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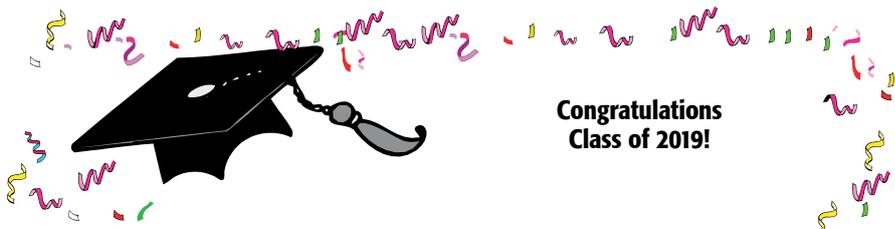


Netragrednik

Spring is here and students are focused on reaching their academic goals and graduation!

In this issue we begin with articles from our city leaders on pages 4 & 5. We appreciate the valuable input from all of our contributing columnists. I continue to receive emails asking for articles on specific subjects of interest and will make every effort to meet your requests.

Our next issue is October 9 just in time to welcome a new school year. Have a fun summer and remember to include the libraries among your activities. (On page 4 Tina Hansen, Mayor of City of Signal Hill, writes about the planned opening of their new library in August. And on page 27 is an article about the Long Beach library.)



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Dr. Robert Garcia
Mayor

Pacific Visions

May 24th will be a big day for Long Beach. That is when the new wing at the Aquarium of the Pacific, Pacific Visions, is scheduled to open its doors.

Pacific Visions is a 29,000-square-foot, two-story wing that will allow visitors to explore our relationship with the planet and encourage us to find alternative paths for a better future. It will include an art gallery, a state-of-the-art immersive theater, multimedia interactive installations, live animal exhibits, and host events. It will also provide a front plaza and exhibition hall with space for installations, performances, and cultural events.

The City of Long Beach is proud to be the biggest donor to this project with a \$15 million matching grant. We strongly believe it will educate and provide a state-of-the-art facility for arts and sciences for our community.



This is the largest expansion that the Aquarium of the Pacific has ever undertaken. It aims to enhance the aquarium's role as a community gathering place where scientists, policymakers, and the community can celebrate the planet, its ecosystems, and explore today's most important environmental issues.

Earlier this year, the Los Angeles Business Journal awarded Pacific Visions with the Top Gold Award in their Public Category. The Aquarium of the Pacific is not just one of our city's most important and vital tourist attractions, but it is also one of the leading academic institutions in the region and we will continue to support it in any way we can.

We hope you all go out and enjoy this great new addition to our city!

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Tina Hansen
Mayor

New Library Opening

Signal Hill is excited to announce that our new library will be opening this summer in August. This has been an extremely long process and has involved much patience, persistence, planning and hard work but it has paid off. Our new library has been built from the foundation up. The 12,000 square feet of space can be seen off of Cherry and Hill Streets next to our Civic Center

building. The new library will have the latest in technology and will showcase the history of our city. For our youngest library patrons, our infants and toddlers and preschoolers, we will have a beautiful children's area with a dinosaur that comes out of the wall and a fantastic mural painted on two walls. For our elementary school children we will have computers and tablets with educational games based on age, books and toys, and a 3D printer. For our tweens and teens we will have technology available for them to use, homework help and an area called "The Village" where study or project groups can come together in private rooms. We will also have the "Pipeline to Knowledge" Lab where larger groups can come to access technology and work on lessons. For our teachers we will create a space where you can bring your classes and teach them about the history of Signal Hill. Signal Hill has a rich and unique history. From the Indians who made this place a home, to the agricultural years and on to the oil years, all of this will be showcased at our new library. There will be an outside garden, a rooftop terrace, a community room, activities for all ages, and a history room. Our new library will be not only a place of learning, but a place to gather, dream, play and imagine.

Our library will also have all the other things that we love from the libraries of our youth. Books to read and movies to check out. Newspapers to inform us and magazines for all interests. The library will be full of light and color and history and will hopefully become a place you want to visit again and again. To stay informed on this and all of the wonderful activities Signal Hill offers for all age groups, please visit the City of Signal Hill web-site and sign up for our digital newsletter.

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Laura I. Doud
City Auditor

Celebrating 100 Years of Women Serving Long Beach

Did you know this year is the 100th anniversary of the first woman elected in the City of Long Beach? Myrtelle Gunsul was elected City Auditor in 1919. She was re-elected ten (yes, that's right, ten!) times and retired in 1951 after serving 32 years. During her tenure significant historical developments included: the ratification of

the 19th amendment; the discovery of oil in Signal Hill; the Great Depression; World War II; the 1933 Long Beach earthquake; and the foundation of Cal State Long Beach. She holds the distinction of being the longest serving elected official in Long Beach.

City Auditor Gunsul's commitment to public service and women in leadership is a great inspiration to me. A true trailblazer, City Auditor Gunsul called for greater inclusion in governance. She wrote a powerful letter in 1931 to "Women of the Future" stating, "I hope that the position of women in National and City Administration of the future shall be more clearly recognized as a great constructive force for the betterment of all." At a time when there were conventional gender roles, she had incredible foresight in promoting the role of women leaders.

Further, she encouraged women to "enter public service and instill high ideals and motives into both political and business life." She stayed true to this herself as her motto was "Efficiency, not politics." She faced similar issues back then to what we face today. Through it all, she remained firm in her core values - leadership, independence and integrity - which we still hold.

This centennial occasion in honoring City Auditor Gunsul serves as a great reminder of the important role of women leaders in public service. She would be pleased to know that many women are indeed serving our City and are well supported by our male counterparts. For the first time in the City's history, a majority of commission seats are held by women. And recently, Councilwoman Price and her colleagues supported The Centennial Circle of Women to recognize the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment by reflecting on how women have had a positive influence on causes, policies and progress. Projects like this will inspire both young women and men in our community to become leaders.

This important milestone serves as a resounding testament to the invaluable contributions of women who have and will continue to make Long Beach better. As City Auditor Gunsul stated, "I have blazed this trail and have endeavored to leave a record that shall be an incentive to other women." Let's continue to celebrate and carry that legacy forward.

You can find out more on City Auditor Gunsul at CityAuditorLauraDoud.com.



Douglas P. Haubert
City Prosecutor

Benefits of Mentoring

Mentors are heroes. Will you become a hero by spending just a little time each month with a local student who can benefit from your insight? Here's something you already know: kids will replicate the behavior of those around them. Its common sense that exposure to a positive role model will affect a child, possibly for years to come.

Writer James Baldwin put it best, "Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them."

Mentoring provides unique opportunities for youth to connect with adults that they may otherwise never have met. Mentees and mentors can be of different ethnicities, genders, faiths, and have different life experiences and perspectives.

The National Human Services Assembly adds that mentoring promotes diversity by providing equal opportunity for every person to grow. In a city as diverse as Long Beach, this means mentoring can help break down racial, cultural, and ethnic barriers.

Mentoring is especially powerful for youth who live in low-income communities or who struggle academically. A student wishing to become an engineer, computer programmer, or physical therapist, for example, may not be able to meet someone in that field, so mentors can expose students to professionals, and spark an interest that leads to a career.

The City Prosecutor's Office is proud to partner with mentoring groups like Operation Jump Start, LB BLAST, Power4Youth, Catholic Big-Brothers/Big Sisters, Rockett Academy, and California Families in Focus. They share our vision, and support mentors and mentees each day in our city.

Some studies suggest mentoring can improve a student's grades. Research has shown that the higher a young person's grade point average, the greater their chances are to be economically successful as an adult.

One analysis by Big Brothers Big Sisters shows that the economic benefits (in the form of lifetime earnings of youth) exceed the costs to operate a mentor program by five to one.

Mentoring is also effective in keeping youth away from drugs and potentially criminal behavior, both of which have been shown to severely hinder economic mobility and success.

One last thing - mentors get just as much benefit. Some have called mentoring the most rewarding experiences of their lives.

For more information about mentoring, call (562) 570-5625 or visit <http://cityprosecutordoughaubert.com/mentor/>.

Traveling with Your Special Needs Child



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Spring kicks off the travel season, but for families who have a child with special needs, traveling can seem more like work than a vacation. This year, make a plan to prepare your child for a vacation that's fun and manageable.

Walk through your vacation step by step and determine what sights, processes or experiences might be new to your child. Then, explain that there will be a change in their routine. Do this verbally and visually, for example:

- Share photos of your destination
- Take out your suitcase and practice packing
- Explore your hotel online

If you're flying, there are extra steps you can take to help familiarize your child with the airport and flying process, including:

- Take a drive by your local airport
- Watch videos of the airport security process

Long road trips can present additional challenges. Before the drive, consider these tips:

- Practice distraction techniques before the trip
- For sensory issues, bring a pair of noise canceling head phones
- Build breaks into your route
- Pack snacks or plan stops for food
- Involve your child's siblings by preparing them for potential challenges and encouraging supportive behavior

No matter how much you prepare, it's unlikely that everything will go perfectly as planned. Just remember to take it one step at a time.

The Stramski Children's Developmental Center at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach cares for children with behavioral and developmental conditions, such as autism, Down syndrome, and more. To learn more about our supportive care, visit millerchildrens.org/stramski.



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New Law for Landlords in 2019

If you have a tenant, or are a tenant, you will want to know that in September of 2019 there is a change in the law that can affect you.

Effective September 1, 2019, the response time for certain notices will change. The “Notice to Pay or Quit,” “Notice to Perform Covenant or Quit,” and the tenant’s response time in an unlawful detainer action will be changed.

The legislation is Assembly Bill (AB) 2343, and it amends the Code of Civil Procedure Section 1161, which details the three day notice procedure, and also the Code of Civil Procedure Section 1167, which is the five day period for a tenant to respond to an unlawful detainer summons.

Essentially, this will create notice periods of three and five “business” days, as is also found in most contractual matters.

This new law will give tenants three court days to pay rent or comply with other terms of the lease or rent agreement and give them five court days to respond to an eviction lawsuit.

It was written by Assemblyman David Chiu (D- San Francisco) and signed by Governor Brown on Sept 5, 2018.

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American Business Women’s Association



Felicia Johnson
National President

Promoting Women to be Empowered

By Cecile Harris Walters, National Ambassador and Member of the Diamonds of Southbay Chapter, Long Beach, CA

Deputy Supervising Probation Officer, Delores White, loves being part of ABWA because ABWA promotes women being empowered and equips women with the tools to become a leader. She is so honored to be part of a wonderful, diverse and dynamic

organization. When Delores is in the company of her fellow ABWA members, she feels inspired, motivated, and most importantly welcomed. Having enough confidence in herself, Delores accepted and holds the current position of Vice President of the ABWA Diamonds of Southbay League.

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. For more information on ABWA and Scholarship Opportunities, email charriswalters@gmail.com. To locate a chapter near you, call 562.591.2625 • www.abwa.org



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President & CEO

Scholarships for College

The cost of sending a child to college can be very expensive and just like any other major life event, requires planning. Scholarships and grants provide money towards a student’s college education that does not need to be repaid.

Encouraging your child to explore the possibilities of obtaining scholarships and grants to cover at least part of their college tuition and fees will take off some of the pressure of the rising cost of a college education. Also, asking your teenager to help complete the applications and participate in the process encourages them to take more responsibility for their future.

Applying ahead of time will allow more opportunity to research available scholarships and grants and to apply for as many as possible. There are many online tools available to search in finding what is available for students including eligibility requirements. There are a lot of legitimate scholarship websites to make it easy for prospective college students to compare the choices for the funding that they need. Check out fastweb.com, scholarships.com, collegeboard.com, finaid.org, just to name a few.

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Leadership Long Beach

Confronting Climate Change

By Sara Hickman, LEED AP, WELL AP,
EcoDistricts AP Sustainability Director/Senior Associate

Studio One Eleven (LEED AP = Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional; WELL is not actually an acronym, it merely represents a building standard built for health design)

On Saturday February 16, 30 Youth Leadership Long Beach members came to Studio One Eleven to confront a mighty task: climate change. Over the course of eight

hours, a collective of professionals educated the group on sustainability and resilience at global, regional and local levels from economic, environmental and equitable perspectives. Eyes were wide, and phones were down.

The second half of the day, the youth developed solutions to combat this daunting task. The overwhelming theme was education across the board, leveraging social media, targeting schools and most importantly, taking it home to their own families.



Assistance League® of Long Beach

Creating Smiles

By Linda Drummond, Marketing Chairman

Assistance League® of Long Beach's Orthodontic Program, located in the Philanthropic Center at 6220 E. Spring Street, provides high quality orthodontia in a personal and caring environment to children from low- and moderate-income families.

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Children with the most severe orthodontic needs are accepted from these screenings into the program. Most children are in treatment approximately 24-28 months.

Please call 562.425.9453 to RSVP for a screening. For more information about the program, go to www.ALLB.org.

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Long Beach Unified School District

With Students Like These, Our Future's in Good Hands



Christopher J. Steinhauser
Superintendent

Our students continue to make us proud with their academic achievements and a growing list of accomplishments in the arts, music, athletics and in service to others. Below are just a few examples from recent weeks (for more, be sure to follow us on Twitter @SuptSteinhauser and @lbschools).

Keller Dual Immersion Middle School earned the Distinguished School Award from the California Department of Education. The school began immersing students in English

and Spanish instruction in 2015. Eighth graders at Keller have passed the Advanced Placement Spanish exam at a rate of more than 90 percent for the past four years, an amazing accomplishment considering that the students are passing a college-level exam, for college credit, while still in middle school.

Our Board of Education in 2015 approved the re-use of the former Keller Elementary School site to offer dual immersion instruction in English and Spanish for grades 6 to 8.

The middle grades program moved from nearby Patrick Henry K-8 School, which returned to its original K-5 configuration. The reconfiguration allowed the school district to expand the sought-after dual immersion program in Henry's elementary grades by devoting a separate, entire site to the middle grades immersion program.

Meanwhile, arts and music programs also are flourishing in our local schools, which regularly earn regional and national accolades. Ongoing partnerships include our recently completed Norman Gottlieb Youth Art Show at the Alpert Jewish Community Center, the annual Concerts for Young People held recently at the Long Beach Symphony, and the thriving Long Beach

Harmony Project, which provides instrumental music education for children from lower income communities. A March concert by the Harmony Project was a great success and showcased how this partnership is bringing the love of music to hundreds of children.

Congratulations also go to the Cabrillo High School boys soccer team, which became the first Long Beach boys school soccer program to reach a CIF State final and win. Players and fans alike braved the rain as Cabrillo hosted the event on their recently installed all-weather field. It was a great game and exciting victory for the entire Cabrillo community.

Poly High School's "Rabbotics" team earned an Outstanding STEM Program Award from the Orange County Engineering Council. The name Rabbotics is a play on the school mascot, the jackrabbit. Poly accepted the science, technology, math and engineering honor at a recent gala event honoring "the accomplishments, merit, quality and diversity of the engineering and related scientific communities in and around Orange County, California."

The future scientists and engineers at our Sato Academy of Mathematics and Science took the time to visit 26 elementary schools recently to share information about careers in engineering as part of Sato's annual Elementary Engineering Day. The high schoolers helped to guide elementary students through hands-on activities. Sato student Kathryn Handen-Llopis said she was inspired by her interaction with the elementary students and "the infinite potential of the new generation."

Like Kathryn, I am also inspired by the new generation. If the above examples are any indication, our future is in good hands, thanks to our hardworking students and everyone who supports them.

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Dr. Juan Benitez
Member

Renovation and Recognition

It's a pleasure to submit my first-ever *School News* article after being elected last year to the District 3 seat of the Long Beach Unified School District. It has been an exciting and rewarding first 9 months for me. I've had an opportunity to visit many of our schools, attend school/district/community events and activities and - most importantly - meet with students, parents, school and district staff to engage in conversations on

how we can make our district and schools even stronger. I've received a warm welcome from everyone, and these past months have also been a time of encouraging progress for our schools. I look forward to continue serving our communities and helping our schools find ways to ensure success for all students regardless of the challenges they face.

The main high school serving District 3 is our Renaissance High School for the Arts, which serves a diverse population of about 500 students with an emphasis on arts media and entertainment. I was honored to help dedicate the newly refurbished campus during a recent re-opening ceremony complete with vocal, dance and drama performances by Renaissance students.

The major, \$40 million renovation at Renaissance includes a new two-story performing arts building, a physical education building, an open amphitheater in the center of campus, a new parking lot, perimeter fencing, marquee, signage and exterior sculpture. Buildings were retrofitted for earthquake safety, energy efficiency and accessibility by people with disabilities. New paint, ceilings, doors and floors were included, and portable classrooms were removed. Funds for the project come from school bonds approved by local voters.

Renaissance is one of the top performing LBUSD high schools and was listed among the best high schools in the nation by the *Washington Post* and *U.S. News and*

World Report for seven years in a row. The renovation of this school makes it a sparkling jewel for the downtown community, and I'm confident that Renaissance will serve our students well for many years to come.

Right across the street from Renaissance is Oropeza Elementary School, which recently hosted a Kindergarten Festival for incoming 2019-20 kindergartners and their families. The festival was one of four offered in recent weeks at elementary schools on Saturdays. These popular events include parent workshops, free school supplies, dental screenings and lots of fun activities. I also accompanied school board colleagues during a recent Board of Education visit to Oropeza Elementary and appreciated the time that staff took to inform us about the hard work being done at this school.

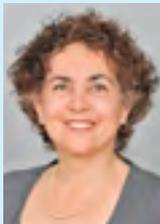
Not too far from Oropeza Elementary is Chavez Elementary School, where congratulations are in order for school psychologist Jana Baker. She recently earned the Outstanding School Psychologist Award from the California Association of School Psychologists, the largest state school psychologists' association in the nation. Jana also works at Stephens Middle School. She accepted the statewide honor at the CASP convention in San Diego.

Congratulations also go to District 3's Stevenson Elementary School teacher Pauline Klein, who recently earned National Board Certification, the highest professional distinction in teaching. Pauline was one of 27 teachers recognized at a Board of Education meeting for earning or renewing their certifications. These teachers completed a rigorous, year-long process of submitting portfolios, videotaping classroom instruction and participating in a day of written exercises.

These accomplishments are just a few examples of the efforts being made in our local public schools. I thank everyone who helps to make this important work possible, and I look forward to keeping you posted in the coming years.

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The Arts

By Marybeth Murray, Assistant Principal

Barton Elementary School students are enjoying their time as performers for the community. Students worked for five months with the Long Beach Children's Theatre to put on a Saturday and Sunday matinée performance of "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" for families and the community.

Lola Elsy, who starred as Charlie, led her fellow cast mates from third through fifth grades. Other students contributed as set designers and sound and

lighting directors. Every student played a role in one way or another to put on a successful production for families, friends, and the community. We've seen an improvement in cooperation and collaboration among our students schoolwide.

Barton students are now working on their next performance, which incorporates dance education and the important benefits to student social-emotional learning. We have teamed up with BrockusRed Dance Company to teach students physical expression through movement and rhythm using a multitude of genres. Stay tuned for announcements of our upcoming performances later this year.



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Troy Bennett
Principal

Building Bridges

By Kristen Beckerdite, Restorative Justice Teacher.

"I've never touched snow before!" exclaimed the youth as the bus pulled into CCEJ's Building Bridges Camp in the San Bernardino Mountains, where patches of snow were visible on the side of the road. Little did they know that they would wake up to fresh powder the next morning and heavy snowfall the following day.

This served as a metaphor for the campers' experiences throughout the 3-day, overnight program. Students engaged in activities that developed knowledge around 10 forms of oppression found in America (patches of snow), explored their feelings around these topics (fresh powder), and developed concrete ways to advocate for justice back on the Beach campus and in their communities (snowfall).

Bring on the snowstorm of justice at Beach!



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Dr. Felicia Anderson, Principal

Business Advisory Board Mixer

Richard D. Browning High School hosted its first Business Advisory Board Mixer on October 25, 2018. The mixer gave students the opportunity to meet our pathway Business Advisory Board members and provided students with a forum for direct feedback and communication. Student were able to practice their elevator pitches and talk about their aspirations and personal journeys through the industry sector in the areas of hospitality, tourism and recreation, and culinary arts.

Browning sophomores prepared for this event by attending career-readiness modules focused on career exploration, resumé writing and elevator pitches. They also participated in Force in Training, which gave students another opportunity to build career-readiness skills through an intensive workshop hosted by members of the restaurant industry.

The Browning mixer was a success, as students were able to speak directly with hotel managers, restaurant owners, and hospitality specialists to ask industry-related questions, obtain resumé feedback, and access to potential job opportunities. Several students were hired for employment.



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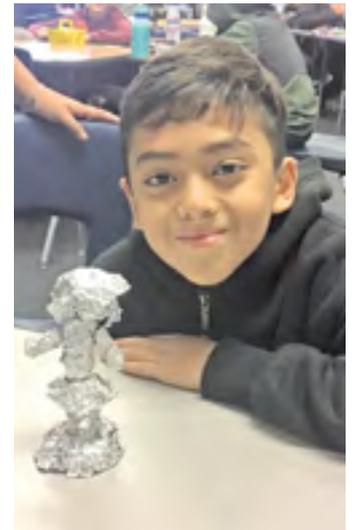
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Growth Mindset

Mrs. Linda Donis's Fourth and Fifth Graders at Bryant Elementary studied American Ballet Theater's principal ballerina, Misty Copeland. Students learned about the virtue of perseverance and growth mindset, focusing on the power of yet.

The students were given the opportunity to research, write, and make a sculpture about someone who has persevered through a challenge. Students chose famous athletes, scientists, writers, actors, Youtubers and even people in their own family! In conjunction with learning about Misty Copeland, they also learned about Degas's "Little Dancer".

The students learned that obtaining goals can be difficult, so remembering to challenge your mind and body is important.



Cabrillo High School

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Cheryl Cornejo
Principal

National Honor Society

National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students.

More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to recognize those students who have

demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Cabrillo's first group of 15 students have exemplified these characters and represent our community well.

We are extremely proud of these young adults.



Child Development Center

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Cynthia Young
Director

Celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday

We just celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday March 1st, 2019 with children and their parents.

Parents took turns to read with their children in our new teepee that was purchased for our preschool class by Cindy Young (Director).

The parents and children enjoyed the personal time with each other, after reading they had fun art activities to do together.



Chavez *Elementary*

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Hugo Figueroa
Principal

Parents Making a Difference

Chavez Elementary was proud to host a parent breakfast in November to celebrate our families. Parents enjoyed breakfast with their student and also had an opportunity to get to know each other.

Almost 200 parents and children attended this event. After breakfast, parents were able to sign up as volunteers to strengthen our committees and support school events.

As a result, Chavez has increased parent participation in our Green Team, our recycling program, and running our student store.

Thanks to our parent support these programs will continue to thrive. A second breakfast has been scheduled for March to recognize our parents and encourage further involvement.

At Chavez we are proud to work as a team to help our students succeed.



Mrs. Cavagrotti, Kinder Teacher and Mrs. Chai, 3rd. Grade Teacher.

Edison *Elementary*

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Darron Evans, Principal

We are Strong!

Edison Elementary School is the school hugged by 6th Street and 7th Street, just before you hit the 710. Edison is home to the hopes and dreams of nearly 600 students and their families.

The learning at Edison continues to be intense. At the end of each month, we gather the whole school together to publicly honor students for their learning accomplishments and growth. Parents join in with weekly workshops facilitated by For the Child, the Family Resource Center, and the YMCA.

Edison kicked off March with our Friendship Festival, organized by our talented Winners Reaching Amazing Potential (WRAP) afterschool program staff. The Edison community celebrated the power of friendship with our partners from the Willmore City Heritage Association, the Long Beach Public Library, the Long Beach Police Department, and Long Beach Parks and Recreation. Hundreds of Edison students, alumni, and family members played games, enjoyed a photo booth, got their faces painted, wolfed down hot dogs, and had a great time being together.

From here to June, teaching and learning are pedal to the metal. We are Edison strong!



Please see page 28 for details.

Emerson Parkside Academy

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Rose Vitetta
Principal

Lucky Dog

Emerson Parkside Academy is participating in the Lucky Dog-Humane Education curriculum that teaches kindness, respect, compassion, and responsibility. Research has shown that teaching

young children from an early age to participate in community service and empathize with others can greatly reduce their risk of developing bully-like characteristics.

In December, our students voted on helping Long Beach Animal Shelter pets as our school-wide Kindness Project. In February, Emerson hosted a shelter supply drive to help our local animal shelter. The children decorated a large collection box for supplies that were collected from February 12th to the 22nd.



Emerson students and parents were invited to attend the "Lucky Dog" Shelter Reading Program at L.B. Animal Care Services. Reading to shelter pets helps shy animals come out of their shell and excited pets to calm down, which makes them all more adoptable. Reading to shelter pets also helps the children by strengthening their empathy skills and improving literacy rates.

Emerson is grateful to be able to give its students the opportunity to build compassion in our classroom and beyond.

Franklin Classical Middle School

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Wendy Sowinski
Principal

Art Competition

Franklin artists are going places! The four students in the photo had their work accepted to the JCC Art Show. Additionally, 14 students had pieces accepted

to the LBUSD Middle School Art competition at the Long Beach Museum of Art. The theme was "Mystical Creatures: Flight of the Imagination."

Franklin students were given an assignment to choose a portion of a dragon and create the realism of a body part, while also creating an aesthetically pleasing drawing.

Other artistic requirements of the assignment were to use a variety of lines in their scratch art, demonstrate use of pattern, and define positive and negative shapes.



Fremont *Elementary*

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Dr. Cassandra Richards
Principal

Students Aid Fire Relief

By Chelsea Drew, Student – 4th Grade

My fourth-grade class at Fremont Elementary School decided to help other students who were affected by the devastating wildfires. We decided to help because when you get a chance to make someone's day better, you should always do so. They have gone through a hard time, and we have the ability to help.

Students made 35 hand-decorated care bags. Each bag contained one pair of socks, a water bottle, a toothbrush and toothpaste, a small toy, and a book. We wrote personalized letters to the children receiving them. We also raised over \$350 to donate to Red Cross by asking others at Fremont to contribute.

We were rewarded when a volunteer called to say the children were grateful. One mother started crying because she was happy that other children thought of her children. My whole class is glad that we helped others.



Gant *Elementary*

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Cassandra Fanton
Principal

Celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday

We had so much fun celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday and Read Across America!

We started the morning off with Green Eggs and Ham! Throughout the morning, student athletes from Long Beach State came and read to our classrooms. They promoted reading and handed out stickers. The athletes also joined our kids out on the playground during recess time! Mrs. Heck's 5th grade class surprised their reading buddies in the Mrs. Love's TK class by planning a birthday party for Dr. Seuss! Mrs. Heck read stories to both classes, and the 5th grade class gave the buddies goodie bags to celebrate!

A fun pajama day was had by all!!!



Garfield *Elementary*

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Rachel Peters, Acting Principal

Roaring for the Arts!

By Tiffany Lee, Art Teacher Grades 2-5

A true artist is not one who is inspired, but one who also inspires others. —Salvador Dali

The young artists at Garfield Elementary are problem solvers, collaborating across grade levels two through five and evaluating a person's work through understanding a variety of artist techniques and perspectives.

The young artists who attend Art Escape “roar” for the arts every week. As they immerse themselves in the arts, they continue to broaden their thinking to include former abstract and pop artists. They discover and explore through problem solving and peer collaboration. In recognition of Keith Haring and his works, the artists engineered a human body that replicates movement out of foil.

“Keith Haring uses the element of art such as *line*,” said fifth-grader Alexander Romero. “He uses his lines in a great

way. He makes them bold and big so it can catch your eye. He also uses color—he uses vibrant colors, so you can't really look away from his art. Keith inspires me a lot, as I as well sometimes like to use very bold and big lines. Another thing that inspired me is his cartoonish visuals, as I do not usually go for a realistic piece. In my opinion, he is a great artist and I think some of his work still influences others work to this day. To summarize my statement in three words: Keith Haring rocks!”

Furthermore, students study abstract artist such as Wassily Kandinsky and Piet Mondrian. They demonstrate their ability to connect pieces of the artist's artworks to music and mathematical thinking. By this, they discover shapes, angles and lines. In response, the young artists create their own masterpieces through group collaboration and their understanding of abstract art, the elements of art and principles of design. These young artists continue to create unique pieces that inspire others in the community.

Henry (K-5) Dual Immersion School

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Let's Read!

Patrick Henry participated in Read Across America on March 1st. This is an annual event that showcases our schools love for reading.

Students and Teachers dressed up in fictional characters to showcase their favorite books. Parents came into classrooms to read to students and students shared their books with the class.



Our entire community focuses on the importance of reading. Our school is a Dual Immersion School, which supports literacy in both languages.

Stay Calm and Read On!

Holmes *Elementary*

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Lori Grady
Principal

Funtastic Friday

Friday is a favorite day for many, with a fun and restful weekend on the horizon. At Holmes, Kindergarten students in Room 2, and 4th graders in Room 15, look forward to Fridays for a different reason.

Teachers combine their classes for 30 minutes so students can enjoy reading together.

Each student in Kindergarten has at least one 4th grader assigned only to them. The 4th graders began the year reading to their Kinder friends. Today, many students are now reading together; sharing books, stories, and literacy activities. Students visit each others' classrooms, see one another in the hallway and on the playground, and know that their special bond is always there-not just on Friday.



Kindergarten and 4th grade students enjoy their special Friday reading day.

Hudson (*K-8*)

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Lisa Colburn
Principal

MESA Day: Hawks Soar to Victory

Hudson's middle school Math Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) students participated in MESA Day at California State University Long Beach on March 10th.

Under the guidance of MESA teacher, Julian Edwards, Hudson students competed against 400 students to showcase bridges, gliders, and prosthetic arms designed and developed during their MESA elective class.

During the awards ceremony, Hudson students shined. Yhenald Quides, Saul Rodriguez, and Ryan Ocampo placed third in the "Stick together" bridge competition. Camille Agrupis, Valerie Isaac-Vaca, and Briana Plascencia earned second place in most creative design. Daniel Serna, Jimmy Donis, Andrew Moreno earned first place in glider design for distance.

Hudson's medal winners will participate in the Regional MESA competition at University of Irvine in April. Go Hawks!



MESA winners Daniel Serna and Jimmy Donis

Hughes Middle School

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Edward Samuels
Principal

A Note Above the Rest

By *Eddie Cruz, Assistant Principal*

The Hughes Choral Music program has a long tradition of excellence and is recognized as a top Music program in Long Beach. Students enrolled are

exposed to a variety of genres of Music including Classical, Jazz and Contemporary songs. Students are in Beginning, Intermediate, or Advanced Choir also known as Chorale.

Throughout the year, students participate in seasonal concerts as well as the Jazz and Classics concerts held in the spring. They close the year with Concert in the Park. The Chorale group performs at festivals including the state festival held at Chapman

University. According to Mr. Clausen, “The singers at Hughes are the best.

No matter how hard the music seems to be, they always rise to the challenge.”



Jordan High School

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Veronica Coleman
Principal

Student Ambassadors Shine in Uptown

Jordan High School has a core group of students on campus who exemplify what we are all about.

They are our Student Ambassadors. This group personifies the meaning of J-Town P.R.I.D.E. - Positivity, Responsibility, Integrity, Determination, Empathy. They do this by being agents of Jordan to the community.

Either on or off Jordan’s campus, J-Town Ambassadors spread the news of the great things we have going on in our school. They visit middle schools, giving information and answering questions for parents, they have given tours of our campus to our local middle school counselors, parent groups, our visiting WASC committee and even dignitaries from Sacramento.



Our Student Ambassadors are leaders on campus. Representing all of our pathways, they create a sense of community, making our very large campus, feel more like home.

King Elementary

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Osvaldo Ocampo
Principal

Conflict Managers

Here at King Elementary School, we have a Conflict Manager's program. This program is designed to teach conflict-resolution skills to a select group of fifth-grade students.

Conflict Managers work in pairs on the playground during the primary grades' recess, helping to resolve problems in a fair and responsible manner. These students use the skills learned to help other children on the playground resolve certain non-physical disputes. While serving as Conflict Managers, students use leadership and communication skills as well as how to clearly express feelings and needs and how to listen without taking sides. Conflict Managers also learn to assume more responsibility for their actions, learn problem-solving skills, and find out other ways to improve school environment.

So, a special thanks to our Conflict Managers for keeping the peace at King!



Lakewood High School

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Shawn Abbate
Co-Principal



Mario Jimenez
Co-Principal

Fond Farewell

LHS is happy to say that students have had more opportunities and experiences in becoming college and career ready than in years past. The leadership of retiring principal Mario Jimenez has been influential

in achieving this goal. Mr. Jimenez has strived to create the best learning environment for his students at every level of his career. It is because of his attention to detail that parents, teachers and students have benefited from his efforts.

As a lifelong learner and coach, Mr. Jimenez has helped countless teachers in preparing students to be college and career ready. When asked what his most enjoyable part of his 30-plus years as an educator was, he quickly replies, "The students!" Initially coaching students as a basketball coach at Jordan High School, Mr. Jimenez has transitioned his game into coaching teachers and parents along with students in providing incredible experiences and opportunities at Lakewood High School and beyond.

We are very fortunate to have had such an advocate for education as Mario Jimenez and wish him all the best in the next chapter of his life!



Long Beach School for Adults

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Debbie Broadway
Lead Administrator

High School Equivalency Program

Here at Long Beach School for Adults (LBSA), our High School Equivalency Test (HiSET) program is humming along, helping an increasing number of students get their High School Equivalency Certificates.

By far, the most common difficulty for students is math, requiring our HiSET teachers to spend a lot of time and thought on how to best help students gain some math clarity. Much of what we do is consistent with Common Core, helping students conceptualize math using multiple approaches. This helps them understand problems more clearly and allows them to double-check their answers themselves.

Many students need to conquer math anxiety, and building confidence is easier said than done. However, with a little patience and repetition, most students find their breakthrough and are able to get through the test.

One student said, "It's such a relief. It did require a lot of focus, but I also realized I was overthinking it, making it harder than it really was, and psyching myself out. Once I got past that, I was good."

That is music to a teacher's ears!

Lowell Bayside *Elementary*

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Lester Lawson IV
Principal

Science Fair Season

*By Cassie Ward, Teacher
Transitional Kindergarten*

Science Fair season is always a sight to behold! The PTA kicked off our Science Fair with a Mad Science assembly, regaling students of all ages with thrilling, on-stage experiments.

Once the students were properly pumped up, they were invited to participate in the Science Fair. This year, Lowell had more than 100 participants, according to the fair's co-coordinator, teacher Melissa Osorio.

Families were invited to attend three evening workshops led by Richard Camper, our Science Fair parent liaison. Campers covered topics including how to formulate a question and the scientific method. Workshops gave participants the opportunity to progress on their projects and get feedback from Science Fair coordinators.

A local church graciously hosted Lowell's Science Fair. After display and scoring were completed, an evening reception honored participants. According to Osorio, "My favorite part of the Science Fair is when the children share their projects with their families or friends. You can really see the sense of accomplishment on their faces!"

The following day, classes toured the Science Fair to explore the wonderful projects to inspire them to participate next year!

Madison *Elementary*

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Kimberly Carpenter
Principal

Food Finders

By Tracy DeLucca, TOSA

In April of 2018, Student Council members decided to do something about the amount of food waste they witnessed every day. Since then, Madison Elementary has been proudly partnering with Food Finders, a local non-profit organization that donates food to pantries and shelters.

Two blue coolers are daily reminders for students to donate any unopened items. A dedicated group of girls spend their recess bagging up cartons of milk, uneaten fruit, containers of yogurt, and packs of string cheese. Three days a week, Food Finders volunteers collect the bags and deliver them locally. "Some of the food we collect goes to where my grandma is," said Sabrina Rosales, "When I visit her, it's nice to see what I've done."



Los Cerritos *Elementary*

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Alissa Gamboa
Principal

Garden Workday

On the very rainy morning of March 2nd, Los Cerritos Elementary hosted a Garden Workday to ready its school garden for spring.

This workday was all about teamwork as students and families worked side by side, cheerfully weeding out 22 garden beds, trimming back close to 80 feet

of overgrown perimeter hedges and planting 2 apple trees. A tenth of an acre in size, this garden (started by kindergarten teacher, Dianne Swanson in 2001) serves as an outdoor classroom.

Thanks to PTA support, each month every Los Cerritos student (TK-5th grade) receives additional instruction to explore fun and engaging topics in outdoor science, nutrition and environmental studies.

We hope you'll visit our garden soon.



Mann *Elementary*

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Tracy Fiala
Principal

STEAM

Mann Elementary School's Super STEAM Saturday School is a big hit!

Students are enjoying enrichment opportunities in coding, art expression, music lessons, science experiments and more. "We made elephant toothpaste today and it was so cool!" said Darla a third grader.

On the last Saturday, students will participate in a music performance as well as share their art and science projects with their families. Also, on April 4th, we had our school's big community STEAM Fair event on the Mann campus.

Mann is engaging students and providing meaningful hands-on experiences for all students.



McKinley *Elementary*

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Vanesha Davis
Principal

Music Rhapsody Performance

By Valerie Vinnard, Vocal Music Teacher

Through a grant awarded by the RuMBA Foundation of Long Beach, McKinley school at Monroes' 3rd through 5th grade general and special education scholars participated in a live music

enrichment program this past December.

World-renowned clinician and founder of Music Rhapsody Lynn Kleiner led grade level assemblies giving each student in attendance the opportunity to play an instrument that she provided. This interactive experience allowed for active participation activities such as singing, dancing, and the playing of unique

instruments such as glockenspiels, metallophones, sound shape drums, xylophones, and finger cymbals.

The performance gave students the opportunity to explore the colorful tapestry of their creativity as well as having a lot of fun in the process.



Fifth grade students, Lynn Kleiner, and music teacher Mrs. Vinnard participating in a Music Rhapsody performance.

Muir *Academy*

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Sophia Griffithh
Principal

Cross-age Experiences

By Michelle Fennell, Middle School Teacher

One of the greatest advantages of a K-8 school is that students are able to engage in cross-age experiences. Not only does this build community within the school, but it gives students a purpose for learning. Ms. Cates' second grade class wrote, revised, illustrated, and published their own books. Then, they read their stories to Mrs. Fennell's sixth grade class.

The 2nd graders beamed with pride as the older students commented on the narratives and praised their work. The 6th graders experienced a time of mentorship and felt the

joy of encouraging others. Experiences such as this help create a positive atmosphere that permeates the school, especially when the older students interact positively with the younger students around campus.



Newcomb *Academy (K-8)*

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Donna Ryono
Principal

New All City Record

At this year's All City Boys Track Meet, Newcomb 8th grader Nathan Dowdell broke the longstanding 1977 record for the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.12 seconds.

Nathan was the only runner in both divisions to come in under 12 seconds. Nathan has attended Newcomb since first grade, and joined the track team two years ago as a sixth

grader when he pulled a muscle at the beginning of that season. He maintains high grades and says everything about being on the team has been fun.

Nathan wants to continue as a runner but has dreams of a career in professional baseball. He plans to attend Los Alamitos High School and hopes to earn a college scholarship one day.



Polytechnic High School

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Quentin Brown
Principal



William Salas
Co-Principal

BosMUN

By Ab Tudayan, 10th grade

Poly's Model United Nations club traveled February 8-10 to Boston to participate in a simulated United Nations meeting.

30 students and teacher/club adviser Patrick Gillogly attended the prestigious

Boston University Model United Nations Conference - coined "BosMUN" - along with high schools from around the globe.

Students represented countries and debated in committees concerning four main areas: economics, telecommunications, disarmament and security, and the environment.

Junior Zane Witter, who attended the trip hoping to meet people from other countries, argued representing the Argentine Republic on The International Telecommunications Union (ITU) committee, specifically about net neutrality and smart cities.

After BosMUN ended, Witter said that it was "an eye opening experiencing," and that he saw many different perspectives on modern problems.



Powell Academy (K-8)

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Tynisha Smith, Principal

Black History Month

Colin Powell recognized Black History Month with activities throughout the month of February.

Organized by our Cultural Committee, students and staff celebrated the African American culture and history. Some of the activities included: classrooms displaying flags from African various nations, a Black History Speech Contest and scavenger hunt for students, a weekly raffle for

teachers with Black History instructional materials as the prize, and we ended the month with a rally.

During the rally, we were treated with speeches by the winners of the contest who provided incite about famous African Americans such as Maya Angelou, Muhammad Ali, and Will Smith. In addition to that, we were entertained by West African Drummers and our own Powell Contemporary Dancers who ended the rally with a powerful performance choreographed by two of our fifth-grade teachers.



Prisk *Elementary*

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Beth Cohen
Principal

Choral Collaboration

By Valerie Vinnard, Vocal Music Teacher

Choral music directors Valerie Vinnard (Prisk), and Dr. Joshua Palkki (CSULB) recently sat down to plan an exciting music experience for their singers.

Thanks to a grant from the RuMBA Foundation, Dr. Palkki and his University Choir will host 57 fifth grade elementary chorus students in a lunch and choral music exchange.

Both choirs will take turns singing for one another. Elementary students will try to wow their college hosts with a performance of “Fifty Nifty United States” by Ray Charles, a song that will show off their musicianship and memorization skills. Then, Dr. Palkki will work with the elementary chorus on new warm-ups, advanced vocal techniques, and will even learn a new song to sing together.

Roosevelt *Elementary*

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Tammy Lavelle
Principal

Building Relationships and Academic Achievement

Our Roosevelt teachers are invested and involved in their students’ academic journey. On any given day you will see them going above and beyond for their students. They are tutoring after school, opening their classrooms at lunch and in the morning for extra help, coming to the playground to interact, or staying late to participate in committees and family events.

Our teachers are showing the students that they care. In return, our students are doing their best to meet strong expectations of academic proficiency. Teachers also show their students the ultimate respect by being prepared, prepped, and ready for learning each day. Walk into any classroom and you will see students participating in scholarly discussions and using good academic vocabulary.

The students are also engaging in complex text and tasks, and are utilizing evidence to support their answers. Students are collaborating, using each other as resources, and showing responsibility for their learning. They are motivated and actively engaged in academics, and always want to show their teachers how far they have come.

This is all a direct result of the relationships that our teachers have built using the district’s warm but demanding philosophy.

Stephens *Middle School*

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Salvador Madrigal Jr.
Principal

Serving Others

When history teacher Kevin Smith decided to be the advisor for the Community Service Club at Stephens Middle School, he simply wanted to see what would happen if students took the time to serve their community. However, the Community Service Club has turned into a strong, student-led initiative.

Students have logged many hours helping their community in a variety of ways, including peer tutoring, tutoring in elementary classrooms, and helping at homeless shelters and animal shelters. These students have also volunteered on Saturdays to help with school clean up!

One of the biggest projects to date has been the school garden. Students wrote a proposal to the city of Long Beach and received a grant to fund a school garden. This garden will be home to many vegetables, which will be used in nutrition workshops to educate the community on healthy eating.

As Martin Luther King, Jr. stated, “Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve”—and this is exactly what our students are doing!

Twain *Elementary*

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Dr. Jacqueline Williams
Principal

Celebrating Reading

Our love for Reading was celebrated during our annual Read Across America Week.

On Monday, the Twain community wore their favorite hats to school, an acknowledgment to Cat in the Hat. Tuesday was Fox in the Sox Day, and our staff and students wore crazy/mismatched socks to school. Wednesday was Thing 1 & Thing 2/ Twin Day, and Thursday was Oh the Places You’ll Go/College or Vacation Souvenir Shirt Day. We started Friday with a Green Eggs and Ham breakfast, and our students and staff dressed as their favorite book character. We also had parents visiting classrooms to read to students.



Kinder Teachers – Twin Day

Stevenson *Elementary*

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Engineering Day

*By Sharon Montgomery,
3rd Grade and STEM Club Teacher*

Our 5th grade students were treated to a morning of exciting and engaging engineering activities on Friday, February 8th!

High school students from Sato Academy came to Stevenson and introduced our students to the engineering design process. They led the students through different challenges, including designing a cargo ship, a stomp rocket, and a windmill.

Our students learned valuable concepts such as renewable energy, density, buoyancy, and aerodynamics. Students were engaged in collaborative discussions, answering questions such as

“Why do you think that happened?” “What can you do to make it better?” “What would happen if you changed your design?” The Sato students were great teachers and demonstrated patience and enthusiasm as they guided the younger students through the challenges.



Tincher *Preparatory School (K-8)*

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The Unsung Heroes at School

Tincher's highly skilled Speech/Language pathologists work with neighborhood preschoolers

starting at age 3 up to 8th grade, including many students in our SDC classes.

In speech, students work on a variety of skills including articulation, fluency, grammar, vocabulary, comprehension, and pragmatics (conversational skills: verbal and nonverbal).

Many students are nonverbal and require augmentative and alternative communication or speech generating devices to express themselves. Students also work on communication as part of social skills.



SLPs Amy Jordan and Sarah Lopez work with students as part of our Read Across America Day celebration.

Our dedicated speech staff is involved in Autism Awareness (April) and Better Hearing and Speech month (May) as a way to increase community awareness of these issues. For more information check out @My.speech.er on Instagram or the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) website www.asha.org.

The Literacy Project

Gift of Literacy

By Maryam Evvini, Intern

Second-grade students are learning how to sound out long and short vowels by playing a matching game during a session with their The Literacy Project (TLP) teacher, Araceli Guzman.



Each student took turns to pick a short vowel card and see if it matched their long vowel card. When a matching pair was found,

everyone recited phrases to help them learn the change that adding an “e” can have on a vowel.

Guzman explains, “With every session, we bring the knowledge of our previous meeting and apply it in today’s lesson.” TLP continues to give the gift of literacy to disadvantaged schools by providing a fun, comprehensive instructional program to enhance phonic skills of struggling second-grade students.

For more information, visit www.literacyprojectfoundation.org.

Long Beach Public Library

It’s All Happening at the Library!

By Pam Carlson, Acting Senior Librarian

Looking for free and fun events for your family? The neighborhood branches of the Long Beach Public Library offer several. Crafty? Come to an art studio workshop or a craft cinema where friends watch movies together while making a craft to take home. You may even join a cardboard constructors club. Love stories? Attend an after school story time or a bilingual story time in Spanish or Khmer. Enjoy technology? Visit a Mobile Studio workshop where you can be a robo coder or design your own spaceship. Among the programs at the new Main Library (opening in August) will be Sew Fine, a time to learn how to use a sewing machine to make practical and whimsical projects, Family Fun Lab with experiments for the whole family to attempt and Book Tasters, a sampling of a different author each month. This summer “It’s Showtime at Your Library!” will shine a spotlight on readers.

Check out our new website at <http://www.longbeach.gov/library> for program dates and times or call your local library for details.

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Isabella's Book Review



Amazing Message

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens is an amazing book with a very complex person as its main character. Scrooge begins the book as a very mean cold hearted man. As the book goes on, Scrooge repents and tries to change.

Isabella A. The reason for this starts when his dead business partner, known as Marley, pays him a visit. During this visit, Marley prophesizes that 3 spirits will come.

The first spirit still comes that night. The Ghost of Christmas past shows Scrooge how happy he once was. It also shows him how he changed into the greedy person he is. Scrooge is sorry for what he has done and takes the first step to change. The next night, the Ghost of Christmas present shows Scrooge how poor his clerk is and how much he is suffering. Scrooge sees that his clerk's son is very sick and that the family does not have the money for treatment. The next night, Scrooge sees what will happen if he continues the way he is going.

I would rate this book a 5 out of 5 because it is very emotionally enticing and it has an amazing message.

Isabella is a 7th grader and just published her first short story in a school anthology of young authors after winning first prize with her work. She rates books on a 5 star scale.



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Richard's Book Review

Timmy Grows Up and Moves On

Timmy Failure It's the End When I say It's the End by Stephan Pastis

This is 7th and last book of the Timmy Failure series. Timmy and his imaginary polar bear named Total (T. Failure + Total = Total Failure of Total Failure Inc. Detective Agency)

take on a task of solving the world's problems and defeating crime. Timmy also has to do routine things like writing a script for his class project. But then a new student takes over the show and ruins Timmy's vision of Greatness. The script gets stolen and more Christmas shenanigans follow. I liked these book series because despite it's ridiculous, over-the-top narration by Timmy, you can see he's just a young kid with great imagination, producing action-packed scenarios, which help him escape the harsh reality of struggles — like getting a new step-dad, finding his real dad and trying to get him to participate in his life, and not realizing his aunt, with whom he and his mom lived during hard times, is dying. But in the end Timmy grows up and lets go of his imaginary sidekick Total by helping him find his long-lost brother and releasing Total to the Arctic. This book is definitely 5 out of 5 stars.

Richard J. is a 4th grader. Richard likes math, playing sports, physical activities like bike-riding, swimming, diving and running. He is a hard-working student who enjoys reading, seeing and leaning new things and spending time with his family and friends.

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Try an ereader. Ereaders offer your teen a bit more independence, flexibility, privacy — they're great for travel.

Consider humor. Some teens just need the funny.

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