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A Memory

By D. H. Coop

Recently Patrick Markey left this earthly life to be with his faith. His life here was filled with kindness and gentleness that will be missed.

Some individuals are referred to as oak trees that stand and resist the wind, and others are referred to as willow trees that bend with the wind. Pat was an evergreen tree that was strong, bendable and always green. He was always full of life and bringing joy to others.

Patrick was a brother in the Catholic Church before leaving the ministry to become an educator and an administrator in a Catholic school. Later, he became a public-school teacher at Jordan High School in Long Beach, where he met his wife, Susan. Pat was a member of the AIMS program at school and was always willing to help with extracurricular activities like the Academic Decathlon team and ceremonies to honor



passed Jordan students. He retired last year to spend quality time with his son, Liam.

Pat was loved by his students, which could be seen when he was in the hospital as a steady stream of present and past students came to his room to give him support. At his funeral, half the mourners were students who had the privilege of his teaching.

When I visited him in the last week of his life, he was in a great deal of pain and still was such a gentleman that through the pain, he thanked me for coming to see him. He said that he was having a hard time and would not be able to be a good host, and was sorry. Pat was a man of

faith and made others around him better.

Pat left his wife, son, family, students, colleagues and friends with a void that is filled with memories of the kind man whom it was a privilege to know.

I still hear his Boston Irish accent.

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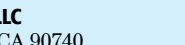
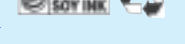
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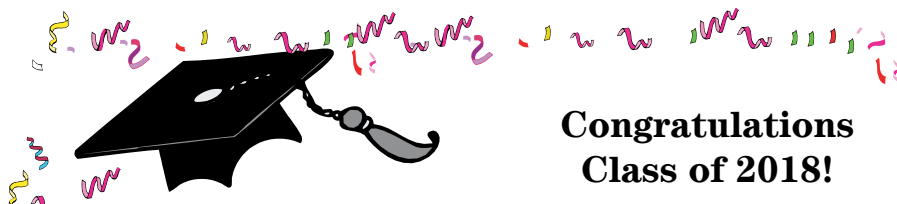
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Spring is here and students are testing and focused on year end academic goals.

Thank you for including *School News* among your reading choices. We thank you for your continued input and interest in our guest columnists. Nutrition and health concerns continue to be the number one issues expressed by our readers.

Our next issue is October 10. Until then don't forget to include the library in your activity choices. We publish 36 *School News* publications covering districts in LA, Orange, San Diego Counties with student book review and contests in each. They are posted on our web site www.schoolnewsrollcall.com.

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Special Bonds that Shape Us

I remember at a young, impressionable age looking up at my mom and asking her, “Are we rich?” Without a moment of hesitation and with a smile on her face, she replied, “Yes, we are rich in blessings.” And, we were indeed. I was blessed to have a strong bond with my mom as she helped me grow into the woman I am today.

Recently, I shared this story and the impact my mom had on my life at the Khmer Parent Association’s 3rd Annual Mother & Daughter Conference where I was honored to be a guest speaker. Listening to the mother and daughter panelists of diverse backgrounds, I was reminded of the strength in the mother and daughter bond. Unifying themes carried through generations and cultures no matter where or when experiences are rooted – the bond remains the same.

Through her advice as well as by her example, my mom influenced my life’s path. From an early age, she nurtured my skills and interests. She believed in me and supported me from my early school years through studying for and passing the CPA exam. Along the way, she instilled in me the values of honesty, integrity and compassion. I watched her as she helped family, friends and neighbors in large and small ways - cooking, running errands during illness, offering comfort and counsel and many times by just listening. She always encouraged me to tap into my own unique gifts and then to share these gifts with others to enhance their lives. This led me to find my purpose and calling to public service with the goal of making positive change by providing valuable solutions to improve my hometown, Long Beach.

My mom ultimately taught me life’s success is not measured by owning a big house, expensive car or flashy jewelry, rather it is by the long-lasting relationships we build and the positive impact we have on others’ lives. I am grateful for the special bond with my mom, especially as it carries over to the bond I have with my own daughter.

This inspiring conference emphasized, that despite differences in our community, we are unified by the dynamic of the mother and daughter bond. At the same time, it was a great reminder to recognize and appreciate the importance and value of other bonds in our lives. Whether it be with sons, grandparents, aunts, uncles or teachers – powerful bonds can enrich and help us find purpose in our lives.

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Tina Hansen
Mayor

A Grateful Parent

Every four to five years I am given the responsibility and honor of representing the City of Signal Hill as the Mayor. One of my favorite jobs as Mayor is writing *School News* articles about LBUSD because it is the school district I entrust my 13 year old twins to every day. First as students at Prisk Elementary and now as middle school students at Marshall Academy

of the Arts. The last time I served as Mayor they were in second grade. Now they are in seventh grade, and I continue to be impressed by the diligence, compassion and professionalism provided daily by LBUSD teachers and administrators.

As I contemplated what to write about in this first article the obvious subject was school safety. It is on everyone’s hearts and minds right now including our kids as is evidenced by the number of students who participated in the national walk-out on March 14. My day job is as a prosecutor with the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office so I live public safety on a daily basis. I work with law enforcement officers who are on the front line of public safety every day. But I have come to realize with recent events that our teachers and administrators and coaches are also on the front line of public safety every day. And for that we owe them our deepest appreciation and respect. Not only do they teach larger classes at a quicker pace than in past years, they are the front line of protection for our students daily when they are at school. If you haven’t thanked your students’ teachers lately take a moment and do that today. Thank them for caring and for being brave and for giving so freely of themselves. Drop them a note or e-mail them or stop in at pick-up just to say thank you. To my twins’ past teachers at Prisk - thank you for caring so much about my kids. To their current teachers at Marshall – thank you for making middle school a place that is not scary but a place where they are taking their first steps toward independence. Teachers, when you e-mail me in the evening hours or call me during a free moment of yours to address my concerns and questions know how appreciative I am. I am the Mayor this year, but most importantly, I am a grateful parent.

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PACT

Seven years ago, my office started the Parent Accountability and Chronic Truancy (PACT) program to reduce chronic truancy and improve graduation rates.

We have seen improvement in school attendance, even from those with the worst attendance records. Unless budget cuts eliminate PACT, we plan to continue our work.

Last year, students referred to the PACT program had missed an average of 18.8% of classes at the time of the referral. Missed classes dropped to an average of 10%, and some students showed almost perfect attendance after PACT.

While missing 10% of classes is far from ideal, keep in mind some students had grown accustomed to missing school before being referred to PACT so we face the difficult task of changing habits that have been years in the making.

The PACT program is different from other truancy prevention programs because it focuses on parents, not the students. Also, the goal is to never file a case in court. We help the parents with social services, transportation, housing referrals and other strategies to remove barriers that might be preventing regular school attendance.

We work closely with LBUSD officials and that is part of our successful formula. We also get a lot of help from the community.



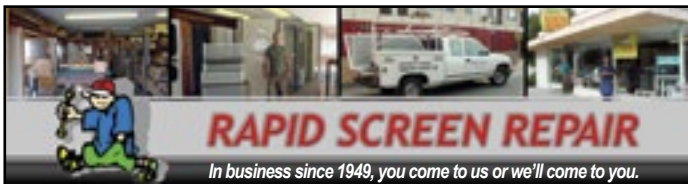
Books donated by Riley's Red Wagon Book Swap help reduce truancy.

Recently, Justin Rudd and Riley's Red Wagon Book Swap donated over 400 children's books, which will be given to families encourage reading at home. For some families, even inexpensive books are a luxury.

Education has been called a civil rights issue. It might be even more than a civil rights issue because a good education is the fountain from which other rights spring. Education controls access to success in many fields.

The success of our at-risk youth is important to all of us. 75% of chronic truants drop out of school and we see if the cost to society of school dropout in the form of higher crime and lower employment rates. As the saying goes, if you think education is expensive, try ignorance.

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Nutrition Update — Just Desserts

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



Carol Berg Sloan, RDN

I am more of a savory person...give me crackers and cheese over chocolate any day, but sometimes there is nothing like a crispy cookie or slice of pie. But when I read the statistics on sugar consumption in the United States, I pause to reflect on eating that sweet. The recent Dietary Guidelines for Americans suggest intake of added sugars (defined as those that are added to foods or beverages when processed or prepared and include brown sugar, corn sweetener, corn syrup, dextrose, fructose, glucose, high fructose corn syrup, honey, raw sugar and molasses) is way too much and should be limited to no more than 10% of total calories or about 200 calories a day. WOW...that could be tough for many. Suggestions for decreasing added sugar calories: Have fresh fruit ready to eat, share desserts, keep small squares of dark chocolate or any favorite candy in very small portions readily available or make your own cookies or bars and mix in dried fruits and nuts to add nutrition and fiber.

Being mindful of sweets consumption is key!



Kelly Sloan BS

I do indulge in sweets every now and then, but do make an attempt to limit the amount I eat...it's called portion control! A favorite dessert is called a pizookie..... or pizza cookie that is usually served in a small cast iron skillet with a large dollop of vanilla ice cream. Calories for one of these is around 2000...a full days' worth. Solution: share with 3-4. All are satisfied and calories are distributed among your friends not your hips? I also watch my portions at home and recently found that a sugar-free version of an ice cream bar is quite satisfying. If I have the time to cut up fruit, I will have a bowl after dinner or instead of reaching for that row of Oreos, swap for a handful of vanilla wafers—they are half the calories and sugar, but just as sweet and satisfying. When you are craving these sweets, try not to think "Oh, I shouldn't be eating this!", rather, look for options that will still satisfy your sweet tooth, but not overload you with sugar. Try nonfat Greek vanilla yogurt and your favorite frozen fruit – it will do the trick!

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Pictured above: Janis sisters, Jacki, Marilyn, and Beverly (left), Jan and her two children, Josh & Lauren (right)

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Does Your Child Suffer from Allergies?



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Allergies occur when the immune system mistakenly identifies a harmless airborne substance as harmful. The immune system then produces antibodies – which are substances that normally protect your body from things that make you sick – to attack this harmless substance.

The next time the body comes in contact with it, these antibodies recognize it and signal the immune system to release chemicals, like histamine, into the bloodstream. These immune system chemicals cause a reaction that leads to the symptoms of hay fever.

Hay fever is caused by an allergic response to outdoor or indoor allergens. Common allergy triggers can include:

- Outdoors: tree pollen, plant pollen, insect bites or stings
- Indoors: pet or animal hair or fur, dust mites, mold
- Irritants: cigarette smoke, perfume, car exhaust

Hay fever causes cold-like symptoms, but unlike a cold, it isn't caused by a virus. Symptoms of hay fever are:

- Runny nose
- Itchy eyes
- Congestion
- Sneezing
- Sinus pressure

It's often hard to distinguish the difference between allergies and the common cold. Allergies are characterized by histamine, which is released in and around the nose and is associated with itch. When someone has itchy eyes, nose and throat, plus sneezing that lasts for a few days, it's most likely allergies.

However, it's important to have a pediatric allergist/immunologist determine what your child is allergic to. Allergies can be overwhelming, but they don't need to be. Miller Children's & Women's has an expert team who help diagnose and manage allergies in kids, so they can live healthy lives.

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Jeffrey A. Napper
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1. **Set a goal.** Creating a realistic goal will make it easier to have a structured financial plan and makes the process of savings more rewarding and easier.

2. **Budget.** Find areas where you can reduce spending so you can contribute more towards your savings or investments for retirement.

3. **Contribute to your retirement plan.** If your company offers a traditional 401(k) or any retirement plan and you are eligible, take advantage of it. Contributions come out of your paycheck before taxes are assessed and not taxed as current income. If your employer offers to match your 401(k), make sure you contribute at least enough to take full advantage of the match.

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Financing Home Renovations



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There are currently an assortment of financing methods that will assist in renovations on a home you own, or hope to own. Each provides cash to the owner and each has certain minimum credit requirements. Some require a certified contractor to prepare and submit a cost estimate and detail of the work to be done. In some cases the funds are held by a third party and released in stages to be sure that funds are wisely spent. You may not have direct access to the money unless you obtain a home equity line or complete a cash refinance. This chart details the current loan standards.

Loan Credit	Score	Down Payment / Equity Required
Fannie Mae	620	5% down payment
FHA 203(k)	620	3.5% down payment
Equity Loan	620	20% equity
Cash-out	640	20% equity

Other loans have maximum amounts that can be obtained, and home equity and refinance loans generally require homeowners to use their home as collateral. If you have a large amount of equity in your home, you might be able to find lower interest rates, but check on their deductibility.

How does one decide? The best course of action is to meet with a lender that you trust. Ideally, one to whom you have been referred. Ask many, many questions about the costs and fees for each of the loans. Lenders compete for loans and the better credit you have the more attractive terms you can obtain.

CathyLyn Brooks, CRS, GRI is affiliated with Main Street Realtors. She has worked as a real estate broker since 1980, is a graduate of USC, the UCI paralegal program, and serves FINRA as a public arbitrator. Consumers should seek legal and tax advice pertaining to their transactions.

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What ABWA has Done for Me

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

Joining the American Business Women Association (ABWA) has been exciting and motivating for La Ronda Smith. She admires the professionalism and support among the other members, and the admiration is truly felt across the board. Since becoming a member of ABWA, La Ronda has been

inspired to share the opportunity with other business professionals she knows. She believes in truly paying it forward by supporting and encouraging others to achieve their purpose and goals in life. During the campaign opening, La Ronda thought, what a better way to pay it forward to others than to sponsor a new member. The opportunity to grow professionally and personally, is endless. ABWA is a phenomenal organization, and she is eager to continue sharing and growing the mission and vision with like-minded business professionals.

ABWA brings together businesswomen of diverse occupations and provides opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition. For more information on ABWA and Scholarship Opportunities, email charriswalters@gmail.com. To locate a chapter near you, call 562.591.2625 • www.abwa.org

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CAMEO Mentees on the Path to Computer Science Careers

By Linda Drummond, Marketing Chairman

CAMEO Auxiliary of Assistance League® of Long Beach is over halfway through another successful year of mentoring! In November, we went to the Richard Nixon Library in Yorba Linda. We learned about an important era in U.S. History. Two of the mentees who participated were Noel Garcia and Tristan Redfield, both seniors at Ernest McBride High School. Their co-mentors, Maria Harris and Mary Alice McLoughlin, have watched the two young men grow in their time in CAMEO. Noel started as a sophomore as the only student from McBride, but, according to Mary Alice, he was “always willing to participate.” When asked about his last three years as a mentee, Noel said, “CAMEO gave me the opportunity to meet two lovely women who were willing to help guide me through one of the hardest and most stressful times in my life. It is always a treat whenever a CAMEO event occurs as I always get to learn new things while having fun with my mentors and fellow mentees.” Tristan joined in his junior year



and recently shared, “The internship opportunity provided through CAMEO taught me valuable skills and gave me insight into what it is like to work a real job.” Both Noel and Tristan plan to study computer science in college. These two young men, along with other CAMEO mentees, have blossomed this past year and are equipped with a solid foundation to achieve their dreams.

CAMEO has a history of more than 25 years of mentoring academically talented students from Long Beach high schools and Long Beach City College. Our members provide one-on-one mentoring support to enhance each student’s educational and personal development. A comprehensive curriculum, which includes career-oriented workshops and cultural

activities, paid summer internships with local business partners, and financial aid for educational scholarships, computer equipment and school supplies, complements our mentoring outreach.

Leadership Long Beach

Remaining Civically Engaged

Even though it has been a couple of years since my marvelous year in the program, I have been fortunate to continue my involvement with Youth Leadership Long Beach (YLLB) following my graduation in 2016. Whether it was interviewing prospective YLLB class members or assisting on class days, I am very fortunate to remain connected to the principled leadership program.

Expounding on the dynamics of the YLLB program, I would still exclude some of the most amazing parts. It is a unique, shared experience with a group of fellow high schoolers that will take leadership roles in addressing issues in our community. The program focuses on empowering the youth to bring out the leader within.

As a result of my experience with YLLB, I have continued my pursuit of attaining higher education at Long Beach City College with hopes of transferring to Cal State Long Beach. The exposure of our “Government &



Alvin Avina

*Millikan HS, Class of 2016
Youth Leadership Long Beach Class of 2016*

Public Service” Day at City Hall inspired me to remain civically engaged in my community. Through this community engagement I was connected with Councilmember Roberto Uranga, whom offered me an internship. Now, the internship has developed to being hired on staff as a Legislative Aide.

The YLLB program empowered me to learn the importance of playing a role in solving the community’s

challenges through individual responsibility. It challenged me to explore my own personal limits, remain tolerant of other ideas, and create friendships that will last me a lifetime.

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Rancho Los Alamitos

Harmony, Melody and Rhythm!

By Pamela Seager, Executive Director

Things are hopping at the Rancho from a Kinder Konzert to Blacksmithing Demonstrations and A Mother's Day Weekend Spring Gardening Workshop, you won't want to miss these exciting events at the Rancho! Calling all Children (and their parents!)



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By Pam Carlson, Acting Senior Librarian

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The Literacy Project



Learning to Read is Exciting

By Ray Pelayo, Intern

For second graders in The Literacy Project's reading program, learning how to read is one of the most exciting parts of their day. A group of students were able to increase their reading skills by participating in a series of activities such as a card game that helped them learn phonics. The room was filled with laughter and excitement with each student engaged in trying to match consonants with new words that helped increase their vocabulary. When students got a wild card, they were encouraged to move around or do something silly. Some danced like ballerinas while others did the chicken dance! The program



encourages students to associate learning to read with fun. After a student returned to their seat, they moved onto the next activity with bright smiles on their faces.

For more information, visit www.literacyprojectfoundation.org.

Arts Council for Long Beach

Sculpture Symposium

By Elizabeth Munzon Community Programs Associate



The Arts Council for Long Beach will soon complete our Eye on Design Program with 3rd graders at Starr King and Addams Elementary schools. The last few lessons focused on sculpture design where students participated in a sculpture garden field trip co-hosted by the University Art Museum at

California State University Long Beach. The field trip gave students the chance to observe sculptures in person, learn about their history, and serve as inspiration for their own sculptures that they later designed, built, and painted. Through these experiences students learned the design process, color theory principles, and public speaking. Our sculpture symposium ended with individual presentations. Each student gave a short presentation about their sculpture in front of their classmates which included a short description of their artistic process and what they learned from it. They all had a great time learning and seeing each others work!

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Planning for Excellence

Over the past several weeks, we've been sharing some highlights of our Local Control and Accountability Plan, or LCAP, with everyone in our school communities. We've issued a series of publications on this topic, both electronically and in hard copy form.

If you'd rather read a few pages of highlights than the 250-page, state-required plan, then these publications are a great way to get a thorough look at how we're carefully

allocating resources to provide our students the best possible education.

This series of four publications remains available through the Local Control section of our home page at lbschools.net. We cover three main areas, including "Academic Excellence," "Basic Services – A Foundation for Success," and "A Team Effort – Parents, Students and School."

As our fourth and final publication in the series, issued in mid-March, we shared "Planning for Excellence," which combines the prior three reports into in one convenient publication. Toward the end of this compilation, you'll also find an extensive list of family resources to support academic achievement.

Among the high points in these reports:

- All ethnic sub-groups have improved in English and math on state tests.
- Many schools have closed achievement gaps by 50 percent or more.
- Students are taking record numbers of Advanced Placement college prep courses and exams.
- More students are meeting the A-G requirements for entrance to the California State University and University of California systems.
- 100 percent of our teachers are placed in the proper assignments.
- 100 percent of our students have access to standards-based materials.
- 100 percent of our schools were deemed in exemplary or good repair.
- We have seen a welcome reduction in student suspensions over the past five years.
- Parent satisfaction has increased.
- Graduation rates increased for the fifth straight year.

These reports reflect the tremendous, focused efforts of everyone in our school communities to keep educational excellence at the forefront of everything we do. We deeply appreciate all of you who contribute to this important work.



John McGinnis
Member

Art, Technology and Student Safety

Renaissance High School for the Arts, the small campus at the corner of 8th Street and Long Beach Boulevard, is enjoying yet another renaissance. Thanks to local school bonds, a \$40 million campus improvement project is underway and will open to students this September.

This is the fourth iteration of the historic site, originally opened in 1898 as Long Beach High School, the first public high school in Los Angeles County outside the City of Los Angeles.

In 1918, the campus, then home to George Washington Junior High, was destroyed by fire and was rebuilt. In March 1933, the Long Beach earthquake destroyed the school. The campus was rebuilt a third time to house both the Trade Extension Evening High School and John Dewey Junior/Senior High School.

By 1940 Dewey School became a continuation high school and in 1942, it was transformed into a vocational education facility for defense workers, designated as a War Production Training Center. In 1966 the school changed its name to Reid High School.

Now it is a 500-student visual and performing arts magnet, established in 2004. Renaissance High provides students with a challenging visual and performing arts program as well as a rigorous college preparatory curriculum. Its students' academic achievement scores in English and math are among the highest in the District.

In 2016, students and staff were relocated temporarily while the Renaissance underwent renovations, including a new physical education building, library and a performing arts building with a "black box" theater. All buildings will be upgraded to the latest accessibility and safety standards. The Renaissance campus will retain much of its historic character.

At another site, Lafayette Elementary School, teacher librarian Kat Tacea received statewide recognition as the recipient of the California School Library Association's Technology Award.

Tacea chairs her school's Technology Team, providing professional development for her staff as well as librarians in her district. She is a co-teacher in more than 20 Google Classrooms.

In 2016, Tacea was named Teacher Librarian of the Year by the Long Beach School Librarians Association. She has also earned National Certification.

Finally, with school safety dominating the news, the Long Beach Board of Education unanimously approved a resolution at its March 7 meeting calling for greater efforts to prevent gun violence in schools. For the complete resolution and a video of the discussion, find the "Board Addresses National Gun Violence" news item at www.lbschools.net.

Child Development Center

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Cynthia Young
Director

Home Libraries for Students

The Long Beach Unified School District Child Development Centers thanks the Rotary Club of Long Beach for their on-going support of our students and families. Each year the Rotary Club donates money to purchase

books that each preschool child will be able to self-

select to take home to build their home library. This year Mann CDC hosted the Rotary Club of Long Beach members as they read books and assisted each child in selecting their favorite book to take home. Reading is crucial in the development of children especially in the early years. Children that are read to will develop more vocabulary as a result of their exposure to books. This vocabulary will naturally build language which ultimately leads to being able to read independently. Our children will build a strong sense

of self confidence through their ability to find success in communicating their needs as well as reading and language development. All of these skills build a strong foundation for children to transition successfully into kindergarten. We are grateful for their annual support of our program, our children and their families.



Addams *Elementary*

5320 Pine Ave., Long Beach, CA 90805 • 562/428-0202 • www.lbschools.net/addams



Armando Dueñas
Principal

Place for the Arts

Our school welcomes two new arts programs this school year: Eye on Design and City Hearts Dance.

The Eye on Design program is offered by the Long Beach Council for the Arts. The grant provides for student lessons in “design thinking” and artistic composition during school. Field trips to Cal State University Museum are included. Students will create a mosaic to install on the Addams campus.

The City Hearts program includes after-school dance instruction in classical ballet, hip-hop, jazz, and other genres. Selected Addams students enrolled in the City Hearts program recently performed in the Winter Assembly in December.

City Hearts and Eye on Design join Project Harmony, an after-school music program, at Addams.

Bancroft *Middle School*

5301 Centralia St., Long Beach, CA 90808 • 562/425-7461
<http://lbbancroft.schoolloop.com>



Maria Pilar Perossio
Principal

Celebrating African American History

During February, the hallways at Bancroft Middle School brightened with creative displays of notable African Americans. Faculty members each selected the subjects for their displays, which were then designed and produced by students in our first period Advisory classes.

Our commemoration of Black History Month featured well-known Civil Rights leaders Dr. Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, and Julian Bond, as well as less-recognized but highly influential personalities like Claudette Colvin, the teenager whose bus protest inspired Rosa Parks. Other displays feted black Americans who advanced peace and science in the world, including Nobel Peace Prize winner Ralph Bunche, and the eminent botanist George Washington Carver. Monumental sports figures like Muhammad Ali, Jesse Owens, and Jackie Robinson rounded out our celebration.

Barton *Elementary*

1100 E. Del Amo Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90807 • 562/428-0555 • www.lbschools.net/barton



Richard Littlejohn
Principal

March 'Chess' Madness

Barton is again fielding a chess team! Chess Club meets every Tuesday after school, and students come together to learn about chess.

Chess plays an important role in our students' lives. Although it's an individual game, the Barton Chess Club fosters teamwork, collaboration, social awareness and inclusion. Any student from any background can join—everyone is accepted, and everyone is part of the team. Through chess, they learn from one another by giving one another feedback while they learn to play the game.

The Chess Club hosted its first match with Smith Elementary in the Barton cafeteria, where our students met and played with other students in the district. Matches will continue with other schools. This will give our players

more opportunities to meet other students from around the district, learn about themselves, and become more confident.

It's complete March "Chess" Madness! Thank you to our volunteers: Ms. Scott, Mr. Kirk and Mr. Minnis!



March Chess Madness!

Beach *High School*

3701 E. Willow Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815 • 562/595-8893
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Troy Bennett
Principal

The Chum Bucket

Last year our Beach High School students were tasked with improving the school climate. The students chose to purchase a Tuff Shed. And what would they like to store in this shed to improve our climate? Snacks!

Alas, Beach High School's first ever student store was born, now known as The Chum Bucket. Fully functional with electrical outlets, overhead lighting, countertops, and a refrigerator, The Chum Bucket opened its doors in November of 2017 to eager Sharks looking for bags of chips and cold drinks.

Not only has this student store had a positive impact on our school climate, it has also provided a great learning opportunity for our student council on how to run a business. Students are in charge of accounting, management, marketing, sales, and operations. They have even held meetings with outside vendors in order to stock the store with the best products.

Sales as well as our school climate are strong now, thanks to student leadership. This is further evidence that hard work pays off at Beach High School.

Dooley *Global Studies Magnet School*

5075 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90805 • 562/428-7274
www.lbschools.net/dooley



Nicole Howton-Chiles
Principal

Parent Involvement

Parent involvement and parent education is key at Dooley. We offer parent trainings which enlighten parents on various topics such as: parenting their teenagers, families learning together, parents supporting student achievement, finding the power that exists within you, and college and career readiness for their children. These classes not only teach parents, but also provide a way to create unity. Parents feel empowered and educated in order to help their children. They not only come to our school to receive, but also to give back. Parents selflessly give of their time to help during our Fit-A-Thon, Book Fair, Science Fair, work with students in classrooms, and wherever else help is needed. We are truly fortunate and grateful to have such wonderful parents at Dooley.

Have a fun summer!
Our next issue is October 10.



Birney Elementary

710 W. Spring St., Long Beach, CA 90806 • 562/427-8512 • www.lbschools.net/birney



Athena Uribe
Principal

Parent Involvement

By Tamara Shipp
Teacher on Special Assignment

On February 14th parents reserved a spot at Birney's parent workshop entitled "Developing a Growth Mindset in Your Child" led by Mrs. Harrison (5th Grade Teacher) and Tamara Shipp (Intervention Specialist). During this workshop, participants engaged in a challenge in which

presenters went around listening to the language spoken from each participant to gauge whether statements were representative of a fixed or growth mindset. Participants then watched a video highlighting a fixed vs. growth mindset and learned how a change in wording can foster a growth mindset.

The workshop ended by giving parents a new viewpoint on how to help their child through a new lens- the lens of a coach which requires giving specific feedback on skills and techniques to develop perseverance.



Bryant Elementary

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Matt Hammond
Principal

Let's Hear it for BARK

Each week Bryant Elementary School has special volunteers visit our campus. That's because our students have a wonderful opportunity to read aloud to their newly found, furry, four-legged friends named Lola and Lily!

Lola and Lily, along with their owners Karen and Fran, come to our school through the BARK program (Beach Animals Reading with Kids). The BARK Reading Dogs have been part of the Bryant community since 2008, the program's inception. Our students benefit from spending time and reading with their reading buddies, and the reading dogs very much enjoy hearing our students read aloud.

Added bonuses are that the students can increase in their reading skills, self-confidence, and classroom participation, as well as have the reading dogs visit our classrooms and be present at special school events. The reading dogs and BARK program are an important and valued part of the Bryant community.



Burbank *Elementary*

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Vanesha Davis
Principal

Black History Month

During the month of February we recognized the accomplishments of African Americans past and present. Black History Month evolved from the efforts of historian Carter G. Woodson to raise the awareness about the many positive impacts black people have made in the nation and world. Black History Month began as Negro History Week and was expanded to a month in 1976, as President Gerald R. Ford set out to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.



Carver *Elementary*

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Matthew Monaghan
Principal

SeaPerch

*By Erin Richey,
PHI 3rd/4th/5th Grade Teacher*

This month our 5th Grade SeaPerch team, under the direction of Mrs. Briand, was one of few elementary schools to compete against several middle and high school students at Troy High School in Fullerton. “The SeaPerch program

provides students with the opportunity to learn about robotics, engineering, science, and mathematics (STEM) while building an underwater remote operated vehicle as part of a science and engineering technology curriculum,” according to their website. Our Carver team began working on their ROV in January. Each week they would test it’s function in a nearby pool, offered by a Carver family. Students collaborated together and tested their ROV until it could successfully be controlled remotely while underwater. We are so proud of our team of future scientists and engineers for representing Carver at this competition!



Burcham (K-8)

5610 Monlaco Rd., Long Beach, CA 90808 • 562/420-2685 • www.lbschools.net/burcham



Chris Eckert
Principal

Who Says Dogs Don't Like Cats!

Burcham celebrated Dr. Seuss' Birthday with a week-long Read Across America Celebration. Throughout the week students and staff participated with literacy events, themed days, and dressing up as characters from books. Older students partnered to read to younger students, children wrote

and shared their own stories in Google Classroom, and every student received three brand new books donated from staff and the community. As you can see in the picture, Luna the dog brought her owner to read to several classrooms. Luna really likes the Cat in the Hat!



Cabrillo High School

2001 Santa Fe Ave., Long Beach, CA 90810 • 562/951-7700 • www.lbschools.net/



Cheryl Cornejo
Principal

Global Economic Summit

Cabrillo High School recently hosted a Global Economic Summit with more than 150 Cabrillo and Poly high school students participating. Teams of students from Cabrillo's Global Logistics Academy and Poly's Pacific Rim program gathered in the gymnasium, where each team represented a different country.

The Global Economic Summit event is modeled after the International Economic Summit Institute at Boise State University. The hands-on activity teaches concepts related to international economics and

globalization. During the event, students set up tables, wore costumes, created trade alliances, joined trading and banking sessions, and competed in a global-issues debate. Long Beach CaLL, Long Beach City College and Cal State Long Beach provided judges who evaluated table displays and costumes. Judges were industry professionals representing a wide range of careers.

The summit model has gained national recognition as an effective educational program for teaching economics, finance and technology. Students gain a multicultural understanding of how the world works and what they can do to prepare for life as global citizens.

CAMS

1000 E. Victoria St., Carson, CA 90747 • 310/243-2025 • www.lbschools.net/cams



Wendy Poffenberger
Principal

Passport to Knowledge

What is the best way to learn more about Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM), and all at the same time?

Last fall the California Academy of Mathematics and Science's CARPA Initiative—Engineering Design and Development (EDD) classes had the opportunity to host a special STEAM event at Azusa Pacific University (APU) during their Homecoming

Weekend. The EDD is divided between two senior classes, and they each established a company identity. The Red Team became "Antares Technologies," and the Blue Team became "Apex Technologies."

The two teams collaborated to create an entertaining, interactive, and educational workshop for both children and adults. Students Matthew Obrique and Etison Escamill coordinated with APU's outreach coordinator, Nori Connor, to orchestrate a Saturday afternoon filled with hands-on learning through the STEAM Workshop.

At the entrance to the Workshop, visitors were given a special "passport." As the participants passed through the different STEAM stations they were encouraged to journey to various destinations in order to understand and enjoy the plethora of activities that each one had to offer. The activities included a Popsicle catapult, slime, and kaleidoscopes. The Workshops allowed everyone involved to interactively learn new things.

Chavez *Elementary*

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Hugo Figueroa
Principal

Kindergarten Gardens

Last fall, Chavez kindergarten teachers invited parents to take part in a grade-level event to create gardens to beautify the kinder playground. Parents answered the call for help and joined kinder students

and teachers for a day filled with activity. Together, this work team pulled out weeds, prepared the soil, and planted all sorts of vegetables and plants.

Our kindergarten students have worked with their teachers to maintain the gardens, and now that it is spring, they are seeing the fruits—or should I say vegetables?—of their labor. Teachers are using the gardens to teach their classes about

healthy eating and also to help students understand how living things grow. Students and teachers take pride in knowing that their hard work has paid off this year as they continue to care for their garden.



Jasmin Henriquez, Cristian Agredano, Elijah Pasquel

Cubberley (*K–8*)

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Cathleen Imbroane
Principal

All-City Champions!

By Neva Buck Galela and Aliyah Beltran, Journalism Students

This year, Cubberley's Girls Track team took first place in the Eastern League and the All-City Championships for the first time in five years. Led by Coach Garza, Cubberley Girls placed or pushed for first in almost every category, with amazing performances from Samarra Monrroy, Aliyah Beltran, Maddie Venegas and

others.

Coach Garza was particularly impressed with the fight the girls displayed in all races.

"Their ability to continue to push to the very end shows how great of a group we have here at Cubberley," the coach said.

One particular performance stood out about the victory—it was when Samarra Monrroy, the final leg of the 4x100 relay, got the baton almost a quarter of a lap down, turned on her afterburners, caught up to the lead runner, and somehow managed to pass her at the finish line. The crowd went crazy seeing Samarra's comeback!

What a great race! What a great victory!



Franklin *Classical Middle School*

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Wendy Sowinski
Principal

The Performing Arts are Exploding

In December, the band and orchestra held an excellent evening performance, and the dance classes gave a performance throughout the day for their peers. Eleven music students were accepted into the district honor music groups, 9 in the honor band and 2 in the honor orchestra.

The Franklin Wildcat cheerleaders marched in the Martin Luther King parade

for the fifth year in a row. They also are a popular feature at all the games.

Our thespians are hard at work after school rehearsing a play on Black History. They will be performing this at the end of February.



Fremont *Elementary*

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



Dr. Cassandra Richards
Principal

2018 Kindness Challenge

During the week of January 22nd through 26th, Fremont students participated in a Kindness Challenge. This event was hosted by Student Council. This event included students completing a series of challenges along with participating in daily activities such as: The “Kindness Wall” – where students wrote kind notes and placed them

on a giant poster; “Kindness Chains” – during lunch students wrote kind words or messages on pieces of paper – which was connected into a chain; “Meet a New Friend Day” – students ate lunch with someone new; “Kindness Matters” – students left handprints on a giant poster after completing their own Kindness Challenges. The week culminated in a “Crazy for Kindness” – Crazy Hair Day. Based on positive feedback, the Student Council is planning more Kindness events.



Fremont Student Council with the Kindness Chain.

Gant *Elementary*

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Cassandra Fanton
Principal

Gators Got the Spirit of Giving

During the holiday season, Gant families demonstrated the spirit of giving by participating in a toy drive that helped provide a merrier holiday for the homeless children that attend LBUSD's Mary Bethune School. Students, parents, and teachers participated in the toy drive which took place from December 7th to December 17th.

After the unwrapped toys were collected, our Student Council helped load these toys into cars for delivery. A special thank you to Heather Searles, a Gant parent, who spearheaded this project.

At Gant, we are proud to be building character through acts of kindness during any season! Way to go Gators!



Garfield *Elementary*

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Claire Alvarez
Principal

Compassionate and a Trauma-Informed

By: Darlene Ly, School Counselor

Our elementary is fostering a compassionate and trauma informed school. Staff members participated in a meeting about preventative strategies to support positive student behaviors. We read, reflected, and discussed an article about Trauma-Informed Leadership and the implications that trauma has on student's learning and well-being. We learned that we need to work from the "inside-out". By practicing empathy and taking care of oneself, we can stay self-regulated and have a positive impact on others. Compassionate practices including, breathing exercises or "grounding", routine classroom meetings, called "circle time" and visuals of growth mindset for self-monitoring emotions were shared. By understanding trauma and acknowledging compassionate practices, Garfield is cultivating a school that is warm and demanding for all students to learn and thrive.



Holmes *Elementary*

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Luana Wesley
Principal

Heart Happy Activities

On Valentine's Day, when many were exchanging those special messages covered in hearts, students at Holmes Elementary were exercising and strengthening their own hearts at Holmes' annual Fit Fest. Organized as both a fundraiser (sponsors pledged support for completion of the Fit Fest stations) and a healthy and fun way to



celebrate Valentine's Day, students participated in many heart happy activities.

Some of the favorite areas included bouncing balls, running through an obstacle course, jumping rope, hula hoops, push ups and pull ups, and shooting baskets. After a grueling and fast run through, all were treated to water and oranges—a perfect treat to help keep those hearts beating strong and healthy—and that's the best valentine of all.

Hamilton *Middle School*

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



Kathy Cruz
Principal

Exploring Career Paths

Hamilton 7th and 8th grade girls joined students from across the city to attend the American Association of University Women's (AAUW) annual STEM conference, which emphasizes the principles of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. There were 234 attendees in all!

The conference was held at Long Beach City College on February 23rd from 4:30 - 7. Its focus was to expose girls to career paths that are normally male-dominated.

The conference provided a multitude of workshops and hands-on activities, including the excavation of fossils in paleontology classes. The guest speaker at the event was Danielle Bridgewater, who shared the struggles she encountered as a 15-year-old foster child.



Hughes *Middle School*

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Edward Samuels
Principal

Hughes is the Place

*By Eddie Cruz,
Assistant Principal*

If you are looking for a school that produces scholars and champions, then Hughes is it. Over 80% of our 8th grade students are admitted into their high school of choice and more than 50% are accepted into their choice of specialized program. Hughes coaches are also committed in preparing our students for top high school sports programs. They push our athletes to greatness while holding them accountable in the classroom. Our Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams have recently earned "All City Champions" titles. According to their basketball coach Mr. Borg, "Hughes athletes are good kids who are passionate about their academics and sport." Our Girls' Track and Field team also earned the title of All City Champions this year.



Harte *Elementary*

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Lisa Worsham
Principal

After School Science Enrichment

Do it! Talk it! Read it! Write it! An exciting program integrating science and literacy has come to Harte. In this pilot year, we are offering selected English Language Learners in Grades 2-4 to take part in this after school science enrichment program.

This program is designed to engage students in firsthand and secondhand science investigations to make sense of the natural world. Meeting three times per week, students conduct tests and experiments, model scientific phenomena, gather data, and search for evidence. In addition, literacy skills are integrated to support students' development of powerful science knowledge through authentic reading and writing experiences in science, reinforcing the hands-on science investigations.



Herrera *Elementary*

1620 Temple Ave., Long Beach, CA 90804 • 562/494-5101
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Christi Granado
Principal

Math Day in First Grade Classes

There was a buzz that could be heard in first grade classes on Math Day! Students were excited, talking about their math, and some were heard cheering, "I won!" On this day, parents were invited to watch their children engage in math lessons. Students shared how they play math games that represent the learning that is taking place in their classrooms. Students worked with partners and used dice to form number sentences. They had manipulatives to add or subtract the numbers. At the same time, parents had the opportunity to participate in this experience with their children. One of the first graders, Roger, summed up the event by stating, "It was a great day because we got to play fun math games to make us smart and our parents got to join us!"



Jefferson *Leadership Academies*

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Connie Magee
Principal

Chain Reaction of Kindness

Jefferson Jaguars took the Kindness Challenge in March, coming together to keep caring thoughts, words, and deeds flowing on campus. Sponsored by the Equality Club and Safe & Civil, students celebrated the Kindness Challenge with a Spirit Week filled with

compassionate activities. An engaging paper-chain hangs in the main hallway, created with links of handwritten



messages of acts of kindness students and staff remember with gratitude.

Equality Club hosted a Pledge table at lunch, where students could take the pledge to be kind to others. Their green, heart-shaped pledges were mounted on a large poster in the foyer

(see photo), for everyone to have a daily reminder to let the kindness grow, as the Challenge continues.

Jordan High School

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Veronica Coleman
Principal

Polar Plunge

In her blog about her ongoing National Geographic expedition, Jordan High School teacher Kelly Meade describes close encounters with penguins and leopard seals, and she chronicles her “Polar Plunge” into the icy waters of Antarctica. She departed on the trip last month with other educators from the U.S. The excursion gives teachers expertise to bring back to their classrooms and colleagues.

“I started thinking of words that someone might ask me to describe this place as majestic, transformational, awe-inspiring, pure, cold, ridged, mysterious, crisp, but none can do it justice,” Meade writes. View photos at lbschools.net, and read Meade’s blog entries on her website at sites.google.com/view/KellyMeade.



King Elementary

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Osvaldo Ocampo
Principal

King’s Eye on Design

By Holly Camarillo, 3rd Grade Teacher

Starr King Elementary was excited to be selected for the Eye on Design Program that works in partnership with the Arts Council for Long Beach. The Eye on Design Program taught 3rd grade Starr King Elementary students to think like artists, architects, and engineers. They did this by studying various forms of public art, such as: murals,

mosaics, and sculptures. This program took King students on an exciting journey through the Long Beach Community where they learned about the community’s history. Students will also get an opportunity to create a permanent public art piece for the school.



The Eye on Design Program is a great example of arts in education; enriching students with lifelong skills and preparing them for academic and career success. Our experience was also captured on ed.news. Go King Royals!

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Juan Gutierrez
Principal

Another Outstanding Fit Fest!

By the Fit Fest Committee

In February, Kettering Elementary held its largest and most popular fund-raiser, Fit Fest 2018! For the fourth year in a row, Kettering has met its fund-raising goal.

The Ultimate Fit Fest is dependent solely on donations, volunteers and community support. For 90 minutes, every Kettering student participated in five different fitness

activities that tested their endurance, mindset and drive. Students got to learn from over 25 community partners

about a sport or an activity they have never tried before, like tennis, skateboarding, yoga, lacrosse and jujitsu. We had over 30 athletes from the CSULB soccer, water-polo and basketball teams participating!

Not only did Kettering's Fit Fest raise over \$40,000 but it also raised awareness of all our differences. There are so many countries represented at Kettering—so many different cultures and languages! Fit Fest gave us the chance to celebrate each and every one of our unique characteristics as well as what we all have in common: a shared space and our beautiful community. Go Kettering Kids!



Lafayette *Elementary*

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David Komatz
Principal

A Lesson from Zombies

By Nancy Jo Rettig, Counselor

At first glance, they are frightening. At second glance, they are adorable. These “Trash Zombies” are preparing for a field trip of a lifetime.

Our 5th graders actually are becoming public educators on the benefits of recycling plastic to protect our oceans from trash.

“I learned that we are polluting our oceans, and causing the animals to die.”, said Edward Almanza. “Then we eat those animals and it becomes toxic to our bodies too. We really need to worry about our environment.”

On April 14th, these Trash Zombies will be performing the “Thriller” dance at the Palos Verdes Inspiration Center, on behalf of the non-profit environmental group, Dance 4 Oceans, founded by Kanna Jones.



Lakewood *High School*

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Shawn Abbate
Co-Principal



Mario Jimenez
Co-Principal

Student Activism

Student activism is alive at Lakewood! Considering recent events in Florida, the Lakewood students planned an event that was well-organized

and had students participating in a nonviolent demonstration with a walk to the stadium where they partook in several student run activities. Students signed letters to congress, wrote a note to the students in Parkland, listened to the choir singing, and also the words of two of their classmates from the One World Club who organized the event. Our Lancers were respectful when the 17 names of the MSDHS students and



staff were called. Nearly 1,000 students participated in the on-campus event. Student planners worked within specific parameters to meet the needs of education and activism. Today's Lancers are tomorrow's leaders.

Lincoln *Elementary*

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Lindbergh *STEM Academy*

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Caroline Nemeč
Principal

Demonstration Game

By Tracy Fideler-Rodriguez, 5th Grade Teacher

What is the key to success? "Positive Attitude! Positive Attitude!" These were the words echoed by our very enthusiastic Lincoln 5th grade students in response to the California State University Women's Basketball Team. The CSULB WBB team led our 5th graders in a basketball clinic to teach them dribbling, passing, and shooting skills. The team and coaching staff emphasized the importance of education and keeping a positive attitude. Our fifth graders cheered as the CSULB WBB team treated them to a demonstration game along with a donation of fifty basketballs. Go Beach! Go Lincoln!



Dawn Lomeli *Principal*

Teachers of Tomorrow

STEM Academy continues to soar and build the technology program, providing all students access to iPads and Chrome books. Technology is integrated in daily instruction, from Google Classroom to Kahn Academy. Students are challenged to problem-solve and tackle real-world problems in Project Lead the Way. We are preparing students not only for high school but also for careers and industries seeking individuals with high demand skills and talents. Students are coding and creating their own applications and games. They design models for those to improve mobility for patients. Lindbergh students are learning technical skills and becoming creators and innovators in the fast paced world of technology. Our students demonstrate a passion to explore the unknown and use their knowledge to become the "teachers of tomorrow".



Lindsey Academy

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Renny Chu
Principal

Jeopardy

*By, Federico Martinez,
P.E. Teacher-8th Grade*

Jeopardy invades Lindsey Academy: In front of all their classmates nine students, three from each grade level competed to be the Jeopardy Champion. The competition was fierce as the sixth graders started off the morning competition. Soon after seventh and eight graders battled to be able to compete in the afternoon final. The students and staff alike were impressed with the level of questions asked by the host. Students felt as if they were at the actual game show itself with all the great stage props. The afternoon competition had the best students Lindsey Academy had to offer with the victory that day going to the seventh grade. A great time was had by all.



Mann Elementary

257 Coronado Ave., Long Beach, CA 90803 • 562/439-6897

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Tracy Fiala
Principal

Loving School

Horace Mann Elementary School celebrates Read Across America with twin day!

Mann school is known for making great memories for kids. Whether it's ten tons of snow at our Winterfest event, Saturday STEAM School, Motivational Monday pep rallies or our crazy dress up days. Kids love coming to school because the learning is engaging and fun. Parents love our school because the instruction is rigorous and the staff is supportive and caring. Come check us out at our Open House event May 24th. You'll see how safe, fun, challenging and focused on family we are. Kinder parents, come to our kinder tour on May 23rd, meet the staff and the Mann Family.



MacArthur Elementary

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Scott Fleming
Principal

Making Each Day Our Masterpiece

When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece. – John Ruskin

In 2015, MacArthur Elementary School adopted Shared Values for Instruction, which include clearly establishing purposes in lessons, providing students with opportunities to engage in increasingly complex texts and tasks, and integrating more student-to-student discourse or student collaborative conversations.

The unified efforts of our MacArthur family, including students, parents, and staff members, have yielded

two-year gains in student achievement of 20 percent in English language arts and 14 percent in mathematics.

In 2017, MacArthur set a goal to increase our parents' and students' knowledge of the Long Beach College Promise. As we set out to achieve this goal, we aligned our values to reflect a college-bound focus on purpose in targets.

As a result, our community of learners has streamlined the process of communicating purpose in English language arts to seven essential targets. We refer to them as College and Career Readiness Targets. We are hopeful that the study and evolution of our instructional practices will continue to propel MacArthur's achievement rates forward.

Los Cerritos *Elementary*

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Alissa Gamboa
Principal

CSULB Choral Music Exchange

By Valerie Vinnard, Vocal Music Teacher

Los Cerritos' 4th & 5th grade chorus participated in a choral music exchange with Cal State Long Beach this past February. The event was made possible through a grant donation by the RuMBa Foundation of Long Beach. During their visit, elementary kids sat alongside college students for lunch giving

them an opportunity to discuss common voice parts and careers in music. Students then joined the CSULB Bob Cole Singers in choral warm-ups and even performed for them. The high point of the event was when Dr. Jonathan Talberg directed his singers in powerful and inspiring renditions of African-American spirituals in recognition of Black History Month. Benefits of choral singing include literacy, language development and memorization skills.



4th/5th Grade Chorus and teacher Mrs. Vinnard at CSULB.

Long Beach School for Adults

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Debbie Broadway
Lead Administrator

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academic skills. After completion of ABE, students qualify to further their education in our high school diploma or High School Equivalency preparation program.

In our High School Diploma program, students can tailor their coursework to those credits they specifically need. They work independently under the teachers' direction, and several math and English classes also meet biweekly for whole group instruction. If you ever visit our lab, you will see

diligent, inquisitive students moving closer to graduation, college, and career opportunities!



Muir Academy

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Sophia Griffieth
Principal

Tech Supports Achievement

*By Rogelio Lopez, and
John Muir K-8 Academy*

In an effort to increase the use of technology to support instruction, John Muir K-8 Academy has approximately 700 Chromebooks throughout the campus. Teachers integrate the use of technology into daily instruction. Google Classrooms are set up to allow students to work on assignments as well as collaborative projects with their peers. Teachers have the ability to monitor student work and provide immediate feedback to students, which promotes

student growth. As we continue to strive to increase mathematics achievement, all students in transitional kindergarten through sixth grade use technology to access ST Math, an online instructional program that uses a visual approach to build deep conceptual understanding of math and strengthen problem-solving skills. The program is highly engaging and allows students to have fun while learning. Students are encouraged to access the program at home to increase their achievement.

The Muir community is excited about the 21st century learning experiences our students have the opportunity to participate in!

Marshall Academy of the Arts

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Marie Hatwan
Principal

Student of the Month

By John Nhan, Assistant Principal

In keeping with Safe and Civil's tenets of celebrating success, Marshall Academy holds monthly Student of the Month (SOTM) celebrations. Teachers can choose up to two students to be recognized. It can be students who demonstrate academic excellence or students who follow the Guidelines for Success.

Once the teachers submit the names, students are called to Ms. Hatwan's office where they are congratulated and handed invitations to the celebration. Students are pleasantly surprised upon knowing that they've been selected.



On the day of the celebration, students finally discover which teachers selected them. It is such a rewarding experience to see the smiling faces of students as they celebrate with their loved ones.

To view images of SOTM, visit <https://lbmarshall.schoolloop.com>.

Millikan High School

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Alejandro Vega
Co-Principal



Michael Navia
Co-Principal

College/Career Field Trips

*By Andrea Prado, "Millikan
Corydon" News Editor*

Millikan provides students with many opportunities to explore college and career pathways throughout the school year.

Students in the QUEST program are given the opportunity to learn more about the various requirements of competitive colleges and universities and to develop their own career interests. For example, freshmen in QUEST will have the chance to travel to Catalina Island to the SIMI camp in mid-April to spend the weekend exploring the wonders of marine biology and environmental science.

QUEST sophomores went on a San Diego college tour in March, visiting UC San Diego, San Diego State and the University of San Diego to learn the differences among private and public institutions. They also visit the San Diego Zoo.

Likewise, junior QUESTies will tour Loyola Marymount, UC Santa Barbara and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo on April 12-13. The motive behind this trip is to visit colleges that many Millikan alumni attend to meet those former students and to learn from them what college life is really like. Students in Millikan's AVID program will also explore college life while touring CSU San Bernardino, the University of La Verne and other colleges up and down the California coast on April 20.

McBride Sr. High School

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Steve Rockenbach
Principal

Engineering Expo

The motto of McBride High school is “Home of Thinkers and Doers” As part of Engineering Month, the McBride Engineering Advisory Board along with representatives from LBUSD hosted our first annual Engineering Expo to showcase the variety of career options within the field

of engineering. Thirty-seven companies and organizations shared their engineering stories with students from McBride and five other high schools. Instead of simply worrying about what was “due” in their classes, the students had the chance to think about what they will “do” in their future.” Students were inspired to dream big, ask questions and learn about what it takes to be an engineer.



Inspiring future engineers.

McKinley Elementary

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Scott Tardibuono
Principal

Positive Growth Mindset

The concept of Positive Growth Mindset has become an integral component towards enhancing the Culture and Climate in Long Beach Schools. The concept, made popular by Carol Dweck, calls for students to believe the potential that lies within them to accomplish things that they may deem challenging. A popular mantra for McKinley students as they approach difficult tasks is

to tell themselves, “I can’t do it, YET!” Each year on the LBUSD student CORE Survey students beginning in 4th grade answer questions that pertain to the development of their own positive growth mindset. Last year results from the CORE survey yielded a 10% increase in Positive Growth Mindset! Weekly Positive Growth Mindset quotes play a key role towards the growth of our Culture & Climate. “There’s only one way to do something ... trying to do it.” -

Legend (Gr. 5)

“Why do the easy things when you know them?”

- Vanessa (Gr. 3)

“If you don’t lead the way to victory then who will?”

- Winston (Gr. 4)

“I’ll never give up. I’ll keep trying even if it kills me.”

- Isabel (Gr. 1)

“Fail once. Don’t give up. Try again.” - Rachel (Gr. 3)

“Nothing is impossible, but everything is possible.

- Riley (Gr. 2)

“Everything you want you can reach it.” - Anely (Gr. 4)

“Kindness is a work of heart if your heart shines bright.”

- Dania (Gr. 2)

“Learning is not a choice, it’s your future.” - Jorge (Gr. 5)

“I am always thinking of a goal I have not thought of yet.”

- Jalissa (Gr. 4)

“You never fail until you stop trying.” - Marcus (Gr. 3)

“If you believe you can succeed in anything.”

- Shyanne (Gr. 3)

“Only you can control your actions but others can help you control your thoughts of things.” - Andrew (Gr.4)

“Never give up and follow your dreams.” - Taven (Gr. 4)

“If you fall because of your problems stand up for your dreams.”

- Anthony (Gr. 5)

“Why say ‘I can’t do it’, when you could say ‘I can’t do it yet.’”

- K’lynn (Gr. 3)

“Be yourself. Do not try to be someone else that you’re not.”

- Genevieve (Gr. 5)

“If people are trying to bring you down it only means you are above them.”

- Valeria (Gr. 4)

“We are all special. And we are all leaders. But when we have something we can’t do we train until we achieve our goals.”

- Henry (Gr. 4)

“Why give up when you can try?” - Yarely (Gr. 3)

“The only way to do something is to keep doing it.”

- Manuel (Gr. 4)

“We are all angels with one wing but we all help and support each other to fly.”

- Antonio (Gr. 5)

Newcomb Academy (K-8)

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Donna Ryono
Principal

Marvelous Mathletes

By students Nina Fife, Shane Teixeira, Raphael Velasquez, and Paul Lototsky

For the past five months at Newcomb, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade math enthusiasts have been meeting every Wednesday after school in Math Club. There, they work to solve different levels of difficult math problems with help from teacher/coach Joanne Jones. She supports them in learning and applying

new techniques for solving advanced math equations. In February, the top Mathletes went to Northrop Grumman for the yearly MathCounts competition. The team did well and student Michael Whelan placed in the top 10 out of 400 students! Mathletes share another victory...they excel in their daily math classes using their Math Club skills! "Math Club is very fun," says Shane, "because it combines the two things I like best: math and friends!"



Polytechnic High School

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Quentin Brown
Principal



William Salas
Co-Principal

Continuing the Legacy

By Joy Rowden, 12th-Grade

On February 24, the Lady Jackrabbits water polo team lost 9-8 (OT) to Segerstrom High School in the CIF-SS D4 Championship.

Junior Josie Hahn said, "It was beyond exciting to be a part of the first girl's

water polo team to get past the first round [in years]. The final loss felt like our hearts were all hit with a truck,

but being together to the final buzzer was more than we could ask for."

"It was the first time we had made it to CIF finals since 1929," said sophomore Maddie Marshall. "It was so close [the scores], and I felt the girls let it all out [at the CIF game]. Our coach said, 'With our defense this year no one could stop us.' I am excited to continue this legacy next year with my fellow teammates."

With five of the members of the team being seniors, the younger girls in the group are sad about losing their teammates, but they are ready to continue this success as the new leaders of the team.

Stephens Middle School

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



Salvador Madrigal
Principal

Spring Events

We are looking forward to several exciting spring events. Our annual school science fair gives students the opportunity to share their hard work and scientific discoveries with parents and special guest reviewers. Students proudly display their projects, and our reviewers offer them positive feedback as well as suggestions for their next projects. Food and drinks are available for sale as a fund-raiser for Associated Student Body.

Several deserving students will also represent Stephens Middle School at the district science fair in May.

Also coming up is our annual Career Day, when we invite guest speakers to campus. Speakers meet in the library for a warm welcome from our principal, Mr. Madrigal. Refreshments are served, and speakers meet their California Junior Scholarship Federation (CJSF) student escorts for the morning. Each speaker visits two different classrooms to share work experience and offer advice to our students to help them prepare for the future. Our speakers represent various fields, including finance, business, education, law, real estate, and city and port operations. It is always an informative and inspirational morning.

Powell Academy (K-8)

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Wendy Clafin
Principal

Read Across America

Rain and chilly weather did not stop Colin Powell Academy students and guests from enjoying reading great books together for Read Across America. To celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss, students and teachers decorated doors, wore hats to resemble The Cat in the Hat, and huddled together to enjoy the gift of reading. Students shared their excitement throughout the day by

telling others about the fantastic stories and guests who came to read with them. We were so thankful for our guests to come out and brave the stormy weather to make this special connection with our students. Special thanks to the Read Across America Committee and its chair, Tammy Carsten for coordinating this event for our students.



Prisk Elementary

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Damon Jespersen
Principal

3rd Grade S.T.E.A.M. Project

By Valerie Vinnard, Vocal Music Teacher

With the support of the LBusD Visual Arts Curriculum Lead, Prisk's third grade team, vocal music teacher and STEAM aide collaborated to create an interdisciplinary project that incorporated English Language Arts, Social Studies, Technology and Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) as part of our

S.T.E.A.M. program. The students engaged in reading about the history and culture of the Californian Native American tribes, writing original myths and legends, using technology for multimedia oral presentations and the visual arts by creating masks and totems representing symbols to further illustrate their writing.

Then, students played the drums, sang, and danced to Native American music while wearing their handmade masks as a culminating VAPA activity.



3rd grade students and Mrs. Vinnard participating in Native American S.T.E.A.M. based performance.

Renaissance *High School for the Arts*

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Kimberly Holland
Principal

An Exciting Year

Our Vocal Music Department has had an exciting start to the New Year! In January, three students participated in the Bob Cole Honors Festival. Students spent a weekend at CSULB rehearsing and collaborating with guest

artists, composers, conductors, and current music students. “This experience was life changing. It helped me see what I’m capable of accomplishing and helped me realize I can do things I never thought I could!” (Melony Lara, senior)

On February 28th, the Chamber Singers performed at the 27th Annual Interfaith Intercultural Breakfast hosted by the California Conference for Equality and Justice. They sang “This is Me” from *The Greatest Showman*—a song about being proud of your individual and unique self.



Honors Festival Participants

Kaylah Price, junior; Savina Gutierrez, junior; Melony Lara, senior

Roosevelt *Elementary*

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Clarissa Tolentino
Principal

Family Math Game Night

Who knew math could be so much fun? On February 21, Roosevelt School hosted a Family Math Game Night, inviting students and their families to enjoy an evening of meaningful math experiences and problem-solving activities to help support students’ math learning.

Over 300 attendees attended the event. There were board games, card games, books, and tools, all geared toward improving math skills and equipping parents and students with the resources they need to support essential math skills at home. Teacher presenters selected their own activities to do with the attendees and set up stations organized by grade level for parents to attend. Each hands-on activity promoted mathematical reasoning and communication, making learning math meaningful and fun.

“It was great to see students and their families spending quality time together doing math,” said Rocio Torres, the school counselor who organized the event.



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Family Math Game Night. It certainly was a fun night with staff, students, and families.

Sato Academy of Mathematics & Science

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Mona Merlo
Principal

This IS Rocket Science

Students at Sato Academy have multiple opportunities to learn about Rocketry both in and out of the classroom. Students may elect to take Aerospace Engineering taught by Mr. Albert Gallo or simply join the Rocketry Club advised by Mr. James Mills who also teaches Principals of Engineering to all sophomores.

Sato students travel to Lucerne Dry Lake in Lucerne Valley at least 3 times a year to shoot the rockets that they build. Two Sato students have earned their Junior Level 1 High Powered Rocketry Certification with one more student ready to test the next time they go. Rocket launches are organized by the Rocketry Organization of California.



Signal Hill Elementary

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Tammy Lavelle
Principal

Toy Drive

This year, our students and families participated in the Foster Youth Toy Drive. This was a great opportunity to discuss with our students the value of empathy and understanding what the lives of other people might be like. It was amazing to see the wonderful way that our students and families answered this call to action to support students in our wider community. We are so proud of our Signal Hill scholars not only for excellence in academics but also in humanity. We look forward to have the opportunity to give again next year!



Smith *Elementary*

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Monica Alas
Principal

Good Reading Fun

The birthday of Dr. Seuss on March 2 is a national event, and nowhere is it celebrated in a grander fashion than at Smith Elementary School! Inspired by the works of Dr. Seuss and his influence on millions of young readers, the Smith celebration included a green eggs and ham breakfast on March 2 and a day of literacy activities on March 8, including cross-grade buddy reading and a fun-filled assembly featuring talented student performers.

The Cat in the Hat made a rare appearance and unveiled his latest mischievous contraption, the Big-a-ma-Jig, which mysteriously transformed small objects into big ones, to the delight of the audience. Top classes in Smith's Read to Succeed home reading club were announced, as were the winners of the bookmark contest, which attracted almost 200 entries. Students and teachers celebrated the hard work and growth of the first 100+ days of school.

In keeping true to the message of Dr. Seuss, "These things are fun, and fun is good!"



Tincher *Preparatory School (K-8)*

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Rosemary Sissons
Principal

Distinguished and More

Tincher Preparatory, the only school in LBUSD to earn the national title of "School To Watch" was redesignated for another 3-years. To qualify, the school underwent a rigorous application process including an on-site visit. The

award recognizes middle schools that are academically excellent, developmentally responsive, socially equitable, and structured for success. "Congratulations to these schools for doing excellent work to help students believe in themselves, set high goals, and dream big," State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson said. "These schools are outstanding examples of how educational innovations can keep students engaged and learning throughout a transitional time in their lives."

Additionally, Tincher is one of only eight schools in the district that qualified to apply as a California Distinguished School.



Principal Rosemary Sissons, LBUSD Assistant Superintendent Jay Camerino accept the Schools To Watch Award at California Middle Grades Alliance Conference

Stanford *Middle School*

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Dr. David Costa
Principal

Spelling Bee Winner

On behalf of the entire Stanford community, a huge congratulations to Stanford Hawk Dina Miranda for winning the Los Angeles County Regional Spelling Bee on Sunday, March 4, 2018. After 26 rounds and 10 hours, Dina correctly spelled grivoiserie for the 2018 championship. This word is from a French word. It is a noun which means:

an act of impropriety. This impressive win qualifies her to compete at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC. We are all very proud of your accomplishments. We hope to watch and cheer for you on TV, as this competition usually appears on ESPN. Again, great job, Dina and congratulations!



Twain *Elementary*

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Dr. Jacqueline Williams
Principal

A Great Event

Twain is a community of “Reading and Writing Scholars.” One of our Twain students was recently honored by the Press-Telegram for a story submitted to their Scary Stories Contest. Kaya Sangkarat, a third-grader, took first place for her story entitled *The Spirit of Pho Kuhn*.

Kaya and her kindergarten brother, Paul, also won the bookmark contest for their age group sponsored by the Angelo M. Iacoboni Library. This was an honor for not only Kaya, Paul, and their parents, but

our Twain family was also very excited about these siblings winning the contests. Great job, Kaya and Paul!

Our love for reading and writing also extended to Dr. Seuss’ birthday. On March 2, Twain hosted a *Green Eggs and Ham* breakfast and a Book-Nic where parents visited during their children’s scheduled lunch to read to them. Although it rained, our Twain family had a blast!

Our parents and students had a great time reading together, and they really enjoyed seeing our staff members in their Cat in the Hat hats. We are definitely looking forward to hosting this event next year.

Washington *Middle School*

1450 Cedar Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813 • 562/591-2434 • www.lbschools.net/washington



Megan Traver
Principal

#ProveIt

This year at Washington Middle School, we’ve taken on a new signature practice in the area of formative assessments. We call this practice #ProveIt. The idea is: “Did you learn what you were supposed to learn today? Prove it!” This end-of-the-lesson “exit ticket” gives students opportunities to answer Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium-level questions based on the lessons taught that day.

Students have reported that they love this new practice because they are clear on whether or not they met their learning targets. Our goal is for every teacher in every subject to assign a #ProveIt at the end of at least two lessons per week. At our last staff meeting, each teacher brought three examples of #ProveIt questions and the data gathered from these questions to collaborate with colleagues. Our next step is to do school-wide walkthroughs to give teachers the opportunity to observe each other as they administer their #ProveIts.

We love taking formative assessments to the next level at Washington!

Webster Elementary

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Sarah Forrester
Principal

Growing and Learning

Webster Elementary School students are fortunate to participate in an outdoor classroom taught by Karen Taylor and Holland Brown. With a mission to “grow the capacity for wonder, cultivate the space to think, explore, and connect and to nurture robust decision-making,” this program helps students bring grade-level curriculum to life.

Kindergarten students grow veggies while learning seed biology, measuring plants, and writing in journals. First-graders count and graph seeds and learn about the sun’s energy, weather, and composting.

Second-graders enhance their social studies curriculum by exploring the processes that bring food from farms to our tables. Third grade explores community and economics by starting a farming business, including a mock produce sale.

Fourth-graders learn about rainforest ecosystems, sustainable chocolate farming, geology, and Native American gardens. Fifth-grade students dissect plants, explore the impact of wetlands on water quality, and use colonial planting techniques to create a medicinal and culinary herb garden.



Wilson Classical High School

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Sandy Blazer
Co-Principal



Gonzalo Moraga
Co-Principal

CIF-SS Division Champions

Girls Water Polo finished off an incredible run through the CIF-SS Playoffs on Saturday, February 24, as the Lady Bruins brought home the CIF-SS Division 3 Championship, defeating Harvard-Westlake 6-5 in the Championship Game. This is the first CIF Championship in school history for Wilson Girls Water Polo. Senior, Brooke Gruneisen scored a hat trick for the Bruins and Meagan Simon scored the winning goal with 42 seconds left in play. After the win, first-year coach Barry O’Dea celebrated by jumping in the pool with the girls and shouting, “I love you guys!”



Goalkeeper, Camryn Krueger smiles as she easily blocks Harvard Westlake’s final attempt with seconds remaining in the game.

Note-ables



Kate Karp

Songs of Peace & Love

Vocal group
Ladysmith Black
Mambazo had long
been cultural-music
heroes in their native
South Africa when
musician Paul Simon
made them world



famous by weaving their quiet yet powerful harmonies into his unforgettable *Graceland* album and the subsequent tour. Today, parents, grandparents and teachers can pass the group forward to younger generations in *Songs of Peace and Love*.

Ladysmith's latest children's collection, a 2017 Grammy nominee, carves a restful, thoughtful space into a world that has been too full of noise and confusion for both children and adults. Both lyrics and vocals are sung in a spirit of humanity and harmony and in tribute to late South African president Nelson Mandela.

"We know firsthand how hard it is to raise children in a world of conflict, in a world where children need positive role models and positive words," group member Albert Mazibuko said. "We hope our songs can be an important part of the lessons of peace and love that all parents want to impart to their children."



"Everything's So Stupid" lays out the honest frustration in parent-child communication—from both sides. "Different Colors Mean Nothing to Me" tells of how different races and languages are not things to be overcome but part of the world's beauty. And there's a Zulu version of "Old MacDonald."

The overall message of Ladysmith is that talking to one another can pave the way for communication and, hopefully, peace. Let these songs move you along—they'll put diamonds on the souls.

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The Baby-Sitters Club

Dawn Schafer is moving from sunny California to freezing Connecticut. She is eager to accept her first big job as a babysitter in the Baby-Sitters Club. But

things don't go exactly as expected. Taking care of three kids whose mom seems too busy to even care about is a hard task. And getting along with the leader of the club, Kristy, isn't as easy as it looks, either. But Dawn finds a way to steer through all these obstacles and makes joining the Baby-Sitters Club a success.

I really liked this novel because it teaches you about responsibility yet in a fun and interesting way. I rate this comic book 4 out of 5 stars, because the drawings were very detailed and funny.

Sofia is a fifth grader who loves writing. When she isn't submerged into a book, she enjoys doing gymnastics, acting, and singing. Her favorite kind of books are informational books, as she loves learning about new topics. She wants to become a writer or designer when she grows up, and hopes to someday publish a book, called *Painting a Path*, which she wrote for a school competition.



B is for Book

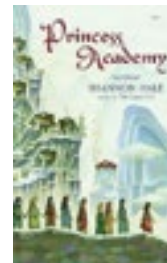


Bailey

Surprising Twists

Princess Academy

by Shannon Hale left me craving for more. It's the perfect combination of adventure, princesses, friendship, and even a little romance!



When the people of Mount Eskel receive message from the lowlanders saying their prince is looking for a princess and all young girls will be sent to an academy, everyone is in shock, especially Miri. Without a choice, Miri, her friends, and a strange lowlander girl named Britta, set off to the academy, only to find themselves with a horrible tutor and homesick. Now, the pressure is on to be the best of the academy and marry the prince. Will Miri find out that even though she's small for her age, her voice is big? Will she stand up for what's right?

I couldn't put this book down! Shannon Hale always describes the moment just right and the twists were surprising! I give this book 5 out of 5 stars. Don't forget to read the rest of the series!

Bailey is a 6th grader that likes to read fantasy and daydream about adventure when she isn't dancing ballet or playing with her friends and siblings.

Day at the Beach – 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 Please put Long Beach in the subject line.

sun block	surf board
towels	float
swim suit	shirt
sunglasses	sandwiches
umbrella	shorts
hat	chap stick
flip flops	first aid kit
pail	cooler
shovel	drinks
blanket	snacks
book	

Entries must be received by **May 30, 2018**
From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a GAZUMP card/dice game - fun for all ages!



**Congratulations to
Heidy Duarte and Alana Leuth**

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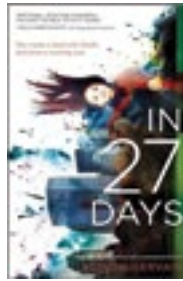
Lucy's Book Review



Lucy Davis

In 27 Days

Author: Alison Gervias
 Twenty-seven days is a very specific amount of time, but if you're trying to prevent a suicide it's nothing short of a race against the force itself.



Hadley Jamison never really knew Archer Morales, but she made a deal with Death that if he gave her twenty-seven days, she could stop Archer from taking his own life. So, she tries her best to befriend the closed off, quiet kid from freshman English. He doesn't seem to want her help, but their jobs at a coffeehouse and tutoring sessions bring them closer together, and soon they're becoming quite the pair.

Problem is, chaos wants to pull them apart. With events endangering the people that she loves, will Hadley succeed in keeping Archer alive? Or will she run out of time?

I enjoyed this book immensely for many reasons. It's funny, suspenseful, thoughtful, and all around a great read. Five out of five bookworms.

Lucy is a 6th grade student. When she isn't immersed in a book, she loves musical theater, ballet, and singing. She enjoys stretching her imagination by writing short stories of her own. Lucy will rate the books 1 to 5 bookworms with 5 being the best.

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25859 Silly Summer Stories June 18-22

25860 How Many? July 9-13

25861 Visit the 100 Acre Wood July 30-August 3

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25862 Dodging Danger June 25-29

Come to the Nature Center to learn about the many ways plants and animals protect themselves.

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Learn the elements of a successful habitat and design individual and group works of art.

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