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## Stay Fit During the Summer – Both Mind and Body



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**Douglas P. Haubert**  
City Prosecutor

## Focus On School Attendance

Long Beach has a campaign to end chronic truancy that may be unprecedented in California. Never has there been a coordinated response to kids missing school as exists today.

I started the Parent Accountability and Chronic Truancy (PACT) program in 2011 because I believed that chronic truancy is preventable, and that by increasing school attendance we can reduce crime in the future. Five years later I am certain this approach is right.

Long Beach was the first City to develop a truancy reduction program around a new state law holding parents accountable for kids missing school. We have seen that when parents learn they can get in trouble for their children's truancy, attendance improves significantly.

In five years I've learned that some families do not understand the long term impact of missing large chunks of school. When some parents learn that missing 10% of classes put their kids behind in subsequent years, they are surprised.

Kids who miss more than 10% of school without excuse are deemed chronic truants, and about 75% of chronic truants do not finish high school. The County Office of Education reports that chronic truancy is also the number one predictor of juvenile delinquency, leading to criminal behavior.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, a high school graduate will earn an average of \$10,386 more each year than someone who dropped out. I ask families if they can afford to give away \$10,000 or more each year per child. Few can.

I also learned that some families, with just a little assistance, can dramatically improve school participation. Sometimes, a transfer to a closer school helps. Free school uniforms, backpacks, supplies and books can also help. We also connect families to social services, like counseling, employment or housing assistance, and tutoring for those in need.

This year, a City-LBUSD partnership created the "All In" campaign to promote attendance at schools with historically high chronic absence rates. So far, each school has seen a reduction in chronic absences and the partners plan to expand to more schools in 2016-2017.

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Come and mingle with other animal lovers while enjoying our Wine/Beer and Taco Bar, meeting some shelter pets, receiving fresh dog food samples from a local vendor, and experiencing a live performance from a few cast members of the popular musical "How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying". We will have a short update of FOLBA's activities during the past year, and will be giving out prizes to local students who wrote essays about kindness to animals.

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## Congratulations Class of 2016!

Summer is right around the corner and we wish the graduates well as they continue on their journey to higher learning, into the workforce or into the armed forces. We look forward to many of the graduates returning as teachers to their alma mater.

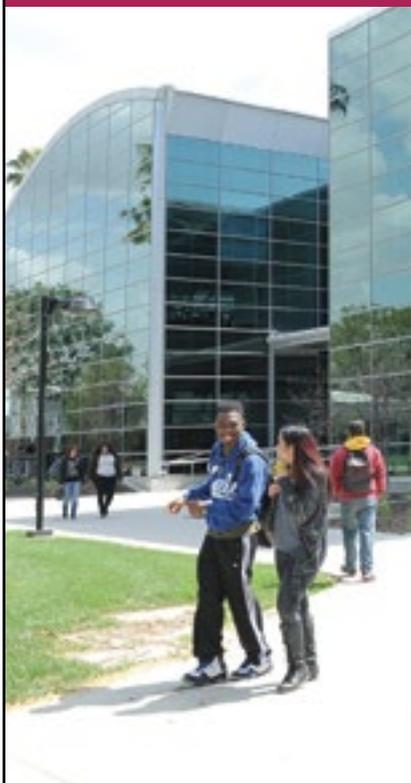
The City of Long Beach and City of Signal Hill have many programs available this summer so you won't find time to get bored. Please don't forget to include the library in your choice of activities.

In addition to this Long Beach publication, we also publish 31 *School News* publications in LA, Orange and San Diego Counties with more scheduled to begin next year. All of our publications are posted on our web site [www.schoolnewsrollcall.com](http://www.schoolnewsrollcall.com). I am in need of ad sales reps to work from their home. If this is something you are interested in, email or call me.

Be sure to enter our Word Search Contest on page 23.

Have a wonderful summer. Our next issue is August 10 in time for back to school...have fun!

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**Lori Woods**  
Mayor

### Peace of Mind Being Prepared

Being prepared for disasters and emergencies can seem like a big job. Many people don't know where to start, so they never start at all. Many people are concerned about the possibility of a public health emergency such as a natural disaster, act of terrorism, or disease outbreak. You can take steps now to help you prepare for an emergency and cope if an emergency happens. To help you prepare, there are many government agencies such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Centers for Disease Control/Prevention, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that provided step-by-step actions you can take beforehand to protect yourself and your loved ones. However, most Americans today are faced with the challenges of time, and preparing for an emergency becomes another exhausting item on your "honey do" list. For this very reason the American Red Cross has made it easier than ever to prepare for an emergency with their "21 Weeks to Prepare for an Emergency" shopping list. The list identifies five to seven items a week that can easily be purchased during your regular grocery shopping. Each week add items to your shopping list and at the end of the 21 weeks you will have a comprehensive emergency preparedness kit. At the end of your 21 weeks of shopping, you can feel confident that you can keep yourself and your loved ones safe if disaster strikes.

The City of Signal Hill wants you to gain the peace of mind that comes from knowing you have the skills to handle an emergency and has made the "21 Weeks to Prepare for an Emergency" shopping list available on our website at [cityofsignalhill.org](http://cityofsignalhill.org). Other information such as how to buy an emergency preparedness kits, is also available on the City's website. The City of Signal Hill wants you to know that you are not alone! The City is here for you with emergency information when you need it most, and also advice and assistance to help you recover from a disaster or become better prepared to face one in the future.

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**Dr. Robert Garcia**  
Mayor

### Summer in Long Beach

Summer is finally here, and one of my favorite things about summer in Long Beach is attending the great art, music and food festivals and recreational events we have in our city. Every summer boasts amazing entertainment and fun, but summer (and early fall) 2016 is shaping up to be one of our best years yet.

In June alone, we have the Belmont Shore Stroll and Savor (which happens again in July and August!), the US Vets 5k/10k run, the Big Irish Fair Music Fest, the 30th Annual Long Beach Bayou Festival, and the Pirate Invasion. Every weekend through the summer, there are nightmarkets in Cambodia Town. And, also in June, is one of our premier, signature events, Summer and Music – known as SAM.

Now entering its eighth season, SAM has been such a huge success that there's even been a documentary made about it, which screened at the Art Theater for free last month. The concert series, provides a whole summer of music to the public – and it's completely free! Produced by the Downtown Long Beach Associates (DLBA), SAM was chosen as the OC Weekly's Best Music Festival three years in a row.

Featuring local and national acts at outdoor venues, performances offer funk, folk, pop, rock, jazz and more. It's not to be missed!

The excitement continues through July and August, and September boasts many great events as well, including two music festivals that will attract visitors from all over, with world-class performers from around the world and from right here in Long Beach: The Folk Revival Festival, and the inaugural Music Tastes Good.

The fourth annual Long Beach Folk Revival Festival on September 17 at Rainbow Lagoon Park features the best of folk, roots, Americana, & bluegrass, all in a perfect waterfront setting. It's been a huge success in the past, and this year is looking like the biggest Folk Revival event yet.

Music Tastes Good will take over Downtown from September 23-25, and the headlining acts are causing quite a stir in the music world. It's the perfect way to close out the summer festival season in Long Beach.

I want to thank our Special Events team, all the businesses and organizations sponsoring these festivals, the organizers putting these amazing events together, and, of course, the incredible artists and performers that make them so enjoyable.

You can see all this summer's events at [www.filmlongbeach.com/event-calendar](http://www.filmlongbeach.com/event-calendar).

I hope to see you this summer at one of our great local festivals!

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# City of Long Beach, City Auditor



**Laura L. Doud**  
City Auditor

## Office Receives Distinguished Award

Considering public safety is important to all of us, our Office was honored to have recently received the Distinguished Knighton Award from the Association of Local Government Auditors for our Long Beach Police and Fire Dispatcher Overtime Audit. The audit found vacant dispatcher positions were being filled with excessive overtime posing a safety risk due

to dispatcher fatigue. We recommended that the Police and Fire Departments increase recruitment efforts in order to reduce the need for overtime and to reduce the public safety risk. We are very pleased the Departments have undertaken our recommendations. Having 9-1-1 dispatchers who are not overworked increases public safety by enhancing dispatcher performance, safety and morale.



**City Auditor Laura Doud receives the Distinguished Knighton Award for the Long Beach Police & Fire Dispatcher Overtime Audit"**

The idea for the Dispatcher review was initially brought to our attention by an anonymous tip to the City Auditor's Fraud Hotline. Another easy way to report suspected fraud against the City is through our MyAuditor mobile app, available to download for free at the App Store and Google play. In addition to reporting fraud tips through our fraud hotline 1-888-FRAUD-07, there is an online form at CityAuditorLauraDoud.

As an Office that reports directly to the public, we also appreciate your audit ideas and suggestions on how the City can better serve you. We have added new digital modes to make information about our work more accessible to you and to allow a two-way dialogue. We launched new social media channels, Twitter@LBCityAuditor, Facebook at facebook.com/LongBeachCityAuditor, and Nextdoor.

Thank you for your continued support of our work and for your feedback. The staff of the City Auditor's Office joins me in expressing our appreciation for the privilege of serving our City on your behalf.

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# Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services

## The Public's Health



**Kelly Colopy**  
Director

Summer is here and Long Beach provides so many wonderful opportunities to be active and healthier. I hear so often that gyms are too expensive or people are uncomfortable going to them. I encourage you to use our City as your gym! The City offers fitness zones in a number of parks including Caesar Chavez, 14th Street, Houghton, Bixby, Admiral Kidd, and Coolidge Parks. Fitness Zones are free, easy to use, outside gyms where you can exercise and enjoy the weather. Every machine has instructions for its use and many are located next to the playground so you can keep your eye on your kids while they play and get their exercise too. We have over 140 miles of bikeways, creating safe places to ride your bike. Many of the parks have walking loops and the beach has two paths--one for biking and other wheeled activities and the other only for walking and running. Our bays are perfect for swimming. We receive A grades from Heal the Bay for our recreational water quality. Starting this summer, a number of our beaches will have signs to show the water



quality and we've added ladders at the public docs so it is easier to get out of the water. All of these activities are free and easy to use.

Long Beach has a number of community gardens located throughout the City. The Health Department runs the Peace Garden at Martin Luther King

Jr Park. It is open for tours and learning activities Monday-Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. For more information, visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/LBPeaceGarden](http://www.facebook.com/LBPeaceGarden).

We have an exciting program this summer for kids called "Power up Your Summer!" This summer-long challenge encourages kids to do at least 60 minutes a day or more of active play, and eat more fruits and vegetables as a way to combat the "summer slump," where kids fall into more unhealthy habits during the summer break. The campaign kick-off event will take place on Saturday, June 11th at Chittick Field (in partnership with LB Parks and Recreation). Throughout the summer months, Healthy Active Long Beach will host a variety of small events and activities to help keep kids (and families) active. For more information, visit [longbeach.gov/health](http://longbeach.gov/health).

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## The City of Long Beach Department of Health & Human Services reminds everyone to stay safe this summer!

### • On hot days, *stay cool, stay hydrated, and stay informed*

- ◆ Check on family, friends and neighbors, and visit the Health Department website for information on extreme heat alerts and preventing heat-related illness
- ◆ Cover up with clothing and a hat, use sunscreen with at least SPF 15, and wear sunglasses when outdoors, especially in the midday sun

### • Do your part to *keep germs out of the pool when swimming*

- ◆ Don't swim if you have diarrhea, don't swallow pool/recreational water, take a shower before swimming, and wash hands after using the bathroom or changing diapers

### • Protect yourself and family members from *mosquitoes, ticks, and fleas*, which can transmit diseases such as West Nile Virus

- ◆ Use a repellent when outdoors and rid your yard/patio of standing water
- ◆ Keep your pets on a flea and tick program

### • Grill Safely!

- ◆ Use a meat thermometer when grilling—ground beef needs to reach an internal temp of 160° F
- ◆ Be sure to keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot



Department of Health & Human Services For more information, visit us at [www.longbeach.gov/health](http://www.longbeach.gov/health)

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The possibility of your child requiring surgery can be daunting. Understanding the type of surgery your child needs and how it will benefit them is important. A number of procedures never thought possible are now minimally invasive, including surgeries done on the esophagus, hernia, tumors and more.

Traditionally, surgical procedures were performed through large incisions using "open" incision techniques. Whenever possible, surgical procedures are now being done through tiny incisions, often less than an inch long, using minimally invasive surgery, or "keyhole" techniques.

In most minimally invasive surgeries, a flexible camera and light-weight surgical instruments are introduced to the area requiring surgery through tiny incisions. Guided by greatly magnified images on a television monitor, surgeons may perform complex procedures less invasively.

The advantages of minimally invasive surgery are many, including:

- Less pain
- Shorter/eliminated overnight hospital stay
- Improved recovery times
- Minimized scarring

It also is important for your child undergoing surgery to understand what they will be experiencing. You can help by:

- Asking questions of your child's surgeon, anesthesiologist and nursing staff to better understand what your child will experience
- Asking to accompany your child into the operating room
- Speaking honestly about what will happen
- Listening to your child's concerns about surgery
- Touring the surgical unit with your child
- Encouraging your child to participate in medical play

To help lessen any fears you or your family may have about surgery, Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach offers tips and a virtual tour of its Pediatric Surgical Center at [MillerChildrens.org/Surgery](http://MillerChildrens.org/Surgery).

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## Arts Council for Long Beach

### Arts and Culture Experience

By Mandy Matthews, Arts Education Associate

Summer vacation is just around the corner, so don't miss the opportunity to enroll your student in an enriching arts and cultural experience at the Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA)! MOLAA's Summer Art and Culture Camp is made up of various artistic and cultural activities in which lessons are presented in a bilingual format appropriate for all levels. Each eight-hour day consists of three customizable sections, which allow parents to mix and match the most fitting experience for their children. In one day, a student can collaborate on a mural, learn martial arts, act out a story in Spanish, and make tostadas!

The camp is available for ages 6 through 12 and runs for three weeks in July. For more information, please visit MOLAA's website at [www.molaa.org](http://www.molaa.org).

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## Rancho Los Alamitos

### The Cook of the Cook's Bedroom

By Pamela Seager, Executive and Project Director

With the restoration of the Cook's Bedroom complete, it is time to meet Lydia Shinkle (1876-1960) – the woman who lived in the Cook's Bedroom and cooked three meals a day for the ranch hands and the Bixby family for over twenty years. Lydia was born in the "wild west" in "Indian Territory" and led a fascinating life that included being



Lydia Shinkle with her niece, Janie Mae Wilkie at RLA's duckpond, c. 1922

kidnapped by outlaws as a young girl and being rescued by her daring brothers. Lydia moved to Long Beach in 1907 and met Florence Bixby in 1919 when both women were doing volunteer work for the WWI war effort. The two women hit it off and Florence asked Lydia to come cook at the ranch. Tour the ranch house to learn more.

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## Long Beach Public Library

### On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!

By Pam Carlson, Children's Librarian

Long Beach Public Library challenges readers of all ages to join the summer reading program starting Saturday, June 25, 2016. Online registration can be done at home or in the library. Free programs will be offered weekly at each library including a one-man circus band, an animal magic show, and more. Earn badges, bags, and books by reading just 20 minutes a day, attending library events, and completing reading activities. Go for the gold during a kickoff event on Saturday, June 25 in the park adjacent to the Bach Neighborhood Library with outdoor games galore, hula hoop performers and possibly even library dodgeball.

Check out the calendar at [www.lbpl.org](http://www.lbpl.org). Race to the library for a fun, cool summer!

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## American Business Women's Association

### Community Partner and Member

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



Lisa Montross  
National President

Diamonds of Southbay is a shining example of community partnerships. "For more than ten years members have been active volunteers with MZA for AIDS Walks New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles," says Bert Champagne, Senior Supervisor of

Office Management & Community Coalition Coordinator, AIDS Walk Los Angeles/MZA Events and ABWA Member. From the grunt work to leadership positions there are no tasks or challenges Diamond Members will not take on to make these Walks successful. Their organizational and customer service skills are a definite plus when accommodating 20,000 plus Walkers. Diamonds of Southbay volunteers are an immeasurable assets to our fundraising which has garnered millions of dollars over the years. A valued partnership with many thanks.

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**CathyLyn Brooks**

## Interest Deductions At Risk

This is not the article I planned to write for this edition, but this is so important. I find myself speaking to clients about it often, and it is just past tax season, and is rather urgent. Right now, and I should say again, there is a discussion going on in Congress that could have a huge impact on your finances.

Congress is, again, considering eliminating income tax deductions for our homes. If some lawmakers in Congress prevail, we could see big changes to federal income tax deductions for mortgage interest and property taxes, and a change to the homeowner's capital gains exemption. What that means is that current and future homeowners would pay more taxes every year.

This month, the National Association of REALTORS will be delivering over 900,000 signatures to Representatives and Senators in Washington from people like you who signed the petition calling on Congress to protect home tax deductions. If you have already signed the petition, thank you. If you have not signed, please do so and pass it on to anyone you know who owns a home or dreams of it.

In these difficult economic times, we simply cannot afford to lose important deductions.

Here is the link to type into your browser. I signed; please consider doing the same and sharing this most important petition. Be heard.

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If some lawmakers in Congress prevail, we could see big changes to federal income tax deductions for mortgage interest and property taxes, and a change to the homeowner's capital gains exemption.



**Jeffrey A. Napper**  
President & CEO

## Tips to Help You Enhance Your Retirement Savings

Planning for retirement has no age requirement. The earlier you plan, the better off you will be because it's never too early to start saving for your golden years. How much you will need to save depends on what your retirement aspirations are. Below are some tips to help plan your retirement:

1. Set a goal. Determine what you will need to finance your retirement years. Then, create a goal that will make it easier to have a structured financial plan and set up benchmarks along the way.
2. Contribute to your 401(k). If you are eligible for a traditional 401(k) or a similar retirement plan, take advantage of it. Your pre-tax contributions are not taxed as current income.
3. Savings. Do you have extra money for this month? Don't just spend it by splurging on new purchases but instead deposit it in a savings account. Treat yourself to something small for now and put the rest away to enjoy later.



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# California State University Long Beach



**Jane Close Conoley**  
President

## Climate Commitment

California State University Long Beach (CSULB) along with 83 other colleges and universities across the United States, committed to carbon neutrality and resilience by becoming a Charter Signatory to the Climate Commitment. The Climate Commitment, a signature program of Boston-based nonprofit Second Nature, will require CSULB to set climate targets, report on progress publicly, and collaborate

with the surrounding community, all while integrating sustainability across the curriculum. To become a Charter Signatory of the Climate Commitment, schools had to sign between October 5, 2015 and Earth Day, 2016.

“CSULB has a long history of committing to sustainability and I am pleased that we are joined by so many universities to further that commitment as we endeavor to make our world better,” said CSULB President

Jane Close Conoley. “There is still much work to be done and by becoming signatories to the Climate Commitment, we are pledging to continue that work in a transparent manner while working with the entire Beach Community.”

CSULB’s dedication to sustainability goes back decades and is most recently exemplified with the [LEED Gold certification of the Hillside Dining Hall](#), the eighth facility on campus to receive LEED certification. Additionally, through the university’s water action plan, the campus has installed low-flow showerheads and urinals, and converted several acres of turf into drought resistant landscape resulting in reducing the usage of water on campus by millions of gallons. CSULB became a signatory to the Carbon Commitment in 2011 and has since completed two comprehensive greenhouse gas emissions inventories, created a Climate Action Plan, and taken steps to integrate climate literacy and sustainability across its academic programs.

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## Long Beach City College



**Eloy Ortiz Oakley**  
Superintendent-  
President

## Revitalizing Advanced Manufacturing Program

Jobs are on the rise in the advanced manufacturing industry, but employers still face challenges finding qualified workers to fill these positions.

At Long Beach City College we are restructuring our advanced manufacturing educational programs to meet the demands of this rising industry. One recent step was the April 27 groundbreaking of Buildings

QQ and RR at our Pacific Coast Campus (PCC), where we are constructing a new building and renovating another. Upon completion of this project, which is expected to be in Spring 2017, our Electrical Program will move into these new facilities.

By relocating Electrical to the same campus as Welding, Design, Metal Fabrication and Computer Numerical Control, LBCC is revitalizing its Advanced Manufacturing Program, under which all these programs fall. We will be the only community college in the region to offer this many areas of Advanced Manufacturing Programs on one campus, allowing us to provide top training and education for this high-demand career field.

Housing the Electrical Program at PCC will allow faculty and students to collaborate with other programs, resulting in an expansion of skill sets across a variety of trades and making students better prepared to compete in this job market. For example, students in the electrical program will be able to collaborate with the Automotive/

Alternate Fuels Program on electric vehicles and with the Horticulture Department on landscaping automation.

Our modernized Electrical Program will have new state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, with specialized labs dedicated to specific training. These labs will be configurable so they can be easily updated as the technology updates. We will also have a full automation wing that will include Robotics, Electro-hydraulics and Pneumatics. And LBCC will be one of first community colleges in the state with a dedicated Building Lighting and Automation Lab that meets one of the highest California standards of energy efficiency.

As the lead organization for the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Linked Learning Consortium, LBCC will be better equipped to facilitate its goal of addressing the significant workforce shortages in Los Angeles in the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology industries.

This modernization of Buildings QQ and RR is part of the modernization program funded by Measure E voter-approved bonds. With the ongoing support of our community, we will be able to continue to provide our students with the modern facilities and training tools needed to successfully compete in today’s careers.

If you’re interested in studying advanced manufacturing or learning more about our many other career technical education certificate programs, visit [lbcc.edu](http://lbcc.edu).

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# Long Beach Unified School District



**Christopher J. Steinhauser**  
*Superintendent*

## Grad Rates Up as More Take College Prep Tests

We're pleased to report that graduation rates in the Long Beach Unified School District increased for the fourth year in a row, again surpassing state and county rates, with six high schools here reporting graduation rates above 90 percent. Students here also signed up for a record 13,252 Advanced Placement college-level exams this spring, an 82.4 percent increase in just four years.

LBUSD's overall graduation rate is 84 percent, up 3 percent over last year and surpassing both Los Angeles County's rate of 78.7 percent and California's rate of 82.3 percent.

The six high schools now posting graduation rates above 90 percent include the California Academy of Mathematics and Science, along with Lakewood, Millikan, Poly, Renaissance and Wilson high schools. Avalon K-12 School's 87.9 percent rate and Cabrillo High School's 87.4 percent rate surpass state and county averages, while Jordan High School's 77.8 percent rate was less than a percentage point below the county average and 4.5 percentage points below the state average.

Our high schools have boosted enrollment in AP courses, and we've provided students greater access to AP exams by covering much of the cost for families.

AP exams usually cost \$92 each, but students here are paying only \$5 per exam for an unlimited number of exams. For each exam, students deposit \$15 and receive a \$10 rebate once the exam is taken. This means that a student who takes five AP exams pays \$25 instead of \$460.

The nearly \$1 million in funding to cover the exam costs is made possible through the state's Local Control Funding Formula, or LCFF, proposed by California Gov. Jerry Brown and approved by the state Legislature in 2013. The LCFF provides greater flexibility as to how certain state funds are used by local schools.

Parents especially appreciate AP courses because their children can earn college credit while still in high school, saving thousands of dollars in tuition. Many LBUSD students earn an entire year of college credit before leaving high school.

The school district has further enhanced its college prep efforts this year by paying for the PSAT exam for all eighth through tenth graders, and by paying for the SAT exam for all eleventh graders. PSAT scores are used to generate an "AP Potential" calculation that helps students and parents to explore AP courses they might not otherwise have considered. High schools have added dozens of new AP class sections over the past two years.

We continue to remove barriers so that all students who want to prepare for college can do so. The latest numbers show that these efforts are paying off. I salute our students for taking advantage of the great opportunities in our schools.

Congratulations to the Class of 2016, and thank you to everyone who supports our students and schools.

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## Bryant *Elementary*

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**Matt Hammond**  
*Principal*

### On the Road to Success

Bryant students are running to achieve their goals. Through the Girls on the Run after school program, grades 3-5 girls participate in a valuable experience that builds confidence and teamwork, unleashes opportunities, and promotes a lifetime practice of health and fitness. Conversation-based lessons and enjoyable running games teach and encourage the students in ways that positively impact their lives now and down the road. They meet together twice a week for 1½ hours and spend time running 30-40 minutes. The program culminates with a 5K event that celebrates the work and accomplishments of the students. These students are off and running and bound for success.



## Burbank *Elementary*

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**Vanesha Davis**  
*Principal*

### 'SUCSESS'

*By Emily Schmidt,  
4th/5th-Grade SDC Instructor*

The SUCSESS classroom is built on seven core principles: staff development, utilization of evidence-based instructional strategies, curriculum, structured environment, evaluation of student progress, support services and support for families. This model of teaching allows access to the core curriculum to students with ASD.

Students focus on and follow visual cues to increase independent functioning. They rotate in pairs to different centers where they target a specific academic skill. Students participate in a two-to-one ratio that creates a meaningful environment that promotes decreased stress, anxiety and frustration.

Our students succeed both academically and socially in school and in their communities. It's a joy to watch my students achieve their goals.



## Carver *Elementary*

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**Sarah Forrester**  
*Principal*

### Gee, It's JiJi!

Carver scholars have had amazing opportunities for learning throughout the school year, provided by both our dynamic Carver teachers and our outstanding Carver PTA! One of those opportunities is an after-school JiJi Math program in which students have one hour after school of uninterrupted time in the computer lab each week. This

has given the participating students the opportunity to enhance their math skills as well as improve their critical-thinking skills.

The program is led by one of Carver's credentialed teachers, which provides additional opportunity for students to have support in their learning. Struggling students get one-to-one guidance, while at the same time, our more advanced learners have the chance to enrich their math skills. It is so rewarding to see them excited for JiJi Mondays and Wednesdays!

## Burcham (K-8)

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**Chris Eckert**  
Principal

### Interventions Go Mobile

Burcham expanded its integration of technology this year, purchasing Chromebooks for every third-, fourth- and fifth-grade classroom. In transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and first and second grades, each classroom will increase its number of iPads to 12 per class. This technology will not only enhance education and motivate student achievement but it will also allow greater access for student interventions.



Students will be able to utilize the Mind Institute's JiJi Math to build math skills and Lexia Core 5 to increase foundational reading skills, comprehension and vocabulary. Both of these digital platforms are differentiated to meet student needs, individualize homework, and build foundational knowledge through exciting interactive activities. These mobile technologies along with our class-size reduction in grades K-3 help to support effective learning of the Common Core State Standards in all classrooms.

## Child Development Center



**Cynthia Young**  
Director

### Literacy Fun at Hudson CDC Preschool

*By Randy Sanchez, Coordinating Teacher*

Hudson CDC Preschool students enjoyed some literacy fun by participating in the National Education Association's Read Across America honoring and celebrating the joys of reading and literacy during the week of Dr. Seuss's birthday. The Rotary Club of Long Beach, which is a service organization that works to solve humanitarian issues on a

local, national, and international level, donates thousands of books to the district's Child Development Centers every year. Hudson CDC students had the opportunity of choosing a book donated by the Rotary Club to keep and practice reading at home. The students also participated in a week long experience of having parents and family members volunteer to read to their class.

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## Cleveland Elementary

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**Ellen Ryan**  
Principal

### Congratulations Ms. Shapiro

Sid Shapiro, teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, TK-2nd, received a Teacher Appreciation Award from a local merchant on May 6th and \$5,000 worth of classroom supplies. The absolute best prize was the class set of sign language dictionaries. Once the aide, Jene, opened them and passed them out to the students, the students were truly engrossed in them, practicing the signs, completely oblivious to the cameras and the 30 plus adults in the room. It was moving to witness.

Ms. Shapiro was nominated for this award by our counselor, Lisa Torres. Congrats Ms. Shapiro it couldn't have gone to a more deserving teacher.



**Jene Neumann and Sid Shapiro**

## Cabrillo *High School*

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**Dr. Elio Mendoza**  
*Co-Principal*



**Cheryl Cornejo**  
*Co-Principal*

### Students Take on Global Challenge

*By Carlos Gershwin-Razo, College and Career Facilitator*

Students from the Virtual Enterprise program—part of the Cabrillo High School Academy of Business

(CAB)—recently returned from New York as Gold Medal winners! Students participated in the Global Business Challenge in which groups representing students from eight different countries and schools from across the country compete.

Additionally, students participated in the Youth Business Summit Trade show where they created a booth and interacted with 200 virtual companies. The students finished with a Gold Level award on salesmanship. They were evaluated on how they greeted customers, the process of questioning and determining their needs, presenting product features that meet customer needs, and closing the sale. We are proud of our Jaguars!



**The Virtual Enterprise team at the Global Business Challenge in New York City**

## Chavez *Elementary*

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**Hugo Figueroa**  
*Principal*

### Hands-On Engineering Activities

In April, our students deepened their science knowledge by participating in hands-on engineering lessons developed and conducted by Long Beach city engineers, along with teachers and volunteers who assisted with participation. City engineers aligned all lessons to the Engineering is Elementary (EiE) curriculum.

Second- through fifth-graders visited City Hall Council Chambers to participate in hands-on learning about drainage, water quality, bridges, earthquakes and strengthening concrete. City engineers visited kindergarten and first grade and taught about ecosystems, pollution and storm water.

These engineering lessons officially kicked-off the full implementation of EiE. This program, along with our schoolwide Career Day, has started a wave of enthusiasm for engineering and is exposing students to career paths they may decide to pursue in the future.



**3rd Grade students learning about concrete**

## Edison *Elementary*

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**Edward Garcia**  
*Principal*

### Engineers

*By Ms. Lyttle, SeaPerch Coach*

Edison's 5th grade Engineers have been hard at work building two underwater R.O.V.s for the SeaPerch regional competition at CSULA in April. The students first had to measure, cut, and drill holes in PVC pipes and elbows so they could construct the R.O.V. frame. They then attached a payload net to the bottom to help maintain the frame.

After that, the Engineers attached cable wires to motors and waterproofed them for underwater use as thrusters. Propellers were attached to the motor shafts, and the completed thrusters were attached to the R.O.V. The final step in construction was the delicate work of soldering multiple parts with tiny wires to the circuit board for the remote control. We now have two working Remotely Operated Vehicles.



## Franklin *Classical Middle School*

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**Maria Pilar Perossio**  
*Principal*

### Celebrating the Arts

This has been a great year for the arts at Franklin!

A select group of cheerleaders were invited to perform at the Wilson Cheer Showcase. One girl choreographed a challenging routine for the team; they gave a flawless performance.

Two music students auditioned for the LBUSD Honor Band and were accepted; one also performed with the Ohlendorf Orchestra. Additionally, students in music classes have been working on reflection essays incorporating Common

Core ELA and math standards to support the goal of integrating subjects across the curriculum.

Our visual arts program really took off this year! The classroom lessons are standards-based across the curriculum, with students producing excellent works of art. Ten students had paintings shown at the Council of Great City Schools. Four students had pieces selected for the Gottlieb Art Show at the Jewish Community Center; one of these pieces was on the event's promotional poster.

The Long Beach Museum of Art hosted a contest for students creating mythological creatures that explored and represented themselves. Works from 29 of our students were chosen.

## Fremont *Elementary*

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**Mark Curran**  
*Principal*

### Fremont Runners

It is a Thursday afternoon, and school is out. About 50 fourth- and fifth-graders begin stretching and warming up for their weekly run. They are proud members of Fremont Elementary School's Running Club.

The running club meets every Thursday beginning in February to prepare for the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) Mile Fun Run before the middle school

cross-country meet at Heartwell Park. Parent volunteers greet the students, assist them with training, and provide tips to help the students build confidence and prepare for the mile run. One of the volunteers is the grandfather of one of the runners, and another volunteer, who assisted last year when his son was a fifth-grader, continues to help out each Thursday.

The students learn to pace and push themselves to improve each week. They have set goals for themselves and realize the work needed to accomplish their goals. They also assist and cheer on their peers. Go, Fremont!

## Hamilton *Middle School*

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**Kathy Cruz**  
*Principal*

### Hey, There's My Tree!

*By Ericcy Perez and Gabriela Sarabia*

On Earth Day the parkway in front of Hamilton was planted with 31 trees, courtesy of our Hamilton Middle School students, staff members, multiple volunteers, and school organizations.

The tree planting was made possible by organizations like "I DIG Long Beach" and people such as Margaret Madden, the city's neighborhood resource officer. She oversees a grant from the Port of Long Beach that pays for the trees and asks for

groups to help out.

"It was a wonderful day watching over 200 volunteers plant so many trees around the school," commented Megan Kerr, the LBUSD board member for District 1. "The volunteers should be commended for providing supplies and the hard work of getting the trees into the ground."

Karen, a volunteer from the Honor Society of CSULB declared, "I wanted to help out today because I want to contribute to the community." Alisa Crutch from Solid Landings added, "We are here due to the simple fact that this is Earth Day, and so we came out to have fun and plant trees as well as support our environment."

## Holmes *Elementary*

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**Luana Wesley**  
*Principal*

### Full "STEAM" Ahead!

Holmes Elementary, in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club/WRAP, recently held its annual Science and Engineering Expo. The purpose of the Expo was to expose students to positive role models, awareness of future careers, and areas of service.

Students and families enjoyed hands-on science and engineering booths, an art exhibit, a family STEAM challenge, concessions, DJ, Moon Walk, and face painting. They made Play-Doh, built their own molecule, designed a LEGO car, discovered the art of photography and origami paper folding, and played a giant game of chess.

We were also fascinated by presentations from musicians, seamstresses, computer scientists, engineers, photographers, farmers, jewelers, chefs, dancers, artists, and oceanographers. Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math rock!



## Hughes *Middle School*

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**Dr. Sally Gregory**  
*Principal*

### Coaching Legend Hangs Up His Whistle

*By David Michaels, 7th Grade English Teacher*

Hughes bids farewell to a legendary teacher and coach, John Tokeshi, who has influenced thousands of youth as a PE teacher and a basketball and football coach. He began his career at Newcomb and spent his final 21 years here. His notable protégés include Nickey Woods, Winston Justice, Patrick Rembert, Roschon Prince, Jordan Bell and AJ Diggs.

Mr. Tokeshi gives credit and gratitude to his



**Mr. Tokeshi will retire after 30 years of teaching and coaching excellence.**

longtime assistant coach, Christopher Gray. His philosophy has always been to give playing time to the entire team in the first half and win the game in the second half, which has motivated the Owls to win over 17 championships.

What Mr. Tokeshi says he'll miss most is the camaraderie of working with students to achieve common goals. Enjoy your retirement, Coach!

## Jordan High School

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**Veronica Coleman**  
Co-Principal



**William Salas**  
Co-Principal

### Community Art

Students from Jordan Plus High School have worked closely with local artist Guillermo Avalos and Jordan art teacher and alumna Reba Castaneda to paint a large mural near

Artesia Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue behind the Golden State Humane Society.

The project is part of Long Beach's Creative Corridor challenge, an initiative to beautify open areas and create destinations that have a positive impact on the community. Students worked on the project on Saturdays and on weekdays after school.

"I have learned from Guillermo and with him on several mural projects in the past," Castaneda said. "To be part of a multi-generational project to beautify the community has been an amazing experience."

Future projects are being planned.



## Lindbergh STEM Academy

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**Connie Magee**  
Principal

### Lindbergh Robotics, Best in Long Beach, 4 Years in a Row!

On Saturday April 30th, the Lindbergh Robotics Team took both first and second place at the district RoboBowl. The team is led by teachers

Fred Dizon and Sunny Martens. The students have worked all year to perfect their robots, and have researched designs from all over the world. After the Vex competition in the fall, they did a complete re-sign of their robot, and have continued to refine the shooting accuracy. Saturday their efforts were rewarded, with a winning score of over 600 points. The new game has just been released, and they are already starting to research designs for next year. Go Lindbergh STEM Robotics!



## Lee Elementary

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**Christi Granado**  
Principal

### Motivated to Read

The first Reading Challenge took place this March at Lee. Beginning the week of our "Read Across America" event, Lee students rose to the "challenge" by reading together for a school-wide goal of 250,000 minutes. The students were also treated to a costume parade where they could dress as their favorite literary character.

Classes from each grade level competed with each other for the opportunity to make "human sundaes" out of two Lee teachers, Ms. Verdugo and

Mr. Hartley, and even Vice Principal Ms. Ramos!

"The competition inspired students to become super readers and really get excited to read every day," said first-grade teacher Ms. Gibson-Franco. Third-grader Nathan from Ms. Jamali's winning class also expressed his enthusiasm. "It was fun when I threw toppings and ice cream on Mr. Hartley's head. He looked like a real sundae!"

Fourth-grade teacher Ms. Verdugo, who organized the Reading Challenge, was moved by the resulting sense of community. "Kids from all grade levels still come up to me and talk about the human sundae," she said. "So many students were motivated to read!"

## Lakewood High School

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**Shawn Abbate**  
Co-Principal



**Mario Jimenez**  
Co-Principal

### MATE Competition

Members of Lakewood High School's Applied Technologies Magnet, Odyssey Academy and Merit Scholars competed against 12 local high school teams in the Marine Advanced Technologies Education (MATE) competition at Long

Beach City College. Six students mentored by Lakewood physics teacher Allen Glover worked with project manager Pablo Vergara on a submersible robot. Daniel Hernandez, Osvaldo Mesa, Koby Reid, Trejon Adams and Austin Gomez took industry roles and contributed to the project.

In 2014, Lakewood's Cinderella team transferred to MATE's international round, and their seventh-place finish was not a disappointment. As juniors, Osvaldo and Daniel are planning for next year.



Students enjoyed the mental challenge and productive struggle. As true Lancers, they placed higher than two other teams. Way to go, Lakewood!

## Lincoln Elementary

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**Caroline Nemeč**  
Principal

### The Fabulous Four

"Good Morning, how can I help you? Good afternoon, is there anything you need? Thank you and have a nice day!" These phrases can be heard constantly throughout the day as the office at Lincoln Elementary hums with activity. The busiest place on campus at any given time, our office staff works diligently and endlessly to meet the needs of students, families and staff. A bright

smile, a friendly face, and helpful words comfort parents that walk thru our doors. It is an honor and privilege to work alongside four amazing ladies who make up our office staff. We are so grateful for all they do every day.



## Longfellow *Elementary*

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**Edward Sigur IV**  
*Principal*

### Longfellow Lions Dive Into Career Day!

*By Christy Cleveland, Counselor*

On March 22 our Longfellow Lions hosted our annual Career Day. We invited 50 guests to come to our school to talk about their professions.

We started off with a reception in our beautiful school library in their honor.



There were so many interesting presentations! We had the head of Long Beach Police Dept. Forensic Lab, a trauma surgeon, radio commentator, professional football player, firefighter, police officer, chef, veterinarian, author, zoo keeper, attorney, engineer, and pictured is Amando Gonzalez, diver! Our students greatly appreciated the inspiration each speaker brought with them. Our Career Day was a roaring success!

## Los Cerritos *Elementary*

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**Alissa Gamboa**  
*Principal*

### Where Spaghetti Intersects with Marshmallows

The Los Cerritos Elementary School Roadrunners put their best math and science skills to the test—with spaghetti and marshmallows. It's all part of an afterschool engineering enrichment program. At

each session, students are presented with a different engineering task and have to work together to solve the challenge.

Nearly 70 third- through fifth-graders have signed up for this series of free classes.



Our young engineers employ the engineering process to ask, imagine, plan, create, test, and improve. One task involved designing, drawing, and building a framework to support a small ball with marshmallows and uncooked spaghetti.

Students discovered that by trial and error, as well as collaboration, that there are many different ways to accomplish the task.

## Newcomb *Academy (K-8)*

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**Wendy Sowinski**  
*Principal*

### Very Important VIPS

*By Maura Carter  
Humanities Core and Journalism Teacher*

What would we do without you?

Newcomb Academy teachers and students are so fortunate to have very important people who volunteer their time and energy making Newcomb excellent. At Newcomb we have close to 200 VIPS! These outstanding volunteers help in the classrooms, go on field trips, make copies, work at PTA functions, are room parents, and so much more. They exemplify this excerpt of the VIPS Code of Ethics Preamble, "We affirm and accept our responsibility to act within the highest ethical standards as we share with the educators the common purpose of educating children."

Thank you VIPS for all you do for us!



**To honor and thank these dedicated members of our community, the teachers coordinated the VIPS Tea in April.**

## Marshall Academy of the Arts

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**Marie Hatwan**  
Principal

### Learning About Holograms

*By the Students in Mr. Alvarez' Engineering Classes*

Our eyes we can usually trust. However, they can be tricked by using light!

Before our recent hologram project we were confused and wondered about how this could be possible. How can a hologram be made with transparent paper, a cell phone, and tape? It's pretty fascinating!

The "Pepper's Ghost" is an illusion that makes a hologram by placing a transparent glass at an angle that shows the stage directly in front, and simultaneously

reflects an image which is off to the side. The scene in the side room is illuminated and the apparition appears on the glass, which makes it appear as if a hologram is on the stage. This illusion has been adopted in many amusement parks and haunted houses to create ghostly apparitions.

Engineering is the process of creating solutions to a particular problem. We learned and followed this process in many of the projects that we have done, such as the current hologram project.

In conclusion, this was fun! We enjoyed learning about Pepper's Ghost and making a hologram, and we hope to learn more fun things in engineering.

## McBride Sr. High School

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**Steve Rockenbach**  
Principal

### It's The Law!

*By Dawn Lucchese*

On April 27th, McBride High School hosted its 2nd annual Law Day celebration. Industry professionals throughout the community shared

career experiences with McBride students. Students heard from varied speakers related to all of their pathways including; Civil Lawyers, District Attorneys, Public Defenders, Police Officers, Detectives, Medical Malpractice Attorneys, Entertainment Lawyers,



**Honorable Ana Maria shares real world perspective.**

Criminalists, Forensic Scientists, Judges, Paralegals, Sheriffs, College Professors and Corporate Law Attorneys. As evident from the following quotes, students truly enjoyed the day.

"There are different types of attorneys and jobs that do not always involve speaking."

"It was interesting to hear about cyber security and see just how powerful the computer can be."

"Our speaker gave advice for the future, shared experiences and encouraged us."

## Millikan High School

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**Alejandro Vega**  
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**Michael Navia**  
Co-Principal

### AVID College Fair

*By Katie Hickox*

The first annual Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) College Fair drew a large crowd of students in the gym to view their teachers

and their futures in a new light. The fair utilized teachers as representatives for the universities from which they earned undergraduate and graduate degrees. About 30 colleges had tables at the fair, including Tufts University, University of Southern California, and University of California, Los



Angeles. The fair was open to all students.

Organized by AVID teacher Sandra Gutierrez, the fair featured brochures from the respective colleges. A note-taking form was also provided to students who attended.

"This was one of the best events for our college-going environment that I have seen," said Janet Turner, an AVID teacher.

Thanks to Ms. Gutierrez for a great event!

## Muir Academy

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**Sophia Griffieth**  
Principal

### Author's Day

By Christina Maben, Librarian

This April, Muir welcomed New York Times best-selling author Stuart Gibbs for a discussion of his new book, *Spaced Out*. Thanks to the generosity of Barnes & Noble, Huntington Beach and Jeanne Kingston, Community Business Development Manager, students in 4th and 5th grade were able to participate in a 45 minute presentation and Q & A session.

Mr. Gibbs presented information about the lengthy research he undertakes for each of the books he writes. For his latest book, this included consulting with an astronaut who happens to be a good friend, as well. One of the more fascinating aspects of his research included learning how astronauts go to the bathroom in space. He also signed over 50 books for students. This was an awesome way to celebrate our schoolwide literacy focus!



## Renaissance High School for the Arts

235 E. 8th St., Long Beach, CA 90813 • 562/901-0168 • [www.lbschools.net/renaissance](http://www.lbschools.net/renaissance)



**Quentin Brown**  
Principal

### RHSA Renovation!

The Long Beach Unified School District has dedicated \$40 million from Measure K bond funds to renovate the Renaissance High School for the Arts campus. Renovations will include a new

performing arts complex, building improvements and removal of all portable classrooms.

The following photos will give you a glimpse of what our new campus will look like upon completion. We will occupy



the Butler site (located at 1400 E 20th St, Long Beach) for two years, beginning September 2016, while they renovate our current campus. We will be at the Butler site for school years 2016-17 and 2017-18. We will move back into our new home in September 2018.

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**Dr. Damita  
Myers-Miller**  
*Principal*

### 42 Day at Robinson

On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson became the first African American to break the color barrier and play major league baseball. Fifty years later, on April 15, 1997, his uniform number, 42, was retired. So this year on April 15th, Robinson K-8 Academy honored its namesake with an all-school spirit rally. The spirit of Jackie Robinson came alive as students read essays to commemorate his legacy. Staff, students, and parents wore “42 Day Pride” tee shirts, sang the JROB spirit song, and gathered on the field to watch the faculty edge out the students in a spirited softball game. Our community lives by his words, “A life is not important except in the impact it has on others.”



## Signal Hill Elementary

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**Tammy Lavelle**  
*Principal*

### One Team, One Dream

This year, our PTA has been an all-star team headed by our enthusiastic president Andrick Deeminter, secretary Robin Israel-Deeminter and vice president of membership Renee Rodriguez. This trio of dedicated parents has been instrumental in our PTA's devotion to the well-being of all our students and their families.

They are the driving force behind many of our events, including our annual



Red Ribbon Week and Read Across America celebrations. In addition to promoting healthy lifestyles filled with literacy, this small but mighty 123-member board has successfully raised over \$16,000 to continue to support our Art Masters Program and field trips that complement our students' curriculum

Thank you to Signal Hill's 2015-16 PTA Board. You hit it out of the ballpark this year!

## Stephens Middle School

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



**Salvador  
Madrigal**  
*Principal*

### A Super Science Fair

It was an exciting evening as our gymnasium was packed with students, parents and staff members attending our school-wide Science Fair. Over 150 students were in attendance, proudly displaying their projects.

There were many parents and family members in attendance as well. 18 staff members volunteered their time, reviewing the projects and giving



students positive feedback as well as suggestions for future projects. All students received a participation ribbon. 33 of our students were chosen to represent Stephens at the District Science Fair on May 14th at Cabrillo High School. During the evening our PTO also sold food and snacks as a fundraising activity. We are proud of our hard working students and their accomplishments.



**Jacqueline Williams**  
Principal

**D.O.G.S.**

Twain not only has a terrific staff and awesome students, but we also have a great group of Dads also known as the D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students). Each year our Dads create and perform a play for our students. The play focuses on reading. The Dads

dress in character costumes and perform in the play. Not only do the students love watching the play, but each year our staff also looks forward to seeing what play the Dads will create for the students. This year, the play highlighted that Comic Books are books too. We are all waiting in anticipation to see what our Dads create for us next year. What a great way to cultivate a love for reading.



# Swim Word Search Contest

**Rules!** One word in the list is NOT in the word search.

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

**Word Search by Gunnar Coop**  
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**Entries must be received by July 15, 2016**

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

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| Backstroke | Lane Lines |
| Boards     | Medley     |
| Breathe    | Meets      |
| Butterfly  | Paddles    |
| Chlorine   | Pool       |
| Diving     | Pulleys    |
| Dolphin    | Race       |
| Earplugs   | Relay      |
| Flippers   | Strokes    |
| Freestyle  | Surfacing  |
| Goggles    | Times      |
| Headcap    | Underwater |
| Kickboards |            |



## Tincher Preparatory School (K-8)

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**Rosemary Sissons**  
*Principal*

### Saluting Our Unsung Heroes

During the week of May 16th, Tincher celebrated Classified Employee Week. Behind the success of every great school is a virtual army of dedicated employees contributing to the betterment of all students. This dedicated group includes the front office staff, custodians, health aides, bankers, playground staff, and instructional aides.

They care for our students before and after school and when they are not feeling well. They make sure the campus is safe, organized, and well-managed. They schedule field trips and dances, contact parents, and are always willing to help out with a smile. They are the heart of our school and our classified staff was recognized with notes, posters, flowers and a hosted luncheon to highlight the week.



**Tincher Classified employees: Nancy De Vries, Laura Schwarzkopf, Mary Ann Lazatin, Maximo Vasquez, and Cindy Stuart**

## Webster Elementary

5320 Pine Ave., Long Beach, CA 90805 • 562/428-0202 • [www.lbschools.net/addams](http://www.lbschools.net/addams)



**Maria Martinez**  
*Principal*

### Emphasizing Kindness

Webster students strive to be scholars and caring individuals every day of the year. For one special week in January they stressed the idea of "kindness."

Our students practiced many different ways to demonstrate kindness to each other and the adults they see on campus. They made appreciative cards and posters for our school nurse, helped out other students, and

worked hard to focus on being extra-thoughtful.

Kindness Week also brought a number of special events, including a culminating school-wide celebration that had guests from the local neighborhood and district office joining in. Our school mascot was also on hand to give hugs and cheers.

Our students have used the lessons they learned during Kindness Week to make every day a more positive one!

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## Washington Middle School

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**Megan Traver**  
Principal

### Amazing Visit to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory

20 Washington students had the prestigious and exciting honor of visiting NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) up in Pasadena last month.

Students got a "front row seat" to the exciting work being done at JPL including a visit to their "clean room" where JPL engineers build space crafts and a



laboratory where they test model space rovers. One of the highlights was sitting in the actual control room where engineers and NASA experts sat for the Mars landing. Students learned about the many careers available in the field of space exploration and even got to do some hands on experiments. It was an incredible day for our students that will last in their memories for years to come.

## Whittier Elementary

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**Lori Grady**  
Principal

### Love Letters

*By Nancy Jo Rettig, Counselor*

If you have ever received or written a love letter you know the power of the written word. Ask anyone from Robert Browning to Beyonce'. That is, and always has been, the best way to convey your appreciation and affection for someone important in your life.

So when it came to Teacher Appreciation Week a text just won't do.

There is nothing more heartwarming than a true thank you from a parent.

One mother wrote, "Thanks teachers for teaching my children and getting them ready for their future ahead. Words cannot truly relate how thankful I am." Words just did. Nicely expressed Mom.



**Gr.2 teachers Mr. Pouv and Mr. Moreno appreciating the appreciation poster**

## Wilson Classical High School

4400 E. 10th St., Long Beach, CA 90804 • 562/433-0481 • [www.lbwilson.schoolloop.com](http://www.lbwilson.schoolloop.com)



**Sandy Blazer**  
Co-Principal



**Gonzalo Moraga**  
Co-Principal

### New JSA Club

*By Andrea Torres, Junior Editor and Features Co-Editor*

This year, Woodrow Wilson High School welcomed the Junior State of America (JSA). JSA is a high school club that helps students gain leadership skills necessary to

be effective debaters and civic participants. In the largest student-run organization in the United States, students are divided into a senate and a house of representatives and

discuss bills that were previously created by JSA chapters.

Wilson JSA attended their very first Fall State, and for junior Peter Bohn, who is the club president, Fall State was "a really well-organized event and a lot of fun."

"JSA is a club I am very interested in, and being able to help start a new chapter has really been a great learning experience," Peter said. "I definitely encourage all students who might be interested to join."

Because JSA is new at Wilson, club member Samantha Sheldon said that she "didn't really know what to expect, but after going to Fall State, I was very impressed." Junior Emily Paz, described JSA as "amazing" and also expressed her excitement for Winter Congress and Spring State.



**David Perram**  
*Director of Student Affairs*

### Wildcat Green Team

*By Tracey Stafford & Tianna Collings,  
Westerly Green Team Co-Chairs*

Westerly's environmental club, also known as "The Green Team", is comprised of motivated students determined to support the earth through community wide efforts. With the help of the Long Beach Environmental Service Bureau, Westerly School's Green Team has been developing practices and protocols to build a more environmentally friendly campus!

The team decided to choose a theme this year to help guide their work; they chose "human impact". Students began researching issues with the guiding question; "how do our actions impact the school and as a result, how does our school impact the community?"

Lengthy dialogues, fun exercises, and interactive websites enriched the experience for the Green Team, and with their new found inspiration to help our planet they worked on the following two projects throughout the year.

### The Golden Globe:

Students noticed a need for improvement regarding campus recycling habits. One of the kindergarten representatives developed an idea to create a competition in order to generate some excitement around the recycling. The group loved the idea and quickly created a weekly competition called the "Golden Globes".

Each week a classroom has the opportunity to win a golden trophy by leading the campus by reducing waste and recycling more often. The Green Team representatives collect, track, and measure classroom recycling progress, leaving a small note with suggestive feedback on improving their recycling practices. Winners of the week are announced during the campus assemblies every Monday morning. Since the Golden Globe program, the Green Team has observed a drastic reduction in trash and noted an increase in the use of reusable materials in many of the classrooms.

### Earth Day:

The group worked hard to deliver an informative yet fun celebration in honor of Earth Day. Together they developed activities that demonstrated how participants can take action toward keeping our planet healthy!

Fifth grade representative, Lily, really captured the balance of informative and fun through her "Trash Relay" activity that she and her group members facilitated. Organized as friendly competition, students quickly had to determine which items belong in the recycle, trash, and paper bins. The items were quickly deposited in the fashion of a relay race. Other activities were planting seedlings, mural painting, Green Jeopardy, and decorating trash/recycle bins.

As we finalize our school year, Westerly School's Green Team continues to lead conversations about our environment. Student club members have continued to independently come up with ways to spread knowledge around landfills and water conservation. Currently, students are working on coordinating a beach clean-up in their local neighborhood. Knowing that creating a greener campus is an ongoing process, they're excited at the growth they've seen on their campus this year. Nonprofit, Nonsectarian Independent School



**The Westerly Green Team with  
Co-Chairs Tianna Collings and Tracey Stafford (back row)**

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