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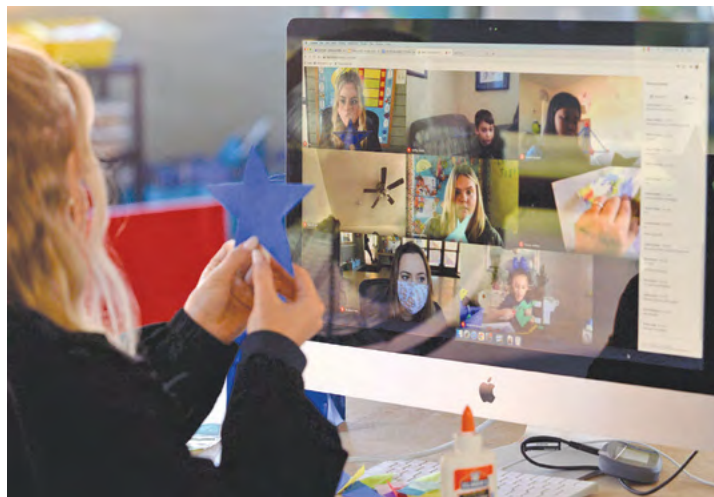
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I think we all agree this has been a school year like no other. Finally, we are getting back to normalcy and summer days are just around the corner.

Students are focused on their end-of-year academic goals. In this issue you will read articles on an amazing array of topics including:

Student Chefs, Mystery Science, Pi Day, Garden Day, E-Sports, Speech and Debate, the Heart Challenge, Running Club, Ballet Folklórico Club, and so much more. You might want to find a comfy chair and plan to read awhile.

Our next issue is October 12.



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Dr. Robert Garcia
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Returning to Some Normalcy

As we enter the last few months of this school year, I'm so grateful that students and families are finally experiencing some return to normalcy. Our schools have been some of the places most deeply impacted by the pandemic and I'm excited that we are in a position where in-person instruction is back in full swing, case rates are very low, and masking is optional.

This is thanks to the incredible work of so many people from our Health Department and frontline workers to the amazing staff and educators at each of our school sites. Throughout the pandemic, teachers and school staff have been asked to do so much and have continued to ensure our students are getting the best education possible.

We have one of the best and largest school districts in the country and students in Long Beach have so many amazing opportunities to excel academically, artistically and athletically. In order for our city to recover from the pandemic, education needs to be a big part of those efforts.

I also know that full recovery will be a challenge. Two years is a long time, and getting used to being in the classroom again, socializing in person, and participating in all the activities taking place at school has been hard for some students. I hope everyone will be kind to themselves and one another during this important transition.

I also know that kids across Long Beach are looking forward to summer and the chance to be outdoors, enjoy our parks and beaches, and take in some of the many recreational opportunities we have here in Long Beach. Our Parks, Recreation and Marine Department offers an amazing variety of classes, sports and other activities for kids and adults of all ages. They're a great way to stay in shape, connect with others in the community, get some fresh air and even learn new skills!

If you aren't sure yet what you'll be doing this summer, I hope you'll check out some of the programs that the city has to offer through our parks by visiting longbeach.gov/parks.

I believe the best days for Long Beach are ahead of us — and our LBUSD students will be a huge part of making that a reality. Their resilience, courage in the face of adversity and support of one another over the past two years has been inspiring and is a great sign for the future. Today's students are tomorrow's leaders, and that's something we can all celebrate.

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Keir Jones
Mayor

Go Outside this Summer!

Spring is here, and that means summer is just around the corner — and thoughts of ice cream and popsicles, short sleeves and flip flops, and NO HOMEWORK! But just because the school bell stops ringing doesn't mean there has to be a full stop on learning. There are plenty of fun ways for families to plan for a summer that recharges, refreshes, and engages.

Active learning opportunities are everywhere this summer — and there's something for everyone! In addition to having shelves full of the coolest new books, the Signal Hill Public Library will have a variety of events and programs for kids of all ages, including DIY crafts, musical technology classes, story times, playtimes, and more. And don't forget all our great online programming that's available to anyone with a library card! Visit the City's website or call 562-989-7323 for the latest offerings.

If you're relaxing at home, build reading and writing into everyday activities. Watch TV with the sound off and turn on the closed captioning. Have your child read you instructions for how to play a new game or put together a new gadget. Kids can help with meal preparation by writing grocery lists, finding things in the grocery store, and reading recipes out loud.

Summer is also for exploring, especially outside! Help your child make a special nature journal and encourage them to write down what they observe about their surroundings — looking at both the big and the small, examining plants, rocks, and insects up close. A nature scavenger hunt is perfect to teach kids about nature and science. Younger kids can make a scavenger hunt for others by drawing things that can be found outside near your home or in a park.

You can also get moving at one of Signal Hill's beautiful trails and parks. Not only can kids practice observing nature, but everyone will enjoy getting fresh air and exercise. The Panorama Trail, located west of Hilltop Park and east of Discovery Well Park, is an easy, paved trail with excellent views of the surrounding area. Visit the City's website for a map to all of Signal Hill's parks and trails. And if music is your thing, don't forget to come out to our Concerts in the Park this summer.

With so much to do in Signal Hill, I hope you and your family find what recharges, refreshes, and engages you.

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Laura L. Doud
City Auditor

Springtime Fun Along Our Coastline

Spring has officially sprung giving us warmer weather, more hours of sunlight, and blooming flowers. And what better way to celebrate the change in seasons than along our beautiful coastline. From picnicking at the Colorado Lagoon with family, to strolling along the Shoreline Walking Path with a friend, to cycling along the Queensway Bike Path for some exercise, there are many activities to choose from for some outdoor springtime fun.

We can enjoy these activities thanks to Tidelands funded project improvements along our 7 mile-coastline. In 2010, my Office found that the calculation of the Harbor Department's annual transfer into the City's Tidelands Fund resulted in fluctuating transfer amounts. To stabilize this revenue source, I recommended changing the basis of the transfer from 10% of the increase in net assets to 5% of gross operating revenue. This required a City Charter change, and I advocated for the Harbor Initiative (Measure D) to reform the transfer basis and redirect the control of oil properties to the City. It was passed by the voters creating a more transparent and reliable source of money for the Tidelands area.

Since then, the City has received and invested over \$150 million to fund Tidelands projects and operations. These investments have led to cleaner beaches and improved water quality, enhanced infrastructure and facilities, and provided safety and increased security. For example, these Tidelands Funds were used for the Colorado Lagoon Restoration project where natural habitat was restored with the addition of native plants and water quality was improved through dredging. Since restoration, the Colorado Lagoon has been removed from Heal the Bay's most polluted beaches list. Tidelands Funds have also been used on infrastructure enhancements including walking and bike path improvements, beach restrooms, and a new dock at the Leeway Sailing and Aquatics Center. In addition, Tidelands Funds have been dedicated to year-round beach safety patrol, such as lifeguards and members of the certified Dive and Swiftwater Rescue Teams, keeping beachgoers and boaters safe. The Tidelands Fund supported other safety projects too, such as more patrol officers at the Pike and lighting and security cameras at Rainbow Harbor.

We can truly enjoy outdoor activities with family and friends knowing that this on-going source of revenue will allow our City to continue to make environmental, infrastructure, and safety improvements along our favorite coastline.

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City of Long Beach, City Prosecutor



Douglas P. Haubert
City Prosecutor

Continuing as City Prosecutor

I will share with you why I have decided to continue as Long Beach City Prosecutor, the elected position I have held for 12 years. There are three reasons.

To start, I am passionate about Long Beach, and this is the best way I can serve the community. Service is important to me. My grandfather Harvey Stockwell taught at three LBUSD high schools after a full career in the U.S. Army, and he showed me it was important and noble to serve. A building on the campus of LB Poly HS, called Stockwell Hall, is named in his honor.

The second reason has to do with the criminal problems we are facing. The crime rate in California and Los Angeles County is rising, and while crime has not increased as much in Long Beach, I am worried recent crime trends will impact us more.

I've been a prosecutor for 21 years, the last 12 as Long Beach's top prosecutor. In addition to successfully prosecuting cases in the courtroom, a prosecutor can do more to address crime. My award-winning Gang Prevention Strategy is considered a model because it combats gangs using multiple strategies. With the concerning new crime trend, my background and experience is more critical now than ever before.

Finally, despite all of the accomplishments of my office, there is still more work to do. In recent years we started a Homeless Court to help connect homeless people into services. We also started a successful program called PAD, which gets homeless people who suffer from mental illness or substance abuse into residential rehabilitation. This gets them off the streets and into treatment.

It is an honor to serve Long Beach as its City Prosecutor. This position requires a lot of work and sacrifice, but it also gives me the ability to make the city better and safer. This is my way of serving the community I love, and I am proud to continue to serve.

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Spring Clean Your Finances

April is Financial Literacy Month. If you feel lost when it comes to your finances, here are some tips to help you get started this spring:

Clean out some debt: Lowering your debt-to-income ratio should be a goal in everyone's financial journey. By doing this you can improve your credit score, receive better interest rates, and have peace of mind. There

are many strategies to reduce debt, it's important you find one that works best for your situation.

Tidy up your spending: I know we all want to make up for all the experiences we missed due to the pandemic, but it's important not to lose sight of your budget and overspend. Review your financial statements each month. See how many times you eat out each week, cancel any unused subscriptions, and put some money aside for a rainy day.

Making small manageable steps can add up to more money in your pocket.



CathyLyn Brooks

Are there Perils to Electronic Signatures?

With all the technology that has been integrated into real estate and real estate financing transactions, one of the most luxurious aspects that has evolved is the timesaving pleasure of electronic signatures. It is fast, it is simple, it can be done anywhere, and on most any device: your computer, your tablet, or your mobile phone.

Many years ago at an inspection for one of my listings, I witnessed a very experienced agent push a huge stack of disclosures about the home that her clients, a young couple, was purchasing across the counter with only the phrases, "Sign here. Initial here. Sign here. Initial here," being uttered. With my legal background, and my Type- A personality, I was, quite frankly, appalled and had to actually leave the room.

Every document, and especially the multiple page contract to purchase real estate, is a legally binding document with consequences based on the selections made by the buyer, and agreed to by the seller. The many disclosures and the information provided by the seller are essentially the results of past litigations and are meant to inform and alert the buyer to conditions specific to the property they are purchasing.

So, is there a danger in executing documents electronically? Quite simply put, not if you read them and understand what you are signing.

That is what your agent or your broker is for. Whether you are a buyer or a seller, please read what you are signing and ask your agent, who represents your interests, to explain to you any portions of the documents that you do not fully understand. It is not a race to sign these documents as swiftly as possible, but it is paramount that you understand what they mean and the consequences of your actions and the actions of others.

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Could Your Child Need Ear Tubes?



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Ear infections are common for children 6-months-old to 8-years-old and may be the result of a bad "cold" that has progressed, family genetics, or poor ventilation in the ear.

For children who have chronic ear infections, tend to retain fluid in the middle ear, or have chronic fluid build-up in the middle ear – "ear tubes" may be recommended. Ear tubes are small cylinders that are surgically implanted that allow air to flow in and out of the middle ear, which prevents the development of negative pressure, as well as fluid-build up.

Ear tube surgery, or tympanostomy tube insertion surgery, is the most common childhood surgery in the U.S. It's important to have this type of surgery performed by pediatric otolaryngologists at children's hospitals, like MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach, who receive extended training in order to make the decision to operate on growing and developing bodies.

But not every child with an ear infection is recommended ear tube placement. So how do you know when to ask your doctor about ear tubes?

- Your child has three or more ear infections within six months, and retains fluid in their ear between infections.
- Your child has suffered hearing loss caused by persistent build-up of fluid in the middle ear.
- Your child has a collapsed ear drum, which can erode the bones in the ear.

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Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) Welcomes Back Summer Youth Programs

After over two years of limited programming due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine staff are excited to return to a summer full of enriching activities for youth. From June 20 to August 26. Youth ages 5-12 can stay active and have fun a several great programs.



[Online](#) registration begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 16. In-person registration begins Saturday, April 16 from 9 a.m. to noon at Belmont Plaza Pool, King Park Pool (1910 Lemon Ave.), Parks, Recreation and Marine Administration, 2760 N. Studebaker Rd. and at Houghton, McBride and Pan American Parks.

For information about financial assistance visit LBParks.org or call 562.570.3150.

Virtual Recreation

Families can access free recreational activities for youth ages 5 to 12 on the PRM You Tube channel, <http://bitly.ws/pw3k>. Our creative staff has produced and posted videos for crafts, fitness, science, cooking and more. New videos are posted weekly in English and Spanish, with videos in Khmer and Tagalog available soon.



Summer Fun Days

Free supervised drop-in recreation activities will take place Monday through Fridays June 20-August 26 from noon – 5 p.m. There are 21 “Summer Fun Days” park locations throughout the City that will provide arts and crafts, games, sports and fitness activities. Visit LBParks.org for locations.



Summer Day Camps

In-person Summer Day Camps are planned June 20 - August 26 for youth ages 5-12 to enjoy games, crafts, physical fitness, enrichment activities and more that will follow COVID-19 safety guidelines. The camps will take place at Bayshore Park, 5415 E. Ocean Blvd.; Belmont Plaza Pool, 4320 E. Olympic Plaza; Bixby Park, 130 Cherry Ave.; El Dorado Park West, 2800 N. Studebaker Rd.; Houghton Park, 6301 Myrtle Ave.; Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon Ave.; Pan American Park, 5157 Centralia St.; Silverado Park, 1545 W. 31st St.; Stearns Champions Park, 4520 E 23rd St.; Veterans Park, 101 E. 28th St.; Wardlow Park, 3457 Stanbridge Ave. and Whaley Park, 5620 E. Atherton St.

Mobile Recess

The free Mobile Recess Program brings trucks loaded with supplies and equipment to neighborhood streets to provide recreational activities for youth ages 5 through 14 (Grades K-8). Streets are blocked off for safety and kids participate in physical fitness and arts and crafts activities.

The program is offered Monday through Friday, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Visit <http://bitly.ws/pw4i> for days and locations. Register in person at any Mobile Recess site during the program hours. Registration is first-come, first-served and open until the program reaches capacity.

The Virtual Recreation and Mobile Recess program are made possible by the Long Beach Recovery Act, a plan to fund economic and public health initiatives for residents, workers and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Cool Crafts Roundup

By Katie Lowe,
Manager of Education
and Public Engagement

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By Cecile Harris Walters,
National Ambassador for the
American Business Women's Association
in Long Beach, California.

Kerrie wished she had been introduced to the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) sooner. "There was a time when Stay at Home Moms didn't think they had anything to offer the business world." There was room for all working women in ABWA.

Education in ABWA includes courses with CEU credits and conferences have provided diverse speakers. "There is a place in ABWA for all women and men. Why might you ask? Because we all matter, and we all have what it takes to be successful, to be a mentor and motivator, to share, learn and grow." Kerrie Underhill is a fifteen-year member of the Territorial Chapter in Yuma, AZ and on the national board as the District VI Vice President 2019 – 2022.

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. or visit www.abwa.org



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Safe and Positive Spaces for Students

There is an unwritten traditional path that most school leaders follow throughout their career trajectory, often beginning in the classroom and slowly moving up the ranks as school site administrators before taking leadership roles at a district or county level. Not too many have their roots in social work.

My path has never been traditional. I dropped out of high school during my first year. I became a mother to a child with a severe disability at 16. I also earned my bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees while raising my children.

My life trajectory does not fit into any template, but neither do the many lives of the close to 2 million school-aged children in Los Angeles County. That reality propelled me into a career in school social work.

The recognition of Social Work Month in March reminds me to pause and reflect on how my perspective as a social worker has played such a significant role in how I view the transformational power of schools, and most significantly, the impact that student access to on-campus mental health services can have on overall community wellbeing. School

mental health professionals, including counselors, social workers, and psychologists, play a vital role in creating positive, safe, and affirming school environments.

School social workers are trained mental health professionals who can assist with mental health concerns, behavioral concerns, positive behavioral support, academic, and classroom support, consultation with teachers, parents, and administrators as well as provide individual and group counseling/therapy. They act as a link between the home, school and community and connect indirect services to students, families, and school personnel to promote and support students' academic and social success.

Mental health challenges existed long before the pandemic and [U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy's recent advisory on the youth mental health crisis](#) affirms that they will persist long after. Our schools need mental health professionals on staff to support the overall wellbeing of students.

In 2017-2018, the National Center for Education Statistics found that [two of the major factors limiting schools from providing mental health services](#) are (1) inadequate access to licensed mental health professionals and (2) inadequate funding. In that same

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Long Beach Unified School District



Dr. Jill Baker
Superintendent

As COVID Restrictions Ease, Students, Staff Stay Focused

Our schools continue to take gradual but important steps toward a greater sense of normalcy after two years of the global pandemic. Throughout this transition, our students and staff have shown great focus and resilience.

As I write this piece in mid-March, we've just concluded our first week of mask-optional learning in our schools. A few weeks earlier, we had eased restrictions on group events. For each of these decision points and for many others, we have carefully consulted with partners including Long Beach Health and Human Services.

The month of March also marked the significant milestone of two years since the pandemic forced us to close our school campuses for what we initially thought would be a few weeks. Together, we have come a long way since that especially difficult time, reopening our schools to in-person learning, and working diligently to address students' social-emotional and academic needs in light of the pandemic. Our efforts include the hiring of hundreds of certificated staff, including teachers, counselors and social workers. We are also implementing literacy acceleration and intervention at every elementary and K-8 school, and providing many other types of specialized support, much of which is detailed in our Learning Acceleration and Support Plan available at lbschools.net.

All of our staff, students and their families deserve a huge thankyou for their perseverance in recent months. After two years in a pandemic, our schools remain at the heart of our community because of our collective commitment to our children. I'd also like to congratulate some specific individuals and schools on their recent achievements:

Sarah Savala, a physical education and dance teacher at Marshall Academy for the Arts, was selected as the recipient of the Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award from the California Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. We're so proud to have one of the state's best P.E. teachers.

The California Academy of Mathematics and Science recently earned a \$10,000 Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam grant to create its invention of a child drowning prevention device. CAMS is one of only eight high schools nationwide to be selected as an InvenTeam this year. The CAMS InvenTeam is creating the Swim Monitor, a wearable anti-drowning wristband that works with an external smart-phone app to detect and notify when someone is at risk of drowning in beaches or pools. Amazing!

Megan Lane, a senior at Poly High School, earned first place and a \$200 prize in the 2022 Long Beach NAACP Black History Month Youth and College Scholars competition. She has accomplished much during her educational career, and I have had the great pleasure of getting to know Megan in her role as co-chair for my Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee.

Several LBUSD high school students were among the recently announced awardees of the \$1,000 Donna Kelly Memorial Scholarship from the Downtown Long Beach Lions Club. The winners include Jason Perez, Tyler Nguyen and Maryam Moujahid Rubio of CAMS; Karla DeAlba, Carlos DeAlba and Vietduke Thai of Poly; Kelly Diaz-Cervantes and Aracely Asis of Cabrillo; Jasmine Padilla, Eryn Cassidy and Virginia Soto Hernandez of Avalon; and Joseph Pecot of Millikan.

These are just a few examples of excellence and equity in action. We look forward to sharing many more, and we sincerely thank everyone who supports this important work.

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year, about 51 percent of public schools (or 42,200 schools) reported providing diagnostic mental health assessment services to evaluate students for mental health disorders¹.

If a silver lining to the pandemic exists, it is that our society has begun to understand how essential mental health support is to overall wellbeing and resiliency, positively impacting students' school performance and overall success. We anticipate increased federal and state funding to support the recruitment and retention of mental professionals in our schools, as our country acts with a sense of urgency to address the impact of the pandemic on mental health.

As we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic into a new era of education that prioritizes social-emotional

support, I want to encourage young people and community members to explore careers in school social work. We need professionals invested in the success of our communities and the wellbeing of students.

Social work is a rewarding profession that provides you with an opportunity to make a difference in people's lives when they need it the most. So, explore a career in social work, knowing that it will open a world of opportunities based on your population of interest, domestically or internationally. Whether it be in education or any other sector, the possibilities are endless!

Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2017-18 School Survey on Crime and Safety (SSOCS), 2018

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Campus Improvements Continue Districtwide

By Diana Craighead, Board of Education Member District 5

Our Board of Education recently heard an encouraging Annual Report from local entrepreneur Walter Larkins. He voluntarily chairs the Citizens' Oversight Committee that makes sure we're using school bond funds as intended, to provide safe and modern learning environments for our children.

The Annual Report, presented during a regular school board meeting, showed that after a rigorous review process, an independent audit firm granted our school district its highest financial accountability and performance rating for the ninth year in a row. That kind of affirmation is always great to hear. But even more gratifying is walking into a newly built or renovated school building for the first time and realizing the tremendous, positive impact that such facilities will have upon our students and staff for years to come.

The recent report noted that the 2020-21 fiscal year welcomed students back to classroom-based teaching following the unprecedented shift to remote learning at all of our campuses during the global COVID-19 pandemic. In many cases, our school district used the pandemic-induced down time at our campuses to accelerate project completion. Thousands of students returned to renovated classrooms or learning spaces constructed from the ground up, including Millikan High School's new 50,000-square-foot facility, designed to accommodate specific needs of the school's academies or learning pathways. Millikan also benefitted from a new, state-of-the-art track and field. At Jordan High School, students returned to a modernized auditorium and library.

We also saw the installation of new heating and cooling systems at more than 150 classrooms across five campuses, bringing the total number of students benefitting from such upgrades to over 16,000. Air conditioning and other renovation projects at Prisk, Fremont and Madison elementary schools and Cubberley K-8 were completed by summer 2021. Installation of Wilson High School's new heating and cooling systems will conclude in the next fiscal year. Other completed projects include Stevenson Elementary School's upgraded auditorium and cafeteria.

In the current fiscal year (2021-22), we've launched a slate of new school renovation projects designed to optimize teaching and learning.

The next phase of Jordan High School's campus-wide transformation kicked off in August with an event celebrating the school's new 31,500-square-foot classroom building.

Heating and cooling system upgrades, technology updates and other enhancements began at Twain Elementary School, Robinson K-8 and Avalon K-12. Upgrades to Lakewood High School's gym are underway.

Projects at two LBUSD campuses were started and completed in the 2021-22 fiscal year. Renovations at Bryant Elementary School wrapped up in January, and students at Lowell Elementary School are enjoying a new lunch shelter that doubles as an outdoor learning space.

Several more projects have entered the planning stage, including upgrades at Gompers, Emerson and Birney elementary schools and Stanford Middle School. Planning for the final phase of Jordan's modernization is also in progress.

We could not make these vital improvements without the strong support of our community and voters. We deeply appreciate their trust, and we'll continue to do all we can to make the best use of our school bond resources.

Early Childhood Education



Cindy Young
Director
Child Development
Center

Emerson Kids' Club Celebrates a Dedicated Friend, Marc Maron

By Marivi Linares, Kids' Club Supervisor

Schools are not just places to learn, but they can also be a small community or even family. Kids' Club was fortunate to have custodian, Marc Maron, as part of their family. We relied so much on Marc's dependability and caring for all of our staff and children on a daily basis. He dedicated over 20 years to the success of Emerson Parkside Academy and he never missed a day of work. Even after his passing, he will continue to help other children through his generous gift to Shriner's Children's Hospital. Thank you, Marc for your hard work and dedication to Kids' Club, our school and LBUSD.



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LaShell Diggs
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SEAL Training

Staff from four Head Start sites (Garfield, Webster, Edison and King), along with Educare staff, Child Development Center teams and Transitional Kindergarten teachers, participated in SEAL (Sobrato Early Academic Language) training recently. This research-based model provides professional development, curriculum support and technical assistance to staffs.

As a result, teachers are equipped to meet the needs of their diverse populations. We look forward to working collaboratively to design powerful learning opportunities for our Pre-K learners.

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Alvarado *Elementary*

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Cheryl Huber
Principal

Running Club

*By Araceli Nunez-Tallman,
Literacy Specialist*

Every All-Star has been working towards an elite new title, that of a marathoner. The Alvarado Running Club started off with a bang! Representatives from the Athletic Performance Foundation presented a donation to encourage the students to individually run 26.2 miles (262 laps around the school track) before the end of the school year.

The runners are now tracking their daily progress and celebrating at the mile markers. Classmates are cheering for each other during recesses too. This motivated at least one athlete to complete the challenge in as little as six weeks! That is physical education at its finest.



Birney *Elementary*

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Katiria Hernandez
Principal

Saturday School

Saturday school was held at Birney from February 5 to March 26. Using Mystery Science, students were engaged in thematic scientific investigations through hands-on activities that aligned to NGSS.

Each investigation was supported by a variety of reading, writing, listening, and speaking activities and tasks that promoted literacy development through science. What future scientific breakthroughs will our Birney Bees uncover? We can't wait to see!



Students developed a model of an umbrella and investigated the effects of wind on it. Students then designed a solution to solve the problem of needing a shade structure that won't blow over in the wind.

Bancroft *Middle School*

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Maria Pilar Perossio
Principal

Saturday Enrichment Program

We are delighted to start our Saturday Enrichment Program in partnership with a nonprofit organization. Over the course of 12 Saturdays, students work in a 1:8 ratio alongside trained staff and community professionals to develop the skills, experience, and confidence as change-makers who will solve the problems of our present and future.

This is an enrichment program, which means that learning goes above and beyond what is possible in the traditional school classroom. It cultivates student's natural abilities; develops abstract thinking abilities; and enhances the process of learning. Furthermore, the experience promotes students to be themselves and celebrate their unique perspectives, talents, and abilities.

Browning *Early College High School*

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Tomika Romant
Principal

Student Chefs Compete for College Scholarships

When Browning High School students enter a culinary competition, they are always a formidable force to be reckoned with. This year's C-CAP (Careers through Culinary Arts Program) Competition has been no different. Led by expert educators and chefs, Stefanie Kelly and Carolyn Doll, the culinary team from Browning High School is performing admirably once again. Browning has placed

5 student chefs in the finals of the 2022 C-CAP Competition. Bringing home another culinary championship would mean scholarship money for the winners, and further validation of the Food Services and Hospitality Pathway that Browning High School is known for.



The 5 students in the finals will be preparing Chicken Chasseur with tournéed potatoes, and crepes patisserie. They are currently perfecting their knife cuts, recipes, presentation, and plating for the final competition. Good luck to the Browning chefs!!!



Browning chefs attend the C-CAP competition.

Buffum Total Learning Center

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Danielle Wright
Principal

School Spirit Days

The Buffum Bears Read Across America theme this year was “Celebrating a Nation of Diverse Readers.” The week was full of school spirit days that included the traditional crazy socks, pajama day and a dress for success day in which students dressed like doctors, nurses, and business attire. The culminating activity was the awards assembly on Friday, March 11.

In addition to our wonderful preschool students receiving awards for Social Emotional Learning and the Principal’s Award, we had special guest readers. We were so honored to have, Long Beach Unified School District Superintendent, Dr. Jill Baker, School Board District Members, Mrs. Diana Craighead and Mr. Douglas Otto. In addition, Mayor Robert Garcia’s Communication Director, Mr. James Ahumada and students from the ACT program, Jasmine Gonzales-Fonseca and Angelica Nunez Rivera.



Burcham (K-5)

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Helen Makridis
Principal

All Hands on Deck!

By Tonie Alfonso, Intervention Specialist

At Burcham Elementary, 1st and 2nd graders participated in a literacy and math workshop designed by the Leading Edge Learning Center to motivate and fill learning gaps. Students met in our Learning Lab and rotated through stations where tutors provided meaningful lessons tailored to meet the needs of our students.

Ms. Claudia incorporated social emotional lessons (SEL) into her foundational skills lessons with a unit on kindness as Ms. Jessica launched her daily math lessons with positive affirmations. It was this kind of individualized attention and positive reinforcement that led to remarkable growth. Not only did students evidence learning on their pre/post assessments but their confidence and love of learning grew.

When we met the Learning Edge Team they shared their motto, “All Hands on Deck!” We are excited to showcase a stellar example of collaboration between our school and the dedicated tutors at Leading Edge!



Cabrillo High School

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Wendy Poffenberger
Principal

Beauty in Unity

Beauty in Unity, the theme to Cabrillo's Multicultural Faire, captured the spirit of celebrating the rich cultural diversity that Cabrillo students bring to campus. The Cabrillo Dance Company performed a high energetic show with Latin sounds and a rainbow of colors. Crowds cheered as the

GSA students demonstrated pride in their identity through a dance. The evening hosted a variety of cultural food and games as the Cabrillo Spirit Team and Marching Band filled the campus with drumming sounds and cheers. Our clubs



provided horchata, agua fresca, poke, Thai tea with boba, spam musubi, tacos, pho and teriyaki and rice for our guests as the Pacific Islander Club performed traditional dances under multicultural flags.



CAMS

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Cheryl Cornejo
Principal

Spirit Games

Life at CAMS blooms in the spring semester! Students and faculty alike enjoy the warmer weather outdoors as the many springtime events that are a CAMS tradition get underway.

Spirit Games at CAMS is a week full of competitiveness, entertainment, and youthful exuberance. The week starts off with representatives from all four grades

preparing for competitions in volleyball, basketball, soccer, and relay races. This year, after winning first place (again!) in basketball, seniors were taken by surprise after being defeated by the powerful team of freshmen in a game of soccer. Sophomores took the overall win as the Rebel spirit lives on.

Multicultural Day is one of CAMS traditional events that also happens every spring. This year, students and staff went all out to make the day unforgettable. From cultural dances to a mural drawn in chalk in the quad, Multicultural Day allows students to broaden their understanding of the diverse CAMS community.

Carver Elementary

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Matthew Monaghan
Principal

Literacy Week

March is such a fun month for us! With the help of our PTA we celebrated Literacy Week with Read Across America and Family Literacy Night! We had so many fun activities and a lot of reading! We celebrated Read Across America with students getting to dress as their favorite book character. Our campus was full of students and staff dressed as amazing wild things, animals, kings,

queens, cats in hats and even some letters! Another fun activity was welcoming families back to campus with Family Literacy Night on our playground. It was great to see so many students reading with their families, reading with specially trained dogs, enjoying crafts and just being together.



Chavez *Elementary*

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Brenda Ocampo
Principal

Chavez Run Club

Cesar Chavez Elementary is happy to present the Chavez Run Club that consists of 4th & 5th grade students. Students have been coming out every Thursday and Friday after school to train.

The trainings include stretches, drills, speed work, distance, proper running form, and cool-downs. All very important aspects of running. Students are not just learning proper running form but also the importance of grit. These practices are led by our very own teachers, Ms. Luna and Ms. Perez. Together they have created a training plan to get our students ready for the district mile fun run, but most importantly to share their love for running and staying active. We look forward to many miles and smiles.



Cubberley (*K-8*)

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Cathleen Imbroane
Principal

Cubberley Goes Green

By Harper Macy (Journalism Student) and Mr. Ward

One of the new things this year at Cubberley is our new Eco Club headed by its facilitators, Mrs. Simon, Mrs. Jongerius and Ms. Choi. The push this year has been to “Go Green.” With the help of parent support led by Mrs. Sharma, and our Eco Club leaders, Cubberley is making great strides in recycling, managing waste disposal and creating a new awareness on campus with our students. Recycling stations have been set up outside the cafeteria, in classrooms and around campus. These stations are designed to teach students about recycling, reusing, while also learning about decreasing our carbon footprint. The efforts of our Eco Club, Mrs. Sharma and our staff leaders has not gone unnoticed. This past week we were awarded the “Gold Level” Think Green Award that also comes with a \$3500 check to continue to assist our campus’ push to “Go Green” for years to come.

Cubberley’s next steps are to create a compost station on campus, and to increase the education of recycling.

Dooley *Elementary*

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Tracy Hall
Principal

Dooley Literacy Team

Dooley’s Literacy Team consists of seven amazing members who provide intervention for students in grades first thru fifth. In addition, they support teachers with small group instruction to meet the needs of individual students. Together they hold a combined total of 158 years of teaching experience. As a result of their combined teaching experience and expertise,

Dooley students are making great academic growth and progressing toward their academic goals. This amazing team can also be found substituting in classrooms on short notice, greeting students on Welcome Wednesday, and

checking in with students during lunch or recess to build their sense of belonging at Dooley. We are truly grateful for all this amazing team brings to Dooley Elementary.



Edison *Elementary*

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Juan Gutierrez
Principal

Edison Student Clubs

By Melissa Shaffer, Fifth Grade Teacher

On Wednesday afternoons, discussions and cheers can be heard from the 5th-grade students attending Edison's Robotics Club. Pairs of students collaborate on the challenges of coding instructions for their Lego EV3 robots to complete a task. The most recent task asked students to get their robot to travel around the perimeter of

various sized boxes. Students persevered through the trial and error process of testing each part of their code until they were successful.



Edison students are finding enjoyment in the multiple clubs being offered. Primary students are getting creative in the Arts and Crafts Club or learning SEL skills in the Board Game Club. Upper elementary students are making friends in the Good News Club, learning healthy habits in the Running Club, or participating in STEAM activities in the Robotics Club. Go Lightbulbs!

Emerson *Parkside Academy*

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Beverly Moutet
Principal

It's Full STEAM Ahead

Students at Emerson have had lots of hands-on learning with STEAM this year! Twice a month, all students visit the Emerson Science Lab for discovery lessons with Shared Science, our community partner. Our 4th & 5th grade Robotics Club meets monthly to learn coding and our Robotics Team has been preparing to participate in the Elementary Robotics Showcase at



Students in the Science Lab discovering pneumatics with recycled chip bags and straws

Robo-Tech Fest. In addition, we are hosting a Family Science Night at the end of this month, and we'll be visited by STAR's Eco-Station in May. And don't forget the "A" in STEAM -- all of our students receive monthly art lessons from our talented parent volunteers. These STEAM opportunities challenge our students, while making learning fun!

Franklin *Classical Middle School*

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Alma Black
Principal

Celebrating our Dedicated Teachers

Franklin has amazing teachers that are dedicated to students and the environment!

Jaqueline Bellin is this year's Honigman Award for Inspired Visual Arts Education. The award recognizes the dedication and influence of art educators in schools. Each year, the award is given to one middle school art teacher and one high school art teacher.

Ms. Bellin regularly puts in extra time to make sure Franklin students have opportunities to showcase their work.



Mrs. Lisha
Winner of the Gold Level Think Green Award

Ruth Lisha has implemented sustainability initiatives at Franklin and sponsors student clubs dedicated to recycling and gardening. Her leadership and effort have resulted in Franklin being awarded the Think Green Waste Reduction Stewardship Award, which aims to help schools and their Green Teams to expand their green efforts.



Ms. Bellin
Recipient of the Honigman Award for inspired Visual Arts Education

Thank you, Ms. Bellin and Mrs. Lisha for your dedication to the Franklin community!

Fremont *Elementary*

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Christopher Lounsbury
Principal

Author's Day 2022

By Ami Guy, Teacher

Last week, students at Fremont enjoyed a visit from a local children's book author, Alexandra Adlawan. She, and her therapy dog, Dude, spent the day reading books to our students from her witty and fun series, *The Adventures of Maddie and Albert*.

Alexandra is an LBUSD graduate, from Millikan. She is a young author, illustrator and animator on the autism spectrum, but she never let this challenge get her down. Miss Adlawan shared with us that despite being different, we are all unique and our uniqueness should most definitely be celebrated. Students and staff, with and without special needs, could relate to the powerful message that was delivered at our assembly.

Alexandra has 3 books published, and one more in the works. If your school is looking to book an author anytime soon, Alexandra Adlawan is the one to call.
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Grant *Elementary*

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Veronica Madrigal
Principal

Soaring to Fitness!

By Donna Robertson, Assistant Principal

"Ready ... set ... jog!!" Grant was super-excited to welcome back our parents to campus to host our first community event since school closure in 2020. The hallways and playground were filled with excited chatter and competitive bets the week leading up to the jog-a-thon.

"Soaring to Fitness, Scholars Turned Athletes" was the theme as the focus developed toward who raised more money, which class was going to win the best prizes, which student would run the most laps, and how much money our school can raise. It was so good to see the competitive yet collaborative efforts of our students as they worked to prepare for the event. They managed to channel all of their energies into the event, creating a positive teamwork mentality.

Of course, we couldn't do it without our parents, community and jog-a-thon committee, who did everything including selling raffle tickets, designing T-shirts, making posters, communicating to families, gathering donations, and yes—pumping up the children!

Once again, Grant is proving that they will not let anything stand in their way of school spirit! #Grantstrong!

Gant *Elementary*

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Cassandra Fanton
Principal

CSULB PE Partnership

Physical education undergrad students at California State University Long Beach (CSULB) participate in an eight-week practicum at Minnie Gant, where they get direct experience and learn best PE practices. The students teach 10 weekly first-through-fifth-grade classes for which they write lesson plans, team-teach, administer fitness assessments, practice behavior management, and plan field days. On April 12, they will host a Gators at the Beach field day!

Physical education provides students with knowledge and skills for maintaining active, healthy lifestyles. It's an integral part of the elementary-school curriculum, helping children build foundational skills necessary to live an active, healthy life while introducing elementary students to a variety of games and activities that foster enjoyment in physical activity.

This partnership benefits both Minnie Gant and CSULB students. The hands-on teaching and experiences students get when working together is wonderful.

"This is the stuff we don't learn from textbooks!" one CSULB student said.

We are so thankful for this opportunity!



Garfield *Elementary*

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Monica Alas
Principal

Character Education Assemblies

This month we kicked-off our return to in-person Character Education Assemblies. As much as we have enjoyed creating and recording videos to highlight our students for our monthly virtual assemblies, it feels great

to gather together in the morning to celebrate our students to cheer them live.

Teachers and students had a great time recognizing scholars for showing our school community how they contribute acts of Citizenship.

In March we focused on lessons that highlight all the ways that students can make a difference by helping their class and school community. We even had a special visit from our beloved mascot TIGER!



March Student of Month Assembly

Congratulations to all of our scholars who demonstrate school Citizenship through engagement, spirit, volunteerism and joy!

Gompers (*K-8*)

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Linda Reynolds
Principal

Read Across America- A Fun Event To Encourage Reading

At Gompers, we celebrated The National Education Foundation's Read Across America event by celebrating with a Spirit Week. Everyday was a themed day which included extra time for reading. On Wednesday, the theme was to "Wear red, white, or blue, or something that represents you." Students and staff dressed up in something that represents their culture. It was a great day to celebrate one of the signifiers of our identity and culture.



Hamilton *Middle School*

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Jorge Montanez
Principal

Middle School Cadet Program

*By Lionel Gonzalez,
Male Leadership Middle & K8 Schools*

In partnership with the Warrior Leadership Cadet Youth Program, Hamilton's MALE Leadership Academy has successfully incorporated a middle school Cadet program. In an effort to implement transformational courses, the MSK8 office and Board of Education approved the Cadet program to begin 2nd semester. Since

then, the WLCYP program is continuing to grow interest and support from parents, students, and the Hamilton community. Cadets attend class daily during zero period to learn the foundations of leadership, health and physical fitness, discipline, respect, equity, oral communication/public speaking, and the importance of team dynamics through marching and drill performances. The Cadet program is a course that mirrors the foundations of JROTC. The goal is to expose Hamilton middle school students to high school pathways, close achievement gaps, and empower students.



Harte *Elementary*

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Kimberly Carpenter
Principal

Heart Challenge

Harte's counselor, Ruthie Preston, and our IIC, Elsa Rodriguez, organized a hugely successful fundraiser that raised money to support student events. Our Harte Community made donations which supported The Great American Heart Foundation. Students participated in several

challenges while raising money and earned fun prizes along the way. Scholars who raised the most money got the top prize which was sliming the Principal, Ms. Carpenter! She was quite the trooper and the event brought happy smiles and a lot of laughs. Huge shout outs to all who participated!



Kim Carpenter, Principal, getting slimed by Harte's Scholars

Henry (K-5) Dual Immersion School

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Rose Vitetta
Principal

New Leadership Chapter

Students were so proud & even a little teary-eyed when Mr. Don Knabe, 4th District Supervisor (retired), had them solemnly swear to uphold their position. Each one promised...

- To always follow the school's code of conduct, and be respectful, responsible, safe, and prepared at all times.
- To be a good example to other students
- To inspire others to be their best
- To bring help to those in need, in my school and in my community
- To share my ideas and respect everyone's opinions
- To promote school spirit
- To be an upstanding citizen
- And to always be kind.

The class reps were able to witness an epic moment for their peers. Congratulations to our new Student Council Executive Cabinet! Thank you Counselor Gjonovich for leading our students in this new leadership chapter.



Henry's Student Council officers were officially inducted by Mr. Don Knabe, 4th District Supervisor (retired) in December.

Holmes Elementary

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Lori Grady
Principal

On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!

On March 18, all Holmes students participated in our first annual Color Run fundraiser sponsored by our PTO. Ms. Tamia Jones, PTO fundraiser coordinator and current 5th-grade teacher, worked tirelessly to organize the marketing for the event, purchase the supplies, and coordinate the prize distribution. It takes a team so kudos to Ms. Katie Kolsky for getting the students

excited and a special thank you to PTO members, parent and staff volunteers, and the students! The fundraiser was a huge success and we exceeded our goal by over \$11,000. Now it's time to order playground and PE equipment!



Hughes Middle School

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Edward Steinhauser
Principal

Intramurals at Hughes Bring us Together

By Danyett Lee, Acting Co-Principal

As the Hughes Middle School campus continues to undergo major renovations, our students are now temporarily on two campuses, but they are brought together to have fun with their participation in intramural sports.

Some of the sports include kickball and basketball. Our students are able to sign up for teams and participate in games before school, during lunch time, and even after school.

On Friday, March 11th, a championship kickball game was held after school with competing teams from Hughes North (for seventh- and eighth-grade students) and Hughes South (sixth-grade students). It was a close game, but our North Team won the championship and received Hughes spirit wear.

On Friday, March 25th, Hughes North held a championship basketball game among the seventh- and eighth-grade students. The winning team also received headbands and stickers. Our intramural sports have become unifying across two campuses, and a great activity for our students to participate in or watch, not to mention that they also keep our Owl Spirit alive!



A big thanks goes to Ms. Collins and Ms. Richardson, two teachers from our amazing PE department, for their great efforts to bring added activity and unity to our Hughes community.

Jefferson Leadership Academies

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Dr. Connie Magee
Principal

"Pi"-nomenal Week!

By Tiffany Martin, M. Ed, Instruction and Intervention Coordinator; GATE Coordinator

Jefferson Leadership Academies celebrated "Pi Day" the best way we jaguars know how...with a ROAR! Leading up to the big event, our awesome students participated in a week-long scavenger hunt. Students received one riddle per day, and based on the clue, they went on the prowl and searched the campus for the hidden "Pi" symbol. Students were determined and animated.

We also celebrated with a "Pi Digit Memorization Championship" where students put on their thinking caps and memorized as many Pi digits as possible. Margareth B.



6th Grader Daisy C.



7th Grader Margareth B.

memorized 223 digits taking first place for 7th/8th grade, while Daisy C. memorized 172 digits taking first for 6th grade! Way to go, jags!

Finally, we brought back the great and highly anticipated "Jefferson Teacher Pi Eating Contest." Students love nothing more than seeing their teachers with a face full of pie. It was "Pi"-nomenal!

Jordan High School

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Kaisha Irving
Principal

Student Investment - HBCU Tour

An investment in our students' education is an investment in our community's future. Jordan is investing in the academic future of their African-American students by providing them the chance to visit 11 Historic Black Colleges & Universities across Georgia and Alabama during Spring Break. These 20 students have met to support each other, gain knowledge about educational opportunities

and prepare for their trip all year. A Junior participant stated, "I'm so excited. I've never been on a plane before, I can't wait to see what it feels like being the majority on a college campus." This trip will tap into Jordan's African-American students' potential to succeed and provide a new perspective on the importance of their education.



Kettering Classical Elementary

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Rachel Peters
Principal

Kettering's Fit Fest Fundraiser

There was definite fun at Kettering's Fit Fest this month! Kettering's traditional Fit Fest fundraiser focuses on student fitness and movement. This year we brought back our traditional Fit Fest, by challenging our students to a morning of movement and exercise that was sponsored by family donations. Students ran courses, shot hoops,

played games, danced and more. In addition, they had the opportunity to watch a few professional bikers and skaters doing their tricks. The best part about our day was the support of our parents and community. Over 100 Kettering families showed up to support our event, by supervising the drills, manning the water station, and cheering our students on. This yearly fundraiser brings opportunity for our community to get together in the name of health and fitness.

GO KIDS!



King Elementary

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Osvaldo Ocampo
Principal

Dancing, dancing, and more dancing!!!!

*By Jacqueline Hernandez,
3rd Grade Teacher*

Our King third graders were chosen to be part of the City Hearts Dance program. Currently, our students receive an hour a week of direct dance lessons from professional dance instructors Ms. Tashara Gavin-Moorehead and Mr. Michael Tomlin III. These lessons are tailored to teach our young students dance techniques. Through these lessons our students have learned how to memorize creative dance routines that include: space, timing, body action, and movement. Most importantly, they are learning how to build social skills, increasing self-esteem and also how to work and communicate in a group. Dance also requires that our students focus and practice. These are lifelong skills that will help them in their schooling and other aspects of their lives. Our third graders are lucky to be participating in this program.



Lincoln Elementary

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Caroline Nemece
Principal

Our Walking Superheroes

By Monica Manipon, Assistant Principal

Lincoln Elementary celebrated Walk to School Week from March 21-25, 2022. Walk to School Week emphasizes the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion, and concern for the environment. The events build connections between families, schools, and the broader community.

On March 23rd, the Lincoln community was welcomed to school with music, posters, stickers and informative packets from representatives of the Long Beach Health Department. It was wonderful to see all of the families walking with their children and for the support from the Long Beach Health Department and the Long Beach Police Department. Students were excited to share their walking superpowers each day! Lincoln Lions are Super Strong, Super Smart, Super Smiley, Super Safe and Super Sustainable!



Lindbergh *STEM Academy*

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Stacey Benuzzi
Principal

Lindbergh's Garden Club

Our Garden Club has been working to make Lindbergh a greener campus with the support of their teacher advisor, Ms. Werderman. The Garden Club has planted drought-tolerant, pollinator-friendly plants on campus. Additionally, they are working to refurbish raised garden beds in order to grow organic fruits and veggies. Through the efforts of the Garden Club, Lindbergh has been awarded the Silver Level Think Green Award from LBUSD's Environmental Sustainability Program!

Lakewood *High School*

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Mona Mero
Principal

John Ford Stadium at LHS is open!

14 months, 7 million dollars, and constant hours of planning came to an exciting end Saturday March 26, 2022, when John Ford Stadium reopened with a bang! The Lakewood community, LBUSD officials, Lakewood City officials, and current and past Lakewood staff and students came out to celebrate an action packed evening declaring the stadium is now open for business.



Saturday was significant as it welcomed a valued community member back to serving its community. Also returning to Lakewood High School is alumni Justin Tuitopo, head football coach for the Lancers, and many of his fellow staff alumni vowing to make Lancer Nation great again. As coach Ford pointed out so long ago, "It's All in a State of Mind."

Lindsey *Academy (6-8)*

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Renny Chu
Principal

1st Annual Spelling Bee 2022

Yarelli Romero, a 6th grader at Lindsey Academy, out-spelled her competitors to win the 1st ever Spelling Bee hosted at Lindsey. On Wednesday, February 23, 2022. Yarelli correctly spelled the word "vibrant" in the 3rd round to win the bee. The win meant that Yarelli had to take part in an ONLINE playoff round to qualify for the Los Angeles Regional Bee.



1st - Yarelli Romero 6th grade
2nd - Isaick Rodriguez 7th grade
3rd - Clarissa Lopez 6th grade

The Lindsey Spelling Bee was inspired by 11th grade Long Beach Poly High School student Dina Miranda. Dina competed and won the Los Angeles County Regional Spelling Bee in 2018 and is using her winnings to sponsor LBUSD school students to compete in school spelling bees with the hopes of sending another Long Beach student to the Scripps Regionals.

Long Beach School for Adults

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Debbie Broadway
Administrator

Congratulations Blanca and Dania!

Two of our High School Diploma students have recently received generous \$1,700.00 scholarships for a Certified Nursing Assistant (C.N.A.) Training Program through L.A. Skills Academy. This program requires 60 hours of Theory Lecture (done through Zoom) and 100 hours of Clinical at a Skilled Nursing Facility. Tuition includes 160 hours of CNA training, career counseling, a nurse assistant textbook, practice tests, access to job fairs, and live scan fingerprinting.



We are very proud of our hardworking students, Blanca V. and Dania P. We know they will be excellent and compassionate caregivers. LBSA has 6 students in the last two years that have received this scholarship and 5 are now C.N.A.'s working in the field and we wish Dania the best of luck this semester.

Longfellow *Elementary*

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Edward Sigur IV
Principal

First Graders Perform

By Allison Rayburn, Assistant Principal

Spring is here...the lovely gardens are in bloom and our students are flourishing. Our dedicated PTA recently hosted our Jog-a-thon. Students, staff, and volunteers were engaged in two days of running festivities. The students set goals and surpassed their laps, just as our community surpassed our fundraising goal. The funds will go towards enriching our students' educational experiences. Life also came into our garden in the form of song. Our first graders sang their hearts out at our first in-person performance. They performed for our students and again for their families. We are looking forward to our future performances by our Lions. Spring is in the air and our scholars are continuing to thrive. Continue to show your Lion PRIDE!



Los Cerritos *Elementary*

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Liseeth Ramos
Principal

Los Cerritos Garden Day

By Miss Kropf, 3rd Grade Teacher

On March 19, 2022, our Los Cerritos Garden Committee organized a volunteer work day to clean up our garden. During both distance learning and the beginning of the 2021 school year as we got back into the swing of things, the garden was often overlooked and became overgrown. Our committee and Ms. Cricket, our wonderful Ground Ed teacher, were overwhelmed by the number of volunteers who showed up and worked so hard to

help us clean up the garden. Parents, grandparents, and students arrived excited and willing to help. We were able to rid the garden of the weed infestation, clear out the invasive ivy, trim the overgrown trees, and fill the walkways with a soft mulch to cover the hard, slippery sand-like covering that was there previously. The kids who joined the work day were also able to paint rocks that will decorate our garden. We could not have done this without the help of our incredible Los Cerritos community! We are looking forward to having a useful space to learn in, and how our urban garden will continue to grow!



Lowell Bayside *Elementary*

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Lester Lawson IV
Principal

Welcoming a New Season

By Cassie Ward, TK Teacher

In TK and Kindergarten, excitement fills the air as our “spring hatch” returns in-person! Each class incubates and hatches a dozen eggs with support from our PTA-funded garden program, Ground Education. Children study the life cycle of chickens and embryonic development while eggs incubate for 21 days. Then students watch, mesmerized, as baby chicks emerge!



Chicks are moved to classroom brooders, where we care for them and soak up their cuteness! The chicks serve as a cornerstone for work in life science, reading, writing, language, mathematics, and SEL during this time. After 2 weeks, Lowell’s baby chicks head back to the farm, but they will be warmly remembered by students for years to come.

MacArthur *Elementary*

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Maria Yopez
Principal

Commemorating Read Across America!

MacArthur feels that showing the importance of reading through special events is an enjoyable way to introduce children to the world of books and reading. The more children read, the better they read.

The more they read outside of school, the better they do in school! On this special day, students brought their favorite books to school, wore pajamas, and had a picnic on the lawn with their loved ones. It was such a momentous occasion to be able to have visitors once again on campus after these past two years. Students, staff, and families were overjoyed to be a part of this in-person event and a wonderful time was had by all!



Madison *Elementary*

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Ann Erskine
Principal

First Family Read In

In honor of Read Across America during the first week of March, the Madison community joined together on the playground for our first Family Read In. Students brought books and chairs out of classrooms. Families brought books and blankets to lay out on the grass. Some classes sat together and enjoyed hearing their teacher read a story aloud. Some students

found a quiet spot in the sun to immerse themselves in a reading adventure. Everyone enjoyed this opportunity to share the love of reading. Best of all, we all enjoyed being back together on campus supporting our scholars as they strive for academic success.



Mann *Elementary*

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Tracy Fiala
Principal

Creativity through the Arts

Kinder through fifth grade Mann students delighted us all with the most amazing production of *The Wiz* this month. Directed by Dr. Prager, this year's production was a huge success. Students build confidence, discover new talents and learn

to work together through this wonderful team building experience. At Mann we prioritize creativity through the arts. The opportunities children experience here make great lasting memories for students and their families.



Marshall *Academy of the Arts*

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Marie Hatwan
Principal

Pi Day

Spring at Marshall Academy of the Arts has our students and families returning to events and togetherness that is our tradition.

On March 14, 2022 we celebrated Pi Day with a pie eating contest. Students and spectators enjoyed their lunch time cheering on their friends for a raffle and pie eating contest.

Our families joined our students at Lunch on the Lawn for a picnic and reunion of our community, together again. The faces and smiles seemed to go on for miles!

Persisting together through a pandemic to ensure our student safety, well-being and learning is our vision and commitment to our community.



McKinley *Elementary*

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Charo Darwin Glomah
Principal

School-Wide Reading at McKinley!

By Janelle Salgado, TOSA

In honor of Read Across America, students made their way to the vast playground of McKinley Elementary to engage in reading. Students from different grade levels shared books on blankets brought from home. This in-person event was especially meaningful to the McKinley students after a year of virtual learning. It was a sight to see students sharing a book between their laps or their face hiding away in the pages. It fostered a sense of community, value, and authenticity for the students. The result was active participation and enthusiastic engagement in literacy.



Millikan *High School*

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Alejandro Vega
Principal

E-Sports Team

By Kezziah Hernandez and Liana Nguav, Co-Editors in Chief

The Millikan E-Sports team is currently the only CIF team in the Long Beach Unified School District. The team started as a club and converted to a team last spring. They are currently competing in Super Smash Brothers and Platoon in their spring season. They have played in five games and have three left until they find out their seed for CIF playoffs.

“We compete on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school at 4:00 from home [because of LBUSD’s

internet restrictions],” said Gray Lange, the E-Sports team manager and Millikan French teacher. “Athletes log in through [PlayVS](#), and the system sets up the matches against their opposing team.”

Millikan’s E-Sports team competes against other high school teams, both public and private, in California. All participating California schools are in one giant division. The players are able to receive scholarships for colleges and can even play professionally.

Lange is proud to run a program that provides a sense of community to students who don’t play a physical sport. He hopes that funding can be allocated to LBUSD schools so that E-Sports can compete on campus and potentially in a Moore League.

Naples Bayside *Academy*

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Paula Spenker
Principal

Celebrating Math!

Naples Bayside Academy was a buzz with math this month. We celebrated Pi Day schoolwide and continued the celebration of math all week long! Our youngest Dolphins searched for circles around the school site, our 3rd graders learned how to calculate pi, and our upper grades participated in digits of pi memorization contest. We incorporated some events families could incorporate at

home such as, kayaking, walking, or biking 3.14 miles or baking a pie from scratch. We are looking forward to building upon our math celebration next year!



Nelson *Academy* (6–8)

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Kathleen Reed
Principal

Greetings

Nelson Academy Community hopes this message finds our larger community doing well. As we jump back into the swing of things, Nelson Academy is looking forward, working as a team, and taking those big shots—academically, social-emotionally, and athletically. Our girls' basketball team made history by going undefeated the

entire season; thus, bringing our home our very first girls' basketball All-City Division III Championship. Under the leadership of Head Coach O'Donnell and Assistant Coach Worden, our twelve student athlete roster brought home more than a championship banner. Basketball as a game of life, emphasized by O'Donnell and Worden, allowed our Knights to shine through perseverance, self-management, belief, and trust in one another.

Oropeza *Elementary*

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Richard Littlejohn
Principal

Ballet Folklórico Club

By Christine Franco, Office Supervisor

Welcome to the Oropeza Ballet Folklórico Club! The goal of the club is to foster student connections, participate in a cultural experience, and build friendships with their peers. There are 100 Oropeza students in grades TK–5 that participate in the club! Our recreation and instructional aide teams, along with me, support the club. Boys and girls participate together.

Students in the club have learned that folklórico dances are symbols of the culture and tradition of Mexico. It has been derived from both colonial and indigenous dance forms. The dances emphasize local folk culture with ballet

characteristics and exaggerated movements, and they are highly choreographed. The costumes are elaborate and represent a particular region of Mexico. The dresses from Jalisco are very colorful and bright. In the state of Sinaloa, the coastal region of Mexico known for its beautiful beaches, the costumes are lighter and colorful and have beautiful flowers. In the state of Veracruz, the women wear beautiful white dresses full of lace. In Northern Mexico, the dresses are shorter and the women wear boots, for example, in the dance “Jesusita en Chihuahua.”

Our students have learned about the different regions and movements and wear beautiful handmade attire to celebrate folklórico. Our students perform folklórico from the different regions and states mentioned above! Go Otters! #OtterPride #OropezaBalletFolklorico

Newcomb Academy (K-8)

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Christopher J. Thompson
Principal

Newcomb Spartans Win the All City Title

By Emily Ly, Reporter- 7th Grade

The Newcomb Girls Basketball team has won a great deal of games. They've been striving for wins throughout the season and achieved their goal by clenching the Championship title. This is Newcomb's first Girls Basketball All City Championship since 2009. The team consisted of hard-working and diligent girls.

These young ladies came together as a team under the leadership of Coach Robert and Newcomb Alumni, Assistant Coach Cassidy. Newcomb is so proud of all of you!

I had the chance to interview one of the most crucial players on the team; Sophia Montanez.

Q: Why did you join basketball?

A: I've been playing for a while, and it's something I enjoy doing.

Q: Will you continue playing until high school?

A: I plan to keep playing throughout high school and join varsity as a freshman and hopefully keep going from there."

Q: What's your favorite thing about basketball?

A: I don't have to worry about problems. Being aggressive and hustling are things that make me who I am.

Goooooo SPARTANS!!



Polytechnic *High School*

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William Salas
Principal

Poly Speech and Debate Working Hard and Finding Success

By Cristal Diaz

From September to March, the 32 members of Poly's Speech and Debate team have been preparing for and participating in tournaments, hoping for a chance to compete at the state championships April 29-May 1. The team won Division 3 competitions at Montebello HS as well as the Student Congress competition.

Several Jackrabbit debaters have already booked their trip through strong performances, including

seniors Inanna Khansa and Hamid Torabzadeh, who both qualified for the second year in a row, as well as junior Althea Aguel. The state tournament will be a great opportunity for these students to add to their resume.

Adviser and Poly English teacher Brett Alexander said, "We have been having a good year and I'm very proud of how far we have come because my students have been working very hard." Aside from just teaching his kids tips about the competitions, he helps distress them from any anxiety by getting them to the competitions in time, making sure they have plenty of food and water, and lots of encouragement.



Roosevelt *Elementary*

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Alissa Gamboa
Principal

Thinking Outside the Box for Interventions

On any given Thursday afternoon, when you walk into the Roosevelt library around 12:30, you will hear about 20 fourth graders shouting out checkmate or tapping their chess clock, keeping track of their time for the next move.

Our "at-promise students" participate in an in-class Chess Intervention. This program

is designed specifically for students as an alternative to various disciplinary actions, including suspension or expulsion. This program provides mentorship using the chessboard to address broad and acute areas of concern. The ultimate goal is to help students see that they have a role in creating their future selves. As students engage in this intervention, they develop cognitive abilities, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills while building character, confidence, courage, discipline, and perseverance.

Powell Academy (K-8)

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Tynisha Smith
Principal

Importance of Life Skills

John D. Rockefeller said, “The most important thing for a young man is to establish a credit... a reputation, character.” Our Male Academy, led by our technology teacher Rodney Jones has been focusing in instilling lifelong qualities such as these in our Male Academy students. They meet every week and just completed a four-week Personality Matrix course presented by

Walter Larkins of Education = Opportunity Too. Our goal is to prepare our young men to positively impact their community, in order to do that, they have to develop and grow their own character. We are also incorporating life skills, such as dressing for success. Every Thursday, our Male Academy wears a shirt and tie along with our coordinator Mr. Jones and our SDC teacher Mr. Scoggins. Seeing them dressed up has sparked interest and conversation among other students and is having a positive impact on our campus.



Sato Academy of Mathematics & Science

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Veronica Coleman
Principal

Assistive Technology

Through Make:able, Sato freshmen are learning how to design and produce assistive devices for peer “clients” with disabilities in the LBusD Adult Community Transition (ACT) Program. Sato’s Introduction to Engineering Design (IED) teacher, Albert Gallo, collaborated with Matthew Shawver from ACT to pair Sato students with ACT clients. Sato freshmen teams got to know their clients through interviews and discussions about their daily lives and the assistive technology they desire, such as a mouth pointer, iPad stand, and seat belt hook. The Sato and ACT students will meet several more times this semester as products are tested and refined.



ACT student Sean describes his leg brace to a Sato freshmen engineering team who will design and produce an assistive device for him.

Prisk *Elementary*

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Beth Cohen
Principal

21/22 PTA National Reflections at Prisk

In this year's National PTA Reflections program, our Prisk community was shining bright with 38 artistic entries! This year's theme was, "I will change the world by..."

Judging is based on interpretation, creativity, and technique. Thank you to this year's volunteer judges: Jeff McMillan, Jason Davidson, Helen Lanners, Claire Dallison, and Shesha Marvin.

Thirteen entries placed 1st at Prisk and four of those placed 1st at the Long Beach Council division. Two of those, Maya B.T. & Wyatt W., both in the category of Dance, placed 1st at the 33rd District division and Wyatt placed 1st at the CALIFORNIA STATE division and advanced to the NATIONAL division!!! Go, Wyatt!

Thank you to our Prisk artists for their amazing submissions and to our Reflections chairperson, Kat Dang!



Signal Hill *Elementary*

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Scott Tardibuono
Principal

Meet the Members of the Signal Hill Literacy Team

by *Kem Truman, IIC*

With over 162 years of combined teaching experience, the Signal Hill Literacy team is focused on empowering our struggling students to develop an understanding and love for literacy. On a given day, you could find the team working endless hours supporting tier 1 and tier 2 instruction. Each

literacy teacher utilizes Levelled Learning Instruction.

"The Fountas & Pinnell Levelled Literacy Intervention System(LLI) is an intensive, small-group, supplementary literacy intervention for students who find reading and writing difficult" (Fountas & Pinnell, 2018). With the support of the Signal Hill Literacy team, the LLI system, and a plethora of learning tools, our students will be able to reach for success!



Jill Miller, Trina White, Kendra Dacquisto, Karen Robinson, Regina Nervo, Kem Truman

Renaissance *High School for the Arts*

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Michael Navia
Principal

Connect Club

On March 16, 2022, James Lingen and Renaissance's Connect Club hosted 5th graders from Oropeza to take a tour of our campus. The Connect Club provides elementary students with high school mentors and encourages a growth mind

set when students feel too overwhelmed to focus on academics. With the help of an older mentor they address school dynamics and relationships. BONUS: students visited on Cosplay Day!



Smith *Elementary*

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Hugo Figueroa
Principal

Welcome to Smith's Reading Cafe

Checkered tablecloths, pretty flowers, flameless candles...a transformation took place in the library at Smith Elementary. Students were welcomed into a cafe to dine on knowledge about authors and their beloved books. The menu was filled with guiding questions to help students explore the history of their chosen author and encourage perusal of their grade-level appropriate books. Discussion was lively and on topic throughout this book-dining experience. The ambiance in the room was magical as students interacted with their books; a love of reading was in the air. When asked if they will return to read again, among smiles and head nods, one student responded with, "I say yes!"



Mr.s Oliver's 3rd Grade Students

Reid High School

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Troy Bennett
Principal

Basketball Team

Since its inception in 1966 Reid High School had never participated in districtwide athletics. That changed this year as Reid joined the LBUSD Small Thematic High Schools Basketball League. Coached by Mr. Nhan, the Raptors competed valiantly, providing excitement and entertainment along with an infusion of school spirit.

The inaugural team consisted of 8 players that learned valuable life-skills about competition and sportsmanship. The Raptors will also lace up their shoes and compete in soccer next month. The Raptors inclusion with the other small thematic schools has provided opportunities for personal growth and discovery and we look forward to joining our peers at this year's Prom, held at the California Science Center on Saturday, May 21st.



Reid Raptors Basketball Team flanked by Principal Mr. Bennett and Coach Mr. Nhan.

Stephens Middle School

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Megan Traver
Principal

4x4 Block Schedule

The Pride of the Westside is ready to rock the block! Stephens Middle School is incredibly excited and humbled to be named as one of the two middle schools to pilot the new 4x4 block schedule next school year. This unique opportunity will enable us to expand our elective offerings and create industry themed pipelines that feed directly into Long Beach's high school pathways.

We'll also be able to strategically design intervention courses that accelerate our students' learning based on their needs. With more time to collaborate, longer periods that allow for deeper learning, and the flexibility that comes with a block schedule, our wonderful teaching staff is ecstatic to embark on this challenging adventure. We're grateful for being selected and ready to provide our students with the education they deserve. #PrideOfTheWestside

Stanford *Middle School*

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Rebecca Suzanne Caverly
Principal

Anti-Racism Club

One of the newest student groups on the Stanford campus this year is the Stanford Anti-Racism Club. Faculty book clubs popped up on campuses throughout the district over the past two years to study social justice issues, but at Stanford the work

has spread to the student body. Since September, a dedicated group of students has been meeting every Friday after school to read and discuss *This Book Is Anti-Racist* by Tiffany Jewell, and those conversations have led to action. These young activists have surveyed their peers about their experiences with racism, and they've created videos to educate students and spark further conversation on campus. The future is in good hands because the Stanford Anti-Racism Club is changing the world!



Antiracism Club

Stevenson *Elementary*

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Nancy Dalton
Principal

Beat the Odds with Drumming

Fortunately for our Stevenson STARS we have Ms. Paula Riley at Stevenson! Not only is she bringing an awesome music experience to our

STARS, but as a trained facilitator, Mrs. Riley has also brought Beat the Odds, an evidence-based program from UCLA Arts and Healing! She works in conjunction with our counselor Mr. Franceschini, to teach students who can benefit from learning strategies for expressing themselves, communicating and managing their emotions. We can beat the odds at Stevenson!



Mrs. Riley and Mr. F. working together.

Tincher Preparatory School (K-8)

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Donna Ryono
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Live Theater is Back and Better than Ever

The Tincher Tigers in 3rd-6th grade enjoyed their first field trip in nearly two years. Tincher was invited to the first student matinee of The Andrews Brothers, a musical set in WW II. It was the first production from MTW since the pandemic shut down live theater. Students studied the

plot, listened to the music of the era, and wrote letters for Operation Gratitude, an organization that supports military veterans and their caregivers. It was a beautiful day and you could feel the excitement as students walked to the Carpenter Center. The performance was top-notch and students left with smiles on their faces. What a wonderful way to remind students of the power of the performing arts.



Tincher Tigers and parent chaperones prepare for their first field trip in 2 years

Twain Elementary

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Dr. Patrick Booker
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Plastic Flower Planter

By Tanya Sahaid, Recreational Aide

The idea of making flowers out of recycled plastic bottles has been done by many artists, and I couldn't wait to do it with our students at Twain Elementary!

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade recently participated in making flowers and other art pieces. We used the top and bottom parts of plastic water bottles to make the different types of flowers. Some of the bottles were cut into spirals for sculptures.

The flowers were painted by the students using acrylic paint, with various designs and color combinations.

After the painting and cutting were complete, it was time to assemble the project. The first step was to clean the planter and lay the ground cover to protect our flowers from dirt. We then put down the grass, flowers, and sculptures to create the completed garden.

The students really enjoyed working on this project, and they were amazed with how we were able to transform plastic water bottles into something so beautiful. I was honored to work with all of the Twain students, and was truly impressed by their love for art.



Washington Middle School

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Roshann Williams
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Celebrating Pi Day the Washington Way!

Washington Middle School students, teachers, and administrators got into the National Pi Day spirit on March 14th. The student council, led by Mrs. Salgado decorated, planned and organized this event. The event invited the WMS family to have fun with math while cultivating community.

Students were challenged to recite as many numbers of Pi as they could remember. The event was a smash! Literally! Some Washington scholars recited over 100 numbers! The top five students chose their favorite teacher or administrator to Pi in the face. The students loved the event in which they were able to showcase their math knowledge and get their favorite teachers and administrators in on the action.



Some choose to celebrate Pi Day by eating pie. WMS knows it's more fun to wear it!
Mr. Luna, Mr. Moritz, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Torres, and Dr. Williams



Webster *Elementary*

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Sarah Forrester
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Celebrating Love of Literacy

Earlier this year, the Webster community gathered to celebrate the grand debut of our Inchy's Bookworm Vending Machine. In doing so, we had the opportunity to recognize some very special Webster students.

Six of Webster's most inspiring scholars were invited to be the first to officially use the Inchy's Bookworm Vending Machine.

These students were recognized by grade-level teams for an outstanding commitment to academics, the ability to motivate and encourage others, and the power to spread positivity and kindness throughout campus.



Moving forward, each teacher receives two tokens per month to award to a student for various reasons. In addition, students will be able to use PAW slips, which are earned across the campus for scholarly and kind behavior, to "purchase" tokens. As students earn tokens, they come into the office to select their book from the vending machine. Often, the student is accompanied by friends to support them and help them choose, all excited to get their own turn one day to select a book!

Through the use of our new book vending machine, we are so excited to share the opportunity to further foster a love of literacy through a selection of culturally relevant and diverse books.

Wilson *Classical High School*

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Kimberly Holland
Principal

Over 30 Years of Celebrating our Seniors - Wilson Grad Nite!

For over 30 years, Wilson Parents have transformed the campus of Wilson High School into an amazing Celebration for the Senior Class. It is the goal to have every Wilson Senior attend this evening of games, activities, dancing, entertainment, prizes and tons of fun. This year with generous donations from Class of 2010 Joel Bitonio,

NFL Football Player for the Cleveland Browns and our wonderful PTSA, our event is FREE for all Seniors! What a special gift for the Class of 2022!



If you would like to volunteer, our Parents would love to have you assist prior to the event, during or even being a part of the clean up crew or would like to be an event sponsor, please email wilsongradnite@gmail.com. Go Class of 2022 and our wonderful Alumni, PTSA, Community and Families you make it a Great Day to be a BRUIN!

Parent To Parent



Jodie Lynn

Activities Away from Technology

Q. My 10-year-old son only wants to stay indoors, play video games and eat chips and the like. He doesn't like sports. I'm trying to get him outdoors and moving but he complains about the heat. Any ideas on how to get him away from becoming a couch potato and away from the TV?

A. There are plenty of programs that your son might like such as swimming, drawing, painting, camping, making pottery, volunteering at a pet shelter, cooking, graphic design for kids, etc. The whole idea is to get him into a scheduled activity three to five days a week. Some of the facilities where the activities take place have lunch served to the kids. It's usually a pretty healthy one at that. They should give you a weekly copy of them. If not, ask for one. Some programs allow kids to bring their lunch. This means that he will be eating less of the bad things and more of the good. He might even decide that eating fruit is a good break from chips. If your son can find something he likes and can participate in it with a friend, he'll be more willing to stick with it, especially if there's no pressure to be a super star. This will also give him less time to play video games or to watch TV.

Research Tutor Options

Q. My fifth-grader is struggling in math and I'm not sure why. Before the pandemic, he made good grades in math. My sister has two middle school kids who are also having a difficult time in math. We've looked into tutors but they are expensive. What are some other alternatives to getting them help without breaking our budget?

A. There are several options to choose from that may help to keep you within your budget. For example, there are some brick and mortar facilities, online companies and even personal tutors that will give a group discount for two or more kids who sign up for their professional services. Research your choices before making the best one. Unless you know someone who has personally used a company or a one-on-one tutor and can vouch for them, check references. Don't forget to also ask teachers at each school if anyone there tutors or if they have a friend that does. Recommendations from friends, family and professionals are almost always a good way to find just about anything you need. You might also call local colleges, specifically the junior colleges. After the kids start their tutoring, give it a little time to work out before rushing in and thinking that it's a lost cause. Once they connect with the new person, the new regimen will become the normal one and hopefully they'll be able to catch up.

Internship at College

Q. Our 18-year-old son is supposed to have an internship this summer at the college he is going to be attending in the fall. However, he wants to live in a college apartment and this is where we have a problem. He's never been away and we are apprehensive of the environment he could be introduced to during the "summer" party group. Any rules that you could suggest?

A. Whether he is going early for an internship or moving into a dorm for the fall, this is a big step and most parents, as well as the kids themselves, are more than anxious about leaving home and entering college. If for some reason you feel like he really isn't ready to live on his own or not sure if he could easily be persuaded to party with the summer group, you might want to talk with the adult in charge of his internship and find out if there are other options for his housing. Oftentimes, there are families who take in college students just for the summer, especially if they are new to the area. It's more personalized because the people are doing it because they enjoy mentoring new kids and showing them around. You and your son can even meet them beforehand to get to know them a little bit better and you can ask about their rules and expectations. Either way, we have to let our kids go, let them make their own choices and hope for the best.

Learning to Communicate

Q. My brother's wife is always making excuses for their kids regarding just about everything. When they start to talk on whatever the topic is, she completes their sentences and basically they have grown to look to her to speak for them. When I take them out by myself, they can barely explain things or answer questions about the topic at hand. How can I help her to realize that they need to learn how to speak for themselves?

A. As parents we want to protect our kids from making poor choices, maybe because we've made a similar one and know what the results could potentially turn out to be. Unfortunately, they need to be able to make mistakes so that they too can learn from them; it's how everyone learns best in building life skills. If we talk for them and make excuses for them, not only will they become dependent on us but they will not be able to communicate well and make wise decisions. If you can talk to your sister-in-law about it without causing friction, do so in a way that helps her understand that her current protection of them is enabling their dependency on her. If you feel it's an impossible task, talk to your brother first. If neither one can see your point, don't push the issue. Just do the best you can with the kids when you have them by encouraging them to think and speak on their own. Sooner or later they'll ask her to stop.

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Grandma, Why Do You Have Cracks In Your Face?

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