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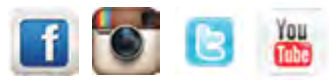
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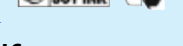
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## Happy New Year!

By now you are used to writing 2019 as time marches on. As Tina Hansen, Mayor of Signal Hill, says in her article on page 4 we are entering our 20th year publishing *School News* and she wrote as the Mayor in our first issue. We appreciate you continuing to be loyal readers as we promote the excellence in the LBUSD.

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**Dr. Robert Garcia**  
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**2019 State of the City**

On January 15th, I delivered my fifth State of the City address and was delighted to report the state of our city is strong and getting stronger.

As an educator, I know the best economic development and anti-poverty tool is access to a quality education. That is why I strongly believe that there is no better investment than in preschool and early childhood education.

Four years ago, I set a goal to provide universal preschool in Long Beach. While Long Beach Unified and other providers have served hundreds of additional preschool students, we still have more work to do to close the gap.

As a member of Governor Gavin Newsom’s transition team, I am confident we are close to a state and local solution for a major expansion of pre-k. In fact, just last week, Governor Newsom called for universal preschool for all eligible four-year olds.

I’m proud to share we recently opened a new Educare Center at Barton Elementary in North Long Beach. This new pre-k and early childhood center is now the largest early education center in the city, offering high-quality care to about 200 infants and toddlers.

In addition, our Health Department worked with the Early Childhood Education Committee and the Mayor’s Fund for Education to develop one of the most comprehensive citywide early childhood education plans in the state.

We took many more exciting steps including: banning Styrofoam, expanding our Clean Team to keep our streets clean, and the Long Beach Airport embarked on a plan to become the most sustainable airport in the nation. I’m proud the Port of Long Beach continues to be recognized as one of the greenest seaports in the world.

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**Tina Hansen**  
Mayor

**Navigating High School/School of Choice**

It is hard to believe that *School News* is celebrating almost twenty years as a publication. It is also hard to believe that my twins, who just turned 14, will be headed to high school in the fall. And thanks to their very different personalities, they have each chosen a different high school as their first choice.

LBUSD has a wonderfully unique High School/School of Choice option. Parents of high schoolers often talk about taking their children on college tours to help them select colleges they want to apply to. Parents of 8th graders have the luxury in Long Beach of giving their children that same type of experience by participating in the various High School/School of Choice events. From the initial High School fairs to High School open houses and High School Shadow Days, 8th graders get to see the workings of high schools close-up, ask questions, interact with high school students and get excited about the next stage of their educational journey. For my daughter, a performer in musical theater both in and outside of school, Renaissance High School piqued her interest. For my son, who never met a Science class he didn’t like, Lakewood High School and the Odyssey Marine Biology track piqued his interest. We will know in February if they received their first choice or not, but the fact that they were able to have these experiences and get a say into their future is a priceless experience.

Now honestly, as a parent who has to figure out potentially how to get two kids to two different schools in opposite ends of Long Beach, the concept of a local high school that they have to go to with no choice is rather appealing. But LBUSD understands that the job market today is more competitive and difficult than the job markets of years past. If our students can begin to develop their passions and career choices in high school, I believe it will make their trajectory of college and future employment easier. Parents of 7th graders – when your son or daughter (or both as in my case) get to 8th grade, encourage them to fully explore all the high schools in Long Beach. Take the time to take them to the open houses, attend the fair and sign them up for Shadow Days. You will be putting them squarely onto the path of success in adulthood.

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## A Student Who Inspires Me

You never know what children are going to say. Children can be random, hilarious, on-point, or even wise beyond their years. Recently, I listened to a young, vibrant and intelligent student, Avianna (Avi) Christensen, speak about life's challenges. What she said really struck me, and I was very impressed with her maturity, calmness and reassurance that everything was going to be ok. I had the chance

to interview her and would like to share her words of wisdom.

Avi, 9, is in Mrs. Barragan's 4th-5th grade class at Minnie Gant Elementary School. "Fun facts" (that's what she called them) about Avi include her favorite:

Show: "American Ninja Warriors which I want be on one day. I built my own obstacle course where I dropped from my bed to the curtains to a swinging chair until I ripped the curtains."

Sport: "Taekwondo. I'm a second level red belt, and I love the Taekwondo values: integrity, perseverance, self-control, curiosity and indomitable spirit which means always doing your best and never giving up! All of them are equally important."

Club: "Robotics."

When I asked Avi what she likes best about school, she exclaimed, "There are lots of great things - the teachers are nice, I love the library, and they have Chromebooks!"

Her favorite subject is Reading. "I'll explode if you ask what my favorite book is," she jokingly threatened. "My favorite authors are Rick Riordan and J.K. Rowling. I love how authors invite us into their worlds. I'm writing a book about three sisters who discover their family members are mythical figures when they stumble upon a portal in their house that leads to another world." She's proudly written chapters 1, 4 and 5.

Posed with the question of what she wants to be when she grows up she recounted, "At first, I wanted to be a princess, and then an expert ice-cream taster (her favorite flavor is watermelon). Now, I want to be an author and use my imagination to bring others to different worlds with me. I want to be a writer/adventurer/engineer. I like to create things that make people happy and help people who may need it."

I asked Avi her secret when speaking to large groups, "I speak from the heart," she answered. "I have good charisma," she added with a sweet smile.

Finally, I asked how one could help a classmate. Avi thoughtfully answered, "If you see others having problems or are lonely, be their friend and remind them of their strengths. Think of the Taekwondo values and speak from the heart."

Not only is that on-point, it is also very wise. Wise words to inspire us all.

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## City of Long Beach, City Prosecutor



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City Prosecutor

### Inspiring Student

My office recently received a note from an inspiring student who was part of the City Prosecutor's Parent Accountability and Chronic Truancy (PACT) program.

Deborah (not her real name) was skipping school every day. Her mother, consumed with her own emotional challenges, was not helping to improve Deborah's attendance.

Deborah wrote, "At one point I wanted to give up on school, I was struggling with many difficult aspects of my life...I completely lost sight of who I was and wanted to aspire to be. I didn't feel like I had anyone to show me that light and love I needed to help give me the strength to pick myself back up again."

With the help of friends and her church, Deborah "started surrounding myself with genuinely good people" and "noticed a great deal of change in the way I would think about things." These people gave advice and began "genuinely showing me love and sharing their experiences with me."

"After going through those tough obstacles in my life to the point of thinking about dropping out of school,

the people who also helped me get back on track and get back on my feet were the City Prosecutor's Office. They encouraged me and for that I am forever grateful."

The PACT program gets habitually truant students back into school. Unfortunately, some parents do not even realize the importance to education.

Students who frequently miss school fall typically fall behind in their classes, and eventually drop out. School drop outs are less likely to be employed, and more likely to be incarcerated.

Long Beach has made it relatively easy to get a world-class education with award-winning neighborhood schools in every part of the city. But students need to attend to get benefits.

Deborah will graduate high school this year. Now wants help other students: "With every struggle that I have faced and got through with the help of everybody, I now want to be able to be that role model for any teen younger than me or even somebody older than me struggling with those difficult obstacles. I want to share my story to give them hope, and show them that light at the end of the tunnel."

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## Assistance League® of Long Beach

### Career Day for CAMEO Students

*By Gail Bradley, PR Chairman, CAMEO*

Career day brought a wealth of ideas to LBUSD students who participate in the CAMEO mentoring and enrichment program. CAMEO supports underserved students recommended by their school counselors based on need and academic promise.

LBUSD Board Member and Executive Director of the Center for Community Engagement at CSULB, Dr. Juan Benitez, shared his inspirational story about being a first generation immigrant who believes everyone should be able to go to college. CAMEO students gained valuable insights during round table discussions with professionals from the medical, legal, engineering, business and teaching occupations. Career day was one in a series of enrichment activities during the 3-year program.



**Dr. Juan Benitez was the keynote speaker at CAMEO's Career Day**

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Energy drinks have rapidly become a go-to beverage for teens. According to the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health, energy drinks are the most consumed products by teens and young adults in the United States.

They may not understand, however, the harm energy drinks can have on their developing bodies. Here's what you and your teen need to know about energy drinks and their long-term effects:

- Almost one third of teens between the ages of 12 and 17-years-old consume energy drinks regularly.
- Large amounts of caffeine may harm children's still-developing cardiovascular and nervous systems. A 24 oz. energy drink may contain the same amount of caffeine as four or five cups of coffee.

- According to the American Heart Association, drinking a single 16 oz. energy drink boosts blood pressure and stress hormone responses in young, healthy adults. These changes can lead to an abnormal, irregular heartbeat or even sudden cardiac death.
- Energy drinks may cause heart problems that develop later into adulthood, despite not being immediately present during adolescence.

Energy drinks should not be considered a healthy beverage option for children or young adults. If your teen is looking for a boost of energy, recommend a healthier option, like exercising, stretching, getting more sleep or drinking a fruit-filled smoothie.

The Children's Heart Institute at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach encourages families to talk with their children about the affects energy drinks can have on their hearts.



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# Leadership Long Beach

## Port Not Only About Trade

By Isaac Julian, YLLB Class of 2018  
Senior, Wilson High School

I was a member of the 2018 Youth Leadership Long Beach class and now I serve as Youth Chair for the 2019 class. Last year, I saw my city in a new perspective. Long Beach is more than the place down the road from LA; it's an exceptional city with a big sense of community. People here are welcoming and ready to help improve our town. From City Hall to the Airport to the Port, everyone I've met is fully committed to the community and our growth.

Most people think The Port of Long Beach is a commercial hub where trucks retrieve and deliver containers. The port is not only about trade; it strives to help the city in every way they can. The Port has shifted into becoming a 'Green Port' and strives for more environmental sustainability creating better air quality and sustaining wildlife. They support education through offering paid summer internships for high school students and supporting LBCC's College Promise 2.0. The POLB is much more than cranes and containers and are fortunate have them in our community.

About Leadership Long Beach: Leadership Long Beach was founded in 1989 as a civic improvement program that would serve the community by educating and motivating leaders on issues important to the future and sustainability of our city.

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# Real Estate Matters



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## Tax Laws that Take Effect 2019

The tax laws passed in 2018 will impact how you file your return this year. Here is a brief look at some of the changes. Your personal situation is best addressed by your tax preparer certainly, but these are some of the highlights as they pertain to real property.

### A Greater Standard Deduction

The standard deduction increased for singles to \$12,000 from \$6,350, and for couples filing jointly, the deduction increased to \$24,000 from \$12,700. Buyers who previously itemized their tax return to write off mortgage interest might find that their standard deduction for 2018 is more than what they paid in mortgage interest for the year.

### The Mortgage Interest Deduction has Been Reduced

The ability to deduct interest paid on a mortgage has been decreased to loans of up to only \$750,000 (prior law allowed mortgage debt of up to \$1,000,000) for primary and secondary personal residences. If you purchased your home after January 1, 2018, this applies to your situation. If you owned your home before then, you may deduct the interest on up to \$1,000,000 of debt for qualified properties.

### Home Equity Loan Interest is Not Always Deductible

The interest paid on this type of home loan is not deductible unless the funds borrowed are used to buy, build, or significantly improve a home. No more vacations, debt consolidations, dog training, unicorn safaris etc. However, homeowners can still deduct mortgage interest paid on a home renovation loan, which could result in a significant tax savings if the borrower's mortgage interest exceeds the standard deduction.

### Property Taxes

The new tax law also limits the amount of property taxes you can claim beginning in 2018, placing a \$10,000 cap on state, local, and property taxes collectively. This ceiling also applies to income taxes you pay at the state, and possibly local level, as well as property taxes. They all fall under the same umbrella. The limit is \$5,000 if you're married but file a separate return, and property taxes for personal foreign real property have been eliminated entirely.

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## Healthy Financial Habits

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**Stick to Your Plans.** Create a realistic simple budget that lists of all your expenses including miscellaneous items against your household income. Deduct all of your expenses from the total amount and the remaining balance is cash flow or for your “want” list. Go over your want list and ask yourself if it is worth the extra expense or would you rather allocate the extra money toward paying down your debt or putting the money away in savings.

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# Long Beach Unified School District



**Christopher J. Steinhauser**  
*Superintendent*

## Building on Success In Our Local Schools

High quality school facilities convey an important message to our young people. Safe, clean and comfortable learning environments show children that we care about them. I'm pleased to report that in addition to our continued gains in student achievement, we are also making great strides with our school construction and repair efforts.

This school year we saw significant projects completed at Kettering, Riley, Rogers, Cleveland, Stephens and Garfield schools. These campuses received new central air conditioning and related infrastructure improvements. Over the next several years, a total of 51 schools will see similar updates. We've also been renovating auditoriums and providing new athletic facilities such as all-weather fields, tracks and stadiums.

Funds from Measure K and Measure E school bonds, overwhelmingly approved by local voters, also are being used to re-build and create new classroom buildings on several high school campuses, including Jordan, Renaissance, Sato and Millikan. Wilson and Poly high schools are enjoying their newly refurbished auditoriums and stadiums. In all, we still have more than \$1 billion in active projects.

Most importantly, great things are happening inside these ever-improving campuses. Our efforts to prepare more students for college and careers are paying dividends for students and their families. Record numbers of students are taking and passing Advanced Placement college preparatory exams, graduation rates are rising, and we are seeing progress across each subgroup of students.

Such success is the result of careful planning and strong support from everyone who supports our students, including our employees, parents, volunteers, elected Board of Education, higher education partners, business partners and many community agencies. The logistics are complicated. For instance, nearly 9,000 students and 378 classrooms were relocated over the summer of 2018 so that we could provide upgrades to their classrooms and schools. The reward is that nearly 4,000 more students had new air conditioning and heating as of this school year. We appreciate the patience and hard work of everyone who has tolerated the inevitable inconveniences of renovation, and everyone who strives to improve the lives of our young people each day. Your support is a testament to the spirit of community that makes the Long Beach Unified School District one of the top performing school systems in the nation.



**Dr. Felton Williams**  
*Member*

## The Impact of LBUSD Partnerships

There were approximately 500 district partnerships when I was first elected to the board in 2004. Today, there are approximately 1700 such partnerships that provide a variety of services that support the district's educational mission. To be sure, these efforts are of vital importance to that mission.

Consider, for example, The Assistance League. There efforts to provide school uniforms, school supplies and other support have far reaching implications. In a district that is ranked 70 percent poverty by the federal government, and in some parts of the city, more than 90 percent, providing school uniforms to our students impacts the stigma of poverty, but more importantly, enhances students' self-perceptions while having a positive impact on classroom participation. School uniforms level the playing field regarding issues of clothing and allows students to engage more fully in academic work.

Students also benefit by receiving free eye examinations, and if warranted, free eye glasses provided by the Los Angeles Clipper Foundation. For many students who may be undiagnosed with vision problems, eye examinations have had a tremendous impact on their classroom participation and academic progress, which, in some cases, can changes their designation from students with learning problems.

Similarly, health centers have been established in a number of our schools through a partnership with the Children's Health Clinic under the direction of Dr. Elisa Nichols. These clinics not only serve children, they also serve parents and the demand for services continues to grow. The clinics provide a number of services that promote the health and safety of children and their families. The partnership is important to the district for a variety of reasons: good health helps to minimize school absences due to illness. Minimizing school absences extends student learning opportunities by providing more instructional time.

The list of business partners extends to individuals who volunteer as readers, playground monitors and classroom aids, such as VIPS, (Volunteers In Public Schools), to businesses, individuals and nonprofits, also provide support to the district through personnel, funding, and in-kind contributions. Personnel often provide classroom support by adding technical expertise in science, engineering, robotics and other cutting-edge subject areas.

# Child Development Center

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I've merely touched briefly on the services that our business partners provide to the district. When you consider the challenges of urban school districts, such as declining budget support, health issues, poverty, etc., the role and importance of partnerships becomes more readily apparent, along with their impact on the district's strategic mission. If the district did not have such support, would there be a difference in student academic outcomes? My response to this question is an unequivocal "yes." It is difficult to quantify the value of these partnerships, or measure their impact on student learning, but we know there is a relationship.

## Receptivity to Partnerships

I'm not aware of earlier efforts by the district to promote partnerships or the rationale for doing so, but I have observed an effective vehicle for doing so during my tenure as a member of the board. The Foundation Office, headed by Judy Seal, has facilitated the Principle For A Day program that brings hundreds of visitors to our schools each year. These visitors have the honorary distinction of serving as a school principal and an opportunity to spend a portion of their morning at a designated school site in the district. They receive a tour of the school, visit classrooms, speak with teachers and staff, and learn about some of the prevailing issues.

The next phase of the program is a mid-morning debriefing session with lunch where the Principal for A Day, accompanied by the regular school principal, have an opportunity to share their experiences. The debriefing session may also include a panel discussion on educational issues facilitated by the superintendent, the Long Beach Community College Superintendent, and the CSU, Long Beach President.

The Principal for A Day program has served as a powerful and effective vehicle to rekindle interest and involvement in district schools. Invariably, the district has been able to turn this into a tremendous investment in our schools and students. By extension, the partners that are cultivated also become public relations advocates for the district whose value cannot be underestimated.

Given my role and involvement as the Chair and LBUSD district's representative on the Council of the Great City Schools, an organization that represents and advocates for approximately 72 of the nation's largest urban school district with a combined enrollment of 7.2 million students, I don't see programs of a similar nature at other districts that are of the scope and size of the program that currently exists in the district. The importance of the Principal for A Day program, while difficult to quantify, has served the district well by providing a forum for information and participation.

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**Cynthia Young**  
*Director*

## Motown Visits Cleveland Kids' Club

LBUSD's Cleveland Kids' Club hosted their annual winter show with the theme being "MOTOWN."

Although the students were not familiar with this genre of music, they eventually couldn't get the music and dance moves out of their heads! Family members showed great admiration for the classics. The audience were singing right along with the music as we performed 12 different routines, including "My Girl" from the Temptations and "ABC" by the Jackson Five.

Cleveland Kids' Club provides safe and exciting before and after school care throughout the school year. We provide themed curriculum, events, and family entertainment. Students also participate in daily clubs such as Top Chef, Master Lego Builder, Cupcake Designer, and Pinterest Interest.

In the upcoming months, we will have our annual Valentine's Dance and Family Night. Each family will make a group project and compete in Minute to Win It games with Kids' Club staff.

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## Addams *Elementary*

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**Armando Dueñas**  
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### An "Action-Packed" Day

*By Katie Hickox, Assistant Principal*

The Assistance League of Long Beach recently hosted an "Action-Packed Day" at Addams.

Students received backpacks, school uniforms, books, crafts, and snacks as part of the event, which was coordinated by Melissa Espinoza, our counselor. The Assistance League selects a Long Beach Unified School District school each year for the "Action-Packed Day"; last year, Colin Powell K-8 school was selected for the honor.

At this year's January event, the Long Beach Public Library, the Guidance Center, Childnet, and City Hearts dance troupe also joined in at Addams. Addams students who were part of the City Hearts dance group performed a "Flash Mob" dance of the O.J.'s song, "Love Train."



## Bryant *Elementary*

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**Clarissa Tolentino**  
Principal

### Gifts to Support Literacy

*By Wendy Wahlen,  
2nd/3rd Grade Literacy Teacher*

The holidays were merry and bright at Bryant Elementary School. Thanks to the community partners, all students at Bryant received a new book as a gift. The students were so surprised and delighted to be able to make their own selections from the many book titles that were made available to them.

This year, a local church established a partnership with Bryant Elementary School to help support literacy and build community. Under the direction of the pastor, his staff and volunteers also attended and supported Bryant's Fall Festival with pumpkin donations, backpacks, and volunteers to lend a helping hand to work the game booths and cars to distribute treats and prizes. We are thankful for generous community members for their partnerships and support of our students and school events.





# Beach High School

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**Troy Bennett**  
*Principal*

## Building a Positive School Culture

The first semester of the 2018–2019 school year at Beach High School held a number of celebrations and activities in recognition of our school's culture and climate. Among the most notable was an increase in student activities led by our Beach Student Council.

Our Student Council class, taught by Ms. Beckerdite, recently organized and facilitated a Winter Carnival to celebrate the holiday season and upcoming winter break. The Winter Carnival featured a gingerbread house-building contest where students worked together in teams to create intricate gingerbread houses. The event received the highest amount of participation from the student body thus far, and was a great example of the kind of teamwork we have among our students.

Trophies were awarded to teams based upon the following gingerbread-house criteria: most colorful, creative, colossal, and couture. This event, as well as the work of our Student Council class, has helped Beach continue to build a positive school culture and climate that celebrates student participation and input. These students are vital stakeholders in our school community.



## CAMS

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**Wendy Poffenberger**  
*Principal*

## Forestry Challenge!

The California Academy of Mathematics and Science recently sent 14 students to the 2018 San Bernardino Forestry Challenge, one group of a total of 99 high school students from 13 schools from the So Cal area. The event took place in November at Green Valley Lake Christian Camp, near Green Valley Lake, California.

"This was our sixth consecutive Forestry Challenge, and every year it gets better," CAMS teacher Matt Gold said.

Helen Barahona, a senior at CAMS, summed it up as follows: "The Forestry Challenge is a learning experience that is unique. I learned about natural-resource management and had my eyes opened to not only the beauty of the forest, but the importance of protecting and preserving this valuable resource. The Forestry Challenge also helped me

grow as a leader and allowed our team to bond in a way that only a memorable shared experience can. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity of participating in this amazing event."



## Burbank *Elementary*

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**Scott Fleming**  
*Principal*

### Shining a Light

*By Anthony J. D'Angelo*

Burbank Elementary School continues to build positive relationships with students through varied school programs. These programs help school staff “shine a light” on the development of students’ social awareness and self-management skills. Three such programs that support our students are the Job Squad, our student council, and the Burbank Male Leadership Academy. Each program offers students opportunities to take a vested interest in their own social-emotional development and contribute positively to the overall campus culture.

All students are eligible to receive Scholar Dollars for acts of kindness toward both students and adults. Once a student receives seven Scholar Dollars, he or she is invited to redeem them at our counselor’s office for a variety of prizes.

In addition to student programs, Burbank teachers continue to highlight the teachers who have made a difference in their own lives. Each faculty meeting begins with a teacher’s story about an individual who inspired him or her to become a teacher. The purpose is to “shine a light” on the impact and effects positive teacher-pupil relationships have on overall achievement.

## Burcham (*K-8*)

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**Chris Eckert**  
*Principal*

### S.T.E.A.M Day

Burcham students from Early Transitional Kindergarten to fifth grade recently participated in the first biannual Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (S.T.E.A.M.) Day. Every student used a Google Form to register for three S.T.E.A.M. classes.

All students and staff participated in this event teaching Lego Engineering, Coding, creating Slime, Hip Hop dance, drawing, painting, dissecting owl pellets, and many more fun activities! We paired our ETK/TK/K students with a big buddy during the rotations. It was a very fun day.

Our next S.T.E.A.M. Day is March 28, 2019.



## Cabrillo *High School*

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**Cheryl Cornejo**  
*Principal*

### Incentives for Perfect Attendance

The Cabrillo team has been creating incentive events for students with perfect attendance and those who met the school goal of 96%. The winning Pathway is awarded the Attendance trophy for having the highest attendance the month prior.

We recently had a celebration for over 1500 students for Perfect Attendance or meeting the 96% goal in December! Each Pathway has been meeting the attendance goal of 96% for the past few months. Pathways were mere tenths of a percent apart from one another, all across the 96% range! Congratulations to ALL Jaguars!



**CED students with Attendance Trophy from November**



## Carver *Elementary*

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**Matthew Monaghan**  
*Principal*

### Kind Acts

Kindness is contagious here at Carver! Our students have been working hard completing a Kindness Challenge.

Students have a list of random acts of kindness they can perform both at school and at home and then check off once they have done the act. It has been so great to see kind

things happening, such as teachers getting thank you notes and students smiling at a new friend.

At Carver we are also having a sock drive for the homeless, where students can donate a new pair of socks that will be distributed throughout Long Beach to those in need.

We are so proud of our Carver Cougars for all they have been doing to show how kind they can be. We can only hope that those receiving these kind acts will pay it forward and continue to make our world a little brighter for others.



## Chavez *Elementary*

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**Hugo Figueroa**  
*Principal*

### Student Store

Chavez Elementary will be celebrating the Grand Re-Opening of our new student store.

Our student store reinforces positive student behavior. Students are rewarded throughout

the year with "Sea Lion" dollars for demonstrating our Guidelines For Success. They can purchase with these hard earned dollars books, school supplies and even fun toys!

We are fortunate to have a wonderful group of parent volunteers undertaking the operational responsibility of our store. The student store supports our school initiative to build a positive school culture of responsibility and respect for ourselves and others.



**Mr. Romulo (Volunteer) and Mrs. Cavagrotti (Kinder Teacher)**  
with Mrs. Cavagrotti's Kindergarten class.

## Cleveland *Elementary*

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**Kimberly San Jose**, *Principal*

### Deaf/HH Program 2018-2019

*By Sid Sharpino, DHH 3/4/5th*

Peek in the door of room 14 at Cleveland, and you'll see not only a lively, engaging classroom for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing, led by teacher Sid Shapiro and paraeducator Jené Newman, but much more!

You may see students reading/signing to a canine friend from the BARK (Beach Animals Reading with Kids) program; you might watch volunteers from Pavilions working with the children to prepare simple recipes. Holidays include a visit from Signing Santa, or collaborative experiences with middle school D/HH students.

Support from counselor, Lisa Torres and principal, Kim San Jose enables these activities, plus a weekly free Sign Language class for family, friends, and community, proving that at Cleveland, support for learning is truly an "All means All" affair!



## Edison *Elementary*

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**Darron Evans**, *Principal*

### Lots of Activity

Edison Elementary is the school hugged by 6th Street and 7th Street just before you hit the 710 freeway, a home for the hopes and dreams of nearly 600 students and their families.

In October, our third-graders sent nearly a hundred kites into the air after designing and building Tokyo-style kites dating back to Japan's Edo period. This is an Edison tradition that goes back 16 years, and it was organized by teacher Gorgonio Martinez in conjunction with the Japan

America Society of Southern California. We also recently had our first Fall Ball with over 300 students, families, and alumni visiting the Spooky Room 6 and dancing the night away in costume.

In November, the Orange County Opera performed for our students. One of the singers is internationally famous, and he was singing to our students! He said the honor was all his. In December, the winter vocal concert and spirit days were sponsored by our Student Leadership Board.

A visit from Santa finished off 2018 with a lot of fun. Our Edison students are now back at work, and the learning is intense! Stay tuned for the next issue.

## Gant *Elementary*

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**Cassandra Fanton**  
*Principal*

### 100 Hand-Written Holiday Cards

On December 20th, Minnie Gant's student council made a very special visit to the VA Hospital's Spinal Injury Unit. Armed with 100 holiday cards that had been hand-written and illustrated by Gant gators, our student council visited veterans in their hospital rooms, delivering cheer and singing of the season.

Thank you to all the teachers, students and administrators who contributed cards, and special thanks to Mrs. Fisher and our student council for giving of their time and love. The VA Volunteer Services reported that this visit brought SO MUCH joy to their patients.





## Cubberley (K-8)

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**Cathleen Imbroane**  
Principal

### Clubs Showing Off

by Daniella Fernandez; Student in Global Studies, Electives Class

For good ideas and true innovation, you need human interaction, conflict, argument, debate. — Margaret Heffernan.

Cubberley's debate club is the perfect opportunity for students to work on many different skills. The benefits of joining it are hearing other viewpoints, thinking outside the box, and tackling new ideas.

For example, students have to look at the perspectives of others and cannot be married to one side of an argument. Some of the topics, usually student-selected, include policy questions, moral questions, and simple topics like cats versus dogs. Students also learn not to take disagreement personally, and to focus on their argument.

This club, organized by seventh-grade English teacher Mrs. Muscato, helps to create inspiring thinkers for the future. Mrs. Muscato invites every and all middle school students to join her at the lunch-time meetings on Mondays.

## Dooley Global Studies Magnet School

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**Nicole Howton-Chiles**  
Principal

### All Hands on Science Experiments

Science is a major focus at Dooley! We have a special Science class and laboratory where students in third thru fifth grade attend weekly classes.

During this class time, all hands on Science experiments are connected to English Language Arts and before students perform experiments, they read and discuss various Non-Fiction texts using varieties of features which

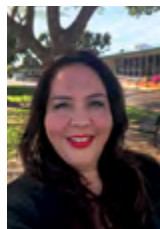
are directly connected to the experiment. Students go back to their regular class and discuss what they learned in order to gain deeper knowledge. After deep discussion, students use information they have acquired in their Science interactive notebooks to write about the big idea question at the end of their unit.



We are grateful to Mrs. Hancock for spearheading such an ingenious and motivating program for Dooley students.

## Emerson Parkside Academy

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**Rose Vitetta**  
Principal

### Giving Back

Owen Moskovitz, an Emerson alumnus and member of Boy Scout Troop 120, recently came back to our school to complete his Eagle Scout project. Completing an Eagle project is a requirement in order for a Boy Scout to attain the rank of Eagle Scout.

Owen's project was the installation of four planters behind our office building. As part of the project requirement, a Scout meets with the beneficiary (in this case Emerson) and plans out the design, logistics, and budget. They get the project approved by a panel of leaders in the Long Beach Area Council, and then complete it.



Owen and his team of volunteers returned to work as a team to build all four planters. Our school is grateful to Owen and his fantastic team of workers who made this happen! Thank you for making Emerson look great.



## Franklin *Classical Middle School*

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**Wendy Sowinski**  
*Principal*

### Young Entrepreneurs

“Young Entrepreneurs in Tech” is a pilot program with 28 students. Coaches worked with these students to engage them with different technologies and create a product with an executable business plan.

In December, they participated in a Shark Tank pitch to real-life entrepreneurs. The winning team, Phone Case Designers,

received a \$2,000 investment to continue working on their product. The Film Squad won for best teamwork. These teams received laptops, and all participants received a Chromebook.

The adults involved in this program helped the students understand that skills learned in the classroom, such as reading, writing, math, teamwork, leadership, and effective communication, are necessary in the real world.



## Hamilton *Middle School*

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**Kathy Cruz**  
*Principal*

### Proud to Help Others

Teachers Gwenelle Warren and Vicky Bachelier sponsor Hamilton's Female Leadership Academy (FLA). This group provides our students with opportunities to lead both on and off our campus. Prior to Winter Break, FLA assembled

“kindness winter care kits” which were then given to the Long Beach Rescue Mission. Students collected donations of socks, gloves and body cleansing wipes and created kindness kits. They also added an inspirational quote for each of the recipients.

Eighth grader and FLA President Leemariana Atterberry commented, “It made us feel so proud knowing that we were helping others. We feel a part of our community. Hopefully we will get the opportunity to help even more who live in our community and are in need.”





## Harte *Elementary*

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**Lisa Worsham**  
Principal

### Little Kids Rock!

*Submitted by Sarah Cox,  
4th Grade Teacher*

When the last bell of the day rings, most students and teachers focus on cleaning up and getting home. But there is a group of students at Harte Elementary School with something else in mind. Rocking Out. On Tuesday afternoons, teachers Jason Cordero and Sarah Cox lead a modern band club for fourth and fifth graders. Using the Little Kids Rock curriculum, this duo works in harmony to help beginning and intermediate musicians improve their skills. They teach students to play acoustic guitar, drums, and keyboard. This ensemble uses popular music to help students stay engaged and jump right in. Last year, the group performed at Harte's final school assembly, and they can't wait to perform more this year!



## Henry (*K-5*) *Dual Immersion School*

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**Veronica Madrigal**  
Principal

### Toy Drive

We had great success with our Toy Drive during the holidays.

For the last several years, our District Social Worker, Susana Cortes, has organized a Toy Drive to support our foster youth. Patrick Henry's students donated over 100 toys, enough to fill a car. We are so proud of the community for their generous donations.

Our Henry Helpers, a student organization that promotes supporting our community, did an amazing job getting the word out to the students. This event and others supports our emphasis on Growth Mindset, by allowing students to show empathy towards others during a difficult time.

Patrick Henry will continue to focus on supporting the community throughout the year.



## Herrera *Elementary*

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**Christi Granado**  
Principal

### Techy TKers

*By Helen Makridis, Assistant Principal*

Walking into Ms. Rocha's Transitional Kindergarten class during ST Math is such a heartwarming experience as our littlest Huskies, aged four and five, work on their tablets solving math problems. Students are given free choice to sit where they would like to as they work independently on their "games." We see their little faces light up when they pass a Ji-Ji level and an occasional "I did it!" is shouted out with glee.

This is the first time some of our students have had the opportunity to use these types of devices, and this program allows students to receive consistent exposure to math concepts throughout the week. Students work on their tablets about 15 minutes each day to familiarize themselves with the technology and to gain valuable math skills.

Ayden Vidrio said, "The games are still hard, but I don't give up...I learned how to count." Blake Trejo and Jacob Ya shared that they learned how to use a computer.

While learning is made fun through the use of technology, students are also learning basic math skills to prepare them for kindergarten. It's definitely a delight to watch our Huskies love learning math as they engage in learning with their tablets.



## Jordan *High School*

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**Veronica Coleman**  
Principal

### Virtual Reality!

Tech teacher, Mike Carroll, is leading the way in Virtual Technology for Jordan students. Immersed into the real world experience of what they are learning in class, students have virtually gone to the International Space Station, explored the Great Barrier Reef, and visited colleges without leaving campus.

Students are also able to travel back into history, feeling the struggle of the Civil Rights Movement or experiencing cultural traditions, such as Dios De Los Muertos.

Pathways use the VR to research careers, seeing firsthand how it is to be a surgeon or head chef of a busy hotel.

VR education allows students to connect with classrooms across the world, building compassion, connection and improving engagement.





## Kettering *Classical Elementary*

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**Juan Gutierrez**  
*Principal*

### Student Council

Earlier this fall, more than 30 inspirational fourth- and fifth-grade student leaders at Kettering Elementary School ran for school office. The process was not easy. Each student completed an application, which was signed by his or her parents and teacher, was responsible for making a poster to be displayed on the front office bulletin board, wrote a speech, and sacrificed

three lunch periods to attend speech practice and event rehearsals.

Mrs. Muenzer, our technology specialist teacher, spearheaded the student council committee this year and

made election day a spectacular event for all students and parents who attended. Student council representatives have traditionally developed leadership skills in public speaking, contributed to school spirit and community welfare, and served as the voice of all students at Kettering.

This year for the first time, students in third through fifth grades were provided with ballots using their own classroom netbooks. They logged into their Google accounts to complete the voting process. Within minutes after the voting was completed, Kettering's student body officers were notified, and they began to get ready for work the following week.

The student council committee looks forward to the many events our new student leaders will plan and host.



## King *Elementary*

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**Osvaldo Ocampo**  
*Principal*

### Christmas Shopping with an LA Charger!

The American Heart Association has been a generous supporter of our King Teaching Gardens for three years, and this year their generosity rewarded one especially dedicated student/Gardener. Jeremy Luis was selected to participate in



a \$100 Christmas Shopping Spree with Corey Liuget of the LA Chargers at a retail store in Irvine. Jeremy has been a Master Gardener at King for 2 years (starting in first grade). Showing his Christmas Giving spirit, Jeremy presented Corey with a gift wrapped pumpkin he grew in the gardens. No doubt Corey wasn't expecting to receive a gift during this shopping spree. Our thanks to AHA, the LA Chargers, and the King Garden staff for their support and hard work.



## Lafayette Elementary

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**David Komatz**  
Principal

### #Project365

By Dr. Sandra J. Velasco  
5th grade Dual-Immersion teacher

#Project365 was originally designed by a third grade classroom as a Service-Learning project with the mission to encourage kindness 365 days a year.

This year #Project365 expanded outside the classroom and is leading efforts to engage third, fourth and fifth graders in service learning projects of their own. Because of these efforts, our scholars at Lafayette are now supporting three main causes.

Third graders are collaborating with Long Beach Children's Hospital to provide "feel better baskets" to children unable to leave the hospital. Fourth graders are collaborating with our local animal shelter to provide toys to our sheltered furry friends. Fifth graders are collaborating with the Wayfarer Foundation to provide hygiene kits to our homeless living in LA's Skid Row.



## Lincoln Elementary

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**Caroline Nemeč**  
Principal

### Community Fitness Event

By Tracy Fideler-Rodriguez,  
5th Grade Teacher

In November, approximately 20 off-duty officers from the Long Beach Police Department along with our California State Long Beach Club Fit mentors came together to help our Lincoln fifth-graders enjoy an afternoon of fun and fitness.

Students and officers played soccer and tag games, and participated in fitness stations led by our Club Fit college mentors, who are CSULB preservice PE

teachers. During the small-group Talk with a Cop session, students also had an opportunity to get know the police officers that patrol the Lincoln community.

At Lincoln Elementary, we are always aiming to support our students and families. Our Lincoln Community Fitness event was a step in the right direction in fostering positive relationships between our youth and the officers in our community.





## Lindsey Academy (6–8)

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### Piper Computer Kit

*By Federico Martinez, Teacher*

Lindsey Academy becomes the first school in California to pilot the Piper Computer Kit. Students were given a kit to build a real working computer from a blueprint.

**Renny Chu**  
*Principal*

Over a 6-week Saturday program, Lindsey students explored the Raspberry Pi edition of Minecraft in order to learn complex engineering while learning electronics and following coding directions through the storytelling of the game.

The students learned about circuits, inputs, outputs, breadboards, wiring, buttons, switches, buzzers and LEDs. Students wrote their own codes and learned computer science principals including loops, sequences and events using visual programming blocks.

Students also learned to design and create their own visual programs and engineered their own designs. The culmination of the program resulted in the deconstruction of the computer.



## Los Cerritos Elementary

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### The Classroom Drum Circle Project

*By Valerie Vinnard,  
Los Cerritos Choral Music Teacher*

Since the fall of 2017, the “Classroom Drum Circle Project” at Los Cerritos has provided TK-5th grade students of all abilities with differentiated music opportunities that spark student creativity, teamwork, and self-expression as they

explore the elements of music and note reading through drumming, singing, and dancing.

Thanks to a school partner, Los Cerritos was recently awarded additional drumming materials, such as a Ngoma leader drum, sixteen frame drums with mallets, and a white board.

This supplemental array of instruments/materials will provide greater differentiating technique possibilities and broaden music opportunities for students.

**Alissa Gamboa**  
*Principal*



**Kindergarten drumming time with Mrs. Vinnard and classroom teacher Ms. Swanson.**



## Lowell Bayside *Elementary*

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**Lester Lawson IV**  
*Principal*

### **Second Step for Learning**

*By Cassie Ward,  
Transitional Kindergarten Teacher*

The elementary years are an ideal time to nurture social-emotional competence.

To that end, all Lowell students are participating in Second Step, a program that

builds emotion management, empathy, situational awareness, and problem solving skills.

Each week of Second Step begins with a short video viewed by classrooms featuring Lowell students or staff members. Videos highlight a weekly theme such as “Welcoming Others” or “Being Responsible.” Teachers follow up in class with engaging Second Step songs, games, activities, and media specific to their grade levels.



**Transitional Kindergarten students enjoy a Second Step lesson at Lowell Elementary.**

In addition to building school community, Second Step brings a universal language and shared mindfulness toward positive character traits we all strive to embody at Lowell.

Thanks to our PTA for funding Second Step.

## MacArthur *Elementary*

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**Maria Yepez, Principal**

### **Revs for Renovation!**

*By Susan Slowes; Third Grade Teacher*

MacArthur Elementary School has just completed Phase 1 of our campus renovation. Our students returned to beautiful state-of-the-art classrooms on January 7, 2019.

In addition to centralized heating and air conditioning, each room boasts brand-new whiteboards, paint, lighting, gorgeous new windows with roller shades that filter light, countertops, sinks (including a water fountain spigot), and new carpet.

Also included is a new technological system for showing movies, videos, and other educational materials projected onto whiteboards from classroom computers. All of this was definitely worth the wait while we temporarily hunkered down in portable bungalows.

As Phase 2 begins, hats off to our teachers and students as they adjust to some additional room changes while their rooms are being transformed.

As our Principal Mrs. Yepez says, “We Got this!” We look forward to final completion this summer as our cafeteria and auditorium undergo the last phase.



# Marshall Academy of the Arts

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**Marie Hatwan**  
Principal

## Exploration Opportunities

*By Racquel Welch-Kitchen,  
Assistant Principal*

Marshall Academy of the Arts truly lives up to its name. Students are professionally groomed in a well-rounded artistic environment that includes; band, jazz band, orchestra,

vocal ensemble, chorus, dance and theater.

More than 600 students participate in the various disciplines learning the academic, historic, and performance elements of their chosen craft. Students showcase their talent in a variety of community performances including a Winter Concert at Millikan High School, the Annual Arts in the Air outdoor concert and a Spring theatrical show.

Field trips to local museums and theaters provide students career exploration opportunities and college readiness insights into the Arts, Media and Entertainment industry sector.



## Millikan High School

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**Alejandro Vega**  
Co-Principal



**Michael Navia**  
Co-Principal

## Rams Call for Kindness

*By Hannah Torres and  
Michael Malinski;  
Co-Editors in Chief,  
The Corydon*

Students and staff members at Millikan High School spent the month of December spreading compassion throughout our school. The ASB and FOCUS

groups promoted their second annual “Ram Kindness Challenge” by developing two 15-day calendars, one for the teachers and one for the students. Both calendars included daily challenges that teach the concepts of respect and benevolence.

The challenges ranged from donating to a school-wide toy drive for the Miller Children’s and Women’s Hospital to holding the door open for others. Once the students completed these challenges they were encouraged to then post a picture on social media using the hashtag #RAM15K.

“It was amazing,” said Activities Director Andrea Itson. “This year we focused on teacher participation and showing kindness directly to students. We had lots of participation where the teachers posted on a shared Google classroom.” Pathways Coordinator Grant Robinson added, “Overall, as we continue to do things like this, we build a sense of community at Millikan. It has sparked other schools to endorse these types of challenges and adopt them for their own needs.”

Millikan plans to continue with the “Ram Kindness Challenge” and establish it as a lasting tradition.

## Contest!

This Mr. Ruler is hidden in this publication. When you find him, email the **page number** to: [Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com](mailto:Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com) Please put LBUSD in the subject line)



Your entry must be received by March 15, 2019. From the correct entries, we will draw a winner to receive a \$20 gift certificate redeemable at Barnes and Noble.

Thank you [www.BarkateSmiles.com](http://www.BarkateSmiles.com) for sponsoring this drawing.

**Congratulations to our October winners:**

**Ronni Thompson & Alicia Calderon**



## Naples Bayside Academy

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**Athena Uribe**  
Principal

### Learning About Leadership

This past December, our fall Student Council representatives prepared holiday cards for children at Miller's Memorial Children's Hospital and embarked on a trip to Long Beach City Hall.

There, students were given a tour of Council Chambers, where they sat in seats belonging to each district representative and those of other city leaders. Next, they headed to the 14th floor, where they got to visit each district representative's office. Assistants for council members shared what is important to constituents for their district and how their representative connects with constituents. Students asked meaningful questions about local government leadership.

Before leaving, our Sergeant at Arms handed over the



holiday cards to be delivered to young patients at the hospital.

Student Council enjoyed their visit and appreciated the warm welcome they received from City Hall.

## Newcomb Academy (K-8)

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**Donna Ryono**  
Principal

### Giving Back

*By Lola Bran, 8th Grade Student*

New Life Beginnings is a center that provides long-term shelter and care for homeless, pregnant women and their children.

New Life Beginnings reached out to

Newcomb with a donation request that would provide needed items to women and children during the holidays. Newcomb called this program "The Giving Tree." A volunteer from New Life Beginnings came to Newcomb to set up a Christmas tree and on the tree were paper ornaments with the name, age, and needs of the women and children.

Newcomb students were allowed to take as many requests as they wished and go out and fulfill the wishlists. The wrapped items were put under the tree then distributed at the shelter, resulting in many smiles all around!



# Polytechnic *High School*

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**Quentin Brown**  
*Principal*



**William Salas**  
*Principal*

## Holiday Spirit's in Town!

Long Beach Poly students and staff were in the holiday spirit during the month of December. Poly's marching band, color guard and JROTC performed in both the Belmont and Daisy Lane Christmas parades. ASB sponsored a toy drive

that led into the annual Holiday Project, where families of students from neighboring elementary schools are invited to Poly for a morning of snacks, activities and presents.

Students also got into the giving spirit by donating blood through a hospital-sponsored blood drive in the big gym. Jazz Choir I sang at the Christmas tree lighting outside a local arts complex. Poly's choral, jazz, symphonic and orchestral ensembles had winter concerts. Even Poly staff and faculty got in on the fun with a chili cook-off and a potluck in December in the teachers' dining room.



## Powell *Academy (K-8)*

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**Tynisha Smith, Principal**

### Eagles are KIND!

One of our goals this year at Colin Powell is to foster a community of KINDness.

To kick off our yearlong campaign, we engaged in a campus-wide BE KIND week. The campaign included students, teachers, recreation aides, custodians, and administration. Students were able to earn KIND tokens throughout campus when they were "caught being KIND".

Also, there were daily activities centered on KINDness (door decorating contest, coloring activity, chalk art, pep rally) and daily raffles for staff to show appreciation.



To continue our campaign throughout the year, we unveiled our new KIND banners and we will have monthly activities to continue to promote KINDness on our campus.



## Prisk *Elementary*

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



**Beth Cohen**  
*Principal*

### **Holiday Market**

This holiday season, every Prisk student had gifts to give their friends and family with the special help of our amazing VIPs who ran the Prisk Holiday Market!

All items were either donated or were handmade by the students themselves! Every class signed up to spend time in one of our art labs and created gifts such as ornaments, candles, jewelry, robots from recycled materials, slime, and more! Upon completion, the students created a price tag with their name and the cost at which they priced their item (most between \$0.50 and \$2.00)!

The message the students learned was that you don't have to buy expensive gifts to show people you love them; if it's from the heart, it's priceless!



## Renaissance *High School for the Arts*

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**Kimberly Holland**  
*Principal*

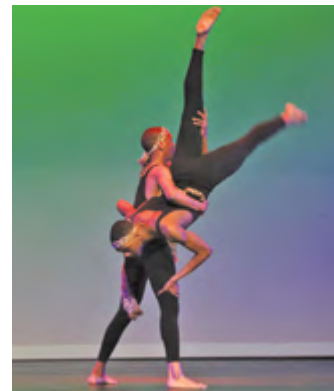
### **Breaking in New Dance Studios**

It's been a busy, exciting fall in the dance department at Renaissance High School for the Arts! We've moved into our remodeled campus, and have been breaking in four brand new dance studios!

Our main goal has been preparing for our annual Faculty Dance Concert on January 31st and February 1st at Cabrillo High School. Fifteen dances including large and small groups pieces representing a variety of dance genres will be presented. The audience will see everything from

abstract contemporary/modern pieces, to jazz and hip-hop.

Over 100 students representing our beginning to advanced production will perform. "It's going to be awesome! There's a lot of talent at our school. Our dances are very diverse and they make you think." RHSA Senior Zaraye Austin



## Rogers *Middle School*

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**Jeff Wood**  
*Principal*

### Computers, Coding and Winning

For the past couple of years, students from Rogers Middle School have quietly been building their reputation as award-winning coders and designers, showcasing their creativity as well as their technological skill and earning national acclaim for their work.

Each month, students from Mr. Rugeroni's computer education classes work on micro-projects, short, creative computing assignments that challenge students to complete complex tasks either alone or collaboratively. From creating new

fonts and original works of art using pixels to coding memorable memes and making musical jingles, students planned, iterated, and created winning entries in the monthly contests. These contests are sponsored by a national nonprofit technology organization with the goal of building skills and helping young people to make a meaningful difference in the world.

Projects from around the country are reviewed, and winners are selected. Ten Rogers Mustangs have placed in or won a grand total of six of these contests over the past two years. This year alone, four Mustangs have been recognized in each of the first contests of the school year, a streak that makes Rogers proud of their achievements.

## Roosevelt *Elementary*

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**Tammy Lavelle**  
*Principal*

### Safety First!

*By Donna Robertson, Assistant Principal*

“Good Morning, and thank you for being on time for learning!”

“Safety first, so please make sure to always use the crosswalk.” Or, “Thank you for being in uniform, have a great day!”

These are some of the conversations you might hear any morning outside the front gates of Roosevelt Elementary. From 7:20 to 8 a.m., this is where the action is. This is ... Valet!

Our student-run Valet is in full swing, and safety is our No.1 priority. Our fourth- and fifth-grade scholars are hand selected by their teachers with the only

requirement being that they are responsible, friendly, and willing to show up. All of our student volunteers have parent permission to participate, and are fully trained before they can put on their safety vest and get to work.

Valet is supervised by recreation staff member Enrico Galvan. He shows up ready and eager to ensure the safety of all our students. The Valet workers respectfully open and close car doors while greeting classmates and parents. Teachers volunteer their time and use this opportunity to build relationships, provide supervision, and give gentle reminders for the students to be patient, polite, respectful, and ready to go when the car door opens. After all, we have learning to do!

## Stanford *Middle School*

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**Rebecca Suzanne Caverly**  
*Principal*

### 2019 is Looking Bright for Our Chorus

*By Maegan Moo, Chorus Teacher*

The Stanford Middle School chorus is having an exciting year! We're currently preparing a production of the musical *Once upon a Mattress*. It will be a supersize show, since all 265 chorus students will participate. We will have three performances over three nights, and that means that each of the leading roles will be triple-cast. In addition to the chorus and lead roles, the stage crew

will also be made up of chorus students who will handle backstage production duties.

In addition to the musical, later this spring, some members of the chorus will display their vocal talents at a professional sports venue, where they will perform the national anthem with a combined choir of over 500 voices. To wrap up the year, the chorus will perform at festival, where they will be judged and critiqued based on their musicianship skills and vocal technique.

To cap everything off, after festival, we all celebrate their hard work with a trip to a theme park! The students are very excited about these events, and we're looking forward to a terrific spring 2019!



## Sato Academy of Mathematics & Science

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**Mona Merlo**  
Principal

### Drone Robotics Camp

Over winter break, the Sato Drone Team hosted 20 third-through-fifth-grade students at Drone-Robotics Camp. Each day, campers participated in a STEM activity such as fueling and firing rockets fueled with sodium-bicarbonate tablets, designing and creating LED paper circuits, making rubber-band catapults, and investigating the properties of slime. Each camper designed and created a vehicle powered by

a spherical robot and competed against one another in chariot races. Campers were then challenged to navigate a robotic obstacle course. At first, campers piloted the course manually but then programmed the robot to navigate the course autonomously.

Campers also mastered piloting mini-drones and then programmed them to fly a series of autonomous missions. Students were also introduced to piloting drones using first-person-view (FPV) goggles. Much fun was had by all at the weeklong camp. We hope to continue running camps during every winter/summer break.



## Signal Hill Elementary

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**Scott Tardibuono**  
Principal

### Show those Moves!

*By Nooshi Baran 3rd Grade Teacher*

May I have this dance? Signal Hill's 3rd and 4th grade classes participated in the Passport to the Arts program to learn a variety of Latin American Dances and Musics. Dance instructors, Ms. Josie and Mr. Johan from the Long Beach Arts Council, introduced students to music

and dance moves from countries representing Latin communities. These included the Merengue, Salsa, and Bachata. For an hour a week, students learned movements, how to count steps, and to dance with partner dancers. After six weeks of hard work, parents were invited to watch all students perform their dances. The look of pride could be seen on the faces of students, parents, and teachers!



## Stephens *Middle School*

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**Salvador Madrigal Jr.**  
*Principal*

### School2Home Program

Stephens Middle School is part of the School2Home program. School2Home is an innovated statewide program aimed to close the Achievement Gap and close the Digital Divide. The School2Home program has been a success here at Stephens.

The picture below shows just some of the parents that have volunteered their

Saturday mornings for six hours to learn about technology, chromebook use, SchoolLoop, ParentVue, etc. Once parents complete the training, in return, their child may take a chromebook home to use for the entire year!

To date, seventy students have benefited from the School2Home program. This program will also allow for the Stephens Staff to participate in Professional Development to make sure technology is being effectively used in the classroom.



## Stevenson *Elementary*

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**Kevin Maddox**  
*Principal*

### Moving Air in the Art Studio

*By Nica Rumion,  
Art Studio Teacher*

Stevenson's Art Studio has been busy the last 3 months. TK-5 students have been generating creative answers to our big idea question: "How do artists represent/use moving air in 2 and 3 dimensional pieces?"

We were inspired by artists such as Van Gogh and Bernard Hoyes to practice lines of movement. We studied photographs of trees to create windy day trees that reflect the direction and force of the wind. We learned to use various tools such as oil pastels, painter's tape, a hole punch, pop-up tabs, transparent tape, and more. The art included printmaking, warm/cool colors, tints and shades painting, lines of movement, and color families.

Finally, we created a community installation of over 600 windsocks created by Stevenson students!





# Tincher Preparatory School (K-8)

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**Rosemary Sissons**  
*Principal*

## Celebrating Success

Under clear blue skies Congressman Alan Lowenthal addressed the Tincher community. The occasion was celebrating Tincher's third redesignation as a School To Watch and being named a California Distinguished School for the second time. Schools To Watch recognizes exemplary middle schools. During his presentation, the Congressman spoke about the importance of education and the increasing number of opportunities it provides. Also presenting were Mrs. Rosemary Sissons, principal, and Maryam Diabb, representing the California League of Schools.

At the culmination of the ceremony, Congressman Lowenthal (a former Long Beach councilman and professor at CSULB) presented the school with a flag that was flown over our nation's capitol.



**Congressman Alan Lowenthal with principal Rosemary Sissons, and Tincher teacher Tim Schugt**

# Washington Middle School

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**Megan Traver**  
*Principal*

## Building a Strong Sense of Community

We know that good relationships are an important part of providing a safe and welcoming environment at school. At Washington Middle School, we host community-building circles every three weeks in every classroom campus-wide.

Every teacher is provided with a lesson plan for the community-building circle based on a theme, such as "Taking Charge of Your Education" or "Strategies for Dealing with

Challenges." The process usually starts with a quote to get students thinking, and then the teacher poses a question that each student answers as they go around the circle. The questions get more thought-provoking, and the participants dig a little bit deeper with each question. The teacher answers the questions, too. Slowly, but surely, the group begins to share more personally, and the students and the teacher get to know one another better and, therefore, deepen their relationships.

Our community-building circles are building a deeper sense of community and a stronger sense of belonging for our students.



**Community Building Circle in Ms. Schafer's Class**

## Twain *Elementary*

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**Dr. Jacqueline Williams**  
*Principal*

### **Veteran's Day Celebration**

*By Mrs. Elizabeth Payne*

On November 9th Twain Elementary hosted its 12th annual Veteran's Day Celebration. Faculty, parents, and students gathered in the quad to acknowledge and honor our nation's service members. Keynote Speaker and Veteran, Pastor Jeff Levine spoke to the children about honoring our Veterans by following their example of sacrifice and service within our own communities. Retired Kindergarten teachers Donna Corn and Karla Lucas delighted us as dual MC's, while local

songstress Grace Thomas performed a moving rendition of The Star Spangled Banner. Special guests included our attending veterans, the new LBPD East Division Commander Patrick O'Dowd, the founder of Honoring Our Fallen, Laura Herzog, and representatives of the Long Beach Press Telegram, The 908 Magazine, and the Board of Education. Our students demonstrated their understanding of the occasion with the contribution of Veteran themed art, music, and writing as well as hundreds of cards and letters for our partnership with the national "Thank a Service Member" campaign. Veterans were recognized by standing according to their period of service, while the children honored them by singing their branch songs.

## Wilson *Classical High School*

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**Sandy Blazer**  
*Co-Principal*



**Gonzalo Moraga**  
*Co-Principal*

### **Dedication of New Bruin Way**

*By Michael Ndubisi, Loudspeaker staff writer*

A portion of Ximeno between 7th and 10th streets has been newly designated 'Bruin Way'.

The street was renamed in honor of Wilson High School's impact on Long Beach.

Last year a student committee was formed and presented the idea with Dr. Blazer to the City Council and after which Councilwoman Suzie Price initiated the process of having the street renamed.

"Wilson has been a cornerstone of Long Beach for nearly a century," Jack Cunningham, Councilwoman Price's Chief of Staff, said. On December 13 at 8:40 a.m. Councilwoman Price, Mr. Mogaga, ASB President Jared Lemke gave speeches to the large student audience before the grand unveiling of the sign. With a drumroll and countdown the sign was unveiled to the cheering crowd.

The students returned to class with the words of Councilwoman Price echoing in their minds, "When we play Poly in anything, and the say they have Jackrabbit Lane--well now we have Bruin Way!"

## Long Beach School for Adults

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**Debbie Broadway**  
*Lead Administrator*

### **2018 Program Highlights**

Our Adult Basic Education program is a dynamic class taught by direct instruction to help a student gain the academic skills needed for our High School Diploma program or High School Equivalency preparation classes.

During the fall semester 2018 we had 11 ABE students who significantly raised their

reading levels and skills to transition into High School Diploma or HiSET preparation classes. In our High School Diploma program we already have 13 students who have met all of the requirements to receive their Diploma and 8 who have already passed all 5 tests of the State HiSET Exam and have received their HS Equivalency certificate.

Our Graduation Ceremony will be held at Browning HS on May 31, 2019 at 6 pm.

We are hoping to have over 80 plus students receive their HS Diploma or their Equivalency Certificate this year.



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## Long Beach Public Library

### New Main Library Next Summer

By Pam Carlson, Acting Senior Librarian

Breaking news! In case you hadn't heard, a new Main Library is set to open in summer of 2019.



In 1896, the original library was in a room next to the City Council office. The library will now be 93,000 square feet with plenty of windows. Quiet areas will allow people to sit comfortably and look out at a revamped Lincoln Park. Teens can use multimedia workstations and group study rooms. A whimsical children's area will include an early childhood area and space for family literacy activities. The Studio Jr. will be used for art, STEM-based and inclusive programming.

Best of all, the Library will continue to be a welcoming place for readers of all ages and abilities.

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## Free After School Programs

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**Bixby Park**, 130 Cherry Ave.

562.570.1601, M-F, 3-6 p.m.

**Chavez Park**, 401 Golden Ave.

562.570.8890, M-F, 3-6 p.m.

**Coolidge Park**, 352 E. Neece St.

562.570.1618, M-F, 3-6 p.m.

**Drake Park**, 951 Maine Ave.

562.570.1625, M-F, 3-6 p.m.

**M.L. King Jr. Park**, 1950 Lemon Ave.

562.570.4405, M-F, 3-6 p.m.

**McBride Park**, 1550 M.L. King Jr. Ave.

562.570.1605, M-F, 3-6 p.m.

**Orizaba Park**, 2935 E. Spaulding St.

562.570.1427, M-F, 3-6 p.m.; Sat. 12-4 p.m.

**Pan American Park**, 5157 Centralia St.

562.570.1660, M-F, 2:30-5:30 p.m.

**Ramona Park**, 3301 E. 65th St.

562.570.1165, M-F, 3-6 p.m.



**Scherer Park\***, 4600 Long Beach Blvd.

562.570.1674, M-F, 3-6 p.m.

**Seaside Park**, 1401 Chestnut Ave.

562.572.5126, M-F, 3-6p.m.Sat. & Sun. 12-3 p.m.

**Silverado Park**, 1545 West 31st. St.

562.570.1675, M-F, 3-6 p.m.

**Somerset Park**, 1500 E. Carson St.

562.570.1690, M-F, 3-6 p.m.

**Stearns Champions Park**, 4520 E. 23rd St.

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**Veterans Park**, 101 E. 28th St.

562.570.1695, M-F, 2:30-5:30 p.m.

**Wardlow Park**, 3457 Stanbridge Ave.

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**Whaley Park** 5620 Atherton St.

562.570.1710, M-F, 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Teens can also join in free after school activities at Admiral Kidd, Coolidge\*, Chavez, Silverado and McBride Parks, and the Freeman Community Center. The public can visit <https://bit.ly/1Ga7Boi> for daily program schedules.

\*Temporarily, Houghton Park After School Program moved to Scherer Park and Houghton Park Teen Programs moved to Coolidge Park due to construction activity.

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## Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine

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