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This is our 18th year publishing the excellence from the LBUSD. There have been many changes over the years with the one constant being focus on academic excellence.

The message from Mayor Edward Wilson on page 4 is so important. I hope everyone reads and heeds his message. I will take it one step further. Please set an example and disconnect from your phones while driving. I am sure you have noticed drivers on the phone with babies in their car seats. We have all driven behind a car swerving only to pass them and see they are so involved texting they are putting everyone at risk. The public service messages

seem to be directed to teenagers to not text and drive, but the parents are often the worst offenders. With technology comes responsibility.

In this issue you'll read about students coding, STEAM, music and art in the classrooms, Saturday School Intervention, Chromebooks and much more.

We have two word search contests in this issue. Thank you for your fun comments when you email your answers. The Public Library info is on page 27 and Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine Spring and Summer Camps Info on page 31.

Our next issue is April 11.



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State of the City Address

On January 9th, I delivered my fourth State of the City address and reported the state of our city is strong and getting stronger.

I began with an overview of the more than \$3 billion in construction projects underway and recounted key achievements in 2017, including:

- The lowest unemployment rate in the city’s history;
- The lowest number of homicides in city history;
- It was the best year on record for tourism; and
- The largest cargo volume ever at the Port of Long Beach.

I discussed the improvements from the largest infrastructure program in a generation and vital restorations to our Police and Fire Departments thanks to the passage of Measure A.

I am also proud of our City’s progress in sustainability. The Port approved a new Clean Air Action Plan, which will produce zero-emissions by 2035 and we continue to be a leader in the use of electric vehicles.

Long Beach also has important accomplishments in economic development that helped decrease our poverty rate by 2.3%.

The best economic development and anti-poverty tool is access to a quality education. Long Beach is great because of our amazing local education institutions—LBUSD, LBCC, and CSULB – and thanks to partners like Vision To Learn which is providing glasses to 8,000 students. I was proud to welcome Samantha Cuevas, a recipient of a pair of glasses to the stage during the State of the City.

The College Promise, which has helped thousands of students prepare for and succeed in college and beyond, will celebrate its tenth anniversary this year.

We also look forward to the opening of the new Educare Center later this year that will serve about 900 students and the Mayor’s Fund for Education will launch an initiative focused on early literacy at childcare centers across Long Beach.

You can count on me to protect our values and to keep Long Beach a city that values diversity. Societies that are open and value inclusion have provided more for their people and had stronger economies and Long Beach must lead with a strong vision, a sense of justice, and kindness for all its people.

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A Healthy Balance with Technology

Clearly, we are in the Age of Technology! And as our children “grow up digitally,” it’s important to teach them the concepts of balance, healthy limits and staying connected with the off-line world. Parents play an important role in teaching these skills.

Experts recommend that limits be set on a child’s device usage and encourage higher levels off-line playtime. Digital devices appear to interfere with items crucial to healthy development; such as face-to-face interaction, physical exercise, outdoor creative play, and sleep.

More than ever, children can greatly benefit from family and group activities that don’t involve technology and encourage real-time connecting. Some suggestions:

- Plan a “device-free” family dinner and reconnect on a face-to-face level.
- Grab some board games and have an old-school family game night.
- Find a local park and get outside. Bring a ball and play catch, have a picnic, kick a soccer ball around, or go for a walk and enjoy the scenic views our area has to offer.
- Take a walk on Signal Hill’s trail system. You and your children will reconnect with nature and enjoy incredible views of Los Angeles County and the Pacific Ocean.
- Consider volunteer opportunities that involve the entire family. You and your kids could participate in a local clean-up or pitch in at a community event. (Visit www.cityofsignalhill.org/volunteer for local ideas.)
- Create tech-free zones. Keep family and social gatherings, and children’s bedrooms screen free.
- Turn off televisions that you aren’t watching, because background TV can get in the way of face-to-face time with kids.
- Recharge devices overnight - outside your child’s bedroom - to help children avoid the temptation to use them when they should be sleeping.

Finally, set a good example for your kids and make sure you take time to disconnect yourself. Put the phone down when you pick up your children from school. Encourage device-free mealtimes and evenings at home.

Wishing you and your family a happy and healthy 2018!

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Douglas P. Haubert
City Prosecutor

More Work Ahead

The City of Long Beach finished 2017 with some good news in crime statistics. Although crime rose in many areas across the country, Long Beach continues to have low crime rates.

However, it isn't time to pop the champagne. There is much more work to do and we can't expect crime to rise in the next few years unless we work even harder than before.

The most significant milestone in 2017 is that Long Beach murders dropped to a record low of 23 murders — a 33% drop from 2016. That's the fewest murders since Long Beach began tracking crime 50 years ago!

In addition, property crime dropped 11.3%, and total crime dropped about 7.9% in 2017, according to FBI statistics. Violent crime, however, increased 9% in 2017.

The most disturbing trend is that crime across California, which had been going down steadily over the past 30 years, has stopped its downward trend. Urban areas especially are seeing a rise in crime.

For example, in the City of Los Angeles, violent crime has increased each year for the last four years. According to FBI statistics published in 2016, the City of San Francisco had the highest increase in property crime rates

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in the United States. One in-depth study shows crime in Los Angeles County has risen 8% over the last 6 years.

If crime is going up throughout the state and, especially, in Los Angeles County, how can it drop in Long Beach? That is the question. More than ever, we have no choice but to chart our own path and look for local solutions to the crime problem.

And that is why, although there is some good news, it is not time to celebrate. It is time to push even harder until every neighborhood in Long Beach is a safe place in which to live, work and raise a family.

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New Year, New Financial Resolutions

Happy New Year! If you are planning to get a head start on your financial goals for 2018, now is the best time to do it. Whether you are planning on saving for retirement, a wedding, a dream vacation, or simply just saving for a rainy day—below are some tips to help you start.

Set a realistic financial goal. Know what you want and when. Set a concise goal of exactly what you are saving for or paying off and set a projected target time. Set up an automatic savings deposit each month.

Prioritize. Before putting away money towards your savings, prioritize your debts. Loans or credit cards with the highest interest rates should be paid off as soon as possible. It does not benefit you to invest or save money while paying higher interest on your debts.

Track your expenses. List all your expenses and assess against your household's income. Track exactly how much is spent on necessities and miscellaneous items. Make a decision on what you are willing to forego in your miscellaneous list.



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Mentorship + Empowerment = Success!

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

As a woman who wants to advance in her career in today's society overpowered by social media and the image of perfection, it seems, to Arnedra, as though the idea of *mentorship and support* has been lost, but because of the women who surround her and their determination to mentor and empower, helped her succeed. Arnedra is able to navigate her career and her education and ABWA has been a big influence to her gateway to success. Success can be achieved when people have knowledge, skills and the support that they need to succeed. She gained all of these things plus more because of her journey with ABWA. She is embraced by sisterhood, education, professional development and as a result, she is able to pay it forward and give all that she has learned to other women as they embark on their careers journeys. Arnedra L. Jordan PHD(c) 2019 and League's Woman of the Year-2016/2017.

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A Heart-Melting Experience

Recently, I accompanied my daughter and her friends to the Long Beach Animal Care Services (ACS) shelter for their volunteer service. Little did I know that we would leave with more than just a meaningful experience.

The ACS shelter is a vital part of our community. It is a refuge for approximately 8,000 lost or homeless animals each year.

While working to reunite these animals with their families or find them new homes, the shelter provides essential care, resources, and medical treatment.

Last year my Office accepted Mayor Garcia's request to review ACS shelter operations. Our review found that ACS has a staff highly dedicated to animals' welfare. We also found the need for ACS to have a clear, shared vision with an effective, feasible strategic plan. Currently, there is a misalignment between stakeholder expectations and ACS' capacity of care. ACS has been attempting to provide care beyond what staffing and resources allow, impacting service.

As a result, the City is at a critical juncture. All stakeholders – City elected officials, City management, and the community – must determine what kind of shelter they want ACS to be. Stakeholders must solidify a vision and develop a strategic plan to guide policies and practices, outline programs, and marshal and prioritize resources.

As stakeholders, community members play an important role in shelter operations. There are many ways to get involved. Volunteer opportunities include feeding, walking and caring for the animals. There is also the need for blankets, food and monetary donations. And, of course, if you are ready to add to your family, you can open your heart and home to an animal in need by fostering or making the commitment to adopt.

I learned a lot during my time volunteering. We are fortunate to have many devoted advocates, rescue organizations, volunteers and donors. Their contributions are making a positive impact in the quality of life of the animals in the shelter.

At the end of our volunteer session, my daughter and I took a stroll through the cat cottages and that's when we spotted her, a cute cat with gold eyes. Once we held her in our arms and heard her sweet purr, we knew she had to be ours. Since the day we brought her home, Daisy has brought us much comfort and joy. So, fair warning, if you decide to volunteer, as well as a fulfilling experience, you may also leave with a new loving addition to your family like we did.

To find out more about ways to give back at the shelter, please visit www.longbeach.gov/acs.

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Nutrition Update — Football Season

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



Carol Berg Sloan, RDN

Protein is part of every cell in the body and is necessary for proper function of muscle, skins and bones and we must consume adequate amounts of protein to maintain these functions. Recommendations from the Institute of Medicine: adults should get a minimum of 0.8 grams of protein for every kilogram of body weight per day or about 8 grams of protein for every 20 pounds of body weight.

These numbers really don't mean much to the average consumer so to put in perspective, a 3 ounce piece of say, steak, contains 21 grams of protein. Protein contains amino acids that are essential for good health. Animal protein can deliver all of these building blocks whereas plant based protein sources may be missing some so it is important to get advice from a registered dietitian if deciding to remove animal protein from the diet. I eat all types of protein including beef, chicken, fish, turkey, pork, eggs as well as plant sources such as nuts, peanut butter, beans and legumes. I get questions about protein sources all the time. "Can I still have a hot dog every once in a while?", "Is pork leaner than it used to be?", "Do nuts count as a protein source?" Consumers are taking their health and well-being more seriously than ever and I'm couldn't be more thrilled to provide insight and current science based information to promote healthier lifestyles. Oh and yes, a Dodger dog at the game is just fine, fat content of pork has decreased and 1 ounce of nuts are considered a 1 ounce protein equivalent.



Kelly Sloan BS

Protein in the diet is frequently misunderstood among my peers. Many think animal protein or meat generally speaking is not good. They lean towards vegetarianism without really understanding the role protein plays in proper body function. I tell friends that they should eat all types of protein, but in proper portions. A 20-ounce steak or 20 chicken nuggets is not a normal meal. Eating 2-3 ounces of meat with vegetables and a starch would be a better choice. For example, a sandwich with 2 slices of whole grain bread, 2 ounces of ham, 1 ounce of cheese and lots of lettuce and tomato. Or my Peruvian chicken recipe (see below) served with roasted potatoes and broccoli. These choices meet requirements without going overboard on portions or saturated fat. If you choose to be vegetarian for a day or as a lifetime choice it is important to provide the body with complete proteins and supplements when necessary, to make sure you do not lack in any essential nutrients.

Kiwi Infused Peruvian Chicken:

Yield: 5 servings

Ingredients:

5 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons White Vinegar
1 tablespoon paprika
1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 tablespoon onion powder
salt and pepper, to taste

Kiwifruit Marinade:

3 kiwis, scooped and mashed
3 tablespoons orange juice
1 tablespoon lime juice

Directions:

Combine olive oil, white vinegar, cumin, paprika, onion powder, salt and pepper to create a paste/rub.

Place raw chicken in a pan and pour rub on top, evenly coating chicken. Cover with foil and set in fridge while you prepare marinade.

In a clean bowl, combine kiwis, orange juice and lime juice, mix well.

Take chicken out of fridge and pour marinade on top until chicken is fully coated. Place back in refrigerator and marinate for 1-2 hours.

Preheat oven to 475 degrees F.

Transfer chicken to a clean pan and bake for 20-25 minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Remove from oven and let sit for 5-8 minutes.

While chicken is cooking, prepare citrus salsa. In a small bowl, combine kiwi, orange, orange juice and lime juice, mix well. Refrigerate until chicken is cooked.

Top kiwi infused Peruvian chicken with citrus kiwi salsa and serve with your favorite veggies! Enjoy.



Knowing Congenital Heart Disease Signs Can Save a Child's Life



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Congenital heart disease is a defect or malformation of the heart or its associated blood vessels that forms in a developing baby. Depending on the specific defect, symptoms can appear right away or later in life.

Common signs and symptoms include:

- Abnormal Heart Murmurs – commonly heard during an annual checkup
- Labored breathing – especially with activity and in a baby during feeding
- Growth Abnormalities – not gaining weight or growing appropriately, when feeding well
- Blue skin or lips – nail beds or lips can turn blue, especially during crying
- Extreme fatigue – tiring quickly or easily; racing of the heart during physical activity
- Swelling in the legs, abdomen or areas around the eyes is a late finding that can be seen in chronic heart failure

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Local Schools Build on Successes

The Long Beach Unified School District started 2018 with significant national recognition, reflecting all of our schools' ongoing efforts to build on a strong tradition of providing a high quality education.

The school district earned the District of the Year award from the national business news publisher Industry Dive and its publication, Education Dive. The honor is part of the 2017 Dive Awards recognizing education's "top disruptors and innovators." Meanwhile, Keller Dual Immersion Middle School was named as a finalist for the America's Best Urban Schools Award given by the National Center for Urban School Transformation. You can read all about these honors at lbschools.net.

For parents, students, staff and community supporters, such recognition is always a welcome validation of their hard work. But just as important to everyone who cares about our communities, these accolades confirm the progress we're seeing as a result of careful planning and allocation of resources in our local schools.

Results from the newest state tests show significant growth in student achievement in our schools. We're especially proud that all student sub-groups improved, including all racial/ethnic subgroups, students learning English as their second language, special education

students, and homeless and foster children. Many schools saw double-digit increases in the percentage of students meeting standards, and several schools saw achievement gaps close by 50 percent or more.

Students in our schools are taking record numbers of Advanced Placement college prep courses. We're providing students greater access to AP exams by covering almost all of the cost. AP exams usually cost \$92 each, but students here pay only \$5. We're spending \$1.85 million on this effort, and we're getting results. In fact, the percentage of students meeting the "A-G" entrance requirements for the California State University and University of California systems continues to increase. A-G completion rates rose 4 percentage points last year (and 12 percentage points in five years), with students of color closing achievement gaps by significant margins. African American students closed the A-G achievement gap last year by 7 percent; Hispanic students by 8 percent; and Pacific Islander students by 12 percent.

Many other indicators point to continuing improvement, too. College scholarships have seen a five-fold increase here in 10 years. CSULB enrollment by LBUSD graduates is up 56 percent since the inception of our nationally recognized Long Beach College Promise initiative nearly 10 years ago.

Behind all of these impressive numbers are the hard working people who make success possible. Thank you to all of you who have contributed to this important work. We look forward to even greater success in 2018.

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Monica Alas
Principal

In December, Smith held its annual Jog-A-Thon and students and staff participated in this community event. Mrs. Alas, our school principal, teachers, and parents cheered on our students as they did a warm up and then ran laps. We had water donated by our parents and community. The entire Smith staff would like to thank everyone for their support and participation. We are looking forward to our next big community event, the Smith Carnival!



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Bixby Kids' Club Showcase

By Ella Enciso, Kids' Club Supervisor

Bixby Kids' Club is proud to provide an enriching and creative before and after school care program that provides unique experiences for children of every age. Kids' Club provides "Homework Club" and "Outdoor Games" every day of the week, but we also include theme-based activities that encompass every aspect of their day. This

month's theme is "Celebration of Nations". This theme will include: The Young Chef's Club – Exploring and cooking cultural foods. Fitness Around The World – Learning

multi-cultural games. Artists Impacting Our World – Encouraging young artists to express themselves through various art mediums, while learning about the great artists of the world.

Bixby Kids' Club also sings, dances and performs at our annual Kids' Club Showcase! The children all take part in this yearly extravaganza and delight parents and staff with their talents on stage and behind the scenes. This is a "cant' miss" experience. So stay tuned for "Kids' Club Rocks" this Spring!

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Richard Littlejohn
Principal

Opportunities

By Marybeth Murray

The New Year brings about much excitement and opportunity for our students at Barton Elementary!

The children are excited about their Chess Club that meets on Tuesdays and gets to practice and learn from volunteers. They learn about the game and the various strategies to compete with their opponents.

They will also be participating in competitions against other district schools later this year.

Our after-school Singing Club meets on Mondays and Wednesdays. The Singing Club gives students the opportunity to showcase their talent, skills, and vocal abilities, all while gaining knowledge of basic music theory from renowned musician and gospel artist Keith Williams, Jr. They will be performing for our families and community in February and June.

Our school has a focus on STEM and the arts, and provides great opportunities for other well-rounded experiences. One fifth-grade student put it best: "We are a STEM school. We learn a lot about science with Project Lead the Way, but we also get to learn about art, and sing for the community. We are lucky to be at Barton!"

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Athena Uribe
Principal

Youth Coin Drive

By: Monica Bernaldes, 5th Grade Teacher

The Birney Elementary family was able to give some happiness, love and money this holiday season, to L.B.U.S.D. Foster Youth. Birney's Student Council and PTA worked together to organize a Foster Youth Coin Gift Drive during the month of December. The Student Council officers delivered plastic containers to each classroom, made announcements, and reminded the student body every week during Monday assemblies to be generous and donate coins to youth in need. Thanks to our generous Birney Community, the grand total collected was the extraordinary amount of \$854.96.



This was the most collected out of all participating schools. The real winners were the youth who benefited from our efforts, with some cheer this holiday season.

Bryant *Elementary*

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Matt Hammond
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Literacy Night

Bryant Elementary students were on the road to reading adventures and they are bringing their parents and families along at Literacy Night. A fun, festive time of reading was had by all who attended Literacy Night. Families

participated in special activities and treats such as performing Readers Theater, eating pumpkinpie, juggling, reading to the BARK dog, celebrating Dia de los Muertos and making masks, going to the North pole and having hot chocolate, learning to make friends. Free books were given out making for a time of endless reading fun. Much of the Bryant staff was involved in some way, shape, or form to make this evening a memorable event. The stories took us to wonderful places which we would love to go to again and again.



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Vanesha Davis
Principal

Scholars are Coding!

The Hour of Code is a way to introduce computer science to students in a fun and engaging way. The ultimate

goal behind it is to get more people interested in pursuing this field. This year, the fifth graders worked on Minecraft coding and they absolutely loved it! Seeing the excitement and rapt attention of my students let me know that they were truly involved in their tasks. The best part is, they still cheer every time I tell them I have set aside time for coding!



Lani Knowlton's 5th grade Excel class.

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Chris Eckert
Principal

STEAM Expands Music!

Burcham Elementary is expanding its music program thanks to the hard work from our choir music teacher, Penny Watson.

Recently, Ms. Watson created a Donors Choose account to seek donations for ukuleles, and fortunately, she receiving funding for 22 ukuleles.

Ms. Watson has historically taught musical-note reading in third grade, using recorders, but she and many music teachers felt that it would be more engaging to add ukulele to the curriculum. The instrument is easily accessible for younger students, and there isn't the learning curve of sound production that plagues beginners on the recorder. The ukulele gives students the opportunity to learn single-note reading and chords to accompany



themselves when singing, which makes a powerful connection to the way our students experience music in the world. The curriculum lends itself to adaptation for all levels of learners, and eventually, Burcham will incorporate the ukulele in chorus performances.

Carver Elementary

5335 E. Pavo St., Long Beach, CA 90808 • 562/420-2697 • www.lbschools.net/carver



Matthew Monaghan
Principal

More Chromebooks!

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

We've got more Chromebooks! Students are so excited to add to their learning with daily use of Chromebooks in the classroom. We are so grateful to Mr. Steinhauser and the district for giving us five new Chromebook carts. Our upper grade classrooms now each have their own cart to supplement and enhance their learning. Students are learning to use the Google Suite to help make them college and career ready. Our lower grades also have access to this technology by checking out additional carts we have here at Carver. Fifth grader Mikayla stated, "I love doing math games, especially Jiji math, on my Chromebook." Second Grader Alexa added, "Lexia is my favorite thing to do on the Chromebook because I love reading, and it helps makes me a better reader." Student engagement and learning are both being enhanced through the use of technology at Carver.



Chavez *Elementary*

730 W. Third St., Long Beach, CA 90802 • 562/590-0904 • www.lbschools.net/chavez



Hugo Figueroa
Principal

Leaders are Readers

*By Maria Deseo Espinoza,
Teacher Librarian*

“Once social change begins, it cannot be reversed. You cannot un-educate the person who has learned to read.” – Cesar Chavez

At Chavez, learning continues even after the dismissal bell chimes. Our students participate in several after-school enrichment programs: robotics, cooking, art, and engineering. This year, we are very excited to launch our home reading program –Leaders Are Readers (LAR).

Research has repeatedly shown a positive correlation

between independent reading and improved literacy and academic achievement. LAR’s goal is to encourage students to read for enjoyment. TK to 2nd grade students are urged to read for 20 minutes daily, while grades 3 to 5 read for at least thirty. Weekend reading will count, too! Parents will be provided with a guide to help families have conversations about what students are reading.

Chavez is fortunate to have the solid support of teachers, parents, and administrators in this new venture. Our parent volunteers will be in charge of tallying reading journals and awarding prizes. We are eager to learn and grow with our students in their journey as leaders and readers.

Dooley *Global Studies Magnet School*

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



Nicole Howton-Chiles
Principal

Welcome Our New Staff

By Nick Galanis

Dedicated, innovative, and motivating describe the new staff at Dooley. Dionna Neally, fourth grade, spent one year teaching fourth grade in Hawthorne and half a year at Twain Elementary teaching fifth grade. Angel Mikaele, fifth grade, taught Transitional Kindergarten, middle school electives, and fifth grade at a private school. Coriann Snyder, fifth grade, taught ELA in Bellflower. Brandon Wong is beginning his teaching career as a fifth grade teacher. Katie Valles spent thirteen years teaching Special Education and is now teaching a fourth/fifth SD class. Finally, our new Assistant Principal, Darron Evans, comes to us with experience as a Principal and is now spearheading many programs at Dooley. We are proud to have all of you and wish you much success.



Emerson *Parkside Academy*

2625 Josie Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815 • 562/420-2631 • www.lbschools.net/emerson



Rose Vitetta
Principal

Emerson Parent Circle

Emerson Parkside Academy presents a parent education workshop series where families can learn strategies on an array of topics that will create & support an environment of kindness, diversity, acceptance & inclusion for all our students. With the support of community leaders & teachers, we have brought informational

resources & guest speakers that will help families promote a more inclusive, kinder & enriching school environment. Emerson has hosted “Screenagers” managing screen time & the impact on today’s technology on our students with Parent Educator Shaila Saint; Understanding Autism & Related Behaviors presented by Dennis Sweningson & our last workshop covered Active Listening & Positive Behavior Management with Michael Anderson.

Fremont *Elementary*

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



Dr. Cassandra Richards
Principal

Student Council Visits City Hall

On Tuesday December 12, members of the Fremont Student Council were invited to visit Long Beach City Hall.

A Council Representative provided a tour of the Councilmembers' offices. The students had a chance to reflect on their experience. One student shared, "This was a great experience to get to see the City Council Chambers."

One of the 5th grade students shared, "I learned important information about each district. A third grade student shared, "I like being able to learn about the City Council Chambers. I also liked being able to sit in one of the Councilmembers' seat!" Finally, another student shared, "This was a very powerful experience for me. This was a special opportunity."



Hughes *Middle School*

3846 California Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807 • 562/595-0831 • www.lbschools.net/hughes



Edward Samuels
Principal

Soaring to New Heights

By Eddie Cruz, Assistant Principal

The Hughes Middle School Music Program has a long tradition of distinction—and with the addition of our newly acquired instrumental music director, Ms. Kendra Clements, our program is soaring to new heights. Ms. Clements attended California State University, Long Beach, where she earned a double major in music education

and violin performance. She has joined Hughes after serving as an instrumental music teacher at various district elementary schools as well as Rogers Middle School.

Following in the Hughes tradition, Ms. Clements continues to offer students multiple opportunities to participate in our music program. Students may enroll in band or orchestra, or they can audition for a coveted seat in our jazz band. All music students participate in our seasonal concerts, including the ever-popular Concert in the Park, which gives our intermediate and advanced music ensembles the opportunity to take their talents to Disneyland to perform in Disney's Magic Music Days. Our two advanced groups also perform in the district-hosted Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association Festival in March.

"I am enjoying working at Hughes and with its very talented musicians," Ms. Clements shared.

Hamilton *Middle School*

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



Kathy Cruz
Principal

New Workshop

Hamilton's PATH (Parents and Teachers of Hamilton) group is gearing up for its second series of workshops this school year. This parent focused group is run by Hamilton teachers Blanca Zamorano-Tillett, Maria Corral, Janette Champion, and Thach Vu.

The first semester of courses included such academic topics as a report card study, figuring grade point average and looking at

standardized test score results. School Loop, use of student planners, as well as High School Choice and High School Readiness were also addressed. In addition to academics, social/emotional topics such as anxiety disorders and the symptoms and treatment of depression were presented through outside guest speakers.

Second semester workshops begin on Tues., Feb. 20 at 5:30 PM and are held in room 602. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Tillett.

Henry (*K-8*)

3720 Canehill Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808 • 562/421-3754 • www.lbschools.net/henry



Veronica Madrigal
Principal

School Culture

By Laurie Wheels

Yes, we are dancing at Patrick Henry. Every year our staff and students perform winter songs for our community. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles come and watch their students show their talents. It is a beautiful example of how our school blends academics

and performing arts. Our students use their PE time to practice their rhythm and foot work while dancing. This is such a big part of our school culture, that the community looks forward to this day. Students perform in both English and Spanish, which highlights their Spanish language Development. It was a wonderful way to end 2017 and ring in 2018.



Kettering *Classical Elementary*

550 Silvera Ave., Long Beach, CA 90803 • 562/598-9486 • www.lbschools.net/kettering



Juan Gutierrez
Principal

On the Move

Make a note—we've moved! In January, most Kettering classrooms were relocated into 12 bungalows that have been strategically placed on the Kettering playground temporarily. The Kettering School Community is super-excited about the modernization project that'll be taking place on campus for the next six months!

For the past several weeks, teachers, support staff and several parents have teamed to purge and pack classrooms, bookrooms, closets and offices in preparation for the move. The 12 bungalows will remain on campus and be used for those schools Kettering will

be hosting for future years of the project. Construction began in January, and all staff will be back in their new classrooms for the start of the 2018-19 school year. Funds from Measure E will address numerous school repairs—just to name a few: installation of new classroom-technological devices, upgrades for lighting, ceiling repairs and the installation of modern energy-efficient air conditioning/heating systems. We're all ecstatic about what these upgrades will bring to all our classrooms and facilities!

Although it's been a bit of a challenge lately with phase I of construction and the move, students, parents and staff are optimistic about all the benefits our students will reap from the modernization project!

Holmes *Elementary*

5020 Barlin Ave., Lakewood, CA 90712 • 562/633-4427 • www.lbschools.net/holmes



Kind is the New Cool

Stop by Ms. Jones' 4th grade class at Holmes School, and you will immediately feel welcomed and valued. The students have all agreed that the theme for this

year revolves around being kind to themselves and each other. You can often find them "sprinkling" kindness on teachers, support staff, parents, other kids, and visitors.

This new mindset was reinforced by their latest class project, reading the book, *Wonder*, by R. J. Palacio. In this story, an ordinary child was born with an extraordinary face and helps others to find kindness by looking beyond physical appearances. Each student was given a copy of the book, thanks to a generous grant from the Lakewood Foundation.



Hudson (K-8)

2335 Webster Ave., Long Beach, CA 90810 • 562/426-0470 • www.lbschools.net/hudson



Democratic Process

Middle school students at Hudson K-8 learned about the democratic process by participating in student body elections. With the guidance of student council advisor, Michael Vecchiolla, students considered qualities and skills that would best match the needs of each position. Candidates designed posters and crafted speeches to win voters' approval.

On election day, voters were eager to join the lines at the polling booth. Once votes were cast, council members carefully counted ballots to determine winners. Hudson's new leaders include: Yanet Lopez, president; Kailey Ny, vice president; Rocio Prieto, Secretary; and Navaeh Mack, Treasurer. Excited about with their victories, Hudson's officers helped all Hudson Hawks discover the power of having a voice in the democratic process.



Yanet Lopez, Yanet Lopez, Rocio Prieto, and Navaeh Mack.

Jefferson Leadership Academies

750 Euclid Ave., Long Beach, CA 90804 • 562/438-9904 • www.lbschools.net/jefferson



Connie Magee
Principal

Holiday Fun Run

Jefferson Jaguars laced up their shoes and hit the pavement for the school's Holiday Fun Run.

Students pre-registered for the race that took place on Friday, Dec. 15 after school. Each student was assigned a bib and encouraged to run their race at their pace. The 1k course gave the students a chance to compete with others in their same grade level, while challenging themselves to set a personal record.

"Mrs. Clause" and the Jefferson Jaguar brought up the rear and made sure no runner was left behind and that all participants finished the course. Parents, teachers and staff came out to encourage and provide support

along the course. Each participant finished and earned a holiday "swag bag" that included tasty treats and holiday socks that the student could wear the next week during Holiday Spirit Wear Week.



King Elementary

145 E. Artesia Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90805 • 562/428-1232 • www.lbschools.net/king



Osvaldo Ocampo
Principal

Spreading Kindness

By Patti de Koekkoek,
Kindergarten Teacher

Introducing Starr King Elementary's Kindness Club. The students in this club volunteered and were selected by their teachers as students who can model kindness to our school.

They are hard workers and have jumped in to start school-wide events. The first was World Kindness Day on November 13 where 800 cards were written and delivered to classes. The second event was a Holiday Toy Drive that brought in about 80 gifts for foster children in LBUSD. They visited classes to promote the drive, held collection days, tracked how many gifts each class donated, and hosted a Hot Chocolate Party for two classes that donated the most gifts. They have plans for Kindness Week in February and other events to promote kindness at King.



Lafayette *Elementary*

2445 Chestnut Ave., Long Beach, CA 90806 • 562/426-7075 • www.lbschools.net/lafayette



David Komatz
Principal

Garland Games

By Nancy Jo Rettig, Counselor at Lafayette

Teachers are typically praised for their creativity to motivate. Few recognize the art behind these masters. Grade levels worked like a home makeover show construction crew, creating illuminating, student-size stockings, stuffed with toys.

Anticipation brewed for our Peace Building buddies who received raffle tickets for abiding by Guidelines for Success. Eager prospects fantasized hearing their names called to claim their Xmas bounty.

They weren't the only ones bouncing for joy. Big sellers of our chocolate drive leaped like kangaroos to mark and claim dollars on a yard stick.

The assembly concluded with a rousing "Jingle Bell Rock" song and dance by ever-excited elves in our Performers Club. Holiday spirit is not isolated to the North Pole.



Lakewood *High School*

4400 Briercreech Ave., Lakewood, CA 90713 • 562/425-1281 • www.lbschools.net/



Shawn Abbate
Co-Principal



Mario Jimenez
Co-Principal

AMP

Advanced Media Production (AMP), at Lakewood High School, part of the Digital Media, Arts and Communication pathway, has created a rich, hands-on environment for

everyone! AMP produces live video for Lakewood's Varsity football team using Sky Coach, an industry standard software program used by the Canadian Football League. Senior, Jamani Johnson, is a key part of the production team and directs the N-Zone camera and is also part of the set-up crew which sets



up a private WiFi network for broadcasting. Under the guidance of AMP's instructor, Paul Copeland, students learn technical skills to support them in the Arts, Media, and Entertainment industry sector. This project-based learning class has given Jamani the competitive edge in preparing for college and career. Another example of Lakewood Pathways getting students where they want to go!

McKinley *Elementary*

6822 Paramount Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90805 • 562/630-6200 • www.lbschools.net/mckinley



Scott Tardibuono
Principal

Marvelous at Math

By Kate Pekar, M.S. Ed., Teacher on Special Assignment

Math continues to be a main focus this year at McKinley Elementary School! Our teachers have attended multiple unit and lesson studies to shift pedagogy in mathematics instruction. This means you will find McKinley students engaged in cognitively demanding math tasks that require multiple problem-solving strategies.

Students have opportunities to share their thinking

and discuss each other's work. Teachers then make instructional decisions about the next steps based on the students' learning outcomes. Teachers use task-monitoring charts to record student learning and make instructional next steps. In other words, future learning is based on daily student progress.

ST Math also continues to thrive at McKinley. This computer-based math program gives teachers an opportunity to pull small, targeted focus groups in math while students are engaged in challenging, leveled math games.

In a nut shell, it's all about math for the McKinley Cougars!

Long Beach School for Adults

3701 E. Willow Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815 • 562/595-8893 • www.lbschools.net/lbsa



Debbie Broadway
Lead Administrator

An Award Winner

The Long Beach School for Adults is proud to announce that one of our teachers, Ms. Theresa Hikita, has been awarded the COABE Scholarship! It will be presented at this year's COABE 2018 National Conference.

The Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE) highlights excellence in the field of adult education by providing competitive awards at the national level that are valued at \$10,000 each. They also award incentive grants to encourage and promote best practices in the field, as well as scholarship opportunities.

Theresa Hikita has worked in both higher education and the workplace. She is pursuing a master's degree in educational administration, and then plans to pursue a doctoral degree.

Congratulations, Theresa!



Theresa Hikita

Los Cerritos *Elementary*

515 W. San Antonio Dr., Long Beach, CA 90807 • 562/595-6337 • www.lbschools.net/loscerritos



Alissa Gamboa
Principal

Kind is the New Cool

Upon their return to school from Winter Break, students in grades 1-5 at Los Cerritos set personal goals for becoming more kind and caring individuals during 2018.

Throughout morning recess students wrote their pledges for kindness on the playground blacktop and shared ideas with teachers and friends. It was so much fun! Colorful student generated messages included; kindness is the glue that keeps us together, love is the only rule, and kindness always works. Without a doubt, our world is a better place because of these kind and caring Los Cerritos scholars.



Marshall *Academy of the Arts*

5870 E. Wardlow Rd., Long Beach, CA 90808 • 562/429-7013 • www.lbschools.net/marshall



Marie Hatwan
Principal

Busy Month

December was busy for Marshall Music! Our 600+ member program (over two-thirds of the school!), celebrated the season with two winter concerts at Millikan, two concerts at Marshall and daytime assemblies.

The highlight of the month was on December 8th. Jazz band, under the direction of Mrs. Julie Saum, Vocal ensemble, under the

direction of Mrs. Alyce Ohl, and Advanced Orchestra, under the direction of Ms. Maureen Shea, performed at Miller Children's Hospital's pediatric Santa's Workshop. Sharing the gift of music with the pediatric patients made for a very rewarding experience.

Our musicians learned to serve and give back to their community. They saw the larger picture of how sharing their music abilities can bring joy and happiness to others.



Newcomb Academy (K-8)

3351 Val Verde Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808 • 562/421-8851 • www.lbschools.net/newcomb



Donna Ryono
Principal

Mr. Skadberg's Debut

By student Shelby Green

Newcomb K-8 Academy is proud to present their new music teacher, Mr. Steven Skadberg! Mr. Skadberg made his debut at the 7th and 8th grade winter concert on December 19th. The

orchestra performed pieces such as "The William Tell Overture" and "Dance of the Tumblers." The band played "Dramatico" and "Dark Adventure." The audience rated the production a fantastic success. From the performers' side, everyone is enjoying Mr. Skadberg's amazing teaching/conducting skills and he has formed a great bond with the students. As promised by our wonderful former



music teacher Ms. Shea, who recruited Mr. Skadberg for us, students say he is "a great teacher with a great sense of humor," and "always makes music fun!"

Prisk Elementary

2375 Fanwood Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815 • 562/598-9601 • <http://prisk-lbusd-ca.schoolloop.com>



Damon Jespersen
Principal

Music Education Comes Full Circle

By Valerie Vinnard, Vocal Music Teacher

We are the "Pioneers of the Future" at Prisk exploring literacy, science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.) to become the innovators of the 21st century. Music is an integral part of this vision. Through a grant awarded by the RuMba Foundation of Long Beach, Prisk

received a gift of (37) world drums. As a result of this grant, all students will now be able to experience what it is like to be part of a drum circle. This opportunity will include K-5 classrooms along with all students with special needs. Building upon their strong foundation of vocal music education, drum circle lessons teach students active listening skills, improvisation and teamwork and encourage self-expression and respect for others. Go Pioneers!



Mrs. Vinnard leading third graders in a drum circle lesson.

Robinson Academy (K-8)

2750 Pine Ave., Long Beach, CA 90806 • 562/492-6003 • www.lbschools.net/robinson



**Dr. Damita
Myers-Miller**
Principal

Trash Free Lunch Challenge

By Paula Spenker

Robinson Academy's Female Leadership Academy has joined forces with the non-profit organization, Grades of Green to reduce the waste during middle school and elementary lunches. Our self proclaimed, Power Girls set up a sorting system in the cafeteria, trained Green Team volunteers, and established

a partnership with Food Finders to pick up our uneaten food. On our first day alone, we reduced the trash going to the landfill from 60 bags to only 7!

The program would not be as successful if it wasn't for the tremendous support of our elementary Green Team volunteers, custodial staff, recreation staff, and Female Leadership Academy teacher leaders. The Power Girls are motivated to introduce their next conservation effort with the school community... stay tuned!



Polytechnic High School

1600 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813 • 562/591-0581 • www.lbschools.net/poly



Quentin Brown
Principal



William Salas
Co-Principal

Fête with Feet!

By Kira Ybarra, 9th Grade

In November, Poly's Dance Program held a premiere in the new auditorium. The dance show displayed many different types of dancing, such as Bollywood, ballet, hip-hop, jazz and contemporary.

Tenth-grader Ava Bolsen was in four out of the 11 dance numbers. "I really enjoyed performing—it is a lot of fun to dance with all of your friends!" Bolsen exclaimed. "My favorite style of dance in the show was Bollywood. It is really fun—you can let loose and put some sass into it."

An after-school hip-hop club named H2M performed a medley of moves to a mashup of Missie Elliott's "Where They From" and "All Hands On Deck" by Tinashe. Ninth-grader Chenna Parady, who performed with H2M, said, "I had to learn everything last minute because I couldn't make it on the day they taught us, but it was really fun to perform in front of everyone!"

Not only was this show the first for the dance classes this year but it was also one of the first shows in the recently renovated Poly auditorium.

Roosevelt Elementary

1574 Linden Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813 • 562/599-3418 • www.lbschools.net/roosevelt



Clarissa Tolentino
Principal

Dedicated Counselor

Roosevelt Elementary School has its own Hero and she goes by the name of Rocio Torres. "The best counselor I have ever worked with!" is a common statement heard on campus and it's not an exaggeration. Ms. Torres works endlessly to help our kids. She is an advocate for them, a voice when they don't have it and a support system for many that are facing challenges. She



fosters relationships with parents and supports them with navigating through community resources available to the families. She comes early, stays late and is an expert at community outreach, coordinating with multiple organizations and businesses. If that's not enough, she's also in charge of the Running Club, talent show and oversees mentoring programs. She works from the heart and will do whatever is necessary to see our kids succeed.

Signal Hill *Elementary*

2285 Walnut Ave., Signal Hill, CA 90755 • 562/426-8170 • www.lbschools.net/signalhill



Tammy Lavelle
Principal

Art in our Community!

The art work of 6 Signal Hill artists is proudly on display at Schools First Federal Credit Union, on 2nd Street, in Long Beach.

Every year, Signal Hill scholars, in grades TK-5th, are introduced to 3 new master artists through Meet the Masters, an elementary school arts program that is

keeping art alive in schools. Thanks to our generous PTA, our students are exposed to an interactive art history slide show; the technique of the artist and then they are invited to create a masterpiece, in the style of the studied artist, during an art activity.

Recently, our students learned all about the Spanish artist, Joan Miro, and her surrealist shapes. We are proud of our Signal Hill Artists!



Weather Terms –Word Search Contest

Rules!

One word in the list is NOT in the word search.

When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that word you email to: Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com Please put Long Beach in the subject line.

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

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| TORNADO | SLEET | HOT |
| CYCLONE | WIND | FREEZING |
| EARTHQUAKE | STORM | FROST |
| RAIN | HEAT WAVE | SANDSTORM |
| THUNDER | TSUNAMI | THAW |
| LIGHTNING | CHILLY | FLOOD |
| SNOW | COLD | HURRICANE |



Stephens *Middle School*

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



Salvador Madrigal
Principal

Winter Events

In December we were treated to a wonderful holiday concert by our Advanced Band, Advanced Orchestra and Intermediate Band, under the direction of our talented music director, Geoffrey Barb. The last day of school before winter break the advanced groups treated us once again as our traveling musicians walked around school playing favorite holiday songs.

December also saw the Stephens Staff busily packing up their rooms as they prepared for a move to Jordan Plus in January. Thanks to Measure E, our site will be getting much needed technology upgrades, safety and health repairs and air conditioning. The move went quickly and smoothly and all teachers and students are now enjoying our new school site "Stephens Plus".



Stevenson *Elementary*

515 Lime Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802 • 562/437-0407 • www.lbschools.net/stevenson



Kevin Maddox
Principal

Health and Fitness

Health and Fitness education is alive and well at Stevenson. The Stevenson Run Club promotes cardio-vascular fitness to students. The club runs twice a week on the school playground. The club also has opportunities to run in events around the city. Last fall, over 50 students participated in the Aquarium of the Pacific Kids' Run.



Students are also learning healthy eating and nutrition. Healthy Active Long Beach, a project organized by the City of Long Beach, works with grade 4 and 5 students. Project members come to classrooms once a week to present activities and information that get the heart pumping, nutrition information, and to prepare healthy snacks made from a cookbook given to each student.

Tincher Preparatory School (K-8)

1701 Petaluma Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815 • 562/493-2636 • www.lbschools.net/tincher



Rosemary Sissons
Principal

Connecting with the Community

December was a busy month for Tincher Tigers who hosted two major outreach events. First, was Dads' Donut Day, where Tincher dads spent time with their students enjoying coffee, juice, and of course donuts before school began. Nearly 400 dads visited the campus.

Later in December, Tincher families donated time and materials for our "No-Sew Blanket" event, a joint effort between the PTA and Music teacher Laura Strand. After completion, the blankets were donated to local needy families. This is just another example ways that Tincher strives to make our scholars as well rounded as possible and provide them with opportunities to practice good citizenship.

Tincher families show off their handiwork at our "No-Sew" blanket event.



Washington Middle School

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



Megan Traver
Principal

Saturday School Intervention

We started our Saturday School Intervention program in September this year and have been running these sessions once or twice per month.

Our amazing teachers here at Washington have been creating engaging and collaborative complex tasks for students to complete



7th grade students collaborating in Ms. Martinez's math class at Saturday School.

during these intervention sessions in order to deepen their students' understanding in math and ELA. We serve 100-150 students per session and the students say that they really appreciate the extra support. The data shows that these sessions have improved our students' scores on tests and have helped to improve their grades in class. It's a win-win all around!

Wilson Classical High School

4400 E. 10th St., Long Beach, CA 90804 • 562/433-0481 • www.lbwilson.schoolloop.com



Sandy Blazer
Co-Principal



Gonzalo Moraga
Co-Principal

Khmer Teacher Honored

*By Jenn Theng,
Loudspeaker reporter*

Khmer teacher Darith Ung recently received the Rumdul Blessing Award for his more than 22 years of service to Cambodian families. Ung accepted the award at UCC's

40th Anniversary Gala this past October. Ung teaches writing and reading in Khmer, which is the primary language of Cambodia.

A student of Mr. Ung's for three years, Amalee Chhan sees him as a positive role model. "He tries to connect with us," she says. "Every time one of us is feeling down, he will always try to figure out why, and then he would talk to us and see if he can make it better."

Mr. Ung is the type of teacher who knows the importance of getting to know his students and building a bond with them. Whenever Mr. Ung sees one of his students struggling, he encourages them to talk it over with him. He wants to understand his students and be not only a teacher to them but a mentor as well.

Twain Elementary

5021 E. Centralia St., Long Beach, CA 90808 • 562/421-8421 • www.lbschools.net/twain



Dr. Jacqueline Williams
Principal

Honoring Those Who Serve

By Elizabeth Payne - Parent and Veterans Day Committee Chairperson

Our Twain families gathered together in early November for the school's eleventh year of honoring our nation's service members. Keynote speaker and veteran Mr. DeMille spoke to our students about the importance of showing gratitude to those who serve. He paid a special tribute to a former student who is now serving in the USAF.

Retired Twain teacher Mrs. Seaton led the festivities as mistress of ceremonies, while retired Twain teacher Mrs. Mitchell and her quartet "High Tide" returned to delight us

with *The Star Spangled Banner*. Special guests this year included our veterans, LBPD's East Division Commander Herzog, the Press Telegram, and the Board of Education.

We also honored those students who contributed veteran-themed art, music, and writing to our program. One third-grade winner read her essay that was dedicated to her father, who is currently deployed. We also partnered with the National "Thank a Servicemember" campaign, with nearly half of our students contributing letters to those who are serving overseas.

The children were given the opportunity to view a genuine USCG vessel and WWII ambulance, thanks to the generosity of a local recruiting station and Twain parent.

Webster Elementary

1755 W. 32nd Way, Long Beach, CA 90810 • 562/595-6568 • www.lbschools.net/webster



Sarah Forrester
Principal

Sharing the Gift of Music

By Valerie Vinnard, Vocal Music Teacher

Mrs. Vinnard led her fifth grade Webster chorus students on a field trip this past December as they made the short walk to Santa Fe Convalescent Hospital to perform a winter concert

for residents and staff. To the delight of students, residents began clapping and singing along to the music of their favorite carols. After a performance in the main dining hall students continued singing as they caroled door to door, filling the halls with the music of the holiday season. One resident even made a request for her favorite holiday song which the students were more than happy to perform.



Dressed for school site "Pajama Day" performing a winter concert for seniors.

Whittier Elementary

1761 Walnut Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813 • 562/599-6263 • www.lbschools.net/whittier



Lori Grady
Principal

Trash-Free Lunch

Whittier Elementary has taken the challenge—the "Trash Free Lunch" challenge! At the beginning of this school year, the Whittier Green Team, a group of fourth-graders, joined our teachers and students to begin our schoolwide recycling program.

Long Beach Waste Management delivered new recycling bins and presented recycling assemblies to educate our students about environmental protection. Next, Grades of Green, a nonprofit environmental group, kicked off the Trash-Free

Lunch challenge with assemblies that inspired and empowered our students with knowledge about how to reduce their lunchtime waste. They showed the students how to sort their lunch-tray items into different containers such as compost, recyclables, liquid, landfill and share box. With these new waste-reduction habits, our school has reduced its trash from 36 bags a day to an average of six bags a day!

Our challenge continues to educate our students on earth-friendly habits that will carry with them for a lifetime.

Long Beach Public Library

Read a Winner!

By Pam Carlson, Children's Librarian

Awards season is here for movies, music and books! Each year we celebrate authors and illustrators of the remarkable stories that can be enjoyed again and again. The most well-known awards are the Caldecott for illustrators and the Newbery for authors. Last year's winners were *Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat*, illustrated and written by Javaka Steptoe and *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill. The Coretta Scott King awards recognize books written about the African-American experience while the Pura Belpre awards acknowledge books portraying the Latino culture. The Patricia Beatty award pays tribute to authors who best promote California and its people. While librarians choose the majority of the other award winners, the California Young Reader Medal is the only one where students nominate titles and vote for their favorites. Past winners include *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein and *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt. Who knows-your favorite book may also be a prize winner. Find out at the library today!

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Note-ables



Kate Karp

Owl Singalong

Adult Beluga Grads whose younger lives were enriched by Raffi's music will be very happy, particularly if they're parents, teachers or involved in any way with children. The beloved artist and children's advocate emerged from a 12-year hiatus in 2014 with his collection *Love Bug*, and he's following up with another planet- and child-centered theme in *Owl Singalong*.

The album was inspired by Raffi's little grandniece, Lucie, and her owl stuffed toy and also by the chorus of live hooting critters in his backyard. Those birds open the title song, a jaunty little melody inviting us to sing along. Choruses of human children and one or two adults join in on standards such as "The More We Sing Together" and other beloved songs that he's monkeyed—or verb-formed other animal species—with: "The Lion Pokey" and "The Dog on the Bus" are rendered with Raffi's brand of gentle silliness that has always endeared him to children.



Raffi presents his versatile voice in so many different ways, whether it's imitating a gruff lion, crooning like Rudy Vallee on "See the Moon," or entertaining with Pete Seeger's celebrated retelling of the South African folktale "Abiyoyo."

And as always, Raffi will leave gentle lessons for little Belugas and Grads of

any age: "Green Dream" is his wish for the future for all his young listeners. And from "I'm Not Small": "I carry the world on my back. When it turns, I'll turn, too."

So simple, so wise, and so very Raffi.

Kate Karp is an editor for *School News Roll Call* and a freelance writer and editor.

Toy Store Items—Word Search Contest

Rules! One word in the list is NOT in the word search. When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that word you email to: Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com Please put Long Beach in the subject line.

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| BIKE | MARBLES |
| DOLL | CRAYON |
| TRIKE | PENS |
| BOOK | COMPUTER |
| LEGOS | DOLLHOUSE |
| SOLDIERS | BUGGY |
| BALLS | KITCHEN |
| BUBBLES | TEA SET |
| CROQUET | BAT |
| BLOCKS | BALL GLOVE |
| KITES | |

Entries must be received by March 30, 2018

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a GAZUMP card/dice game - fun for all ages!



Congratulations to Nicole Bradley
Winner of our October Word Search Contest!

The Year in Review: 1918

By D.H. Coop

During the Great War, day-to day life continued in America. In baseball, the Chicago Cubs beat the Philadelphia Phillies 2 to 1 in a 21-inning game. The Cubs then went on to win the pennant faster than any team in baseball—only to later lose the World Series to the Boston Red Sox. In that same season, the Georgia Peach, Ty Cobb, pitched two innings against the Browns, and Babe Ruth scored homeruns in three consecutive games, tying the major-league record. Walter Johnson pitched 18 innings in one game, and the White Sox hired Kid Gleason as their new manager.

The fourth Rose Bowl featured the U.S. Marines defeating Army 19 to 7 (though Army fared much better in 2017!). Many of the players were later shipped overseas to fight the Germans. The boxing ring saw Jack Dempsey “KO” Carl Morris in 14 seconds. And, not to be outdone by the men, Margaret Owen set a world record by typing 170 words in just one minute.

Robert Ripley began his series “Believe it or Not,” and the Great Houdini made an elephant disappear. Charlie Chaplin, then 29, married film star Mildred Harris, who was just 16. In that same year, John J. Hoover changed his name to J. Edgar Hoover. It was also the year that the Great War ended and a pandemic flu spread around the world.

Advertisements in local newspapers featured an array of car companies: Stanley, Comet, Tulsa, Revere, Douglas, Ford, Hanson, Yale and Dodge Brothers, to name a few. This burgeoning American industry sent 110,911 vehicles to Europe for the war effort. The wristwatch began to replace the pocket watch, and men wore garters to hold up their socks. And Royal Vinolia vanishing cream disappeared off of market shelves thanks to its advertisement featuring a female factory worker and the slogan “Beauty on Duty Has a Duty to Beauty.”

Though 100 years have passed since these historic events shaped our country, our lives have not changed that much. Though we enjoy the benefits of many more comforts and much more technology, we still love our sports and our cars, we still enjoy a good advertising campaign, and we are still grateful to those who protect and defend our country so sacrificially by serving in the military. This year, let’s celebrate our country’s rich heritage and its promise for the future.

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Povuu’ngna

By Pamela Seager, Executive Director

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Enda Tovar

Crash Course in College Life

*By Enda Tovar,
YLLB Class of 2018
Millikan H.S., Sophomore, Class of 2020*

With the stress of next steps for college and the pressure to become successful, our Youth Leadership Long Beach (YLLB) day in January gave us a crash course in college life from nearly 30 recent YLLB alumni from colleges and universities.

We met the YLLB alumni in small groups and here are some comments to questions asked:

- “I had a minor in psychology but I’m going to med school now,” from a UC Merced student.
- “You take required classes for a major and by the second week, half the class drops out. Please don’t get the wrong idea! It’s perfectly fine to be one of those students who drops out, I was one of those students and instead I took another class and found something I really loved.”

- “Don’t be afraid of switching majors, things happen, and you change and discover yourself more as you grow.”
- “All things happen for a reason, with rejections and opportunities coming at you, just try to remember to keep positive” said a dance major from Ohio State University.
- “Don’t worry too much about where you go or where you don’t go. As long as you work hard you can accomplish whatever goals you have in mind, or whatever goals you develop” Celeste from Long Beach State University finished off.

The most important thing I took away from this day was to find what you truly love. Not what you can do, but what you love; no matter where or when that passion presents itself.

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Youth LLB Class with YLLB alumni

Arts Council for Long Beach

Community Perspective

By Elizabeth Munzon, Community Programs Associate

The Arts Council for Long Beach is excited to administer our Eye on Design 15 week program for third-graders at Addams and Starr King Elementary. Our first lessons were a huge success with the students! They learned about the fundamentals of art through the public art perspective followed by some hands-on art making. Our latest lesson covered community perspective where they reflected on highlighting aspects of their community. This lesson also covered drawing from a one-point perspective. Towards the end of the lesson they drew buildings, people and other things they see within their community. They cut-out their drawings, and as a class constructed a collaborative mural collage. This activity taught students to have pride for their community and work collaboratively.



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Long Beach Parks, Recreation & Marine

Spring Break Fun Days – April 2-6

Long Beach parks will offer free crafts, games, sports and more for ages 5-12, Monday-Friday, April 2-6. The following parks will be open six hours each day: Admiral Kidd, Bixby, Chavez, Coolidge, Drake, Houghton, King, McBride, Orizaba, Pan American, Ramona, Seaside, Silverado, Somerset, Stearns Champions, Veterans, Wardlow and Whaley. Visit www.lbparks.org for schedules. Teen Centers at Freeman Center, Chavez, Houghton, McBride, and Silverado Parks will be also open.

El Dorado Nature Center Spring Break Workshops

7550 E. Spring Street (562) 570-1745

Ages: 5-8, \$15 per class. 9 a.m. - noon.



Children will experience nature through investigation, hands-on activities, games and crafts. A healthy snack will be provided. Children must have Kindergarten experience.

Pre-registration is required for all classes.

Visit www.lbparks.org.

Monday, April 2 - 24780 - Animal Yoga

Create yoga poses like leaning tree, basking turtle, flying hawk, and crouching coyote. Move and stretch as we imitate the animals we see and enjoy the peacefulness of the trails.

Register for course # 24780

Tuesday, April 3 - Spring Magic

Spring is in the air and so are our pollinator friends. Buzz by the Nature Center to learn about the bees and wasps that make our space a more beautiful place.

Register for course # 24781.

Wednesday, April 4 - Shell-a-bration

It's time to welcome back our reptilian pond dwellers... where have the turtles been all winter? We'll investigate and discover what makes them so special.

Register for course # 24782.

Thursday, April 5 - Game of Thorns

Why do plants have stickers and thorns and other protective armor? Join us as we investigate survival of the fittest and the sharpest.

Register for course # 24783.

Friday, April 6 - Scratch 'n sniff

Close your eyes and navigate using only your sense of touch and smell. Discover amazing adaptations that help animals explore the world around them.

Register for course # 24784.

Mark Your Calendars for Summer Day Camp Registration!

Summer Day Camps for ages 5-12 will be offered
Extended hours are available for an additional fee.

Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from June 18 – August 24.
Field trips are an additional cost.

Register at www.lbparks.org on Saturday April 14 beginning at 8 a.m.

Visit www.lbparks.org for fee information.

Aquatics Day Camps

- Belmont Junior Beach Camp – Ages 5-7
- Bayshore Beach Camp – Ages 8-12
- Bay Club Teen Camp – Ages 13-15
- Counselor In Training Camp - Ages 14-17



Park Day Camps

- El Dorado Park West, 562.570.3225
- Silverado Park, 562.570.1675
- Stearns Champions Creative Arts Camp, 562.570.1685
- Veterans Park, 562.570.1695



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