may interest you: Robert A. Millikan. Designed as a neighborhood school more than 50 years ago, Robert A. Millikan High School continues to be a "blueprint" in education.

Millikan High School graduated its first class in 1957. A year after Millikan opened, the district used Millikan's blueprint to build an identical campus now known as Lakewood High School, according to *A History: Long Beach Unified School District*, a book published by the school board in 1960.

Millikan is named after Robert A. Millikan, a 1923 Nobel Prize winner for physics. Millikan won the award for the measurements of the charge on the electrons. Nowadays, we offer a range of education programs, including Advanced Placement Computer Science, which honor our school's heritage in science and technology.

Earl Skonberg, a member of Millikan's first graduating class, attended Wilson until Ram High opened. "I opted for Millikan rather than riding buses five days a week," noted Skonberg, who now lives in southern Oregon. The school still draws top neighborhood students, but now for new reasons: it is one of the top five percent of schools in the U.S., according to *Newsweek* magazine.

David Radford, Millikan's first senior class president and a former Ram High teacher and coach, said he was pleased by the recent accolades. "There is so much talent at Millikan in the teaching staff and in the kids," he said. "It's still a great place to get a world-class education."



**David Radford,**  
Millikan's first senior class president,  
former Ram High teacher and coach.

## Muir *Academy*

3038 Delta Ave., Long Beach, CA 90810 562/426-5571

### Patron Saint of the American Wilderness

"All that the sun shines on is beautiful, so long as it is wild." These are the words of great naturalist, John Muir.

Muir was born in Scotland in 1838 and immigrated to the United States when he was eleven years old. His family worked on a farm in Wisconsin where John learned to love the wilderness and nature all around him. An accident while working in a factory left him blind for a short time. When he recovered his sight, he saw the world in a new light. He set off to explore and write about his adventures. He arrived in San Francisco in 1868 and left immediately for the Sierra Nevada to visit Yosemite where he pursued his interests in nature. He became active in preserving the wilderness around him and used his writing to influence Congress and President Theodore Roosevelt to make Yosemite a National Park.

During his lifetime Muir published many books, co-founded the Sierra Club and became known as the "patron saint of the American wilderness." Our school, John Muir Academy, in keeping with the ideals of John Muir, is "a good place to grow."

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## Newcomb Academy (K-8)

3351 Val Verde Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808 562/493-3596

### Passion for Education

By Carlos Valdez, Student (2008)

Every year Newcomb Academy celebrates its founder, Douglas Anthony Newcomb. All the students know these festivities as Newcomb Day. It's a great day to relax and have fun with friends and remember the man who started it all.

Douglas A. Newcomb was born on May 1, 1897 in the Big Apple—New York. From a young age, Newcomb was fascinated with education. He made himself a highly informed man by earning degrees from different schools, including a bachelor's degree from the University of Rochester in 1918, a master's degree from Stanford University in 1927, a bachelor's degree in law from University of Southern California in 1938, and an honorary LL.D. degree conferred by the College of Osteopathic Physicians and surgeons on June 17, 1955.



Newcomb's life was a non-stop adventure from serving with the U.S. Navy in World War I to becoming a superintendent of schools in 1947. He taught at schools in Ohio and New Jersey and soon began to fill principal positions at various schools in California. Then, in 1941, he served as director of elementary schools and then as assistant superintendent of schools in 1943. He became deputy and acting superintendent in 1944 and deputy superintendent in 1946. He was appointed as Long Beach Unified School District Superintendent on August 1, 1947.

Newcomb worked very hard to enrich the Long Beach Unified School District. During his time as superintendent, Newcomb was faced with the post-war enrollment boom crisis. During that time, many school districts had students on half-day sessions because of classroom shortages, but Newcomb resolved this problem by implementing a \$100-million school construction program. Also, Newcomb won the approval of voters for four major school bond issues.

Douglas Newcomb introduced many new entities to California, including the award-winning KLON non-commercial FM educational radio, remedial reading program with clinics, the very superior pupil program, free noon hour for grade school teachers, and outdoor science programs. These contributions all made the school district better.

One thing that Newcomb loved more than his job was his family. He married a beautiful girl named Helen, and they have three children. His son, Douglas Newcomb Jr., currently lives in Newport Beach.

Douglas A. Newcomb held knowledge high in his life and believed that everyone should be educated. He said, "We pride ourselves on providing programs for every child, no matter what his physical or mental endowments may be." Thank you, Mr. Newcomb!

## Polytechnic High School

1600 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813 562/591-0581

### Founded to Compete in Changing World

Long Beach High School, initially founded as a grammar oriented extension of the Long Beach elementary schools, was transformed into Long Beach Polytechnic High School on December 16, 1910, with the placement of a cornerstone for a new complex at 1600 Atlantic Avenue.

In the winter of 1909, discussions arose among the city movers and shakers that Long Beach needed a high school that would prepare young people to compete in a rapidly changing world. This school would not only challenge students in the letters and arts, but also in the sciences and in a variety of trades. The Long Beach leadership wanted to assure that their home kept pace with other major municipalities throughout the United States and Europe who had founded "Polytechnic" schools to help move their urban centers forward by creating work forces from within their cities who were educated in a wide range of subjects and skills.

In March, 1910, Long Beach voters overwhelmingly approved \$240,000 in bonds toward the \$253,000 projected costs of acquiring the land and planning and building the new school. Nine months later, the cornerstone was laid for a school that would include classic academic buildings along with woodturning, clay modeling, casting, foundry, forging, and machine shops, labs for physics, botany, zoology, physical geography, and domestic science, and rooms for free hand drawing and dressmaking.

The school's Polytechnic title proved to be a much more than a mere name, to which nearly 100,000 graduates can attest. A century later, Long Beach Polytechnic High School continues to offer students a quality education in a wide variety of subjects that prepare them for the 21st Century. GO POLY!

## Renaissance High School for the Arts

235 East 8th St, Long Beach, CA 90813 562/901-0168, Ext. 7233

### New School on Old Site

Renaissance is a fitting name for a new school on Long Beach's oldest, yes oldest, school site. The definition of Renaissance is "A revival of intellectual or artistic achievement and vigor" per Merriam Webster Dictionary. Circled around a table during the hot days of summer 11 years ago, flipping the pages of history and literary books, we tossed out dozens of names. We settled on DaVinci High School but decided it was best to fall more on the generic side of a name, and considering the school site was going through a transition, Renaissance's definition seemed most appropriate. Renaissance High School for the Arts is a name that truly fits the evolution of this site and current academic and artistic culture of the school.

## Naples Bayside Academy

5537 The Toledo, Long Beach, CA 90803 562/433-0489

### Named After the City of Venice

Naples Bayside Academy is located on an island in Long Beach, fashioned after an Italian waterfront community. Surrounded by the Alamitos Bay, Naples Island was established in 1903 by Arthur Parson who dug canals and built cozy cottage homes on the waterfront, the name came after the city of "Venice" south of Santa Monica was created. The street names other than some minor changes remain the same, Rivo Alto and Naples Canals, along with Treasure Island. The first home was built in 1906 and shortly thereafter in 1925 the school was built with the same theme in mind. The main buildings are the original construction and reflect the old world feel.

Naples Bayside Academy has educated three generations of islanders and is looking forward to the fourth generation coming. The "community feel" both in the neighborhood and at the school is still evident and makes Naples the "jewel" of the island. The small size allows everyone to know each other and make a connection. The friendly atmosphere provides a positive learning environment for all who enter. Stop by any day to see the numerous volunteers assisting teachers and students. You will instantly be able to see what a "unique" school Naples is!

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## Powell Academy

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### Secretary of State & Decorated Soldier

The Colin L. Powell Academy for Success was named after the famous United States Secretary of State when it opened in September of 1999. Colin L. Powell was born on April 5, 1937, in Harlem, New York, the son of Jamaican immigrants. He was educated in the New York City public schools, and attended the City College of New York uncertain of his career path. While there, he signed up for the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and soon became commander of his unit. This experience set him on a military career and gave him structure and direction in his life.

On Second Lieutenant Powell's first tour of duty for the US Army in Vietnam in 1962, he was wounded and awarded a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. On his second tour of duty, Army Major Powell was injured in a helicopter crash. Despite his injury, he managed to rescue his comrades from the burning helicopter, for which he was awarded the Soldier's Medal. In all, Powell received 11 military decorations, including the Legion of Merit.

Powell earned an MBA at George Washington University, in Washington, DC, and won a White House fellowship in 1972. Colonel Powell served a tour of duty in Korea in 1973 as a battalion commander and later worked at the Pentagon. After study at the Army War College, he was promoted to brigadier general and commanded a brigade of the 101st Airborne Division.

In 1987, Powell became national security adviser and in 1991, General Powell took over the Army Forces Command and was made chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff by President George H. W. Bush. This post is the highest military position in the Department of Defense, and Powell was the first African-American officer to receive that distinction.

In 2000, President George W. Bush appointed Colin Powell Secretary of State. At that time, this was the highest rank in civilian government ever held by an African-American.

Colin Powell has spent much of his life inspiring many with his leadership skills and life experiences. Along with his wife, Powell began America's Promise Alliance, an organization dedicated to the well-being of youth of all socioeconomic levels striving to ensure that young people receive the resources necessary to succeed. This organization now has a presence in over 500 communities in all 50 states.

Colin Powell began his American journey from ordinary circumstances. His close-knit family provided support and a caring environment during his childhood. He found his calling in the military, and his entire adult life has been in the service of his country. As a soldier, he was committed to protecting the nation and advancing democratic values. Powell's organizational talent and pragmatic outlook were recognized by other leaders who placed him in key government roles. The LBUSD selected the name the Colin L. Powell Academy for Success for its new Kindergarten through 8th grade school in Long Beach in 1999, since he represented a positive role model for the 1300 students that attend this campus every day.

## Prisk Elementary

2375 Fanwood Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815 562/598-9601

### Publisher and Politician

William F. Prisk was born in Grass Valley on April 2, 1870. His father was a miner and had planned for young William to be apprenticed to a local shoemaker, however, William decided that newspapering was for him and like so many before him began his career by delivering newspapers. His first employer was the *Grass Valley Tidings*.

While still a student at Grass Valley High School, Prisk gave up his newspaper route and became a printer's apprentice. Shortly thereafter he began to learn other jobs around the office including a short stint as a reporter.

After graduating from high school at 17, he became publisher of his first newspaper, in partnership with Rufus Shoemaker. Their newspaper, the *Evening Telegraph*, made its first appearance on Feb 23, 1889. After two years he sold his share in the *Telegraph* and moved to San Francisco where he took a job as a market reporter. When the opportunity presented itself in 1893, he became editor, publisher and owner of *The Grass Valley Union*. Prisk wasted no time making great changes in the paper. He installed the revolutionary Mergenthaler Linotype typesetting machine that became a standard in almost all newspaper composing rooms for more than 60 years.

When he was 27, Prisk tried his hand at politics and in 1897, he was elected to the California Senate and was the legislature's youngest member.

Prisk and his younger brother Charles purchased the *Pasadena Star* newspaper and the *Long Beach Press*. William F. Prisk served as editor/publisher of what became the *Press-Telegram* for 40 years until the paper was sold in 1952.

Prisk died in December 1962. In 1965, he was selected to the California Press Association's Newspaper Hall of Fame.



## Reid High School

2152 West Hill St., Long Beach, CA 90810 562/432-0227

### A Man of Mystery

*By Graciela Concepcion Immaculada De la Paz Ramirez, Volunteer (2008)*

One can find out almost anything about anybody on the Internet, but not much about Will J. Reid.

We know that he was an oil man who was also fiercely concerned about the natural beauty of our area. We know that he lived in a large, classic Craftsman-style house at the corner of Ocean and Temple, one that still stands facing the sea. We know he was a family man, leaving his love of the outdoors as a legacy to his descendants. We know that a foundation, a park and our own high school are named after him.

The rest is well hidden: a few clippings in the Long Beach main library, or a bit of information at the Long Beach Historical Society. It took a personal interview with Captain Charles Moore, Will J. Reid's grandson, to get the real picture.

Mr. Moore told us that Reid came to California in 1910, and soon entered the booming oil trade, co-founding Hancock Oil Company in the 1920's. His true passions were helping young people and a great love of the outdoors. He left ten acres of land, still known as the Will J. Reid Scout Park, to the Boy Scouts for a camping area in North Long Beach. His concern for youth also prompted the founding of the Will J. Reid High School.

In 2008 his grandson, Captain Charles Moore, addressed our graduating class, and we again honored our founder, a man about whom more should be written and known.

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## Riley *Elementary*

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### American Poet

By John Hardisty, *Student-Room 11*

James Whitcomb Riley was born on October 7, 1849, and he died on July 22, 1916, which happens to be the year that my grandpa was born. He sadly died at the age of sixty-six.

Riley had a great career as an American poet and best selling author. His hilarious poems turned out to be written with a lot of feeling. Riley authored almost one thousand poems. His famous poems are "Little Orphan Annie" and "The Raggedy Man."

Riley started his job writing verses as a sign creator and submitting poetry to newspapers. Riley rose to be a very good writer in 1880 through his poetry reading tours. Regularly having trouble with his alcohol drinking, he was involved in a scandal in the year 1880 when he became too drunk to perform.

Riley was never married or had children in his lifetime. Later in his career, Riley became extremely rich. He continued to read and write poetry until a stroke paralyzed his arm in 1910. This happened at the age of sixty-one. There are many memorials dedicated to Riley, including the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children.

I am very grateful to attend at a school named after such a fantastic person.



## Roosevelt

1574 Linden Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813 562/599-1888

### A Great Conservationist

Most people know Theodore Roosevelt as the 26th president of the United States, who served from 1901–1909. However, much of his work from over 100 years ago still affects our lives.

In politics, Roosevelt established a model of the presidency that we still follow. He moved the United States from an isolationist position to one of increased involvement in foreign affairs. He built up the Navy, which would help the United States become a world power.

His other contributions included his vision of the Panama Canal, through which much of our commerce travels. He was also very active in conservation. During his presidency, Roosevelt established 150 national forests, five national parks and 18 national monuments. All told, he protected over 230 million acres of land. As he put it, "The conservation of natural resources is the fundamental problem. Unless we solve that problem it will avail us little to solve all others."

Many people do not know that President Roosevelt saved the game of football. It was a very rough sport in the early 1900's, with players actually dying during the game. But Roosevelt saw football as a good way to build character and a sense of team spirit, along with healthy bodies and character.

So he met with college personnel to determine specific and safer rules for the game. As a result of his efforts, the rules changed, and the game became governed by the precursor to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA.)

Finally, Roosevelt was an avid hunter. A newspaper story about his refusal to kill an old bear became a cartoon in a newspaper. Later, the cartoon showed a baby bear. From this story, stuffed children's bears soon became known as Teddy Bears.

We can learn a lot from Theodore Roosevelt. As he says, "be practical as well as generous in your ideals. Keep your eyes on the stars, but remember to keep your feet on the ground."



## Robinson *Academy*

2750 Pine Ave., Long Beach, CA 90806 562/492-6003

### Major-Leaguer and American Hero

Life is not a spectator sport. If you're going to spend your whole life in the grandstand just watching what goes on, in my opinion you're wasting your life.

— Jackie Robinson

Jackie Robinson Academy is named after a great American athlete, civil rights pioneer, humanitarian and role model.

Jackie Robinson emphasized the fact that everyone should strive for the betterment of his life, by having a definite goal to achieve success to be able to reach a fruitful and comfortable life. This can be accomplished by maximizing one's abilities with hard work, confidence and strong determination. The message he also wanted to impart especially to young people is that idle bodies with idle minds would most likely result to all forms of negative existence.

Jackie Robinson's life and example inspired millions of Americans by proving that everyone, no matter the language, color or socio-economic background can achieve success in life by emulating his courageous and admirable examples and accomplishments that are principle keys to succeed. By adapting effective efforts and focus on ideal goals, young people can attain a fulfilling and meaningful career so they can eventually become men of integrity and fame.

Jackie Robinson left a legacy of great human values that young people in their growing years should emulate. Our Jackie Robinson school community strives to implement on its every student these great values to improve their way of life. The school promotes positive sports and education programs that cultivate positive personal attributes with proper behaviors.

Jackie Robinson proved that anyone, no matter their language, color, or socio-economic background, can achieve almost any goal when they are equipped with self-confidence and determination. Our motto is "No Excuses! Just Make It Happen...Be College Bound!"



## Stanford *Middle School*

5871 E. Los Arcos St., Long Beach, CA 90815 562/594-9793

### Making History

Stanford Middle School was named after Leland Stanford, an American tycoon, politician and founder of Stanford University. He was born and raised in New York and came to California during the Gold Rush. Stanford ran many small businesses and was one of the first life members and an original trustee for the Sacramento Public Library. He was elected the eighth governor of California in 1861. After serving his term, Stanford went on to become a founding partner in the Central Pacific Railroad Company.

In 1884 Stanford's only son, Leland, Junior, died while on a family vacation. As a memorial to their son, Mr. and Mrs. Stanford donated land and founded Stanford University which opened in 1891. Dr. David Starr Jordan, after whom Jordan High School is named, was actually the first president of Stanford University. Leland Stanford died at the age of 69.



## Stephens *Middle School*

1830 W. Columbia St., Long Beach, CA 90810 562/595-0841

### What's In a Name

William Logan Stephens, well he was the dean of the LB Public School System and Superintendent of Long Beach Schools for 20 years. He was born on July 16, 1866 and died on December 3, 1941. He established the junior high schools and LB Junior College, he organized the schools into departments and was the founder of the curriculum department and research. He was highly respected and brought national recognition to the school systems in Long Beach. Mr. Stephens was involved in many community organizations – Parks and Recreation, Boy Scouts, and the Rotary he was a visionary person who worked diligently to improve and support the education of students and adults in Long Beach. Stephens Middle School is proud to bear his name and continue the tradition of educating and inspiring our youth to excel!

## Tincher *Preparatory School*

1701 Petaluma Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815 562/493-2636

### Dedicated to Community and Education

A native of La Verne California, Mr. Eugene Tincher moved with his family to Long Beach in 1888. He attended Long Beach High School, now known as Poly High, where he met his future wife, Anna Mussetter.

After his graduation from Stanford University School of Law, Tincher opened law offices in Long Beach in 1913 where he practiced law with one of his sons.

The Tinchers were married March 7, 1916, in the First Baptist Church, then located at Fourth Street and Locust Avenue. They were the parents of two sons, Marvin Eugene and Don Earl Tincher, and the grandparents of five.

One of the first Public affairs Commissioners for the City of Long Beach, Mr. Tincher filled elective posts, including president, for 20 years on the Board of Education of Long Beach Unified School District.

He also was president of California School Trustees Association, board member of the Long Beach YMCA, president of Southwest Area YMCA Council and a member of the YM Committee. He was a lieutenant governor of District 13, Kiwanis International, and a Master of his Masonic Lodge.



## Webster *Elementary School*

1755 W. 32nd Way, Long Beach, CA 90810 562/595-6568

### Leadership and Legacy

*By the Webster Student Council (2008)*

Daniel Webster was a leading American statesman, who believed in uniting the states within America prior to the Civil War. He was an attorney and powerful orator, and he effectively articulated views that elevated him to be one of the most influential leaders of his time. He negotiated a treaty that established the border with Canada, empowered the Federal government, and served as legal counsel that impacted the constitution.

Daniel Webster's life, leadership, and legacy continue to live on through the rigorous academic program, diversity, and welcoming climate of Webster Elementary School. Webster is committed to providing an environment that supports each student intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically, while developing the full potential of each student.

On a daily basis, we foster an acceptance of our cultural differences and honor our school's diversity. Our English-Spanish Dual Immersion Program promotes a cultural climate where children of various backgrounds learn Spanish as a second language and come to understand and appreciate cultural and linguistic diversity. In addition, each student's voice is heard through surveys, in student council, and in our annual oration contest.

Webster is equipping students to lead in this diverse society and leave a legacy of their own.

## Stevenson *Elementary School*

515 Lime Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802 562/437-0407

### Vivid Imagination on Paper

To be rich in admiration and free from envy, to rejoice greatly in the good of others, to love with such generosity of heart that your love is still a dear possession in absence or unkindness - these are the gifts which money cannot buy.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

Robert Louis Stevenson always knew he wanted to be a writer. As a child, he was often sick and was confined to bed, so he had to find ways to entertain himself. Letting his imagination run wild was a very good way to pass the time. This vivid imagination is reflected in his classic book of children's poetry, called *A Child's Garden of Verses*. The poems are about his childhood. In it, Stevenson transforms everyday things into magical images. A basket turns into a pirate ship and a shadow becomes a familiar friend. Despite his poor health, Robert Louis Stevenson loved adventures and went on many voyages throughout his life. He traveled as far away as the South Seas. These travels inspired some of his best-known works including *Treasure Island*, *Kidnapped*, and *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*.

In honor of Robert Louis Stevenson, student council decided to bring *Treasure Island's* pirates to life by funding a literacy-themed mural outside of the library. Stevenson is also highlighted in our school's office which includes several portraits as well as a treasure map depicting a timeline of his life.



## Twain *Elementary*

5021 E. Centralia St., Long Beach, CA 90808 562/421-8421

### Mark Twain's Legacy Lives On!

*By Estelle Seaton, Retired Teacher*

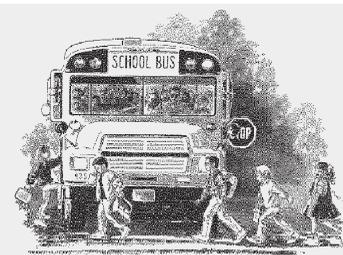
Mark Twain, the most famous of all American literary icons, was born Samuel Langhorne Clemens in 1835. Raised in the heartland of America, Twain went on to tour the world where he observed people from many different backgrounds. Taking notice of their mannerisms, speech, habits, and daily life experiences, Twain used his observations to capture the true heart and voice of America in his writing. With his wit and understanding of human nature, Mark Twain introduced us to Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn, and many other memorable literary characters.

There are several theories as to how Mark Twain became the famous of all pen names. Sam Clemens had certainly heard Mark Twain called out many times on the Mississippi River by the leadsmen of riverboats. It meant that the water was two fathoms deep. Twain means two or twin, and many of his stories and novels deal with look-alikes or actual twins. Some believe the pen name came from an old steamboat pilot who inspired him. Perhaps his choice of Mark Twain as a pen name may have been that he simply liked the sound of it!

The legacy of Mark Twain lives on in our award winning school. Teachers and students have high expectations for academics and behavior that would make Mark Twain proud. We, in turn, are proud to have our fine school named for "the father of American literature."

## Please Drive Safely

## Students Are Back In School



## Washington *Middle School*

1450 Cedar Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813 562/591-2434

### Patriot Pride

There are many schools throughout our nation named after the first President of the United States of America, George Washington. However, our school wasn't always called Washington Middle School. Our motto is "Patriot Pride" and our school once had a different patriotic name: the American Avenue School. In 1918, the school burned down and a new school building was completed in 1921. The Board of Education designated the new school as a junior high school, and renamed it George Washington Middle School.

George Washington was born in Virginia in 1732. He was physically intimidating, tall, tough, determined, and considered to be of sound character. He served as a state delegate to the First Continental Congress and was chosen to command the Continental armies. He later became our first president when the Constitution was ratified in 1787.

We are honored to have our school named after such an important historical figure.



## Whittier *Elementary School*

1761 Walnut Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813 562/599-6263

### Poet and Abolitionist

John Greenleaf Whittier was born to John and Abigail Hassey at their rural homestead in Haverhill, Massachusetts on December 17, 1807. Although he received little formal education, he was an avid reader who studied his father's six books on Quakerism until their teachings became the foundation of his ideology. First introduced to poetry by a teacher, Whittier published his first poem in 1826. Whittier's political skill made him useful as a lobbyist, and his willingness to badger anti-slavery congressional leaders into joining the abolitionist cause was invaluable. From 1835 to 1838, he traveled widely in the North, attending conventions, securing votes, speaking to the public, and lobbying politicians. Whittier produced two collections of anti-slavery poetry: *Poems Written during the Progress of the Abolition Question in the United States, between 1830 and 1838* and *Voices of Freedom (1846)*. The passage of the Thirteenth Amendment in 1865 ended both slavery and his public cause, so Whittier turned to other forms of poetry for the remainder of his life. Whittier died of a stroke on September 7, 1892, at a friend's home in Hampton Falls, New Hampshire. He is buried in Amesbury, Massachusetts.

## Willard *Elementary*

1055 Freeman Ave., Long Beach, CA 90804 562/438-9934

### Frances Elizabeth Caroline Willard (1839 – 1898)

By Gary Willems, Administrative Intern

Francis Willard was a famous figurehead of the women's rights movement. She would play a major role in the 18th Amendment; which established prohibition in the United States and the 19th Amendment; which gave women the right to vote. Her vision for schools would lead to federal aid for schools, free school lunches, unions for workers rights, and protections for children against abuse. Francis Willard also pioneered programs to show the dangers of the use of alcohol, which today kills over 100,000 people in the US each year, and tobacco, which kills over 400,000 people in the US each year.

Because of Francis Willard's dedication to schools when Willard Middle School was built in 1926 it was dedicated to her. Not only had she pioneered programs that made education better and more accessible to children, she also had broken the barriers for women in higher education. Francis Willard not only promoted education she also served as the first female Dean of Women and Professor of Aesthetics at Northwestern University.

## Wilson *Classical High School*

4400 E. 10th St., Long Beach, CA 90804 562/433-0481

### A History of Greatness

By Devon Day—English Teacher  
and Ron Mahan—Stage Crew Teacher & resident Historian

By 1924, as the size and population of Long Beach increased, it became necessary to build a second high school to complement Polytechnic High School, which was Long Beach's first. Funds were approved, a site was selected at the extreme east end of the city, and work was begun. The name of the school, Woodrow Wilson High School, was chosen to honor the memory of Thomas Woodrow Wilson, the 28th president of the United States, who had died earlier in the year.

The doors of the new school were opened in September 1926 with some difficulties. The streets had not yet been paved in this remote section of the city, there was no public transportation for students to use, and not all school facilities were completed. However, classes began, and, from this rocky start, one of the finest schools in the country emerged. Wilson was considered a high tech school for its day. It was the only school to have a public-address system.

The school was dedicated on January 28, 1927. It was fitting that this date was selected, for Woodrow Wilson was born on the 28th day of December, and he was the 28th president of the United States. As a part of the dedication ceremonies, the Native Sons of the Golden West embedded a bronze plaque in the steps at the entrance of the school. The plaque is still there, and the message on it embodies the spirit of Wilson: "Truth, Liberty, Toleration." The sand in the mortar used to affix the plaque and the water used to mix the mortar were taken from the California missions.

The school mascot is the Bruin, and the school colors are cardinal and gold. According to Rick Vandruuff, a Wilson art teacher, in 1927, there was a huge rivalry between the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and the University of Southern California (USC). The football game that year was intense. Like UCLA, our mascot flip-flopped between the Bears and Bruins but the Bruin was finally selected. The student body and administration at Wilson decided to take the colors of USC, red and gold, and the mascot of UCLA, a grizzly bear.



## Child Development Center

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## Central CDC Visits a Farm



Lauren Shaw  
Director

Children at Central CDC can easily recognize the smell and taste of strawberries, celery, onions and carrots. Ask them what a farmer needs to grow fruits and vegetables and they will tell you about the tractor, seeds soil, water and sunlight that is required. As the recipient of the Early Reading First Grant, Central CDC children traveled to Irvine to visit a farm. They were treated to a tractor ride through the fields and were able to taste many vegetables that had been picked that morning. As a culminating activity, children walked through the strawberry fields and picked a basket of berries to take home to their families. Participating in educational and meaningful field trip is an important component of an excellent preschool program. We are grateful for the Early Reading First grant that allowed our children this unique opportunity to visit a real working farm.

## New Year, New Jesters!



**Dr. Terri Mendoza**  
Principal

*By Elise Severson, Director Marketing & Admissions*

With the 2012-2013 school year getting in gear to launch, students have been anxiously anticipating their new “place” on campus and rising to the occasion to carry on the Jester pride that radiates through all.

During the Summer Break, the buzzing of hard work echoes from each classroom, the athletic practice fields, the Flynn Center, the administrative offices and throughout Chapel Court.

With Summer School having been in session, Camp Little Jesters coming to an end, and various ASB planning meetings taking place, it is more than safe to say that the ladies of SJ are eager to begin the new year with their new roles.

On July 13-15, Saint Joseph Pep Squad held their annual Youth Cheer Clinic, proving the program to be yet another success. Children of all ages participated in the three day clinic and were given an inside look of being a part of the Jester Community. Pep Squad members instructed the participants and all involved truly shined and rose to the occasion to become not only leaders, but also role models for young girls; further exhibiting what it means to be a Jester.

Each class has stepped up in rank and Saint Joseph High School could not be more proud to welcome the 146 newest members in the Freshman Class to our community and keep the tradition of excellence alive!

It goes without saying that the overall charisma and values conveyed through the hard work and preparation put in during the course of the summer is truly what keeps the spirit of Saint Joseph alive; continuously striving to be “All of which woman is capable.” School will re-open August 13th and classes will resume the following Monday, August 20th.



## Los Angeles County Office of Education

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### Making a Difference for the County's Foster Youth



**Arturo Delgado, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent

By recent count, there are more than 15,000 youth “out of home” in Los Angeles County. This troubling statistic represents all those young people who have been removed from their families, based on neglect or abuse, or families that are simply not able to take care of their children.

Meeting the urgent and often critical needs of this large, at-risk youth population is the work of several public agencies, starting with the County Department of Children and Family Services and the County Probation Department.

Addressing the academic needs of foster youth is the specific focus of Foster Youth Services, a grant-funded program administered by the Los Angeles County Office of Education's Division of Special Education.

Many of these foster youth are relocated at least three or four times a year. So John Keane, coordinator of LACOE's Foster Youth Services, and his team of a dozen fully credentialed school counselors, plus three support staff, are prepared to track these young people and their school-related records across all 80 school districts and 4,000 square miles of L.A. County.

Besides assisting with student record collection and transfers, LACOE's FYS counselors facilitate enrollment of foster and probation youth in school; link students to available resources in the school or community; participate in special education and transition planning; and collect educational credit and testing information to assist proper placement in school.

It's a huge job of outreach, requiring a great deal of collaboration with other agencies. “The Department of Children and Family Services has educational consultants,” Keane explains, “so they assist with foster youth as well. And each school district has a district liaison.”

In addition to collaborating with school districts and DCFS, Keane and his counselors also work closely with County Probation “to get the information and help to all the county youth. The more we get involved and work together, the more we can get done.”

The challenges of this vitally important work obviously loom large, but what are the rewards? Making a difference in the lives of young people tops Keane's list: “Every day is a reward.”

He and his counselors try to help the students understand the laws that are available to them—laws that have been developed to help the foster youth—to assure that they have equity. “That's where my charge comes from,” Keane explains, “and why I love what I do.”

# Westerly School

of Long Beach (K-8)

Nonprofit, Nonsectarian Independent School  
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**Chris Rodenhizer**  
Head of School

## The Westerly Cause



Most non-profit organizations, it could be argued, came into existence in response to a need, to champion a cause, or provide a service to community. Water.org, for example, came about to supply clear water to those who lack it. Kiva was born from an idea to provide small business loans to entrepreneurs in effort to help alleviate poverty. Democracy Now, a news organization, came about to cover stories traditional media would not. Similar to these organizations, Westerly School was founded nearly 20 years ago by a group of parents who felt a need for something different in the way their children were to be educated. Their cause was to provide the city of Long Beach with an independent school and a choice for the community.

Independent schools are different from other schools in that they are led less by people and more by a mission statement, which sets the course for how students are to be educated. All independent schools are unique in that regard. A Board of Trustees, made up mostly of current parents, along with a Head of School, and the faculty, determine how best the school should live its mission. Parent committees and student leadership groups further help guide the school to achieve its goals. Another key difference is the way independent schools are funded. All operating costs to run schools like Westerly are generated solely through student tuition, fundraising, and grants, without assistance from government or local tax revenue. As a result, independent schools are not beholden to district requirements or government mandates, which further allows for the freedom to create a program that aligns with the mission and is responsive to the needs of their respective communities.

Data collected from over 1,500 independent schools by the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), of which Westerly is an accredited member, informs us of the benefits of this model and approach in educating students.

- Higher SAT scores
- Greater post-secondary achievement
- More engagement in their college education
- More engagement in their communities

(source: Values Added: The Lifelong Returns of an Independent School Education —NAIS)

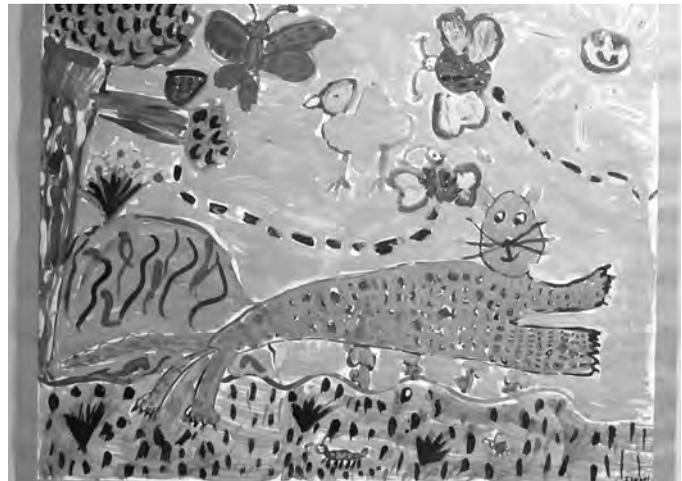
What makes Westerly School so unique is its strong, balanced academic program that features thoughtful integration of the arts, physical education, and foreign language (Spanish), which the school's founding families believed were instrumental to a well-rounded and complete education. Research tells us that students educated in the arts think with a more broad perspective and see choices to solving challenges. Students who are physically fit are not only healthier, but devote more energy to their studies. Qualities of sportsmanship and cooperation learned in Westerly's physical education classes transfer beautifully to cooperative approaches in the classroom. Foreign language instruction, in any language, increases students' appreciation and tolerance for cultures other than their own and help them to think more globally.

In addition to the integration of subject matter in Westerly's academic program, teaching and learning through projects and helping students see real world connections to their learning are paramount. A detailed example of the type of teaching and learning of one such project occurs in the first grade classroom at Westerly.

*This past spring, students engaged in a rainforest unit of study where they learned about the various habitats within a tropical rainforest and their characteristics. Students read fact-based books about animals of the rainforest, wrote a realistic-fiction journal about their trip through the habitat's various layers, and learned about the process of doing a research project by choosing a rainforest animal.*

*Students worked with their 6th grade mentors on selecting research books and finding answers to their questions on the Internet. Their culminating project was a written paper and a PowerPoint presentation, the latter of which they then presented to classmates, mentors and parents to develop presentation skills. Students also applied math surveying and graphing skills by interviewing classmates.*

*Furthermore, in partnership with the music teacher, students learned a song about the layers of the rainforest, learned about rainforest instruments made in class, and performed a drum circle. In art class they created a painting of a rainforest animal.*



Beyond the approach to teaching and learning that engages students every day, Westerly's program produces results. The majority of students perform in the upper quartile on standardized tests and matriculating eighth grade students gain acceptance to and thrive in some of the area's most rigorous public and private high school programs such as Poly PACE, CAMS, Chadwick, St. John Bosco and Mater Dei to name a few. Alumni have gone on to colleges such as Harvard, MIT, Middlebury, NYU, Vassar, Yale and a host of state universities in California and across the nation. Alumni frequently credit their days at Westerly as contributing to their love of learning and school success.

## Arrange for a Personal Tour and Introduction to Westerly School

Join us for a community visit this summer on Wednesday, August 8. Community visits start in the Westerly library at 9:30 a.m. Reservations are recommended and can be scheduled by contacting our Admission Office at (562) 981-3151. Adults only, please.

## About Us

Westerly School serves students in Kindergarten through eighth grade by igniting a love of learning through innovative instruction, collaborative projects, and community involvement through leadership. With its whole-child philosophy and safe-learning community, Westerly nurtures students' creativity, forming problem-solvers and idea-makers prepared for the ever changing world. Westerly School is a non-profit, non-denominational independent school located on a five-acre campus in the heart of Long Beach. To learn more about Westerly School or schedule an appointment to tour our campus, please visit [www.westerlyschool.org](http://www.westerlyschool.org) or call (562) 981-3151.

**MAYOR CITY OF SIGNAL HILL • FROM PAGE 1**



**Tina Hansen**  
Mayor

offered by the Signal Hill Library, parents with kids of ALL ages can keep their kids' education moving forward in the summer while still having lots of free time and fun.

One of the best things about a summer library reading program is that the child gets to control what he/she reads. My boy always goes straight for non-fiction with books about nature or vehicles or emergency workers being personal favorites. My girl goes straight for the fiction books such as princesses, fairies and Barbie. But they get to choose and this means they are excited to read.

*City of Signal Hill*

Signal Hill Library is pleased to offer the following reading programs for our kids: Dream Big for kids ages 5-12 which begins August 1 and runs through August 29. The program will be designed around anything and everything relating to dreams, nighttime, bed, stars or any other nocturnal topic in the title or in the subject. Let your kids' imagination soar in picking books that fit this theme. There will be prizes to earn along the way with all participating children being entered into a grand prize drawing for a backpack full of cool prizes.

Own the Night is the reading program for tweens and teens in grades 6-12. This program runs June 18 until August 29. Tweens and teens will also read books with a nocturnal theme in the title or in the topic, enter into a reading contract and earn prizes along the way as well as be entered into a grand drawing for a Nook Color tablet.

Love of reading begins early and so we want to include the parents of our younger children to encourage them to read to their children. The Family Summer Reading Star program is a program in which participating parents are entered into a drawing for a gift basket full of books, DVDs and other gift cards or certificates. From the youngest child, to the oldest child in high school, Signal Hill Library has something for you!

Signal Hill also wants to give kids a fun experience while at the library and we are offering three great shows this summer. August 1 at 1:00 p.m. is Jersey Jim performing a comedy and magic routine around the Dream Big theme. August 15 at 1:00 is Wild Wonders which is a show featuring exotic, nocturnal animals. August 29 at 1:00 is Buster Balloons which is a great magic, comedy and balloon show. This show will officially end our summer reading program with the prize drawings to be held at the end.

My twins and I will see you in the Signal Hill Library for some Summer Fun=Reading Fun! For further information please call our wonderful library staff at (562) 989-7323.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION • FROM PAGE 1**



**Mary Stanton**  
Member

work to visualize a layout that would work under the state guidelines as well as the Board of Education standards. Everyone involved agreed on the need to modernize building systems, increase classroom size to meet current educational goals, consolidate the high school on to one campus, increase collaboration with the City of Long Beach and improve parking and drop-off.

The campus master planning phase is complete and ready to move into the design and development phase.

I am so excited to see some of the preliminary ideas, such as opening up the area in front of the auditorium for a large gathering large enough for everyone. At present there is no area large enough for everyone to gather for a pep rally. The design calls for moving the library/media center to the entrance area so that becomes a joint use for our neighbors. The existing cafeteria is small and out of the way for most students to use. The plan moves this to the central area so that everyone can be able to get food easily in the time allotted. The portable buildings would go as well as the old 1930's classrooms and in that space new, multi-story classrooms are planned allowing for more parking.

The beginning plans are exciting to see. Watch for the date on the district website or school loop for the meeting so you can see for yourself how the Jordan campus will become the shining star in North Town.

There are several new faces in our schools. Kimberley Baril will be the new Principal at Grant elementary, Lori Grady moves to the leadership of Barton, Marie Hatwan is Principal at Los Cerritos, Jennifer Rodarte returns to Harte and Scott Tardibuono returns to McKinley and returning to Jordan annex now called Jordan Plus is Lewis Kerns. Eddie Cruz will be the new Activities Specialist at Jordan. Please give a warm North Town welcome to these new leaders.

**SAFE SCHOOLS • FROM PAGE 1**



**Douglas P. Haubert**

*City Prosecutor*  
*City of Long Beach*

like never before. The two problems are related – when kids are not in school they become targets for gang recruitment. Gangs are desperate for new members, and they start recruiting kids when they are in middle school. The next step is dropping out.

Statistics in one study reveal that 80% of gang members are school dropouts. In Long Beach, there is no question a direct link between gang membership and school dropout. That is why we are focusing so hard on the simple task of getting kids to school every day, on time.

The biggest role in keeping kids out of gangs, however, belongs to parents. Negative influences within the family or household, especially violence and drug or alcohol abuse, greatly increase the risk that a youth will join a gang.

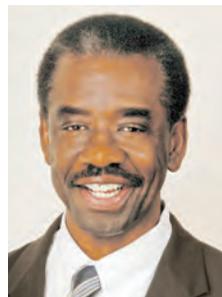
Kids who join gangs often do so gradually, beginning with associating with older kids with gang ties. According to the Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), parents should look for negative changes in behavior as possible warning signs the child may be associating with gang members or people close to gangs.

Examples of negative behavior the OJJDP says to look for includes declining school attendance or performance; staying out late without reason; withdrawal from family and longtime friends; and drawings that could be gang symbols on schoolbooks or clothing. Unusual devotion to one or two colors of clothing or a particular logo can also be an indication of gang interest, particularly clothing that uses a sports team's letters, but adopt other colors associated with local gangs.

Of course, there are less subtle signs of gang involvement. If a child comes home with unexplained cash or goods, or worse yet, any kind of weapon, this is can be a cause for alarm. In Southern California, gang activity is closely tied to drug use and sales, so the same signals that parents look for to recognize drugs could also point to gang involvement.

In Long Beach, with police, prosecutors and school officials, we've made great progress in reducing truancy and keeping kids in school, and away from gangs. That is good news because school attendance is a key ingredient in the fight against gangs. But schools, even with the help of police and prosecutors, can't do it all – parents can look for the signs of gang involvement in their kids and their kids' friends.

We all need to be vigilant and look for the signs of possible gang involvement. Gang recruitment begins in middle school so early prevention is critical. Parents who suspect their kids may be getting involved in gangs can contact the police department or school counselors for help, or visit <http://CityProsecutorDougHaubert.com/>.



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# The First School in Long Beach

By D. H. Coop

The LBUSD has continued the tradition of naming schools after admired leaders in all fields from educators, politicians, inventors, community activists, authors, scientists, etc. This issue highlights the LBUSD schools and how they were named.

The first school in Long Beach was in a tent in 1885. The first Long Beach school teacher was a sixteen year old girl by the name of Grace Bush, who had not yet completed high school herself. She taught eleven students in a tent until an accredited teacher was hired so the school would be accredited. At that time Grace continued her own education. Grace's story repeated itself many times to fill the teacher shortage.



**The first school in Long Beach with teacher Grace Bush in 1885. Students brought their own chairs and desk.**

Today teacher positions are filled with college graduates. It is interesting to note in 1886, when the first school was built on Pine Avenue, the villagers predicted there would never be enough pupils to fill it. Now the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) can count with pride more than ninety schools. Today, instead of tents, it is common to see bungalows that were constructed to temporarily house the overflow of student population. The bungalows became permanent structures as student population grew faster than the district budget.

The number of students in the district have increased and decreased over the years; however, the 3R's are no longer the standard—today specialization is the standard. Science and Performing Arts Academies, International Baccalaureate and Magnet programs are designed to prepare students for specialized fields of study in college preparation.

Today just think about the knowledge students are required to know and understand. When you have done that, think about the fact that we are using the same educational time table that was used in the 19th Century, when Grace started her class of 11 students. The school year was 180 days with the summer months off for helping with the harvesting. We have now started the 21st Century with that same time schedule. Other nations have adjusted to this increased demand of knowledge with a longer school year; for instance, Japan has a school year of 240 days. In addition, where four years was the normal time to receive a degree in college today five years is the norm.

Public education in this nation continues to hold itself to high standards and ideals set forth by those who have come before us.

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## Naming Our Companions

By Miriam Yarden, B.Sc., MS

I once knew a dog named Lampshine Crumpet of Knickerbocker. I also met Coritan Merryworth Meditation and a Harley Riverbank Recall. They all had a slightly confused look in their eyes and went through a degree of identity crisis. Which brings us to the subject of how we name our pets.

While naming our companions is as intricate as naming our children, occasionally we tend to overdo it. By the time poor Lampshine Crumpet of Knickerbocker hears the command at the end of his name, he probably forgot what was required of him – and so may the owner. So, mostly and with commonsense, we name them good, solid, sensible names like Max, Buddy, Fido, (Phydeaux, to be a little different), or Jack, Maggie, Lizzie, or Girlie. For the aristocrats there are Duke or Prince, and the ladies are Princess, Lady or Queenie. There are Sweetie, Honey, Lovey or Missy. Then we have the descriptive names like Peanut, Tiny, Smoothie, Gordo, or Sugar.

Names for cats are a little harder. Cats have to like their names. Of course, we have Fluffy, Tiger, Kitty, Lulu and the like, but some just want to be different. My snow white cat did not respond to Frosty, Snowball, Whitey but when I called "Yoplait," his ears pricked up. Thus, he was Yoplait for 18 years.

Whatever names we give them, they're tolerant and loving. They forgive our delusions of grandeur, our wishful thinking (a tiny Chihuahua named "Rex"). But naming dogs Bandit, Satan, Diablo, Mephisto or Killer is not a good thing. It hints at the owner's attitude and may well be reflected in the dog's behavior.

Have fun naming your animal friends. Wait a day or two before you decide. Poopsy may indeed turn into a Rex, and Killer the Cat may really be a Fluffy. But please, stay away from Slickesmere Silver Blue Boy!

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### LBUSD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS • FROM PAGE 1

The 2012 President's Scholars were chosen from an applicant pool of more than 700 high achieving students statewide. The local students will be among 26 new scholars joining the university when fall classes begin on Aug. 27.

As President's Scholars, each selected student will attend CSULB on a full scholarship that covers general student fees, an annual book allowance and paid housing in the campus residence halls for four years. The scholars also receive priority registration, personal academic counseling and more.

The benefits for qualifying valedictorians and National Scholars from accredited California high schools are made possible through the support of the CSULB Alumni Association, President's Associates and the Corporate Scholars Council.

### HOME ROOM • FROM PAGE 2

On the subject of names—I am often asked about the chicken and the umbrella by my picture in this column. When I was a child, my mother often drew this picture. (My mother is celebrating 92 years young this month). Years later, I drew the picture for my children and grandchildren. When I founded *School News*, I thought it fitting to include the chicken drawing in my column. I chose Netragrednik as the name. Now the question is why Netragrednik? If you write the name backwards, you'll know the answer.

Thank you for including *School News* among your reading choices. The results are in from our reader survey and we'll begin our new articles based on your responses. Please continue to email or contact me with your requests for information to be included.

You won't want to miss our October issue featuring bio's of each of the school principals. In the meantime, please drive safely as students are back in school.



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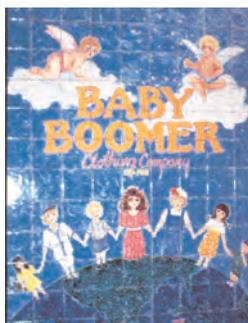
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