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## SUPERINTENDENT



### Achievement Gains Threatened by Cuts

First, some good news.

A progress report on our five school board districts shows significant gains in student achievement throughout all geographic areas as measured by state and national assessments, college readiness measurements including scholarships earned, and other factors.

**Christopher J. Steinhauser**

The bad news is, we recently laid off another 245 employees, mostly teachers, and the state budget deficit has nearly doubled since January to \$16 billion. Even before our latest layoffs, we had already lost about 1,000 jobs since 2008.

If the bad news on the budget continues much longer, we'll see

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## Law Day and Teen Court



Cabrillo student jurors listening to testimony during Teen Court mock trial

By Matt Brown, Assistant Principal  
Cabrillo High School

Cabrillo High School's Academy of Law and Justice kicked off two major events in the month of May. With the assistance of Long Beach Bar Association Board member Karen Anderson, Cabrillo hosted its first annual Law Day. Twenty-one professionals, including judges, attorneys, court reporters, a banker, a business owner, a local legal skills college representative, and a realtor, presented their personal stories to a standing-room-only, packed house of over 150 students in Cabrillo's soon-to-be court room. The energy was positive, and many students learned that some of these professionals have similar stories to their own. One student said, "I learned that you do not have to be rich to become a lawyer or a judge."

The support from Long Beach legal professionals was amazing. Cabrillo Academy of Law and Justice (CAL-J) teacher Barbara Doten worked

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION



### It's Time to Do Right By Our Children

Before getting started, I would like to take a moment to provide a little information about myself. I am the newest member of the

**Diana Craighead**  
Member

school board representing the 5th District. My first position in LBUSD was as a PTA volunteer at Prisk almost twenty years ago; from then to now I have been a PTA president twice, a Long Beach Council PTA president and have been involved

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## Summer On the Hill



**Tina Hansen**  
Mayor  
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Summer is right around the corner and the City of Signal Hill Community Services Department has lots of fun planned! There are summer day camps, youth sports, excursions, and more!

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## Business Improvement



**Randy Gordon**  
President/CEO  
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce

By Joel Perler  
VP, Membership Development

The Long Beach Council of Business Associations (COBA) has developed and released to the Long Beach business community an online customer service survey as a way to gather feedback that describes the experience of the city's licensing, permitting, and inspection processes.

COBA is made up of representatives of business improvement districts and business alliances that include:

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## Importance of Libraries



**Douglas P. Haubert**  
City Prosecutor

What role do libraries play in public safety? More than you might think.

Recently, the Long Beach Library Foundation asked me and other public safety leaders about the role of libraries in public safety. Long Beach Police Chief Jim McDonnell noted that children and youth need a broad spectrum of city services; libraries are one of those services a strong community provides its children and teenagers.

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Congratulations to the Class of 2012! Best wishes to each graduate as they continue on their journey. At the same time, welcome to all of the kindergarten students beginning their journey.

Our Camps/Activities section on pages 14-17 offers lots of choices for filling those summer days.

As this school year comes to a close, I'd like to thank you for including *School News* among your reading choices. Our next issue will be August when thoughts will be of going back to school...until then have a wonderful summer.

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## Features Raise Awareness



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Students from the Journalism and Mass Communications Department at Cal State Long Beach (CSULB) partnered with New America Media's youth-led Voicewaves during the spring 2012 semester to cover issues in some of the city's most diverse and economically disadvantaged communities.

Those enrolled in the department's Senior Seminar built on their journalism skills to cover a broad range of critical local challenges—such as implementing the Downtown Plan, tightening environmental regulations at the port, reducing crime and encouraging cycling. CSULB students focused their coverage on communities and challenges that, historically, receive minimal mainstream media attention.

Ultimately, their news features were meant to raise awareness of neighborhood concerns in North Long Beach, Central Long Beach, downtown and the Westside. In recognition of its cultural and economic significance, student journalists are also reporting on news relevant to the area encompassing Alamitos Beach, Carroll Park, Bluff Heights and the Fourth Street Corridor.

"Through our reporting, we hope to give voice to some of the poorest and most underserved residents of the city," said Gwen Shaffer, an assistant professor in CSULB's Department of Journalism and Mass Communication. By incorporating interactive elements into news stories, such as clickable maps and polls, "local residents will have an opportunity to contribute to and participate in the coverage of their neighborhoods."

This model of news organizations partnering with community organizations "reflects a real world trend," noted Chris Burnett, department chair. For instance, the Voice of San Diego is produced by KNSD, the NBC-owned station in San Diego, and an online news organization supported by foundations, corporations and readers.

The content produced by the CSULB students—including pieces produced for broadcast, print, online and audio platforms—are available on websites hosted by both VoiceWaves.org and CSULB's the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication. Posts can be found on a university blog, csulbseniorseminar.blogspot.com, voicewaves.org and on the VoiceWaves YouTube Channel.

"This will be an important source of community reporting", said VoiceWaves Community Engagement Manager Antonio Ruiz. "Long Beach residents are all served by this partnership."

Prumsodun Ok, VoiceWaves project director and executive editor added, "This partnership is one of our goals to ensure that a diversity of voices are represented on our website."

New America Media, with the support of The California Endowment and the Knight Foundation and in partnership with Building Healthy Communities, launched VoiceWaves in May 2011. The youth are being trained to use photography, video, radio and the Internet as community engagement tools to produce a better Long Beach.

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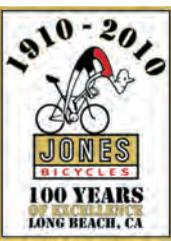
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## Life Insurance Choice Checklist (Part II)



**Jeffrey A. Napper**  
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When deciding on which type of life insurance policy to purchase, there are many important factors to consider, including what you can afford to pay in monthly premiums, the type of coverage needed and the length of time you plan to keep the policy. You need to make sure that the policy you are purchasing is going to give you and your loved ones the right amount of coverage. Below are two of the major policy types available:

- Term Life Insurance:** Is a life insurance policy that ends after a specific period. Term can vary from 1 year to 30 years or more. The premiums for a Term Life Insurance policy is more affordable compared to a Whole Life Insurance policy. The downside to this policy is you will have to re-apply once your term expires which means you will have to fill out another application or undergo another medical examination and your premiums might not be the same because costs rise as you age.
- Whole Life Insurance:** Also known as Permanent Life Insurance. This policy is life insurance coverage combined with a savings fund that is designed to grow every time you make a premium payment. Should you experience a financial hardship, you may cancel the policy and cash out or you may borrow against the accumulated amount in your policy's savings fund. The accumulated amount in your policy's savings fund policy is yours for life as long as you pay your premiums or decide to cash it in. Your premiums are set at the time of purchase and will only increase if you decide to change the death benefit amount. The premium for this type of policy is more expensive than Term Life Insurance. Also, the investments used to accumulate in the savings fund are not all guaranteed so it may affect the amount of expected cash accumulation.

## New Rules Set for Expediting Short Sales



**CathyLyn Brooks**

In a move that could prevent many foreclosures, the Federal Housing Finance Agency recently established new rules geared toward speeding up the short sale process.

In a short sale, the bank that holds the mortgage must agree to accept a price for the home that is less than the amount owed. Even though short sales are considered a better alternative to foreclosure, banks often take so long to review and approve short sales that buyers lose interest and the home is ultimately lost in foreclosure.

In California, which accounts for a larger number of the nation's short sales, 60% of short sale offers failed to result in a closed sale last year, according to a survey of the members of the California Association of Realtors (CAR). CAR attributes much of the closing problems to extended lender response times. Some agents reported that lenders foreclosed on the homes before a short sale could even close.

To curb the trend, the Federal Housing Finance Agency, which oversees Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, prepared rules that will require lenders to review and respond to short sale requests within 30 days and make a final decision within 60 days. The lender is also required to provide weekly status updates to the borrower if the offer is still under review after 30 days.

The new guidelines, which go into effect on June 1, should prove to be beneficial for all of the parties involved. For lenders, it could mean sparing a distressed property from falling into foreclosure, saving them tens of thousands of dollars in lost property value and the costs associated with the process.

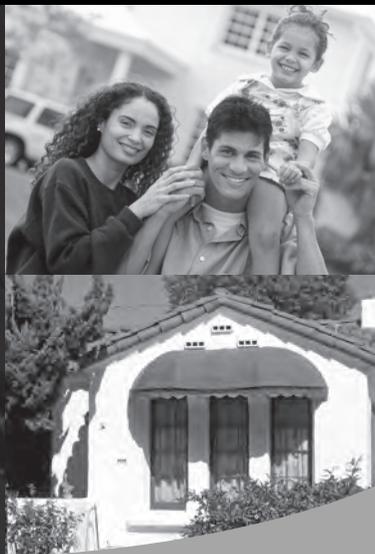
Home sellers also will be better off with the new rules as they often will suffer less damage to their credit using a short sale, rather than the multiple delinquencies associated with a foreclosure.

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## Beware of Interview Landmines



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

You've probably already impressed someone in a phone interview. Your resume shows the right qualifications. Now it's time for real human contact. Beware of the interviewing minefields. Unfortunately, they're planted in every workplace. Consider a trial run to the location at the same time the day before. When you arrive, be pleasant to everyone, especially the receptionist. Smile as you enter the interview room, extend your hand for a firm, brief handshake. Be ready for the opening question: "Tell me a little bit about yourself" with a one- or two-minute career summary that ends with why you're perfect for the job. Be ready to tell how you've researched the company and how its needs dovetail with your talents. When savvy interviewers get you talking about your family, be ready to say, "Thanks for asking. My family is great. It won't be any barrier to employment." When the interview is over, offer another handshake, and send a handwritten thank you card. Just be genuine and congenial.

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

## Surfing the Web—For a Pet?

By Miriam Yarden, B.Sc., MS, APDT

Lately, you may have seen a plethora of advertisements of pets for sale via the Web. You see photos of adorable dogs and cats, a list of their great attributes and a long list of pedigrees, and you fall in love. You contact the online seller; purchase the pet; pay the price of the shipping, the insurance and several other charges; and you go happily to the airport to pick up the companion you have been waiting for and fallen in love with.

Stop! You will never know if the animal has a health problem—85 percent need veterinary care; a genetic problem—65 percent do have such things; whether the pedigree is legitimate—an AKC registration never guarantees that; or if the pup or kitten is indeed the sweet, calm, good-tempered animal you were promised. In many cases, the pup you got does not even resemble the picture you were shown.

These are all puppy-mill sellers, and when the problem costs you hundreds of dollars at the vet, you have no recourse because these sellers have a way of disappearing. Legitimate breeders do *not* sell their animals online. You can buy any inanimate object online but not a living being sight unseen. Adopt locally! There are more than enough pets needing loving homes. Why contribute to a general problem and incur a personal problem for yourself?



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Principal

## True Dedication

There is always a friendly spirit of competition at Alvarado, and this spring it was centered around a wonderful cause. That's because every child participated in Pennies for Patients, a three-week drive that helps support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Mrs. Castro spearheaded the effort. She organized everything from the kick-off assemblies to how to count the coins to determine the "winner" of the most money raised per student.

This year, Alvarado students raised \$2,675, with Mrs. Ferris' class having the most per student, at a \$13.86 average. Mrs. Hall's and Mrs. Castro's classes were a close second and third, with \$12.27 and \$11.95 per student average.

This schoolwide dedication was seen all the way from our Pre-K classes to the fifth grade. Everyone was on a mission to help others and learn valuable life lessons. I am deeply proud of all of our students and their dedication to helping others.



**Mrs. Ferris and her 4/5 class and Mrs. Castro**

# Beach *High School*

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**Matt Saldana**  
Principal

## A Successful Student

Long Beach Unified School District opened its newest alternative education program, Beach High School (BHS), to provide 10th- through 12th-grade students with a high school program which would allow them to work independently in a lab setting, supported by teacher-directed, small-group instruction. The students recruited were capable students who were credit deficient and not motivated to attend school on a regular basis.

Sandra Sevilla was one of the first students to enroll in the program, and she came to BHS as an 11th-grader. The first impression of the Beach staff was that Sandra was a disinterested, unmotivated "dropout in waiting." That quickly changed, however, when the different learning environment at Beach provided Sandra with a newfound interest in learning and school. She was excited about the teacher support in both the small-group instruction and the lab settings and that she was not restricted by the pacing of a typical classroom. These appealed to her method of learning.

Taking advantage of the independent study aspects, Sandra surged forward with credit retrieval and has now made school a priority in her life, with a short-term goal of earning her high school diploma. She is looking forward to attending college after she graduates.

For her impressive scholastic abilities and her positive attitude, Beach High School nominated Sandra to the Association of California School Administrators for its Every Student Succeeding Award for 2011-2012 and recognized her as one of its most successful students. Congratulations, Sandra!



**Sandra Sevilla**

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Principal

## Island Scholars

At Avalon K-12 School, all students are encouraged to pursue a challenging academic program. While Avalon has no formal Gifted And Talented Education (GATE) program, we offer our fourth-through sixth-grade students Island Scholars, an community partnership enrichment program for eligible students, provided in cooperation with the Catalina Island Education Consortium. Approximately, 10 percent of the fourth- through sixth-graders participate in this innovative program we've enjoyed for the past 10 years.

The Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program, in its eighth year, currently serves 87 students, 41 percent of all students in grades seven through 12. AVID provides support for those underrepresented students who demonstrate a desire and potential for Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors courses but might not otherwise take such rigorous course work.

Over the past six years, AP offerings have increased. This year's AP courses include: US History, US Government and Politics, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Calculus AB, Spanish Language, and AP Music Theory. Over the last three years, there has been also been a steady increase of students taking multiple AP exams and a continuing increase in the number of scores of three or more points, with a maximum score of five.

This year's California Standards Tests and AP testing were a huge success, with built-in incentives for all students. We look forward to receiving the results this summer and celebrating our success with the community.

Go, Lancers!

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**Pamela Sawyer**  
Principal

## Poetry Nights

*By Truan Barkis, Student – 8th Grade*

From serious to silly, poems of all types were presented at Poetry Nights at a local book store.

It all started on April 24, with Bancroft Middle School's eighth-grade poets sharing poems ranging from outrageously funny to thought-provoking tearjerkers. Reciting poetry to an audience was a great way to get the teen angst and expression out in the open. Parents were delighted to hear their children's poems being read aloud with confidence and a little nervous hesitation.

The second night, the seventh-graders showed off their poetry skills with rhyme schemes and alliteration in their poems. Finally, Bancroft's sixth-grade Shakespeareans wrapped up the week of poetry with lively limericks and delightful diamantes.

The participation of students and the attendance of parents, family, and friends was great each night. Bancroft teachers and students are planning to make this an annual event!



**Bancroft's sixth grade Shakespeareans**

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**Stephanie Jones**  
Principal

## Tomorrow, the World!

As the Bixby Elementary School fifth-grade class moves on, they can reflect on the wonderful past and anticipate the journey ahead.

They have served as: volunteers for the Valet Drop Off program; buddies for the pre-kindergarten students with special needs; buddy readers for kindergartners; advocates for school-wide activities, rewards, and incentives as student council members; and fund-raisers for grieving families. They represented Bixby with maturity and respect at the Long Beach Symphony performance, setting an example for their younger peers. They have mastered math facts and conquered benchmarks and end-of-trimester exams with a purpose.

The fifth-graders went into the California Standards Tests with seriousness, making it a point to be in attendance each day. They have worked alongside their parents in decorating classroom doors and appreciating the hard work of their teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. They have consistently demonstrated character and self respect. They supported each other this year and continued to reach for the stars. The hope that was in their eyes at the beginning of the year has turned into the confidence of those ready for middle school.

We, the staff and parents of Bixby (and Mr. Bruce B. Beaver), are confident that our students will be successful. To the "Bixby Beavers – High Achievers" we say, "To proficiency...and beyond! Leave footprints for others to follow."



# Burcham *(K-8)*

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**LaShell Diggs**  
Principal

## Fun With Fitness

Burcham Elementary School students sat in the blacktop area with feet pressed against a wooden box and fingertips reaching in front of them as far as they could go. Perseverance and practice are two of the key ingredients that helped the students complete the Presidential Challenge Program.

Each student was tested in curl ups, shuttle run, sit and reach, distance run, and right-angle pushups. Students who scored in the 85th percentile on all five activities earned the Presidential Physical Fitness Award. Students who scored in the 50th percentile on all five activities received the National Physical Fitness Award. Students earned the Participant Physical Fitness Award if they participated in all five activities but did not achieve the 50th percentile in one or more categories.

Our top Presidential Physical Fitness Award winners were: August Hayashi, second grade; Natalie Paulson, second grade; Danielle Paulson, second grade; Jaida Miller, third grade; Kyle Paulson, fourth grade; and Ryan Docuyan, sixth grade. Congratulations to our TOP winners and awesome Burcham students!



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**Doris Robinson**  
Principal

## All Winners

On May 17, Bryant Elementary School second-graders completed the last mile of a 26.2-mile marathon as parents, students, and community members cheered them on. This was the second annual second-grade marathon for our students.

All 60 of our second-grade students started this marathon in February by running each day for a total of about two miles per week. Students recorded their miles in a log and entered personal reflections at the beginning, middle, and end of the marathon. Students were presented with marathon shirts to wear for the last mile. Bryant students participated in a finish-line celebration, and each student was given a gold medal and a certificate. Parents donated water and orange slices for students as they crossed the finish line.

May is Better Speech and Hearing Month, and Mrs. Burkes's students were busy spreading the news to the community to make sure that everyone is aware of the need for good speech and language skills. The students made a bulletin board to display what speech and language services mean and how they can assist you in the everyday world.

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# Thank You!

Mr. Scales would like to thank the schools who've treated their K-3rd grade students to "Lunch with a Lizard" during the 2011-12 school year. This litter-awareness program has had 54,000 student viewings since its debut.

Have a great Summer, and don't forget to keep Long Beach litter-free!

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**Lucy Salazar**  
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## On the Hunt

By Nancy Jo Rettig, Counselor

At Burnett Elementary School, we are on the hunt—for books. Just like the poem says, “We’re going on a bear hunt, we’re gonna catch a great one...,” our Burnett Bears are hunting for adventures through books. They’re hunting in the public library, in the Gold Slip store, in their homes, under their couches, in their families’ bookcases, and even purchasing some exciting new material from our buy-one, get-one-free book fair.



Ms. Mary McCarthy, our librarian and resident book fair-y, also organizes our Read to Succeed program, where students who have read a phenomenal 200 nights are eligible for prizes and awards. Many ambitious bear cubs are reading over 300 nights!

Great hunting, Burnett Bears!

# Carver *Elementary*

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**Jennifer Rodarte**  
Principal

## Reaching For Their Dreams

On March 26, our fifth-grade girls were invited to be part of Women in Engineering Day at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB). The bus arrived at 8:30 a.m., and the girls boarded, excited for the adventure they were about to embark upon. The students were joined by other girls from neighboring schools and districts and were separated into several groups composed of girls from a variety of schools.



The conference key note speaker was Alysa Campos, a senior at CSULB working towards her bachelor’s degree in mechanical and materials engineering. The girls listened attentively as she encouraged them to join a profession where women are under-represented.

The girls had the opportunity to participate in many hands-on engineering activities and walked away with a powerful message. They were encouraged to take risks and reach for their dreams!

# Cabrillo *High School*

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**Dr. Elio Mendoza**  
Co-Principal



**Alejandro Vega**  
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diligently with Anderson planning the event for the students. The high level of support for Cabrillo students and the high level of student interest were exciting to see. The event was positively received by presenters and attendees; there are already plans to turn the event into a college and career day next year. This will make the presentations available to more students, as some had to be turned away because of space constraints. CAL-J administrator Matt Brown and lead teacher Tom Valdez heard that students really enjoyed the event, except that there were too many people. Now that is a complaint worth hearing!

CAL-J again packed the court room for the Assistant Presiding Judge for Los Angeles Superior Court, the Honorable Judge David Wesley. This was Judge Wesley’s second visit to Cabrillo High School. On his first visit, organized by CAL-J assistant principal Matt Brown, he presented the Teen Court concept to High School Superintendent Maggie Webster, School Board President Felton Williams, Cabrillo Co-Principals Dr. Elio Mendoza and Alejandro Vega, City Prosecutor Doug Haubert, City Councilman James Johnson, and Teen Court Advisory Obi Ebo. Beginning next school year, Cabrillo students in CAL-J will have the opportunity to participate in Teen Court, a new program offering for the district.

Teen Court is an existing diversion program for juvenile, first-time offenders. The defendant and his or her parent go to Teen Court as an alternative to regular court, which keeps the defendant’s record clean if the Teen Court verdict is completed within six months. The defendant and a parent present their story to a jury of teenagers. The jury questions the defendant, deliberates in private, and issues a verdict.

On May 11, Judge Wesley presented a mock Teen Court trial for the students, during which he explained the process while student volunteers role played. This was the second time experiencing Teen Court for some students. Earlier in the year, nine students visited Dorsey High School in Los Angeles to observe and participate in Teen Court. The mock trial presentation was the last step for Cabrillo High School to partner with Los Angeles County Superior Court’s Teen Court. Cabrillo students discussed the law with Judge Wesley, and he enthusiastically answered all their questions. Next year, real juvenile defendants will present real cases to a jury of CAL-J teenagers at Cabrillo in the campus court room. Cabrillo students will get real-life learning experience in the legal process by participating directly in the judicial system.

# Cleveland *Elementary*

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**Teresa Montoya**  
Principal

## Fitness Week

Karen Emerson-Roberts, a second-grade teacher, did a great job again this year organizing Fitness Week at Cleveland Elementary School. Each day, first- through fifth-grade students went to the playground or the mini-gym to participate in fitness events.

Monday through Thursday, students participated for 45 minutes in different physical fitness events. The track events included hand dribble, foot dribble, and ball throw. On the upper grade basketball courts, we hosted the basketball throw event. In our mini-gym, students participated in hula hoop, jump rope, sit-and-reach, push up, standing broad jump, and curl up events.

Many Volunteers In Public Schools (VIPS), PTA members, parents, and family members volunteered their time to assist teachers with these events and recording each student’s results in the various events.

On Friday, the students were timed as they ran the perimeter of our school. Awards assemblies were held to recognize students for their participation in Fitness Week, with special recognition for those students who placed first, second, and third in each event.

What an exciting way for students to learn about the benefits of being physically fit!

# Constellation *Community Middle School*

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## Daphne Ching-Jackson

*Executive Director*

### Dedicated Board Member Extraordinaire

In any small, understaffed school, there is always one person who stands out as a committed supporter. Sharon Garate is the one at Constellation Community Middle School.

As a child, Sharon, wanted to make a difference in the world and to end injustice and prejudice. Constellation provided the opportunity to give help where needed.

"At Constellation, I saw a school that made every parent and student feel welcome. Constellation sees the good in people, regardless of their backgrounds. Even against all odds, they help turn troubled kids around, not giving up. I was immediately drawn to their model and principles. For the first time ever, I felt like I was an important part of the school and that my opinion really mattered," Sharon shared.

Residing in Norwalk, she drives her children to Long Beach charters. A mother of five, she's employed full time at a local bank, practically single handedly planned and organized the school's carnival, made hundreds of dollars in cash contributions, and actively participated in parent conferences and other school activities.

"If this wonderful community helped change me, I knew how effectively it was making positive changes in our students," Sharon shared. "I saw how the school could take unmotivated children with no dreams or aspirations and turn them into model students, eager to learn and help others find the same path. Little by little, Constellation is making the world a better place. Every child has the potential to do something great, but it's our job as a community to provide them with all the opportunities for them to fulfill their dreams."



Sharon Garate

# Cubberley

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## All That Jazz

*By Lawrence Sevilla, Student – 5th Grade*

On March 16, third- and fifth-grade students had the opportunity to attend a special jazz presentation performed by accomplished drummer T.S. Monk. If that name sounds familiar, it's because he is the son of the incomparable jazz pianist Thelonious Monk.

In cooperation with the Carpenter Center at California State University, Long Beach, the Thelonious Monk Institute seeks to "help elementary students develop an understanding of and the appreciation for jazz music" and "share the positive aspects of jazz

with young people who would not have the opportunity to learn about this great national treasure."

Before his performance, T.S. Monk made a visit to the campus to brief the students on the history of jazz and how it embodies what America stands for. "Jazz is freedom, created and to be enjoyed freely by all," said Monk.

Students enjoyed a once in a lifetime performance by a true legend.



Terri Jarels  
Principal



# Dooley *Global Studies Magnet School*

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## A Very Special Teacher

Most of us can recall that one exemplary and extraordinary teacher who changed our lives when we were growing up.

Today, we are privileged to work with such an educator and mentor, one who continues to positively impact not only the lives of our children, but of our teachers and support staff as well. Kim San Jose, ELL specialist and Dooley's recipient of the Golden Apple Award, has spent the last 25 years inspiring and challenging students and teachers to become exciting, inquiring, knowledgeable and caring citizens of the world.

Kim San Jose goes above and beyond any call to duty! She exemplifies what it means to teach as a vocation and not just an occupation. Her conscientious nature does not allow her to do anything but give 200 percent to help achieve the success of every student.

Kim San Jose has made a significant impact on both our community and the educational success of every student in the district. In her humble manner, she sets an example for all educators. We are all better teachers, and most importantly, better people, for knowing and loving Kimberly San Jose.



Gerardo Gloria  
Principal

# Edison

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## Students in Action

Edison Elementary School's Dare to Dance Club (D2D) put on quite a show! With the assistance of the Edison Education Foundation (EEF), students and families put together an entertainment-filled Mother's Day celebration! The dance club performed different styles of dance: folklorico, country, and hip-hop. Students in the club choreographed and practiced dance routines from all three genres of dance.

"This was the best experience of my life," shared a third-grade student. "I can't believe I danced in front of all those people, and I feel great!"

Students are having fun in science as well. Edison's scientists are on the way to save the day! Teachers have planned brilliant and powerful lessons that combine reading comprehension and science content standards. Students continue to

learn how to read and understand nonfiction text while having fun! We are not just learning to read; our students are reading to learn!

One budding scientist shared, "I have so much fun learning about plants and the tubes inside the plant."



Richard Littlejohn  
Principal



The Mother's Day Celebration was a mini-faire that had games, food, and entertainment. The D2D Club and a Mariachi band entertained and wowed the crowd.

# Emerson *Parkside Academy Charter*

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## Walk through the American Revolution

By Kristie McGinley, 5<sup>th</sup>-Grade Teacher

In early May, families visiting our campus may have noticed Emerson fifth-graders dressed up like Patriots or Loyalists from the American Revolution. This is because students participated in the Walk through the American Revolution program, an on-campus presentation designed to allow students to actively participate in a lively retelling of America's beginnings.

**Margaret Kerns**  
Principal

Students planned ahead, studying "expert cards" to help them to narrate prewar events, quote lines from the Declaration of Independence and reenact speeches from famous Revolutionary figures, such as Thomas Paine and Patrick Henry.



Fifth-graders were motivated to earn points for their teams by dressing up and acting out their parts, so studying history became an exciting challenge. Students were well prepared for the games, music and storytelling that helped this historical period come alive at Emerson!

# Franklin *Classical Middle School*

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## Students Pledge to Stop Bullying

Many schools across the country and in LBUSD, including Franklin Middle School, have tackled the serious issue of bullying. At Franklin, students have pledged to stop bullying. Anti-bullying lessons are provided to every student during his or her advisory class throughout the school year and through informative skits on Wildcat TV.

**Maria Pilar Perossio**  
Principal

Students define types of bullying and learn what to do if they encounter a bully or witness an incidence of it. Each class created an anti-bullying pledge that was signed by all of the students in the class. All of the pledges were fastened together to create an anti-bullying quilt. In addition, there is a bully box in front of the main office that students may use to anonymously let an adult know about incidences of bullying. Parents are informed of anti-bullying efforts through a weekly Monday Morning Message and discussion with the principal. Talk to your child today, and together we can put an end to bullying.



# Fremont *Elementary*

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## It's Alive!

Fremont Elementary School held its Fifth Annual Family Science Night, "It's Alive." This event highlighted the love and learning of science.

Families were able to experience the wonders of the animal world by meeting furry friends, strange bugs, giant snakes, and all kinds of reptiles. Visitors could learn about local outdoor programs which could provide further scientific explorations and even adopt a rabbit to take home.

**Matt Hammond**  
Principal

Also on display were the science fair projects of our students, which covered a wide array of scientific investigations and demonstrated interesting hypotheses, experimental explorations, data collection, thoughtful conclusions, and creative project displays.



Besides filling their senses and minds, families could also fill their stomachs with refreshments, which included slithery sweets, tasty tacos, and "beetlejuice" beverages. The evening was very interactive and enjoyable for all who attended.

Science education is alive at Fremont.

# Garfield *Elementary*

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## Mentor Programs

Garfield has been fortunate to reap the benefits of two outstanding programs that help to provide our students with some one-on-one help.

"Careers With Children" is a high school course for juniors and seniors. It introduces them to careers with children and families, including teaching, social work, pediatrics and child psychology. The students can acquire skills and work experience.

**Donna McKeehan**  
Principal

Part of the program is an internship where they work for four days of the week in different settings. Each student has projects that they must complete for the course, but all involve working with children. The majority of these Garfield students spend their time in a kindergarten, first-, or second-grade classroom. The teachers are excited to get the help.

Garfield has also built a partnership with the Long Beach BLAST mentor program. This is a non-profit organization devoted to improving school learning for at-risk, low-income youth in grades K-12. It promotes academic success and character development through tutoring, mentoring and after-school programs.

BLAST recruits mentors in local colleges and universities. It then trains, places and supports them at the partnering sites. Currently, Garfield has about 17 mentors who work with small groups of students in reading, writing and math skills, as well as relationship building. Many of these mentors have chosen to come back and work with students even after their time commitment is over.

BLAST is truly making a difference at Garfield. With the limited resources now available, we are thankful for these wonderful programs, and the many terrific people who make them possible.

# Hamilton *Middle School*

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**David Downing**  
*Principal*

## Parents Celebrate Hamilton Teachers

We Love Our Hamilton Teachers was the unanimous sentiment expressed by parents and community partners at

Hamilton Middle School this week. On May 17, parents prepared a taco luncheon for teachers, thanking them for their continued service to students and families.

On June 16, 55 Hamilton students attended a jazz concert in Glendale, hosted by the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts. Students were nominated by teachers and staff for outstanding behavior, and their dedication to excellence on their CST exams.



# Gompers *(K-8)*

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**Kelly Ludden**  
*Principal*

## VIPs Tutoring Program

*By Rachel Peters*

For the past two years, Gompers K-8 School's parents have stepped up their volunteer efforts to facilitate student success throughout our school. Parents by the dozens were trained to help classrooms in math facts, word knowledge, and fluency. The trainings gave parents strategies for working with students one-on-one and within small groups. Students enjoy the special attention, and teachers appreciate the help.

The parents volunteer an average of one to two hours a week, giving each grade level approximately two to six hours of academic support, thus providing up to 24 hours of academic assistance each week.

Last year, Gompers' Academic Performance Index (API) score increased by 26 points. No doubt much of this success was because of the trained tutors and the invaluable aid they gave to the classrooms. With the support of trained parents, Gompers once again looks forward to growth and success in the 2011-2012 school year.

# Holmes *Elementary*

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**Luana Wesley**  
*Principal*

## Great People Lend a Hand

*By Phillip E. Higgins, Teacher – 5th Grade and Christine Fittinger, Teacher – 5th Grade*

Holmes Elementary School is privileged to have many volunteers on campus, who lend a hand in a variety of ways, from gathering supplies and assisting students to working at huge events, such as our book fairs and parent nights.

Mr. Walton is often on campus bright and early to help teachers set up bulletin boards, make copies, and, in December, serve as Santa's helper. He began volunteering when his granddaughter was in kindergarten. She is now in middle school, but Mr. Walton is still with us!

Cheryl Enox, a retired teacher, works with struggling students. She provides vital one-on-one tutoring to help master difficult skills and helps students connect with local family support services. Carla Jones, another retired teacher, works alongside her.

John Garcia is outside on the curb every morning to ensure that our children get out of their cars safely and have a great start to the day. Ms. Tina and other parents can be found in the first-grade hall at lunchtime, reading to students. Wherever there is a need, Mrs. Adalin is there to assist. Mr. Valenzuela can often be found leading the kindergartners to the school library. Mrs. Morris, another grandparent, creates adorable displays and is in charge of our PTO book fairs.

Of course, there are so many more volunteers who deserve our thanks. We could not be as successful without the time and talents of these generous volunteers. We appreciate the support we receive from our parents, and we welcome more to join us!

# Hill *Classical Middle School*

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**Sophia Griffieth**  
*Principal*

## Scholar Athletes Make History

*By Charlie Dodson and Laura Cernok, Teachers*

In the main gym at Hill Classical Middle School hangs a long row of All-City Championship banners. For sport after sport, they honor students representing over 50 years of Hill Husky heritage. Among these, two sports have always been conspicuously unrepresented: boys and girls soccer. This year, the young men and women of Hill have changed all that—and made history in the process.

After a hard-fought season matching their skills and stamina against an array of soccer powerhouses in Division I play, the Hill boys and girls soccer teams have brought home twin All-City Championship titles to the school.

The young men and women of these teams, scholar athletes all, come from across the cities of Long Beach, Lakewood and Signal Hill, and together they represent levels of sportsmanship and determination that reflect the highest aspirations of our district and our communities. They are the leaders of tomorrow, and we celebrate their achievement.



## 2nd Annual Jones Bicycles Art Contest

In Celebration of Jones Bicycles Day  
July 17, 2012

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# Hoover *Middle School*

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**Dr. Avery Hall**  
*Principal*

## Art Is Their Voice

Hoover's Leone Faiivae-Naufahu won first place in the 2012 Museum of Latin American Art Poster Contest. His entry addressing the question "How does art improve our quality of life?" with a visual image and original slogan of "Art Is My Voice" won the \$250 prize. Matthew Bustamante's "Art, We Are Unique" won honorable mention.

Each year, the MoLAA showcases the burgeoning talent of artists from Los Angeles and Orange counties' middle and high schools for the opportunity to compete for cash prizes and display their work in front of a public audience. Their work was displayed at the museum during the award ceremony. Hoover's art teacher,

Ms. Yu, continued her tradition of success with the MoLAA contest. Her student Christine Van won first place in the middle school competition in 2010 and 2011 and again in 2012 as a Poly freshman.



# Hughes *Middle School*

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**Dr. Sally Gregory**  
*Principal*

## Aqua Teens Enter Robotics Competition

*By David Michaels, Teacher – 7th-Grade English*

In May, the Hughes Middle School after-school robotics team, The Aqua Teens, sent a group of students and their coordinator, Ken Rogers, to compete in the Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) competition at Long Beach City College. Hughes fielded two separate ROVs in the competition: The 1% and S.T.E.V.E. Both robots were entered in a series of underwater tests to demonstrate their skill in lifting and dexterity when moving items. These tests included making the air lift rise and having the robots pick up and move coral samples and oil.

In addition to the technical skills learned, the event and preparation helped these students with their abilities to problem solve, think critically, and work as part of a team. According to Sadeepa Bulathsinhala, a seventh-grader, "The competition was a real learning experience. I learned that it's important to double check your work, and also I learned that duct tape fixes just about anything."

Congratulations, Hughes Aqua Teens!



Justin G, Ethan M., Alex I., and Melissa M. test their ROV underwater.

# Hudson (K-8)

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**Cathleen Imbroane**  
*Principal*

## Stop Bullying Now!

Hudson School has worked diligently this school year to halt bullying. We held grade-level assemblies at the beginning of each year, where we outlined the school rules and specifically talked about the different types of bullying and the consequences given if students should participate in this behavior.

We implemented Stop a Bully slips in all classrooms and a Bully Box in the main office. Students can report bullying in a safe, confidential manner. Our school psychologist also worked with targeted classrooms on positive peer relationships. New signs were created and posted in all classrooms with slogans such as "Bullying Will Not Be Tolerated at This School."

We also educated our fourth- through eighth-grade students on cyberbullying, as this is becoming more common, given students' access to the Internet. Students participated in online lessons regarding bullying, cyberbullying, and using the Internet safely. We also provided information about cyberbullying at the June Pastries With the Principal meeting. All of these efforts, combined with our International Baccalaureate Attitudes and Attributes, helped our students become more educated and therefore better able to make positive choices when they interact with their peers.

# Jefferson *Leadership Academies*

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**Brian Moskovitz**  
*Principal*

## Green Thumbs

The JLA campus is wearing its new landscape well, reflecting the efforts of Mrs. Stiltz's Social Responsibility class. The sixth grade students cooperatively planned what they wanted to do, wrote letters to local garden shops soliciting help and donations. While waiting for replies, they went "hunting" for earthworms, started vermi-composting with coffee grounds, pencil shavings, and egg shells. The responses arrived sod, soil, plants, mulch, tools, rose food, and flowering plants were donated. The students eagerly prepared the soil and planted. Many will continue gardening at home this summer.



# Jordan *High School*

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**Shawn Ashley**  
Principal



**Dr. Jay Camerino**  
Principal

## Ahoy, Panthers!

In May, 75 lucky students from Jordan High School, along with 13 teachers, received the thrill of their lives, when 19 boat captains who are associated with the Long Beach Yacht Club took them on their boats to experience the open sea. The students involved received T-shirts to commemorate the experience.

Many students from North Long Beach had never experienced the ocean from that vantage point nor the land. To be on the Pacific Ocean looking back at Long Beach's skyline was an experience they will never forget.

Tracy Kostenbader, a science teacher at Jordan, organized the event by recruiting the students and holding monthly meetings with them to instruct the students on nautical terms and jobs on the boats. The experience was open to every student who was willing to attend the monthly meetings. James Townes and David Braunstein organized the excursion with the yacht club.



# Lafayette *Elementary*

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**Wendy Thompson**  
Principal

## Long Beach College Students Making a Difference

Lafayette Elementary School is very fortunate this year to be partnering with two excellent college-based programs that help our children soar. The first is the Better Learning for All Students Today (BLAST) mentoring program. College students from California State University, Long Beach and Long Beach City College partner one-on-one with select Lafayette students to work on improving reading, writing or math proficiency. These students spend 17 hours on site over the course of an eight-week period. The college students serve as encouraging role models and help promote higher education, encourage future thinking, and support the healthy social, emotional, and behavioral development of our students. This year, Lafayette has had 29 mentors working on campus.

Service Experiences for ReVitalizing Education (SERVE) is the second program supporting our students. This semester, we have 12 college students who spend hours working in our classrooms, helping small groups of students, and supporting teachers in a variety of ways. The hours spent volunteering are part of SERVE students' requirements for future teachers.

Lafayette is very grateful for these alliances and the positive impact they are having on our students' academic and social development.

# King

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**Dr. Cecilia Santos-Camerino**  
Principal

## Time to Shine

King Elementary School worked hard to prepare our students for the California Standards Tests (CST). We are proud of each of our students and the hard work and dedication of our teachers. We adopted a school slogan, "It's Time to Shine," and teachers wore this slogan proudly on T-shirts. At this year's pep rally, the staff planned exciting and entertaining fun events. Dr. Camerino and teachers performed a lip sync "I'm Smarty, and I Know It," to a fun song. All of the grades took turns performing a cheer, and kindergarteners made pompoms to cheer us on.



In the classroom, teachers implemented school-wide strategies and teaching practices. Our students kept math and English language arts journals and made smart goals. It has been a pleasure to see our students master the content standards and reach their goals.

To celebrate, students participated in an outside school dance for their perfect attendance during CST testing.

# Lakewood *High School*

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**Cheryl Cornejo**  
Co-Principal



**Mario Jimenez**  
Principal

## Magic at Midnight

*By Ralph Siemsen, Director of Music - Choral and Guitar Programs*

The Lakewood High Music Department presented its 47th annual full-scale Spring Musical production in April and May, with a lovely and lively performance of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*.

Involving over 100 talented Lancers, the show featured a full pit orchestra, professional costumes, and beautiful sets created by the LHS stage crew. A number of fun and creative surprises also added to the production, including a hilarious Queen Mother character and extra musical numbers.

Featured performers included Sara Lobato as Cinderella, Eric Mendoza-Carbullido as the Prince, Sydney Potter as the Stepmother, Hope Thompson and Katherine White as the Stepsisters, and Dionna Henry as the Fairy Godmother. The Spring Musical is a collaboration of music teachers Ralph Siemsen and Stacy Burcham, with the help of stage technician Victoria Gathe-Rosado and the support of LHS activities and administration.

Thanks to everyone involved, the musical tradition at Lakewood High School continues to create magic!



# KAMPS / ACTIVITIES FOR KIDZ

BY SUSAN PETERSON

*Noted author of the comprehensive guidebook:*

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**THE WORD "SUMMER"** brings to mind a myriad of images from my childhood — *going to the beach, reading a good book, eating popsicles, building a treehouse, and hanging out with my friends.*

Those are great memories. I also remember getting bored. And I remember sharing this information, persistently, with my mom—*I think she referred to it as WHINING.*

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In his first year, Nick was pretty rough on the water while learning the technique. By the time spring racing started, Nick finished the season with solid results. Coach Jack Nunn developed hard and effective workouts for Nick on the Concept 2 rowing machine, which Nunn had utilized while training for the Senior National Rowing Team. Thanks to Nunn's training, Nick enjoyed his senior year in rowing, and he and his lightweight double partner, Mark Reinis, qualified for US Nationals.

The team raced in two events at the US Nationals: mens lightweight four, where they won a silver medal, and the mens lightweight double, where their performance earned a bronze medal. The team spent additional time training with Peter Graves in Cincinnati before going to the Junior World Trials and winning their events. Nick and Mark next competed in the World Championships, where they finished 16th in the final, an impressive result on the international racing stage.



In college, Nick began a new training regimen, but his performance in Senior World Trials in 2011 was a disappointment, as he did not even make the finals. The following year, Nick entered the National Selection Regatta and finished fourth among all single scullers in the US.

Nick sought out a new partner for doubles competition. The team entered the National Selection Regatta II and finished third, a strong finish after only a few weeks of training together.

Nick is now in Boston training for more races to come on the international stage.

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# LEGO—Word Search Contest

**NEW Rules!!!**

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When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that is the word you email to: [Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com](mailto:Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com) (Please put LBUSD in the subject line)

**The contest is for all ages!**

**Entries must be received by July 15, 2012**

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift certificate redeemable at Barnes & Noble.

**A special thank you to Ethan Morrison for suggesting this LEGO Word Search and emailing the words.**

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**Congratulations to Victor Zahn  
Winner of the May Word Search Contest!**



## Positive Parenting

# Gearing Up for Summer



**Sandy Spurgeon  
McDaniel**

For some parents, the arrival of summer means less stress because the school schedule is not a part of the daily routine. For other parents, having the children home all day every day is stressful. Whichever arena you are in, the reality of life is that summer vacation is almost here for the traditional schools.

Children may get more wound up, more disagreeable, more difficult to manage as the start of summer gets closer. Change is stressful, even if it is for the better. The break in routine is stressful for children and adults. It is advisable to keep your discipline strong so that you glide into summer with boundaries in place. Consistent boundaries will also help your child to contain his or her behavior and to feel safe.

My discipline system is mentioned on [parentingsos.com](http://parentingsos.com) and my book, *Don't Feed the Dragon*, is a discipline manual divided into three sections: (1) what parents need to understand about children in order to successfully guide them; (2) my discipline system, and (3) answers to 130 of the top concerns of parents, listed in alphabetical order. The book is age-appropriate from tots through the teens and is available on [parentingsos.com](http://parentingsos.com).

Having your discipline system in place, it is wise to sit down as a family and make a list of things that can be done during free time. The list may be posted in a place where children can use it as a reference. To quell the endless, "I'm bored" message that children who are not used to having non-structured time often begin chanting when school ends, offer two choices: "You may refer to the chart that we created or I will choose a chore off the chores chart that will help you dispel boredom." This plan might allow you to have your whole house cleaned in the first week of summer!

## Training for the Future

Summer is a wonderful time to train your darling children to do chores. Finally, they have time—the constant excuse during school months! Children will leave home some day—I promise!—and when they do, they need to know how to take care of a house and themselves. Chores teach a child that a house does not clean itself and how to do fundamental tasks, such as clean a toilet. If you have a housekeeper, create a space each week that the children are responsible for in terms of upkeep and give the tidiness angel one less area to clean.

It is important that children are not in so many activities that their lives become stressful. Children need time to be children! If you want your child to be successful in school, have at least a half hour a day that is devoted to school skills. If each child took a 30-minute "chill break" and read for that amount of time, their future teachers would be ecstatic! Every child needs quiet time each day that does not involve any media or mechanical gadgets, including during the summer.

## Enjoy Your Children

Most important of all, enjoy your children! There will never be another summer like the one ahead of you. Your children will not be this age ever again. Create some sort of structure and have some time that is not structured. Don't send your children to other people to play all the time—what each child wants more than anything else is time with you. It is easy to forget that when you are trying to keep the energy-packed chicks busy.

P.S. Thanks to all the teachers who gave so much of themselves this school year to help our children be all that they can be!

Sandy Spurgeon McDaniel has written three books. She has taught school, raised two children, worked as a consultant to schools and has taught parenting for the past 20 years. Sandy lives in Meridian, Idaho. [www.ParentingSOS.com](http://www.ParentingSOS.com)



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# Lowell Bayside *Academy*

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**Samuel Platis**  
*Principal*

## To Our Promoting Sea Star Scholars

My heart and soul are truly filled with pride, happiness, and excitement on this momentous occasion. Your promotion to sixth grade shows that you have risen to the challenge, time and time again. You have demonstrated perseverance and dedication to make this day a reality. By studying hard, excelling on exams, and giving 110 percent each and every day, you have earned the right to be forever known as a member of the Lowell Elementary School Sea Star family.

You have the responsibility to represent your alma mater with dignity and honor. I am confident that everyone you come in contact with throughout your educational experience and beyond will recognize the strong sense of character that you developed at Lowell. Please remember that no amount of money can ever buy some of the most important things to success in life, such as heart, desire, and class.

Beyond academics, there are things in life that speak volumes about the content of your character, especially in middle school; your choice of friends is a big one. My grandmother used to tell me, "Show me your friends, and I'll show you who you are." Rather than following what might be popular, do not be afraid to do what you know in your heart is correct and ethical. By challenging yourself to be involved in projects and work that makes a positive, lasting impact on your community, your experiences will probably teach you as much or more than any book ever could.

Enjoy this moment, and continue to strive every day to reach your full potential!

# Mann *Elementary*

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**Wanda Oliver**  
*Principal*

## Gains and Goodbyes

This year we implemented Safe and Civil on our campus. Thanks to the support of Mrs. Dent and Mrs. Ellebracht, our staff created new foundations for our students.

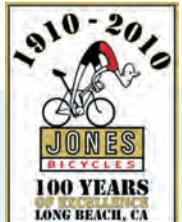
We installed a new PTA board and officers recently. We are grateful for the support PTA provides for our students. This year PTA purchased ELMO document cameras and projectors for our third- through fifth-grade classrooms.

Our students have made great academic progress. We made gains on our English language arts and math trimester data. In addition, 73 students won the Chivas Read and Score Contest and received free tickets to a soccer game.

Our students are generous as well. The Mann Elementary School community raised \$1,000 for the Lymphoma Cancer Society.

Though we have made great gains, we will soon say goodbye to several staff members. First-grade teacher Martha Key is retiring. Thanks, Marty, for your years of service to our staff, students, and parents! Our school counselor, Linda Chesler, is also retiring. We appreciate all you to for the Mann family, Linda! You will be missed!

After 36 years of service in the Long Beach Unified School District, I have announced my retirement as well. I have truly enjoyed my 11 years as principal of Mann. Our children are beautiful and eager scholars for knowledge, and our staff is always ready and willing to assist wherever they can. I sincerely appreciate all of the support I have received from our district, community, parents, and staff members.



## 2nd Annual Jones Bicycles Art Contest

In Celebration of Jones Bicycles Day  
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# MacArthur *Elementary*

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**Juan Gutierrez**  
*Principal*

## Spring Family Fun

No doubt, spring is one of our favorite times of the year. Our students, parents and community look forward to three events: March Read Across America Day, the fun-filled Fitathon and Western Day.

Read Across America was held on Dr. Seuss's birthday. Parents came to read with their children during lunchtime, with books and a blanket in one hand and a delicious lunch in the other. Lots of fun reading and yummy munching were all we heard.

In March, 15 Viking football players, their head coach from LBCC and several parent volunteers cheered on our MacArthur scholars for our annual Fitathon. All students participated in six stations of aerobic activities. The PTA-sponsored event raised over \$10,000!

It was a splendid afternoon for our April Western Day BBQ. Students and parents dressed up to enjoy a day of good grub and western music. Thank you, MacArthur volunteers and families, for making all our events successful!



# Madison *Elementary*

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**Armando Duenas**, *Principal*

## Madison's Grandpa

The staff at Madison Elementary School is committed to meeting the academic, social, and behavioral needs of all students, and a very special person named Albert Conley shares this idea. He is a dedicated individual who has been donating his time and energy as a Volunteer in Public Schools (VIPS) for the past 17 years. Albert Conley, also known as "Grandpa," serves as a volunteer in our moderate to severe Special Education pre-kindergarten classroom.

On any typical morning, you will find Grandpa here early in the morning, greeting those who come on campus with a warm smile and a kind good morning. His demeanor has always been pleasant, and his presence is always reassuring.

Grandpa Al started volunteering at Madison when he joined a program called Foster Grandparents. In his many years of service, he has helped countless students learn fundamental life skills, such as sitting, walking, talking, self-feeding, small-motor skills, and early language acquisition. In addition, you will find him reading to students and helping out with troublesome puzzle pieces.

As a result, Grandpa Al has blessed countless number of students. We are indebted and will be forever blessed for his dedication and the impact he has had on our school, our community, and our students. Madison is lucky to have a "Grandpa."

# McKinley *Elementary*

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**David Taylor**  
Principal

## Oh The Places McKinley Kids Will Go!

By Christy Cleveland - Counselor

To end the school year on a positive note, our friends from Valley Christian High School spent one morning reading Dr. Seuss's book, "Oh The Places You'll Go!" to each of our classrooms. They had previously autographed the books and when they were finished reading, each classroom was presented a copy. After discussing college and encouraging our students to do their best in school they joined the classrooms at recess. Our McKinley students take kickball, soccer, tetherball and hoola hoops very seriously!! Everyone had a lot of fun and we are looking forward to seeing our Valley Christian friends again next year.



# Muir *Academy*

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**Lori Clark**  
Principal

## The Key to Success

By Jeanine Lambert, Speech-Language Specialist

On March 29, the annual "Most Inspiring Students" dinner, sponsored by the Long Beach Education Foundation, recently honored one student from each school in the Long Beach Unified School District. This year John Muir Academy awarded the honor to Jesus Regalado, a fifth-grade student in Mr. Lopez' class.

Since arriving at Muir in kindergarten, Jesus has made great strides in his academics and in achieving his personal goals. Like many fifth-grade boys, Jesus enjoys video games and karate, but he understands that his education comes first. He continues to set goals, his biggest being to graduate from college as a doctor or a video game programmer.

Jesus looks forward to attending Hughes Middle School in the fall. He knows that he will continue to face challenges, but with hard work, dedication, effort and the support of his teachers and family, he also has the inspiring attitude necessary for long-lasting success.



**Most Inspiring Student Awards: Muir Principal Lori Clark, Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster, Honoree Jesus Regalado, Mayor's wife Nancy Foster, and Keynote Speaker Damon Dunn.**

# Millikan *High School*

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**Dr. Jeffrey Cornejo**  
Principal



**Monica Daley**  
Principal of Instruction

## Speech/Debate Raising Student Confidence

By Katie Hickox, English Department

The Millikan High School Speech and Debate Team won kudos recently at a Lion's Club event, where junior Jacob Liberman's winning speech examined how the past can inform our approach to present controversies. The team's travels to competitions teach the value of the well-crafted word, stated Erin Hill, the speech and debate coach.

"The biggest thing about speech is that students are able to get over their fear of speaking a variety of situations," noted Hill, who hosted a regional speech and debate competition at Millikan this year. "Students begin speaking from a position of authority. Our team members explore different ways to present, through physicality, facial expression, and the overall presence during a presentation."



Speech and debate students also competed at California State University, Long Beach, in Arcadia, and at the Poetry Out Loud contest in Culver City, earning prizes and self-confidence. "Challenge yourself!" said Hill.

# Monroe *(K-8)*

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**Mark Curran**  
Principal

## Career Day at Monroe

By John Wilson

Every other year, Monroe-K-8 School uses effective leaders in the community as its speakers for Career Day.

On March 16, students in grades five to eight were given the opportunity to explore four careers that interested them. This unique experience created quite an impression on our students, and enabled them to further develop their academic and professional goals.

This year was another outstanding success. The recurring themes of responsibility, compassion, education, respect, hard work and cooperation were observed throughout the day. Because of the diverse careers and the highly professional representatives, each student received a powerful message about their future and gained much knowledge about potential careers.

One of our guest speakers summed up the day in a letter to our school. The following is an excerpt from that letter:

"I was blown away by your Career Day! Everything was set up for us. I felt like royalty! It was obvious that a lot of time, attention and planning went into every detail. The teacher in my room was very helpful and the kids were most attentive. By the time I was giving my third presentation I wondered, 'How do teachers do this ALL day?' I was clearly running out of steam, and had to rally hard for my last presentation. My hat is off to you who do this five days a week

Finally, imagine my surprise and delight to get those thoughtful and well written thank-you letters from the students. I was smiling all day."

# Prisk *Elementary*

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**Cindy Young**  
Principal

## Our School Year Ends With A Song...and Dance!

This year the Prisk Student Council hosted our first ever Family Disco Night.

Prisk families were invited to join the school staff for an evening of dancing, pizza, glow sticks, disco balls and snow cones. The event was for no other reason than to celebrate our families and to have an evening of fun. Students and their families were encouraged to come decked out in their best disco attire. Staff and students participated in dance contests and disco costume contests. The Prisk community has worked so hard in conjunction with the Prisk staff to make this the best year yet, in spite of the fiscal challenges. Our Disco party was a celebration of all their hard work and dedication!



# Riley *Elementary*

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## Summer Roundup

Well Roadrunners, our year is slowly coming to an end. I am so proud of the work you have all done, and the growth you have made both academically and socially.

The last week of school was a free dress day that celebrated and encouraged the various levels of higher education. On Monday, June 11, the students could wear a shirt from any middle school. On Tuesday, June 12, they could wear a shirt from any high school. On Wednesday, June 13, they could wear a shirt from any college. And on Thursday we will have a Hawaiian Day for the students to dress in Hawaiian clothes and say "aloha" to Riley and "aloha" to summer!

Our fifth-grade promotion ceremony will also be on Thursday, June 14 at 8:15 a.m. Students should report to their classrooms. The kindergarten celebration was on Tuesday, June 12 at 8:30 a.m.

We also wish you a wonderful and safe summer. Please read, read, and write, write about your adventures. And then practice your math facts! Keep sharp on your skills so that you will be ready to start off running in September.

We will be sending home teleparent messages and U.S. mailings this summer, so make sure we have the latest contact information in the office. School starts on September 5 at 8:04 a.m.. Class lists will be mailed home if you turned in your self-addressed stamped envelope, or you will find out on the first day of school.

Thank you parents and guardians for a terrific school year and your continued support. Have a great summer!

# Renaissance *High School for the Arts*

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**Quentin Brown**  
Interim Principal

## Most Inspiring Student

Melissa Leon has worked tirelessly to succeed in her three years at Renaissance High School for the Arts. She has a tremendous art talent, and we have done our best to nurture her and provide her with opportunities to use and expand her skills.

She is currently the recipient of a scholarship from the Assistance League of Long Beach, which has commissioned her to paint large murals for them on public buildings around Long Beach. Her peers are in awe of her, partly because of her talent, but it also has to do with the fact that Melissa is gentle, gracious and humble. Her peers and her teachers salute both her talent and her maturity! Melissa is an inspiration to peers. She does her best whatever the difficulties. Melissa is a model of perseverance, as she has turned obstacles into opportunities.



## California High School Exit Exam

Ninety-six percent of our 10th-grade students passed both the math and English language arts sections of the CAHSEE on their first try! Congratulations to our students and staff for a job well done!

# Robinson *Academy*

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**Dr. Damita Myers-Miller**  
Principal

## Making It Happen

Jackie Robinson Academy (JROB) students have accomplished some amazing things this year.

Yancy Roldan experienced a family tragedy at the beginning of the school year. Although it has been a difficult time for this young lady, she has always maintained a positive attitude. She not only does her work, but she shows great enthusiasm, always greeting the day with a smile. Her positive effort is truly inspiring!

We are also proud of JROB's Robotics Operating Vehicle (ROV) program. The team placed fourth out of 22 middle schools at the annual event held at Long Beach City College. These students performed aquatic ROV tasks, gave an engineering presentation, and made a poster highlighting their ROV's special features. Shout out to the team members: eighth-graders Margaret Kosmata, Jowen Magturo, Hector Gonzalez, Blademir Osorio, and Kristian Kaiklian and seventh-graders Daniela Morales, Thayz Cisneros, Galilea Martinez, Diana Esparza, Shuusei Yoshida, and Adam Austria.

JROB's talented Dolphins continued to shine at the annual Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) final competition. Margaret Kosmata, Jowen Magturo, and Lokelani Ripley earned second-place medals in the Algebra/Geometry category. Diana Esparza, Thayz Cisneros, and Daniela Morales won first-place medals in the General Math/Pre-Algebra category. The third-place medal in Bridge Strength went to Blademir Osorio, who also earned first place in Bridge Creativity. Second place in the Bridge Creativity category went to Arthur Zagala and Kristian Kaiklian.

Our Pacific Islander Dance Club also exhibited the tremendous talents of our students at Avalon's School Spring Fair in April. The dancers impressed the audience with many numbers and shared cultural traditions throughout the performance.

# Roosevelt

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## Our Everyday Heroes

By Clarissa Tolentino, Vice Principal

Roosevelt Elementary School's volunteers are important members of the Roosevelt community. Our volunteers provide additional helping hands in every way they can within the school, including in the classroom setting.

Some of the many ways they provide direct support to our students are by reading with students in the classrooms and working one-on-one with our students on learning basic math facts. Parent volunteers also provide teachers with the opportunity to accomplish more with less. Our volunteers assist with annual school-wide carnivals and fund-raisers and set up for parent meetings.

Roosevelt teachers say "Yes!" without hesitation to the invaluable help that our Volunteers In Public Schools (VIPS) provide to our school community. Our community is a better place because of the abundance of kindness and concern that these dedicated individuals bring to the students and staff of Roosevelt. A big shout out to our VIPS! We love and appreciate you and the valuable time you provide our students and teachers!



**Dr. Christopher Lund**  
Principal



**VIPS (names not in order as pictured):** Martha Torres, Maria Almeida, Lucia Castellanos, Maria Ordonez, Abad Rosas, Eneida Garcia, Alma Alvarez, Angelica Cruz, Laura Martinez, Juana Castellanos, Adan Carranza, Marganta Rodriguez, Lucia Bustos, Maribel Sagal, Nancy Ramirez, Flor Brena, Raquel Martinez

# Stephens *Middle School*

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## Celebrating the School Year

This past year at Stephens Middle School has been one of excellence in the quality of educational experiences for all of our students. I would like to take the opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the students, staff and parents. They have all worked together to continue to build pride in our school and its accomplishments.

A special thank you to all the highly qualified teachers who have worked tirelessly to provide a positive learning climate, with many opportunities for creativity and academic achievement. Stephens' teachers are among the best teachers the profession has to offer, and we are fortunate to have their services. They inspire their students every day to do their best!

A very special thank you to all the support staff who consistently demonstrate the highest degree of dedication and professional performance. We are indeed fortunate to have so many wonderful, warm, and caring people to work with our children.

All of the above people make up the Stephens community and are the ingredients that make Stephens such a special place. I look forward to next year and all it will bring. I am confident we will continue to grow and expand our abilities to provide the highest quality of education for our children. It is our goal to continue to work with parents and community members so we can help children be successful and reach their highest potential.

Thank you all, and have a great summer!



**Diane Prince**  
Principal

# Stanford *Middle School*

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## Safe for Students

At Stanford Middle School, we are continually working to create the best possible learning environment for our students. For the past three years, Stanford has participated in the Where Everyone Belongs (WEB) program, which involves seventh- and eighth-graders who are trained to mentor sixth-graders from orientation through the end of the school year. Our Best Friends group, which has operated on campus for the past six years, connects special needs students with general education pupils in social situations, such as picnics, sports games, and dances. Starting this year, a

team of three staff members is training in Safe and Civil Program strategies, which will be implemented on campus.

In September, Stanford staff focused on educating pupils in the area of bullying: telling versus tattling, the role of bystanders, and cyber bullying. Various units were adopted by each department and taught throughout the school year.

We continue to work towards a safe, respectful campus for our students.



**Kathleen Cruz**  
Principal



**Best Friends members enjoyed the Aquarium of the Pacific's touch tank at an end-of-year on campus celebration.**

# Stevenson *Elementary*

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## Dramatic Results

This year the second-grade students at Stevenson Elementary School had the opportunity to convey their thoughts verbally and visually with the Write-on Arts program with Dramatic Results. Write-on Arts combines visual arts with language arts content standards. Every week, students have new opportunities to explore their own creativity through painting, drawing, puppets, and a variety of artful expressions that compliment their writing. The Dramatic Results teachers and artists consult with our classroom teachers to determine a writing focus and utilize thinking maps during lessons.

For the first year of implementation, our second-grade students have looked at exploration and identity, played with elements, expressed mood, created imaginary creatures out of foil, written and performed original plays, made and used puppets to run for president, created art maps of their homes and community, and finished with an art critique of their work.

Students also study artwork by several artists and learn about the seven elements of art: line, shape, form, color, value, texture, and space. They use the language of the discipline of visual art to describe the artwork they study and to reflect upon their own artwork and that of their classmates.

It is truly a privilege for our students to participate, and we are seeing dramatic results at Stevenson. Our second trimester English language arts scores improved in second grade by nine percent!



**David Zaid**  
Principal



# Tincher *Preparatory School*

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**Dr. Kelly An**  
Principal

## Truly a School of Choice

This was another stellar year for Tincher Preparatory School. It began with our selection as a demonstration school for the Verizon Foundation. As one of only six demonstration schools in the nation, Tincher was chosen to integrate the Thinkfinity resources into daily K?8 instruction and with an emphasis on math and science.

Tincher was also selected for the Cotsen Foundation's 'Art of Teaching' program, whose mission is the development of gifted teachers. The Art of Teaching will support a team of teachers who are pursuing excellence in the teaching of an academic area of their own choosing.

These seven fellows will work with an on-site mentor. They were selected after a rigorous application, screening and interview process. The Art of Teaching program will commence in September 2012 and run for two years.

Tincher was also one of a select group of schools invited to apply for the upcoming six-year GEAR UP grant. The GEAR UP grant supports professional development to improve middle school education.

Two other benefits of GEAR UP are the Educational Trust Awards program and PIQE. Educational Awards include a scholarship to support post-secondary education for graduating eighth-graders. PIQE is a parent education program supporting college preparation.

If School of Choice applications are any indication, Tincher has been chosen by many families as the school for their children. The application process began at the annual Education Celebration in January, and has resulted in hundreds of applications being submitted for the coming school year.

# Twain *Elementary*

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**Ellen Ryan**  
Principal

## Thank Goodness for Recreation Aides

On April 26, fourth-grader Andy Isas was rescued at lunch by recreation aide Ms. Lupita. Andy took too big of a bite of the cheese bread. To grab her attention he banged really loudly on the cafeteria table.

At first Ms. Lupita thought, "Why is someone making all that noise?" She ran over and saw the panic in his face. She quickly got behind him and performed the Heimlich Maneuver. The cheese bread shot out. Andy exclaimed, "Thanks Ms. Lupita for saving my life!"

That was the fourth time Ms. Lupita saved a child. The other three times involved a hot dog, a banana, and once again, cheese bread.

When kids get loud and extra giggly, the chance of choking on their food rises. Thankfully, our recreation aides only allow quiet voices in the cafeteria so they can hear if there is an emergency. Twain students do a wonderful job keeping the volume to a minimum.

Here's to Ms. Lupita, Twain's heroine!



# Washington *Middle School*

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**Shivaun Williams**  
Principal

## Law Day Adventures

*By Megan Traver, Assistant Principal*

Maria Aldaz and Michael Magee didn't know what to expect as they ascended flight after flight in the elevator of the Union Bank Building in downtown Long Beach. When the elevator doors opened, the two eighth-grade students from Washington Middle School entered the impressive offices of a prestigious law firm. They were welcomed at the check-in table and took in the incredible views of the Port of Long Beach, the Queen Mary, and a brightening pink sunset.

Both Maria and Michael will tell you that their evening with the Long Beach Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the lawyers from the host firm had a profound impact on them. The purpose of the event was to introduce underrepresented middle school students of color to the field of law. Students were given a unique opportunity to learn about the profession and talk to some "movers and shakers" in the field. Students got to sit in on round-table discussions about law and were able to ask lawyers questions about the profession. At my table, students were very interested in discussing trial cases currently in the news.

Maria's favorite part of the day was listening to Los Angeles City Attorney Carmen Trutanich tell about how he worked to get to the position he is in today.

If the reports from our two students were any indication, the event was a clear success. Both Maria and Michael were newly inspired to consider a career in law.

# Whittier *Elementary*

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**Edward Garcia**  
Principal

## Student Leadership

*By Danny Becerra and Cindy Fentanas*

Leadership is an important skill that students learn at Whittier Elementary. It is a skill that will help students with their future success.

Whittier Student Leadership is a group that is made up of students from fourth and fifth grade. Leadership students meet every Friday. Mr. Ed Garcia, principal, and Mrs. Cheryl Seagren, counselor, lead the group.

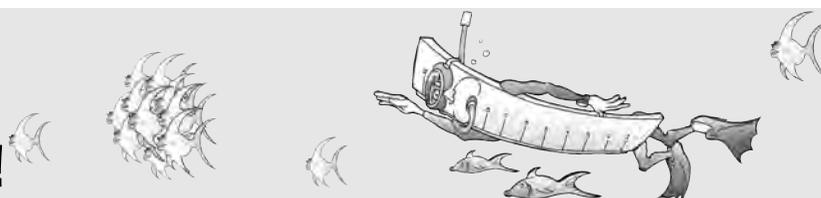
The Whittier Student Leadership consists of three students from each fourth- and fifth-grade classroom. Three students from each classroom were recommended by their teacher or elected by their peers. Upon meeting, the elections were held within the leadership group by secret ballot to determine who the president, vice president and secretary would be.

As it turned out, Danny Becerra was elected president, Cindy Fentanas was elected vice president, and Josephine Kang was elected secretary.

Whittier Student Leadership does some very important things for the school. Student leaders discuss guidelines and rules for the school. They talk about ways to keep students safe. They give student input on the planning of activities and how to raise money for school programs.

With a program like this, many students will get their start in leadership. When they are adults they will be ready to effectively lead and serve in their communities and their careers.

**Have a fun summer!**



**Our next issue is August 8**

# Wilson *Classical High School*

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**Sandy Blazer**  
Co-Principal



**Gonzalo Moraga**  
Principal of  
Instruction

## Dodge Ball Winners

By Loudspeaker Staff Reporter Lily Phillips,  
Eleventh-Grade

Two teams battled it out at Wilson's Dodge Ball Extravaganza in April, but only one team was declared the winner.

Leading up to this event, every Wednesday students had packed the bleachers in the gym to cheer their favorite teams to victory. "Raw Dogs," sponsored by the water polo team, was declared the winner. They now get to relish in being the undefeated champion until next year's tournament.

Brock Gorton, a member of the team, stated that, "I feel proud we won. It felt good that we accomplished our goal and beat all the teams."

Fellow team member Brock McColl and team captain Thomas Martinho were also extremely happy about the victory. Martinho expressed that, "we were very excited. We wanted to win so that was exciting."

McColl added, "Yeah, it was a big challenge; Team Rugby was really good because they knocked off Team Code Blue, who was supposed to be really good ... but we just took it."

According to McColl, they came up with their team name because they thought that "Raw Dogs was a cool sounding name." To encourage their team when they were on the battlefield, they decided to, "play like the score is zero, zero even though we're up, just don't let it go."

As champions of the dodge ball tournament, Martinho remarked that, "We get a CIF ring and we also get to put our names on the dodge ball that goes on top of the trophy."

Congratulations go out to "RawDogs" for both winning the tournament and for becoming dodge ball champions!

# Willard *Elementary*

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**Kevin Maddox**  
Principal

## On Your Mark...Get Set...Go!

By Trang Truong, WRAP Associate Program Director

Long Beach is the home of the great annual Grand Prix Races. The streets of downtown are transformed into a real-life racetrack. It is an exciting time for the Long Beach community. This past month, the nonprofit organization Racers Who Care made it possible for our students from the YMCA/WRAP After-School Program to attend the Long Beach Grand Prix. Racers Who Care helps students understand the real-life skills needed to succeed when having a career in the racing industry: academics, teamwork and communication.

Our students took a city bus to the Long Beach Convention Center and explored the streets of downtown Long Beach. Students attended a short presentation by some of the racers inside the Long Beach Convention Center. After the presentation, students were taken on a tour of the pit stop, where students watched mechanics and pit crew members prepare the race cars for the big races. The students were excited and had many questions for the racers and pit crew members. Students had a memorable experience and hope that they can return again next year to see the races. We thank Racers Who Care for making it possible.

In YMCA/WRAP After-School Program at Willard Elementary, we strive to provide enriching field trips and activities to help students expand their knowledge of the real world. Youth Development is a driving force in our after-school programs to help our students to learn, grow and strive.

## Child Development Center

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## Lights! Camera! Action!



**Lauren Shaw**  
Director

Choreography, prop design, stage management, scriptwriting and how to be a master of ceremonies are new and fun skill sets that will involve the children of Henry and MacArthur Kids' Clubs in the 2012 Talent Show! The children and staff will have put in two months of effort and practice into this creative process before it hits the stage.

The motivated Kids' Club counselors have taken on the arduous task of putting together exciting choreography to showcase the dancing talents of the students. They have also incorporated martial arts into a syncopated dance routine, and sign language is also being introduced to the students to bring a visual aspect to the spoken words of music. The kindergarten students will delight the entire audience by transporting them to the tropical island of Hawaii through a comical jungle dance. Everyone will have a chance to be in the spotlight!

This "showcase" gives every student the opportunity to learn about teamwork, helping others and leadership. This is going to be a night of fun and entertainment that friends and family will be talking about for a long time.

As they say in show biz, break a leg, people!



**Tina Hansen**  
Mayor

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week is a different theme ranging from the glitz and glamour of Hollywood to the adventures of extreme sports and the best thing is, it's free! Hours are 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Monday through Friday with optional morning care available. (Morning Care 7:30 am – 10:00 am \$37 per week for Signal Hill residents and \$42 per week for non-residents). ARC will operate at Discovery Well Park June 18 – August 24 and at Signal Hill Park July 30 – August 31.

Summer Food Program — Who said there is no such thing as a free lunch? Children 18 years and younger are provided with free, nutritious lunches to help them get the nutrition they need to learn, play, and grow throughout the summer months when they are out of school. The Summer Food Service Program is available Monday through Friday from June 18 – August 17. In the City of Signal Hill, the Summer Food Service Program is offered at two park sites: Signal Hill Park and Discovery Well Park. Lunches are served from 12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. at Signal Hill Park and from 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Discovery Well Park.

Youth Excursions — Youth are invited to register for fun adventures to various amusement parks such as Knott's Berry Farm, Adventure City, and the OC Fair! Excursions occur every Thursday in August. Please register early as space is limited. T-shirts are required for excursions and can be purchased for \$6.

Youth T-Ball — Youth T-ball for all of the young baseball enthusiasts will be offered FREE to boys and girls born between 2004 and 2007. Registration begins Monday, May 21, 2012. Registration closes on Friday, June 8, and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Games begin in July in the City of Long Beach. Weekly practices will be held at Signal Hill Park.

Tween Program "The Spot"- CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS... Bring your friends and join us this summer for video games, dance competitions, dominoes, card games, ping pong, and more! "The Spot" is a hip, safe hang out for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to meet new friends, relax, and have a space of their own.

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Bixby Knolls, Downtown, 4th Street, Belmont Shore, East Anaheim, Naples, Cambodia Town, East Spring Street, Andy Street, and Broadway corridor. COBA has met monthly for three years discussing issues pertaining to businesses in Long Beach. The most common issue was the perceived difficulty of going through the “process” to open, expand, or modify a business in Long Beach.

**Randy Gordon**  
President/CEO

Link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/cobasurvey>

The goal of the survey, available to any business city-wide, is to provide specific feedback, both good and bad, that can be presented to city management with solutions to help change any negative perception of Long Beach as a place to do business - and to create a real “business friendly” environment.

“As a group, we wanted to bring to city hall awareness of what we are hearing and experiencing on the ground level from small businesses. Often we heard that opening or expanding a business in Long Beach was very difficult and daunting,” said Blair Cohn Executive Director of the Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association. “We want to share the good, the bad, and help create solutions to these issues.”

For more information please contact Blair Cohn at (562) 595-0081.

## City of Long Beach, City Prosecutor

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ON THE ROAD TO SAFETY • FROM PAGE 1

While all ages can enjoy the benefits of a public library, Chief McDonnell noted that “quality programs aimed at young people” are especially important because many of our youth are considered at-risk. “Low-income, at-risk students find that a library is often the quiet environment where they can study and have computer access and assistance.”

**Douglas P. Haubert**  
City Prosecutor

Libraries are not just critical to building the young minds of tomorrow, but they are part of a smart crime prevention strategy. Long Beach libraries are more than an educational resource; they are safe places for teens to go on afternoons and weekends, even if it is just to sit and read.

There is a historical link between illiteracy, dropout rates, and crime. In California, 75 percent of those sitting in state prison dropped out of school. One study shows 85 percent of juveniles who interface with the juvenile court system are functionally illiterate. According to another study, two-thirds of children who cannot read proficiently by the end of fourth grade will end up in jail or on welfare. The statistics are sobering indeed.

In urban areas across America, many people have virtually grown up inside libraries, finding they can escape from the bustling, sometimes menacing, streets to the world they could never have imagined inside a book. In Long Beach, we have a network of neighborhood libraries across the city, each with its own character and history.

Do you remember the first time you went to the library? Likely, you were young. You may have been intimidated, peering up at rows of books stacked from floor to ceiling on bookshelves higher than you could see. But you learned how to find your way around. Libraries are changing, and the libraries of the future may look nothing like what we remember as children. But the need for libraries still remains.

I hope families take advantage of the Summer Reading Program presented at Long Beach libraries for eight weeks, from June 16 through August 11. More information can be found at [www.lbpl.org](http://www.lbpl.org), where children can register to win prizes for reading books. This Web site also has suggestions for age-appropriate books to read.

In addition, all Long Beach library locations continue to have Family Learning Centers (FLCs), offering students homework assistance on a drop-in basis. FLCs also provide computer-based learning opportunities and online resources for youth and adults.

You are never too old to read, and there is no better place to take your family to find a good book for each person than a library. For information about summer programs, library hours, and resources available at public libraries, visit [www.lbpl.org](http://www.lbpl.org) or stop by your neighborhood library today.

## St. Joseph High School

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## A Bright Future



**Dr. Terri Mendoza**  
Principal

By Tiffany Bagnol, Senior

With summer already here, students everywhere are happily enjoying their summer break and adventures.

At Saint Joseph High School, seniors are done with their last year of high school and are preparing for their college and career experiences. On April 3, they danced the night away and enjoyed each other's company at their Murder Mystery Senior

Countdown Dance. This celebration kicked off the start of the last of their senior events: Senior Prom; Senior Brunch; Grad Night at Disneyland; and, most importantly, graduation.

But, of course, in order to play hard, one must work hard. During the month of May, all students put their best foot forward and excelled during two weeks of Advanced Placement testing, as well as finals at the end of the month. Also during the month, students gathered to celebrate the Crowning of Mary and showed appreciation by reciting the Hail Mary prayer in over 13 different languages.

In addition to these events, at the End-of-the-Year Liturgy, the junior class turned their class rings, which symbolized them taking their places as the big fish on campus. The current Associated Student Body members turned over their offices to next year's elected leaders.

Now that the seniors have graduated and passed on their leadership responsibilities to the junior class, the 2011–2012 school year is officially over. The faculty, staff, and students now have time to take pleasure in their summer plans and prepare for the bright future to come.



**Senior Tiffany Bagnol**



**Saint Joseph High School students, Celeste Medina and Britney N. Ramirez enjoy Senior Prom at the Long Beach Hyatt.**

# School News



## Congratulations Class of 2012





**Christopher J. Steinhauser**

less and less good news on student achievement in schools statewide.

Despite our challenges, we receive a lot of attention at the state and national levels for our success, and I'm frequently asked by outsiders how we do it. Our latest progress report helps illustrate why Long Beach schools are consistently ranked among the best in the state and the nation. With the hard work of our employees and many supporters, we have progressed toward educational equity regardless of where students live or how much money their parents make. There is always more work to be done, but we're proud of what we've accomplished so far.

The latest progress report shows steady and significant gains on the state's Academic Performance Index at schools throughout all five board districts, with many more schools meeting and exceeding state performance targets than just a few years ago. Parents, realtors, investors and homeowners know these numbers well because they affect property values and quality of life in our neighborhoods.

Such improvements have occurred despite the state's ongoing multi-billion-dollar cuts to public education. That's a testament to the resilience and hard work of our people. Our schools are on their way up. My fear, however, is that these results will be taken for granted. We will not continue to see these gains – and in fact we will lose ground – if we keep slashing education funding in California. Our progress report tells us that Long Beach is a school system worth saving, not just for California, but for our nation.

Learn more about the successes highlighted in our latest report, which includes five sections, one for each of LBUSD's five school board districts. View the report at lbschools.net under Board of Education.



**Diana Craighead**  
Member

in District and Council PTA since 2003. I am the proud mother of three whose children have grown up in the LBUSD system.

As an advocate for public education I have the responsibility of informing the public and I strive to tell it like it is. The open wound of underfunding education is still hemorrhaging; the voter approved measure, Prop 98, which was designed to set a minimum level of funding for education has repeatedly been suspended.

Cuts continue to be made, making this wound deeper and evermore painful, seeping into all aspects of our schools. Health and computer classes are no longer required for graduation. School nurses divide their time between two and three campuses. Class sizes have increased substantially. Middle school sports are kept alive only by private and corporate donations. And most painful is the reality of staff and faculty district-wide losing their jobs at an alarming rate. My first-hand exposure to the funding cutbacks occurred at my initial board meeting where we reluctantly approved more than \$11 million in cuts on top of \$10 million in reductions that had been approved just a few weeks earlier.

It is not prudent to sit back and remain idle while the government balances the budget at the expense of our children. Without action from voters, fiscal stabilization plans may include shortening the school year by as many as twenty days. This lost month of education and instruction can only serve to counter significant progress LBUSD has made despite these cuts.

Even though our state is at the bottom of the list for per-pupil spending, Long Beach schools continue to exceed state and national test scores. Significant academic strides include achievement gap reductions and higher state test scores, just two examples of the good work being done.

I urge everyone to become familiar with and knowledgeable about the initiatives for the upcoming November elections. As of now, there are two different initiatives, one from the Governor and another from Molly Munger entitled "Our Children Our Future". It is worth noting that Munger is a private citizen who is investing her personal wealth in the interest of the future of education.

Good things are happening in these bad economic times. However, these underfunded good things cannot be sustained indefinitely. The time has come to do right by the children. Together, we can help to stop the bleeding.

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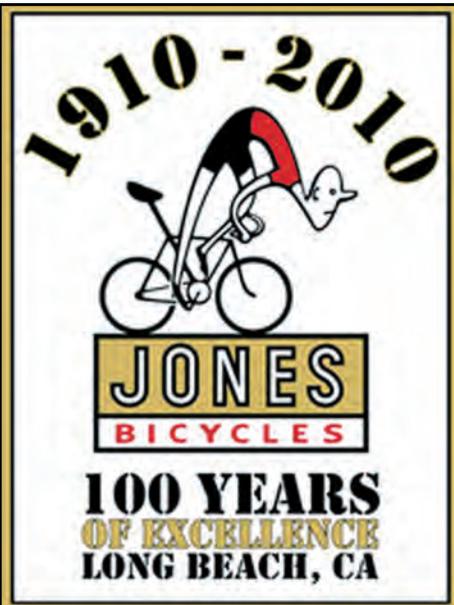
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