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Welcome back to another school year. By now students are settled into a routine and focused on their academic goals.

In this issue in addition to the school information you will read articles on subjects including City Prosecutor Douglas Haubert's article on substance abuse, Miller Children's & Women's Hospital's Teaching Tolerance, City Auditor Laura Doud's

article on the backpack giveaway, and City of Signal Hill Mayor Lori Woods' tips for a safe and healthy school year.

Thank you for your and continuing to include *School News* among your reading choices.

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Lori Woods
Mayor

Safe and Healthy Back to School Tips

Summer is gone and school is already upon us! With that being said, Signal Hill is home to three schools in its modest 2.2 square miles. Everyone is encouraged to stay safe and create healthy habits throughout the year. Here are some tips to help everyone have a safe and healthy school year.

Getting to and from school:

Walking to and from school: Always walk with a parent or buddy and look both ways before crossing the street. Cross at a crosswalk and walk within designated sidewalks or walkways. Obey the crossing guard commands or the WALK signal at stoplights.

Riding a bike: Ride on the correct side of the street and wear a properly fitted helmet. Be alert and do not use electronics to make sure you are able to hear all traffic noises around you.

Driving: If you see children in a school zone, obey all posted speed limit signs. Do not double park as this is not only a citable offense, it is also dangerous to let children out where other motorists might not be able to see your child. Please remember to use designated drop off zones and slow down for everyone's safety.

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Healthy Home Habits:

Eating: Be mindful of what you are packing for your child's lunch; 17% of youth aged two to 19 in the United States are obese. Help prevent childhood obesity by making sure your child gets a healthy balance of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains every day. It always helps when children have a good role model to look up to so don't be afraid to create healthy eating habits as well.

Sleeping: Make sleep a priority; most children need eight to 10 hours of sleep per night. Sleep is just as important as diet and exercise. Encourage children to read a book before bedtime and limit the usage of electronic devices. It has also been proven that an established nightly routine can support better sleeping habits.

Communicating: Be a partner in your child's education. Talk to them about their likes and dislikes in school. Have open communication with teachers about your child's strengths and struggles. Be involved in your child's education every day. And last but not least, be sure to keep an eye on any other issues that may affect your child at school.

By following these tips everyone will start off the New Year safe and healthy and will continue to grow a strong mind and body. Also, be sure to take active breaks from school studies to visit the wonderful parks and public places within Signal Hill. Have a great school year!

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Laura L Doud
City Auditor

We've Got Your Back

On a warm and sunny Saturday in late August at the Farmers & Merchants Bank east branch parking lot, school aged children with bright smiles and wide eyes grabbed new backpacks and rushed from table to table filling them with folders, notebooks, pens, pencils and crayons. Grateful parents looked on while caring volunteers lent helping hands to ensure all supplies made it securely into their bags.

Knowing that no child should begin a school year without necessary supplies, two local churches, Temple Baptist Church and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, came together to sponsor the 3rd Annual We've Got Your Back backpack giveaway event providing 2,000 backpacks with supplies to Long Beach students in need of support as they headed back to the school year. These two organizations partnered on an amazing project to fill a need for children in our community.

Providing students with the school supplies they need has a profound impact on students, teachers and the learning experience. Excited children left the backpack giveaway event with tools to learn and do their best work.

This is an inspiring example of how organizations can



come together to make a positive, impactful difference in our City. Families with the greatest needs were able to give their children a strong start to their school year.

It was wonderful to see two faith communities initiate this project collecting donations and volunteering time. Though needed backpacks were distributed, much more happened through this service. Hearts were lifted, hope and enthusiasm were generated, bonds of affection were formed and unifying conversations erased lines of diversity. This brought the community together in the spirit of kindness, generosity and understanding. Let us carry this spirit of goodwill throughout the 2017-18 school year!

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Drugs – the increasing epidemic

The leading cause of death among homeless Americans used to be HIV, but that has been replaced by a new epidemic - drug overdose. Recent studies show that substance abuse and overdose disproportionately impact homeless people.

The problem of opioid abuse has risen to a level of national crisis according to the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

The rate of opioid-related overdose deaths has tripled since 2000, and the numbers continue to rise. In total, more than 64,000 Americans died from drug overdoses in 2016. A recent survey by the United States Conference of Mayors found that 68 percent of cities reported substance abuse as the largest cause of homelessness for single adults. Many cities also cited substance abuse as one of the top three causes of family homelessness.

Don't be fooled. Drug use is not just prevalent among the homeless, but in families where you would never expect it. That is because the opioid addiction, often started with prescription drugs authorized by medical doctors, has grown by astounding numbers in the last decade.

Recently, Fox News anchor Eric Bolling lost his 19-year old son, a promising young college student, to an apparent drug overdose. That death took place one month after the passing of the 22-year old son of the Nashville Mayor Megan Barry. Barry's son was found with a combination of drugs in his body, including Xanax, marijuana and two opioids – liquid methodone and hydromorphone.

Drug overdoses are now the leading cause of death among Americans under 50. In 2016, the number of deaths from drugs grew by 19% in just one year. Indicators suggest the upward trend will continue in 2017. Drug use by young adults, of course, is not new, although the new data is alarming and parents need to pay attention.

When actor Carroll O'Conner lost his adult son to drug overdose twenty years ago, it made headlines. "Nothing will give me any peace," said O'Conner. "I've lost a son. And I'll go to my grave without any peace over that."

But as a celebrity, O'Conner had a voice and he used it in speeches and public service announcements. He warned other parents, those who may be unsure about when to step in when they suspect drug use with powerful words. "Get between your kids and drugs any way you can if you want to save the kid's life."

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Teaching Tolerance – Starting a Conversation about Craniofacial Abnormalities with your Child



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Each year, about 4,400 infants in the U.S. are born with a cleft lip and about 2,700 are born with a cleft palate. Together, these conditions are often referred to as craniofacial abnormalities, which are among the most common birth defects.

For children with craniofacial abnormalities, there are many visible (facial characteristics and/or speech difficulties), as well as invisible characteristics (anxiety, breathing difficulties) that may impact a child's ability to interact with others in meaningful ways.

These interactions can become even more difficult, and can affect their self-esteem, self-acceptance and communication skills, when other children tease, taunt, stare or exclude them.

Your child may know someone with a craniofacial abnormality, and it may be challenging for them to understand their peer's condition. Family members and other adults who are part of a child's life have the opportunity to educate children about respect for others and tolerance of differences.

Here are several ways to encourage tolerance:

- Model inclusive behavior. You can help your children become more compassionate, empathic and respectful by staying educated. Communicate openly with them about sensitive topics (asking and answering questions about craniofacial defects) and role play hypothetical situations or conversations.
- Curiosity is a venue for learning. Teach your child to ask questions in appropriate, thoughtful ways.
- Good communication and socialization skills lead to compassion. Encourage your child to communicate about their feelings and thoughts in age appropriate, pro-social ways.
- Ask your child's school about their anti-bullying policies in order to understand the steps taken to prevent bullying.



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**Jane Close
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Convocation Kicks Off School Year

CSULB's 2017 Convocation in August highlighted institutional achievements and outlined initiatives for the upcoming 2017-18 academic year and beyond. With the event held in the Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center, President Jane Close Conoley and Provost Brian Jersky addressed the campus community and guests. There were also remarks from Academic Senate Chair Norbert Schürer and Associated Students' President Joseph Nino.

"I am very optimistic about the future of our university," said Conoley during her remarks to the audience. "We face today some looming challenges, but we have faced looming challenges every year for the past 67 years or so I imagine. And we're still here and here in great style.

"In addition to a history of success," she added, "my optimism is based on the conviction that we can continue to build on our commitments to student success, embrace challenges with innovative and entrepreneurial strategies and maintain and improve our position as one of the nation's great comprehensive universities. We have shown the persistence and dedication to get hard things done."

In addition, School of Art Professor Aubry Mintz introduced a screening of an animated short film titled "Ugat" by Theresa Reyes, a recent CSULB graduate who now works at Disney's Pixar.

Cal State Long Beach continues to be an attractive option for incoming students. The campus had 103,605 student applications for Fall 2017, the most in the university's history.

The projected enrollment for this fall is approximately 37,000, with new freshmen numbering nearly 4,200 and a transfer enrollment of 3,850, similar to last year. Among the new students are 32 President's Scholars who are selected from throughout the state because of their high level of achievement. Classes for the fall semester at the university began on Monday, Aug. 28.

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By Pamela Seager, Executive Director

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Test Scores Rise as All Groups Improve

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year. The start of the new school year brought encouraging results regarding student achievement in the Long Beach Unified School District. We saw significant gains as all student subgroups improved here, including all racial/ethnic subgroups, students learning English as their second language, special education students, and homeless and foster children.

The gains on state tests accelerate a trend of growth seen last year, as the school district has allocated restored state funding and taken advantage of greater local control of that funding. The results are among several measurements showing progress in Long Beach schools, including improved graduation rates and greater participation in Advanced Placement college courses and exams. Many Long Beach schools saw double-digit gains in the percentage of students meeting state standards, and several schools saw their achievement gaps close by 50 percent or more, compared to their prior year's achievement for their lowest and highest performing subgroups.

Such improvements do not happen by accident. They are the result of careful planning and thoughtful allocation of resources. At the start of last school year, LBUSD Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauer challenged school leaders to close achievement gaps by 50 percent. Our Board of Education fully supported this effort. Our schools took the superintendent's challenge seriously, carefully analyzing student achievement data and providing extra resources to students who needed the most help.

The most recent data show that a majority of local students met, exceeded or nearly met standards in both English and math. In English, the figure was 72 percent, and in math it was 67 percent. Throughout the school district, 48 percent of students met or exceeded standards in English, a 3 percent increase over the prior year. In math, 39 percent of students met or exceeded standards, a 5 percent increase over last year.

While all ethnic subgroups showed growth, we also know that some groups grew faster than others, and some outperform others. We've been examining the latest data carefully as we work to accelerate achievement especially among African American students, English learners, special education students and homeless/foster populations. We look forward to seeing further improvement among these groups.

On a personal note, I was honored to be selected as president by my colleagues on the school board back in July, and it has been a privilege to serve on the board for more than three years. As a lifelong resident of Long Beach, it's gratifying to part of an effort that is so important to our children and our communities. Thank you to everyone who contributes to this work. As I begin my sixteenth year as a parent in this district I am more excited than ever to see the great work this school year will bring. Make it a great year, everyone.



Christopher J. Steinhauer
Superintendent

Keeping Dreams Alive

As we started the fall semester, I had the pleasure of visiting more than a dozen of our schools. At each campus, I felt like school had never stopped for summer. Students and employees resumed their important routines just like clockwork.

I saw staff reviewing goals for the year. I observed great instructional strategies being used by teachers, with students collaborating and producing exceptional

work. I enjoyed watching student ambassadors welcoming freshmen to high school with tremendous positive energy. I helped to greet the very first class of ninth graders at brand new Browning High School. Elsewhere I chatted with a kindergartner who proudly informed me that he had learned all his colors. Then he made my day by saying, "Thank you, Mr. S."

These scenes felt even more poignant as we learned about the suspension of the 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which enables "Dreamers" – young undocumented immigrants who were brought to the country as children – to live, study and work in the United States. The suspension of DACA runs counter to our school district's firm commitment to all students.

In our public schools, we're all dreamers – students, parents and employees alike striving for a better world. That's what America is about. That's what our schools are about. That's why we remain undeterred in our vital mission.

Behind the scenes, so many employees contributed their talents and energy to make sure the school year started safely and smoothly. Parents did an amazing job helping their children arrive at school looking sharp and ready to learn.

We also started the school year with encouraging news about student achievement. We saw significant gains on state test scores, and all student subgroups improved here. We're already hard at work analyzing data and making adjustments as we aim to close remaining achievement gaps.

Thank you to everyone whose persistence makes our improvement possible. Together, we're keeping dreams alive, and that's some of the most important work in the world. I wish you every possible success this school year.



Addams *Elementary*

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Armando Dueñas
Principal

Impressive Gains for All Students

By Katie Hickox, Assistant Principal

Addams Elementary School scores on the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, or SBAC exams, soared by 13 percent in mathematics and by eight percent in English-Language Arts over the past year.

The Long Beach Unified School District recognized the school's gains with an incentive grant of \$10,000 for closing the achievement gap among sub-groups of students, including African American and Hispanic pupils. The school also earned a \$10,000 grant for an increase of 10 percent on math, as

well as \$750 for attendance gains.

"I attribute this success to teachers' passion and willingness to make changes to instructional delivery to really meet students' needs," said Addams Principal Armando Dueñas.

The Addams staff analyzed last year's student achievement at an August "Data Day" meeting to determine the next steps forward. Rather than focus on the scores, teachers reflected on successful classroom practices from 2016-2017 to plan for this year's students.

"My belief is don't focus too much on the numbers, numbers aren't the vision, numbers are the product," states Dueñas. "This year our focus is sustainability, accountability, and ownership."

Bancroft *Middle School*

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Maria Pilar Perossio
Principal

Special Interest Advisories

By James Mahoney, English Teacher

This year Bancroft will maximize its educational minutes with innovative "special interest" advisories comprising 31-minute classes focused on individual teachers' personal skills and knowledge. It will also be a time to build cultural awareness and have our "Safe & Civil" lessons.

Our most popular advisory, Spanish, helps students develop foreign language skills. Math teachers tutor algebra I students, while those taking "Imagine That: Math" learn the fun aspects of math. Our PE faculty also offers basic muscle anatomy, weight training, health science, and first aid skills.

We also feature specialized courses, including robotics, Genius Bar, and filmmaking, as well as our Bruin News Network team. Motor Mania presents the thrilling world of dirt bikes. Meanwhile, travel, sports, and gardening enthusiasts can expand their knowledge. Our celebrated Female Leadership Academy, Student Council, and Green Team continue their fine service around campus. Growth Mindset goal-setting and Restorative Justice Circles aim to foster success.

Bancroft's classic arts classes of chorus, drama, and dance join Creative Crafting, Joy of Coloring, creative writing, journalism, and the computer graphics advisory to complete our program.

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Troy Bennett
Principal

Beach high school is off to a great start. The staff met on August 29, to review data and plan our path forward. We are excited about starting a new school year with revised strategies aimed at preparing our student's for college and careers.

The instructional leadership team worked during the summer to plan the implementation of professional development

for the 2017-2018 school year. For the second year the Beach staff will focus on formative assessment and differentiated instruction in order to meet the needs of all students. The Beach TEAM works collaboratively to provide our students and families with the best educational services possible.

Class of 2017-2018 here we go!

Bryant *Elementary*

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Matt Hammond
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Paving the Way to Success

Bryant students are running to achieve their goals. Through the Girls on the Run after school program, grades 3-5 girls participate in a valuable experience that builds confidence and teamwork, unleashes opportunities, and promotes a lifetime practice of health and fitness. Conversation-based lessons and enjoyable running games teach and encourage the students in ways



that positively impact their lives now and down the road. They meet together twice a week for 1½ hours and spend time running 30-40 minutes. The program culminates with a 5K event that celebrates the work and accomplishments of the students. These students are off and running and bound for success.

Burbank *Elementary*

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Vanesha Davis
Principal

Ready to Learn

Burbank staff and students are geared up for changing our mindset this school year. Our students are changing from a fixed mindset to a GROWTH MINDSET. We are learning ways we can change negative thoughts into positive ones. persevere through challenges and to become better all around citizens. At Burbank Elementary our All-Star Scholars are ready for this new school year!



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Wendy Poffenberger
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Rebel Center

CAMS is starting off the year focused on college and career readiness! In an effort to support our students, CAMS is excited about the opening of the new Rebel Center. This year three College Aides are being added to support math and science classes. The Rebel Center also offers help in writing across the curriculum.



Support in the Rebel Center is provided by our paid peer tutors who apply for the position, thus gaining work experience. Peer tutoring is offered in the following subjects: AP Biology, AP Physics, Physics, Chemistry, AP Calculus, AP Statistics, Precalculus, and Algebra 2. To get support students sign up for tutoring online using our school website and walk-ins are also welcomed.

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Principal

BARK Reading Program

Burcham is proud to participate in the BARK Reading Program. BARK was founded in 2007 and is an all-volunteer program that encourages children to increase their reading skills and self-confidence by reading aloud to certified therapy dogs. Sometimes, students find it intimidating to read in front of classmates, but love to read to the non-judgmental calming dogs. BARK has 170 teams listening to kids in more than 100 schools and libraries in California.



On a weekly basis, a BARK volunteer comes to Burcham providing opportunities for students to read to the dog. Since we began working with BARK, several students have improved their reading skills and improved their reading confidence. Burcham is excited to be a part of such a wonderful program.

Carver Elementary

5335 E. Pavo St., Long Beach, CA 90808 • 562/420-2697 • www.lbschools.net/carver



Matthew Monaghan
Principal

Welcome to the Family!

We are so happy to welcome 3rd Grade teacher, Dominique Schwenzfeier, to our Carver family! Mrs. Schwenzfeier has been a teacher in LBUSD for 18 years. She has taught every grade level from Kindergarten to 8th Grade. She even spent time teaching on Catalina Island. Mrs. Schwenzfeier currently resides in Long



Dominique Schwenzfeier

Beach with her husband and dog, Gracie. When asked how she feels about working at Carver, she couldn't say enough nice things. She says, "I love how genuinely kind and wonderfully welcoming every single staff member has been since day one! I also am extremely appreciative of how support and welcoming all of my parents have been. I have never felt so welcomed at a school site. Carver has air of kindness and calm to it that I am loving!" We feel the same and couldn't be happier to have her at Carver.

Cubberley (K-8)

3200 Monogram Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808 • 562/420-8810 • www.lbschools.net/cubberley



Cathleen Imbroane
Principal

New Wave of Electives

*By Noah Burgess
7th Grade Student, Journalism*

At Cubberley K-8 School, several new electives were launched this school year to allow students to have up to four electives per semester. To do this Cubberley has implemented circle-triangle days. Some of these electives are new this year whereas some were introduced in previous years.

One of the electives introduced last year is Robotics that until now was only available to 8th graders. This year 7th graders can also join. In the Robotics class

students divide up into teams to create and make a robot that will compete in the Vex Robo Bowl.

Several other electives at Cubberley include Advanced Band/Orchestra, Global Studies, Intermediate Computers, and Chorus. In the music electives students learn advanced skills and songs. In Global Studies, Mr. Ward teaches journalism, literature, and art. Mrs. Dassero teaches advanced, intermediate, and introduction to computers and Robotics. With so many electives available, students are excited about the possibilities for the future at Cubberley. I as a student enjoy having the option to take classes different from the standard curriculum.

Chavez Elementary

730 W. Third St., Long Beach, CA 90802 • 562/590-0904 • www.lbschools.net/chavez



Hugo Figueroa
Principal

Staff Recognized

Chavez staff was recently recognized for student achievement growth by Long Beach Unified School District during a District Manager's Meeting. Monetary awards were received for three specific accomplishments. The first was for closing the Achievement Gap between our African American Subgroup and other major school subgroups,

especially on the SBAC English Language Arts assessment. Furthermore, students showed growth of 8% in Language Arts and 15% in Mathematics overall. Additional monies were awarded for showing an increase of more than 10% points in our overall mathematics SBAC scores. Finally, Chavez was recognized for meeting our yearlong student attendance goal. Chavez Elementary is very proud of our accomplishments and the staff have already begun planning to support our students in making further gains this year.



Chavez teachers.

Emerson Parkside Academy

2625 Josie Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815 • 562/420-2631 • www.lbschools.net/emerson



Rose Vitetta
Principal

On a Mission to Help

A delivery made its way to Texas from Emerson Parkside Academy to deliver 2905 pairs of new underwear from our Emerson families. Our community was looking to do their part in those affected by one of the most devastating natural disasters to take place in the United States. The underwear was donated to the organization "Undies for Everyone" to be distributed to victims of Hurricane Harvey in Houston, Texas. Undies for Everyone enhances the self-esteem, dignity, hygiene, and success of Houston's disadvantaged students by providing them clean underwear. Keeping kids in class and bullies at bay. We want to say THANK YOU to The Discount Center in Carson and Jane Osuna who covered the cost of

shipping three HUGE boxes of underwear to Texas! Way to go Emerson for completing this wonderful mission! Emerson has heart!



Franklin *Classical Middle School*

540 Cerritos Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802 • 562/435-4952 • www.lbschools.net/franklin



Wendy Sowinski
Principal

A Problem-Solver

Franklin has been working with the California Conference for Equality and Justice (CCEJ) in Restorative Justice Training (RJ).

One thing that every teacher at Franklin has done is hold Community Building Circles, which is the first level of RJ. These give students a chance to get to know one another and their teachers on a more personal level, and build a sense of community within the school. Ms. Hemminger found that regular Circles changed her students' level of acceptance and empathy for others,

and created teamwork.

On the third day of school we held a school-wide Circle time to give all students the experience, and to begin building community both within their new classrooms and the school. Ms. Hyson remarked that, "They expressed excitement and concerns about entering middle school. By the time the Circle was complete they had one more connection to each other and to me. They have asked to continue doing the Circle, and know they have a support team."

Last year Ms. Hyson used the Circles regularly, and when conflicts arose they used the Circle as a tool for problem-solving without anger.

Fremont *Elementary*

4000 E. 4th St., Long Beach, CA 90814 • 562/439-6873 • www.lbschools.net/fremont



Dr. Cassandra Richards
Principal

Students enjoy the Colorado Lagoon

By Laura Malloy – Science Lab Teacher

Fremont students get to experience marine science at Colorado Lagoon; a salt-water habitat in Belmont Shore. Each May, all classes walk to the Lagoon for an hour class with scientist Alene Spindle. Activities include dragging a beach seine (fishing net) to collect lagoon fish and other sea animals. Students collect fish, then transfer them to aquariums for observation. Jack Smelt, Gobi fish, Bat Rays, Shovel Nose Rays, Sea Slugs, or Striped Bass are examples of sea-life observed. Classes also walk around lagoon paths to identify marsh, California sagebrush plants and migrating birds. Science Lab at the Colorado Lagoon is an extension of Fremont's hands-on Science Lab.



Gant *Elementary*

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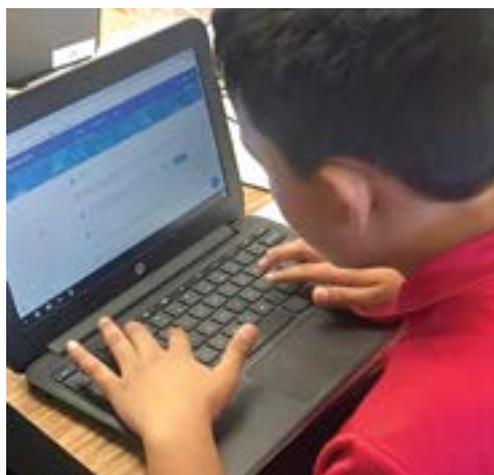


Cassandra Fanton
Principal

Chromebook 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders

By Katy Fisher

As the students at Minnie Gant Elementary School walked into their new classrooms on the first day of school, they found the usual pencils, nametags, and folders. But, the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders were greeted with an even more exciting tool for learning. Every 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classroom was equipped with a Chromebook cart with enough Chromebooks for every student! The



chromebooks are being used to teach and reinforce skills in all subject areas. Teachers and students are using Google classroom to assign, complete, and grade student work. The chromebooks make it possible to individualize learning for each student and for teachers to have more opportunities for small group and one on one instruction. And of course, they help make learning even more fun!

Hamilton *Middle School*

1060 E. 70th St., Long Beach, CA 90805 • 562/602-0302 • www.lbschools.net/hamilton



Kathy Cruz
Principal

Preparing for a Successful Year

Hamilton's "Where Everybody Belongs" (WEB) is composed of a group of highly motivated eighth-graders who wish to make the incoming sixth-grade transition smoother for all of our pupils.

In late August, our WEB Leaders "adopted" small groups of incoming sixth-grade students and led these new middle-schoolers through various team-building exercises. Students from all different LBUSD elementary schools, as well as those children new to the district, were

able to meet new friends, tour the campus, and feel much more comfortable on the first day of school.

During the WEB morning, our incoming sixth-graders were provided uniforms through the Assistance League of Long Beach. The Long Beach Rescue Mission also supplied student backpacks for the children who needed them. In addition, students had their pictures taken and received their new ID cards for the first day of school.

Our administrative team also met with parents in the auditorium, while community groups outside distributed information about local health services and various after-school opportunities.

Henry (*K-8*)

3720 Canehill Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808 • 562/421-3754 • www.lbschools.net/henry



Veronica Madrigal
Principal

Welcome Back

By Laurie Wheels
Patrick Henry Counselor

Welcome Back to another fantastic year! We first want to share our successes from last year. Patrick Henry made a 10% growth on SBAC, the state test. The district acknowledged our growth with a \$ 10,000 check to continue to support our students learning. This year we have new staff, starting with our new Principal,

Sra. Madrigal. She comes to us from Dooley, where she was the vice-principal. She was also a former counselor and teacher. Also new at Henry is kindergarten teacher Sra. Novoa, 1st grade teachers Sra. Rivera and Sra. McAllister, 3rd grade teacher Sra. Santos and 4th grade teacher Sra. Guerrero. New in the office our secretary Sra. Lynch and Nurse Sra. Foster. Our health assistants Sra. Barrett and Sra. Garcia. In addition a new vocal instructor Sr. Gibson. Welcome to our new staff.

Go Patriots!!!



Holmes *Elementary*

5020 Barlin Ave., Lakewood, CA 90712 • 562/633-4427 • www.lbschools.net/holmes



Luana Wesley
Principal

Back-to-School Roundup

While schools in Long Beach did not open their doors until August 30, students at Holmes got a chance to peek inside their classrooms and meet their new teachers on Saturday, August 26, when Holmes hosted its annual Back-to-School Roundup. Families attending were able to receive a new backpack, purchase uniforms, get assistance filling out lunch applications, and enjoy tasty nachos, courtesy of teachers and staff. With backpacks filled with school supplies donated by Cerritos Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., scholars at Holmes began the 2017-18 school year excited, fully prepared, and ready to learn!



First Grader Kaleb, proudly displays some of the backpacks given away at Holmes Back-to-School Roundup.

Hudson (*K-8*)

2335 Webster Ave., Long Beach, CA 90810 • 562/426-0470 • www.lbschools.net/hudson



Lisa Colburn
Principal

Backpack Bonanza!

Sixth, seventh and eighth graders in Edmonia Foe-Taylor's class welcomed a special visitor from the Port of Long Beach who helped celebrate the beginning of the school year. Zina Bourda, an active member in the National Council for Negro Women (NCNW), joined forces with employees from the Port of Long Beach to ensure each student in Ms. Foe-Taylor's class could experience the excitement of receiving a brand new backpack filled with school supplies. Students pulled out composition books, markers, and rulers, in preparation of tackling any homework assignment or project ahead.

For the eighth graders, who began with Ms. Foe-Taylor back in sixth grade, this generous act has become a



Ross Morinaga (counselor) Zina Bourda, Edmonia Foe-Taylor (teacher), Lisa Colburn (principal), and Rita Aslan (Assistant Principal).

treasured tradition. Mrs. Bourda's mission to help children feel valued resulted in happy students who are eager to use their new supplies to learn.

Hughes Middle School

3846 California Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807 • 562/595-0831 • www.lbschools.net/hughes



Edward Samuels
Principal

Welcome

This is the greeting 6th grade students received from over 100 WEB student leaders at our 6th grade orientation. WEB, which stands for “Where Everybody Belongs” is a middle school new student orientation program that focuses on making the transition from 5th grade to middle school a more fun and positive experience. Each year, WEB program advisors Mr. Krstich and Ms. Van Divort, go through the process of training 8th grade students and transforming them into WEB leaders. When asked about WEB students, Mr. Krstich stated, “It’s rewarding to welcome our future leaders and even more so to see current students blossom into WEB mentors.” WEB leaders serve as mentors to 6th grade students throughout the year.



Jordan High School

6500 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, CA 90805 • 562/423-1471 • www.lbschools.net/



Veronica Coleman
Principal

AIMS Students Earn CNA Certification

By Kelly Meade, AIMS Lead Teacher

In 2013, the Jordan AIMS Academy was one of the founding schools of the Goodwill SOLAC Certified Nursing Assistant Program, part of the LBUSD’s Career Preparatory Academy Health Care Program.

This year, seven graduates are part of a traditional culminating class for the AIMS Program CNA students. Currently, the AIMS Academy has ten students in the CNA program sponsored by Goodwill, a program that costs \$3,000 per student. That is why it’s important to donate, because the revenues go to

help support our students.

The AIMS Academy focuses on student achievement through the medical sciences, and the pursuit of medical careers through academic and vocational education. Through internships, guest speakers, and hands-on career investigation, AIMS students are able to experience first hand the opportunities which exist in the medical field.

The AIMS Academy also provides a close family like atmosphere, where students are provided the skills they need to both set and achieve the kind of goals that can assist them in the future. Goodwill SOLAC is an integral part of student growth and achievement.

King Elementary

145 E. Artesia Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90805 • 562/428-1232 • www.lbschools.net/king



Osvaldo Ocampo
Principal

Welcome Back!

My name is Osvaldo Ocampo and I’m honored and privileged to join the staff at King Elementary as their new principal. King Elementary has a reputation of excellence and I feel fortunate to join a school culture focused on student achievement, high expectations and collaboration.

Under the leadership of the former principal, Mrs. Kimberly Weber, King Elementary increased 21% in two years in ELA. This is evidence of King Elementary’s dedication to student achievement. Together, we will continue King Elementary’s commitment to excellence as we strive to support the personal and intellectual success of every student, every day. We look forward to a great year together. Go King Royals!

Kettering *Classical Elementary*

550 Silvera Ave., Long Beach, CA 90803 • 562/598-9486 • www.lbschools.net/kettering



Juan Gutierrez
Principal

Welcome to the Kettering Family

Kettering is off to a spectacular new school year. Students, parents, teachers, and support staff are looking forward to another productive and exciting year. The staff has a few new faces on board who are ready to join our dynamic team of teachers.

This year Kettering is fortunate to have joining the team Jessica Hernandez in Kinder/1; Celeste Peña in a 4/5 class;

Julie Borkin, librarian, Leah Hall, speech and language

pathologist; Olga Degas, nurse; Talitha Bell-Villegas, school psychologist; and Kay Sasaki, IBI supervisor. Wow! What a remarkable group of educators joining the Kettering staff.

As the new year begins to unravel, there is great anticipation on behalf of everyone on what the future will bring to Kettering School. One thing is for sure: the overwhelming sense of teamwork, commitment, encouragement, and love for children that are on the forefront.

It's clear that the future at Kettering looks very promising, so "Go Team, Go Kids!"



Lincoln *Elementary*

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Caroline Nemec
Principal

A Great Start!

*By Charo Darwin Glomah,
Assistant Principal*

Early Transitional Kindergarten (ETK) is an early childhood education program and there are only a few in the district.

Lincoln is lucky to have one because we are able to provide a program that bridges the gap between preschool and Kindergarten.

Our Early TK program is off to a great

start! It's a fact that children are being cared for outside of the home more and more as families work to meet the challenging needs of financial independence. And while this is a challenge, Mrs. Nguli and the Lincoln staff have embraced the challenge and work to include our parents in providing age-appropriate learning for a very excited group of learners.



Lindsey Academy

5075 Daisy Ave., Long Beach, CA 90805 • 562/423-6451 • www.lbschools.net/lindsey



Renny Chu
Principal

Inaugural Summer

I wonder what heart, lung and bowel sounds like to a medical practitioner? These 7th and 8th graders found out at Lakewood High School HOSM Pathway, when some of the Lakewood students taught the middle schooler's how to listen to heart, lung and bowel sounds on their state of the art Patient Simulator Manikin, and read the patient monitor you can see on the window sill.

If you are interested in becoming a health care professional, or bio-medical engineer, or specialist in forensics, then start that journey in our first health and forensics focused middle school.



Long Beach School for Adults

3701 E. Willow Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815 • 562/595-8893 • www.lbschools.net/lbsa



Debbie Broadway
Lead Administrator

A Bright Future Ahead

You've heard it said many times, "it's never too late". That was never truer for the 29 Long Beach School for Adults graduates who received their high school diplomas on June 2, 2017. Graduation took place on campus in our auditorium. We watched with pride as the dream of a high school diploma became reality, the goals that had been set were met, and the hope of a brighter future was that much closer.

The mission of LBSA is to provide educational opportunities that empower a diverse population of adults to be productive citizens in an ever-changing society. We have several programs available. Our high school diploma program provides the classes needed to earn their diploma. The Adult Basic Education program allows adults to build their skills in reading, writing, and mathematics. We have preparation classes for students interested in taking the High School Equivalency Test and also administer the test on site. Our English as a Second Language classes help students learn and improve their English skills. If you would like more information about the programs at LBSA, please e-mail us at <http://lbsa-lbusd-ca.schoolloop.com>.

MacArthur Elementary

6011 Centralia St., Lakewood, CA 90713 • 562/420-3588 • www.lbschools.net/macarthur



Scott Fleming
Principal

Expanding the MacArthur Universe

by Maggie Magno,
MacArthur PTA President

The MacArthur PTA kicked off the 2017–2018 school year in late August with its second annual End-of-Summer Family Picnic at Del Valle Park. Parents lounged in the shade catching up with one another while students reconnected with friends on the playground. PTA board members also mingled with new parents and students and happily answered questions to help ease the first-day-of-school jitters.

At the end of September, the PTA hosted another community event called "Pastries with Parents." This event

was first introduced in February, and was attended by more than 300 students and their loved ones.

Events like these have helped strengthen the MacArthur community in very tangible ways. Last year PTA membership more than doubled from the previous year. There was also an increased number of parents volunteering for PTA events and participating in the fundraisers.

In the hope of witnessing even more growth this year, the PTA has adopted the theme, "Expand the MacArthur Universe: Join PTA!" When parents work together to support educational programs and community events, student achievement improves and children shine brighter.

McKinley *Elementary*

6822 Paramount Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90805 • 562/630-6200 • www.lbschools.net/mckinley



Off and Running

McKinley Elementary had an exciting year last! One highlight was taking a school-wide field trip to see a local production of Shrek the Musical. Ten LBUSD district buses loaded up to take approximately 700 McKinley scholars to Lakewood High School for the production, which was performed by the MYART musical theatre company.

McKinley fourth-grade student Melissa Romero said, "It was cool that the whole school went! The show was funny and entertaining. My favorite part was when all three Princess Fionas were singing in the tower." What a great day for McKinley!

Scott Tardibuono
Principal

There was also a lot of excitement when McKinley's 2016–2017 SBAC scores returned. McKinley students grew 24 percent overall in English language arts and 14 percent in mathematics. The McKinley fifth-grade class grew 35 percent in language arts!

These noticeable gains in both math and language arts are attributed to daily guided reading, advanced use of Thinking Maps, teacher training and collaboration, as well as student use of Chromebooks. This year every McKinley student will have access to his or her very own computer for use!

Newcomb *Academy (K–8)*

3351 Val Verde Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808 • 562/421-8851 • www.lbschools.net/newcomb



Newcomb Choir

*By Shelby Green,
Newcomb Journalism Student*

The choir program at Newcomb K-8 Academy has been a club off and on for many years. Finally, after years of lunch practice and 7:15 zero periods, choir has become an elective!

Donna Ryono
Principal

Now combined with drama, Mrs. Wu the choir teacher, and Mr. Ennen the drama instructor, will work together with students to produce Annie Jr. the musical this school year. Mrs. Wu says that combining with drama makes a "much larger choir and a chance for everyone to sing." Mr. Ennen states that it's "tight" to "combine with a teacher (Mrs. Wu) who knows a lot about music. With more singers we have more sound and a better production all together."



Renaissance *High School for the Arts*

235 E. 8th St., Long Beach, CA 90813 • 562/901-0168 • www.lbschools.net/renaissance



Kimberly Holland
Principal

Beauty and the Beast

By Maria Dowell, Arts Coordinator

Renaissance High School for the Arts presents *Beauty and the Beast* this November. Students will perform at the Long Beach Performing Arts Center. At Renaissance, performances are entirely student-led. With guidance from teachers, the cast, pit orchestra, costume designers, and crew are comprised entirely of students.

Ana Gudino (12th grade) is the show's stage manager. Her duties include running rehearsals, managing schedules, and more. "It's hard, but it's the best thing I've ever done. You have to love what you do, and it's not an easy job. I'm really passionate about it and I put everything into it. Nothing is more powerful than being in the theater after a successful show. It's an experience that will always stay with me."



Ana Gudino

Robinson *Academy (K-8)*

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**Dr. Damita
Myers-Miller**
Principal

Book Tasting

At Robinson Academy, our 5th, 6th, and 7th graders learned that an "amuse bouche" is not just for food enthusiasts! Students were given the opportunity to sample quality literature during their language arts classes. Robinson teachers created an engaging environment for their "Book Tasting" events in each of their classrooms.

During these Book Tasting events, students were provided the opportunity to browse selections of different genres to create a list of titles to "Read to Self." While browsing the books, students also determined if the books were the right fit for their reading level. Students completed their own book menus with their choices, why they selected that particular book, and then rated the book 1-10. JROB Dolphins love to read!



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Roosevelt *Elementary*

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Clarissa Tolentino
Principal

Our Bears are Growing Healthy Habits

First grade students at our school are learning how to become responsible caretakers. They had the opportunity to engage in agricultural practices in a small scale garden through a raised garden bed. The garden beds were made possible through a donation by an Eagle Scout as part of a culminating project. Having the garden helped teach our students about the responsibilities of



gardening and the importance of how to sustain organic vegetables. In addition, the lessons learned contributed to students' knowledge of how to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Our students took responsibility and ownership of the garden. Working together as a team to maintain the garden fostered a strong sense of community to ensure the garden was well-kept and alive. The students' teacher reported that there was increased level of self-understanding, interpersonal skills, and cooperative skills among her students. The class celebrated their accomplishment by making the salad together and enjoying having lunch together over a Friendship Salad.

Sato *Academy of Mathematics & Science*

1100 Iroquois Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815 • 562/598-7611 • www.sato-lbusd-ca.schoolloop.com



Mona Merlo
Principal

Officially Chartered

Sato Key Club is honored to announce that it is officially chartered. Last week, Kiwanis Club members presented Sato with a banner, gong, and gavel. Gerard Legaspi (Sato Key Club President), will have the honor of sounding the gong to commence club meetings.

Sato began its chartering process in January with the encouragement of Mona Merlo (Principal). Since then, faculty advisors Hajra Saeed and Bronaugh Byrne have worked with the officers to stay true to the club's mission to build leadership and serve others. Members have been active in community service events with both the Kiwanis Club and with other Key Clubs in the area. Sato Key Club looks forward to an exciting year of service and leadership opportunities!



Stevenson *Elementary*

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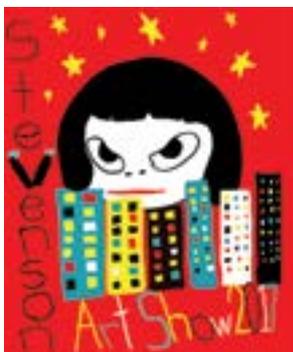


Kevin Maddox
Principal

Art at Stevenson

*By Nica Rumion,
Grade 1 Teacher*

On July 12, 2017 Stevenson was buzzing with creativity at our 2nd annual Stevenson Art Show. Over 100 featured visual artists and over 90 dancers kinder-5th grade were showcased. Featured artists were gifted a student designed t-shirt with



their name on the back. The dance team brought French folk dancing, Japanese storytelling, and Harlem Lindy Hop to the stage for two packed shows. Teachers, parents, and students were at art stations creating community through art.

This year our art program will be featuring the inspiration of Jose Guadalupe Posada, Piet Mondrian, and Salvador Dali. Students will be learning about color value, grids, real vs. surreal and more! Our art studio has expanded to include creative play stations and STEAM activities.

Tincher Preparatory School (K-8)

1701 Petaluma Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815 • 562/493-2636 • www.lbschools.net/tincher



Music Our Common Language

Under a clear blue sky, Tincher students were treated to the amazing talents of Nobushi Taiko which translates

Rosemary Sissons
Principal

to Wild Samurai group. They are the number one Taiko group in Japan and have played to sold out stadiums throughout Asia. In addition to Nobushi, we heard from the junior Taiko group, Koul, also taught by Grand Master Nobushi.

Thanks to Mr. Doug Erber, father of two Tincher Scholars, who coordinated their visit. The performance was



incredible and students from Pre-school through 8th grade had an opportunity to play with the professionals.

It was an amazing opportunity to experience our common language, music.

Signal Hill Elementary

2285 Walnut Ave., Signal Hill, CA 90755 • 562/426-8170 • www.lbschools.net/signalhill



Interventions at Signal Hill

The individual needs of Signal Hill students are being met both in and outside of the classroom. All scholars have daily access to interventions and differentiated instruction with their classroom teachers. Some of our students also receive interventions during after-school tutoring, and supplemental instruction is offered

Tammy Lavelle
Principal

during the school day by highly qualified retired teachers.

Last year we added a new component called “Coast 2 Coast.” Two skilled soccer coaches work with the students three days a week to ensure that they are successful on the playground. The students enjoy this structured period, and our data reflects that they are spending more time in their classrooms and less time working through the conflicts that used to occur during recess.



Stephens *Middle School*

1830 W. Columbia St., Long Beach, CA 90810 • 562/595-0841 • <http://lbstephens.schoolloop.com/>



Salvador Madrigal
Principal

Welcome Back, Jackrabbits!

As we kick off the 2017–18 school year, Stephens Middle School is excited to welcome the following new staff members: Dr. Patrick Booker, assistant principal; Stacey Benuzzi, math assistant principal; Jana Baker, psychologist; Stacey La, nurse; Brenda Martinez-Olague and Kelsey Casalegno, sixth-grade teachers; Sovanna Ngoun, RSP long-term guest teacher; and Trinisha Williams, seventh-grade history long-term guest teacher.

The week prior to the beginning of school, we held our sixth-grade orientation. Over 200 excited students and their families attended. Mr. Madrigal, our principal, warmly welcomed parents and shared expectations and general information with them. Students were invited to tour the school; they visited classrooms, the library, locker rooms and the gymnasium, office area and cafeteria. They were also measured for school uniforms by the Long Beach Assistance League. Parents had the opportunity to register on School Loop and also purchase PE uniforms.

It was an informative and exciting morning as our new sixth-graders eagerly anticipated the beginning of a great school year.

Whittier *Elementary*

1761 Walnut Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813 • 562/599-6263 • www.lbschools.net/whittier



Lori Grady
Principal

Technology Proficient

If you are visiting Whittier Elementary, you will notice how much technology the Whittier Wizards are using and have access to on our campus. Each classroom is using their chrome books every day or at

least three times a week in the lower grades. Our fifth grade classrooms have their own chrome book cart. Students work on differentiated math skills with the ST Math application. Many students are working within the digital application, Google classroom, on assignments



assigned to them by their teachers where they are given instant feedback on their work. Our full-time technology TOSA and technology committee offer monthly workshops to the teachers on how to use G Suites in their classrooms. Our school website offers a wide selection of various applications and websites that students and parents

can access at home. We are preparing our students to be college and career ready!

Wilson *Classical High School*

4400 E. 10th St., Long Beach, CA 90804 • 562/433-0481 • www.lbwilson.schoolloop.com



Sandy Blazer
Co-Principal



Gonzalo Moraga
Co-Principal

Arts Pathway

By Samantha Moran, Senior, Wilson Loudspeaker staff

Now six years in the running, Michelle Ellis and Kevin Hamilton (Wilson High School and Rogers Middle School music teachers, respectively) have organized the Long Beach Summer

Music Academy, a program dedicated to maintaining instrumental practice for middle school-aged students. The program participants met weekly on Monday evenings, where students were taught techniques typically reserved for more advanced high school players. Not only does cultivating these skills prepare middle school students

for high school auditions, it gives the students a better opportunity to join the Ohlendorf honor orchestra, which holds auditions in November.

Ellis has high hopes for the Wilson music program that has received many accolades over the past few years. Students in the Arts Pathway will have more chances to perform in a variety of groups, as well as the chance to pick up another instrument. However, students in the other Pathways will still be able to be a part of the Bruin music family. Angelina Lopez, a prospective Wilson student who participated in the program, is considering the WAVE Pathway but is still determined to continue playing the violin. "I would love to join the Wilson music program. I am in love with music, and especially how Mrs. Ellis challenges us to do our best," Lopez stated.



Rotary Club of Long Beach



Steve Keesal
President

Helping Young Readers

The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. — Dr. Seuss

To commemorate the 100th anniversary milestone of the founding of the Rotary Club of Long Beach, club members are funding the Early Childhood Literacy Area and the Storytime Theatre, two areas in the new Long Beach Main Public Library.

These rooms will provide a learning-rich environment in an inviting and comfortable space for children to explore adventures in reading for many years into the future.



The Long Beach Rotary Club's Centennial Legacy Community Gift is sponsorship of a children's area in the new Long Beach Civic Center Library

Rotarians selected this Centennial Legacy project as a gift to Long Beach because it will benefit the community, have permanency, and focus on youth and literacy.

Since 1917, childhood literacy has been a foundational focus of giving for the Rotary Club of Long Beach. Recognizing that reading has the power to determine a successful life trajectory, Rotarians have contributed annually to literacy programs. Members have also given countless volunteer hours reading to children in an effort to help them achieve reading proficiency by age nine. They have donated books to LBUSD students as well as to young students in child development centers, such as the Long Beach Day Nursery, the YMCA, For the Child, and the Cambodian Association.

The Early Childhood Literacy Area and the Storytime Theatre in the new Long Beach Civic Center's Library will provide a reading space for our children for many years into the future --- a place where imaginations will soar and ideas will spark.

The Rotary Club of Long Beach was founded in 1917 and is the oldest service club in Long Beach.

To learn more about Rotary of Long Beach and its literacy programs, please visit our website:

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Note-ables



Kate Karp

Camp Songs

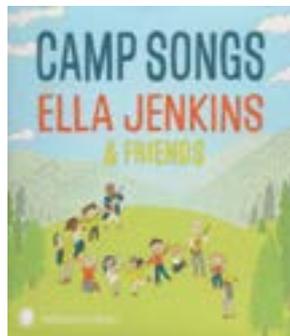
Camp songs are very dear to Ella Jenkins, the national children's-sing-along treasure who at 93 is still performing. She cherished songs that her brother brought home from Boy Scouts and had always wanted to record a camp-song CD.

For this project, Jenkins assembled a literal band of brothers and sisters who have veritable campground DNA: Kate and Tony Seeger, nephew and niece of the legendary Pete Seeger, and Judy Seeger, the late folk singer's wife. A team of musicians, children, parents and teachers rounds out the rounds, spirituals, campfire singalongs, protest songs and just plain silliness.

Camp Songs opens with Jenkins's harmonica and the round of all rounds, "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." Following are 24 more familiar and yet-unheard numbers: "This Little Light of Mine," "Down in the Valley"; "Sipping Cider Through a Straw," and the hilarious but complicated round "One Bottle of Pop." On "The Hill Was Steep and Tall," Jenkins relates how she reluctantly signed up for a hike with some campers and then got hopelessly lost.

You may know that Woody Guthrie had written "This Land Is Your Land" as a protest song and might have wondered about it. One of the two sociopolitical verses not sung at school is included here—good fodder for a social studies lesson.

Our school districts provide numerous school-year camping opportunities and field trips, and there are scout gatherings and youth groups who are going to love these songs.



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

Long Beach Public Library

SpecialConnect at Main Library

By Pam Carlson, Children's Librarian

Funded initially by a private grant, SpecialConnect was created at Long Beach's Main Library to serve families with special needs, especially autism. Monthly inclusive story times are offered in a secure and welcoming area. Following story time, everyone is invited to stay and play. We have games, Legos, puzzles, bubbles, kinetic sand, gluten-free dough, sensory boxes, a privacy cube and a painted chalkboard wall for art. Books chosen especially to be read together may be checked out. A collection of parent resources is available for duplication. Sensory friendly activities and a separate movie time will be offered once a month. We hope to sometime add a drum circle. Please contact the Main Library at 562-570-5455 for more information.



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Christina's BookReview



A Dangerous Secret

Belly Up is a story of a boy named Theodore Fitzroy solving what happened to the popular zoo mascot Henry the hippopotamus. One sad day Henry died at the zoo.

Christina J.

Everyone seems convinced that it was just a natural cause, but Theodore feels that something shady is going on. While investigating, Theodore found out somehow the only person willing to help and interested to find out the truth is Summer McCracken, the daughter of the owner of the FunJungle zoo. Unfortunately, after the hippo there are a few other deaths of animals – the jaguar, panther and a python. What the teenagers end up discovering is a very dangerous secret, which you will need to read about to find out. I like that this book was a light hearted mystery with interesting writing and a unique plot. I give this book out of 5 stars

Christina J. is an 8th grader. Christina is a hard-working student who did a community service project "Quilts for the cold" last school year. She is an avid reader, who enjoys some peace and quiet with a good book about some great adventure. Christina is a young author herself. In 5th grade she wrote a book *Melody's Stories: I Am a Spy Now*, published by Studenttreasures Publishing (PIN #3582798).



Book Review By Katrina

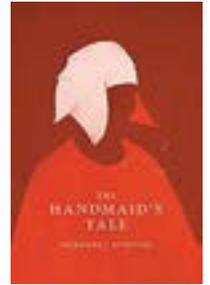


Dystopic Story

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood is a dystopian story where women have lost all their rights. They are now considered objects and being bought, owned and sold is simply the way the

world works. Women are divided into a hierarchy of Marthas, Handmaids, Wives and discards, with men raining supreme. Fertile women are ranked Handmaids, much like Offred who can easily remember the days before the totalitarian system, back when she'd lived happily with her daughter. But now, living as a Handmaid to the Commander, she must stay alert. If she's caught trying to escape or find her daughter, nothing short of a traitor's death awaits her. Who can she trust, where can she go and, most importantly, what is she willing to do to survive and see her daughter again? A brilliant book, I recommend this book to everyone who enjoys dystopia books. This truly is a classic and I rate this book 5 out of 5 crescent moons.

Katrina is a tenth grader who loves reading books as much as writing her own stories and enjoys watching Anime. Katrina will rate her book reviews from 1 to 5 crescent moons with 5 being the best.



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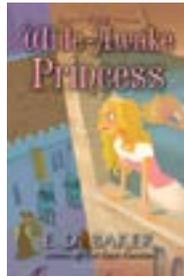


Alana F.

The Wide-Awake Princess

By: E.D. Baker

Long ago, in the kingdom of Treecrest, a baby princess was born, and was given many magical gifts. This little girl is known as Sleeping Beauty. So- as the



stories say- when the evil fairy cast the famed curse on the newborn, her fairy godmother lessened it. However, the royal family was so traumatized that they decided that their second daughter, Princess Annie, should be immune to all magic. Hence, when the sleeping curse fell upon her older sister, Annie was unaffected, and set off to find the one who could save the kingdom. Traveling far and wide, she battles things scarier than magic, like evil, fear, and stereotypes. But without any magical gifts, will she triumph?

I'd give this book eight out of eight trifold shards for its cleverly hidden messages. It's also downright hilarious, and has had me laughing for hours.

Alana is a student columnist and a self-proclaimed "huge nerd". When she doesn't have a book in her hands, she loves to play video games and write fiction. She rates books on a scale of 1-8 trifold shards with 8 being the highest

Book Review by Abbas

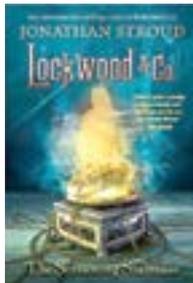


Abbas D.

A Creepy and Fun Read

Lockwood & Co. by

Jonathan Stroud is a novel about teen psychic agents, Lucy Carlyle, George Cubbins and their leader Anthony Lockwood. Together they



run the smallest ghost-fighting agency in London, Lockwood and Co. There is an increased outbreak of ghosts in England known as The Problem which is where Lockwood & Co. comes in to help, with each member using their talents such as listening to ghost activity and seeing ghosts in plain sight. After they are offered a ghost hunting job in one of the most haunted places in London, Lockwood and Co. must work together to fight a fearsome ghost. Will they survive the night and work together?

This book was filled with many twists and unexpected sharp endings. I give this creepy tale 5 smiley faces.

Abbas D. is a fifth grade student who enjoys cooking in his free time, swimming and loves roasted marshmallows. Abbas will rate the books 1 to 5 smiley faces with 5 being the best.

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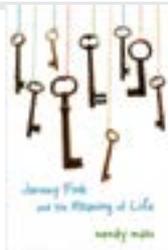
Isabella's Book Review



Isabella A.

Adventure and Fun

The book *Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life* by Wendy Mass is about a 13 year old living in Manhattan with his mom and his friend Lizzy. Together, they convinced the mailman to give them a package. Inside,



they find a letter and a box. The letter indicated that the box once had keys that were now lost. They decide to set out to find the keys. In the process, they sneak into a business and vandalize it. A policeman makes them do community service, as punishment they have to deliver packages. They ride around the city delivering antiques to the people who had once pawned those items. Almost all was planned by his dead dad

The friends must now do this the entire summer. Will they find the keys before Jeremy's birthday? Or ever?

I give this book 4 stars because it is full of fun and adventure.

Isabella is a 6th grader who loves to read, write, volleyball and plans on becoming an author of children's books. She rates books 1-5 stars with 5 being the best.

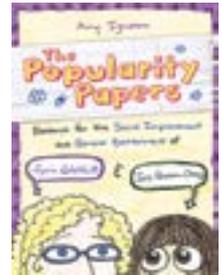
Richard's BookReview



Richard J.

Funny Book with a Message

The Popularity Papers is a book by Amy Ignatow. It's written like a diary by two middle school girl authors Lydia and Julie writing about their "observations"



and very funny results on their attempts to be popular. They go through many things to be popular, trying and failing in a funny way at hair bleaching, joining the popular sports teams, and even pretending to like boys, which really backfires, and many other things, too. The results are funny, unpredictable, but don't make them popular. They learned in the end that it's important to be yourself and be liked by your friends, not the people who everyone says are cool and popular. This is a really funny book written and drawn in a way I would have done with markers, pens and pencils, and the story is relatable in the way that they work so hard to be liked and noticed.

I give this book a 5 out of 5 stars, with 5 being the best.

Richard J. is a third grader. Richard likes math, playing sports, physical activities like bike-riding and running, reading and spending time with his family.

Novelist –Word Search Contest

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Nutrition Update — Football Season

This column provides insight from Carol Berg Sloan RDN, FAND (a registered dietitian for 37 years) and her daughter, Kelly Sloan (a student/intern in the Master's Nutrition and Dietetics program at California State University, Long Beach). Both give their perspective and tips to help you make healthier food and beverages choices.



Carol Berg Sloan, RDN

Carol says:

When football season starts, I'm in charge of food and drink for everyone else is glued to the game. We usually have a 10 or more in the den watching the game which means snacks are a big part of the event. Here are some ideas to satisfy those that gotta munch with healthier swaps.

Onion dip and potato chips

Instead of dumping that Lipton® Recipe Secrets® Onion Soup Mix into a tub of sour cream try using a tub (16 ounces) of FAGE Total 0% Plain Greek Yogurt. Use half a package of the onion soup mix and stir in 3 finely chopped scallions. Use celery, cucumber slices or jicama as the vehicle.

Brownies or cookies

Instead of a platter or baked goods, try fruit and chocolate.

Melt 2 cups of dark chocolate chips with a splash or coconut oil in microwave at 20 second intervals and stir until smooth. Dip dried apricot halves, apple wedges, mandarin slices or pears into chocolate and set on wax paper to harden. An easy and satisfying sweet.

Cheese, Salami and Cracker Platter

Instead of the usual platter with slices of fatty salami and tasteless cheese, try adding more fruit and nuts. Start with a good, tasty hard cheese such as Gouda and cut into small cubes about the size of dice. Place the cheese on one area of a large platter. Add dried fruits, grapes, apple and pear slices, various nuts such as almonds, Brazil nuts and walnuts. Strategically place small amounts of olives, chunks of dark chocolate, mini cracker rounds or Melba toast with a ramekin filled with a low sugar fruit spread on this centerpiece. This platter will not only look beautiful, it will encourage new tastes and small bites.



Kelly Sloan BS

Kelly says:

Football season has arrived in the Sloan household and will continue through the first of the year. Being BIG Green Bay Packer fans means we have a full house on game day. Food fare has been an issue in the past with everyone bringing the usual bag of chips, tray of sweets along with a 6- pack of brews. Not the healthiest way to spend a Saturday or Sunday afternoon.

We have changed it up and asked all to bring either a green or fruit salad with a favorite homemade salad dressing. I have made the entrée a couple times and a favorite is my easy Pulled Pork Sandwiches made in the slow cooker. You can make ahead and enjoy the game too!

<http://www.kellysknackforcooking.com/most-recent/slow-cooker-pulled-pork>

Slow Cooker Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Makes about 12 sandwiches

Ingredients:

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1 cup BBQ sauce (your favorite flavor...)

I used a Honey BBQ sauce)

1/2 cup onion, finely chopped

2 tablespoons minced garlic

3 tablespoons yellow mustard

2 tablespoons onion powder

12 Hawaiian rolls or other bun of your choice...

just make sure the are dinner size.

Directions

In a slow cooker on medium heat, add the olive oil and pork. Cook covered for an hour on medium heat.

Add BBQ sauce, onion, garlic, mustard, and onion powder. Cook covered on low for 4-5 hours.

Remove meat. Shred with two forks and return to slow cooker; heat through.



Lightly toast sweet rolls and place about 2/3 cup serving of pulled pork on each sweet roll. Enjoy immediately!



Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving!

Leadership Long Beach



Karen Hernandez
Youth Leadership
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Becoming a Leader

Youth Leadership Long Beach is more than a program that pushes high school students to get involved in their community. While the program exposes us to leadership norms, it teaches young people how to respect and accept every individual no matter their background or ethnicity. It is a program that has mentors throughout Long Beach to inspire, teach, and strengthen the skills of our future leaders.

The monthly sessions prepare us to understand leadership skills so that we could apply them in our everyday life – whether at school, at home, or in our community. This program can provide challenges such as meeting new people and public speaking, and YLLB teaches us to step out of our comfort zones and overcome our fears. At the beginning of the program, we assembled in room with other students we had never met. By the end of that meeting, we were dancing and laughing together. We created a special bond ready to support one another and conquer any challenge given to us.

Going through this program has taught me what it takes to become a leader. Experiencing challenges taught me how to communicate, work together, and include everyone to complete goals. Whether it was planning an important competition or climbing up a wall, I will cherish the skills and memories I made. I am very thankful I had the opportunity to be a part of Youth Leadership Long Beach which helped me grow as an individual and most importantly a leader.

About Leadership Long Beach: Leadership Long Beach was founded in 1989 as a civic improvement program that would serve the community by educating and motivating leaders on issues important to the future and sustainability of our city. www.leadershiplb.org or www.facebook.com/leadershiplongbeach 743 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813 562/997-9194

Assistance League® of Long Beach

A Passion for Learning

By Linda Drummond, Marketing Chairman

The Assistance League of Long Beach awarded students at CSULB, LBCC, and UCI \$111,950 in scholarships for the 2017–2018 school year. The applicants' stories of hardship, financial need, and academic success are heart-warming, but none is more touching than Alexandra Rozak's story.

Alexandra Rozak personifies the kind of student that the Assistance League wants to help. She states, "I am a junior at CSULB studying elementary education. As a student with both a learning and physical disability, learning has always been a challenge for me. To achieve good grades I must concentrate much harder than an average student, which prevents me from working while in college."



Alexandra Rozak

Because of a brain tumor when Alexandra was an infant, years of anti-seizure medication delayed her developmental skills and impaired her short-term memory. She struggled to learn to read and write. But she knew she wanted to be a teacher so that she could help similar students. She adds that, "Since I had so many obstacles with my own education, I'm much more aware of the isolation that can be felt by certain children. I want to be the teacher who makes the extra effort to include all children and instill a lifelong passion for learning."

Alexandra's parents encourage and support her, but they too are disabled. Her scholarship will alleviate some of their financial worries. Alexandra says that, "This money will go to excellent use, providing me with the opportunity to obtain additional tutoring and adaptive devices that help me with my studies."

Elementary education is Alexandra's life calling, and she will do whatever it takes to reach her goal. The Assistance League is pleased to help make a difference for her.

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Arts Education in Long Beach '17-'18

By Cynthia Luján,
Education and Community Programs Associate

The Arts Council is proud to announce funding for our arts education programs: Empower Arts, Eye on Design, Eye on Design--Exposure, Living Arts Long Beach, and Passport to the Arts. The programming is for third, fourth and high school grade students at Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD). Funding for the programming is through the California Arts Council through the following three grants Artists in Schools: Engagement, Exposure,

Extension, and Activating Communities; as well as support from the California Community Foundation, Miller Foundation and the Port of Long Beach. In addition to partnering with the City of Long Beach, we are partnering with the following organizations the United Cambodian Community, Centro C.H.A., University Art Museum and more!

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