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**Kay Coop**  
Founder/Publisher



Welcome back to another school year. By now the students are settled into their routines and focused on their goals.

Please see page 10 to read Superintendent Steinhauser's message and find out why he says, "... Each of these vignettes and many more have combined to make for one of the most memorable back-to-school seasons in my 40 years in education. Thank you to all who contribute to the important work of teaching and learning. Keep up the great work, and have a safe and successful school year.

As always, I thank you for continuing to include *School News* among your reading choices. Good news travels fast and we continue to add new publications. Our most recent is Palo Alto Unified. You can always enjoy all of our publications on our web site or email and we will email you a digital of the publication(s) of your choice. For those days when you don't have time to read we have a audio of each superintendent's message just a click away.

Our next issue is February 13, 2019.

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**Dr. Robert Garcia**  
Mayor

### Increased Investment in our Parks

As an educator and mayor, I believe parks and education are some of the most important investments we can make in our city.

So far, 2018 has been a great year for our parks. Long Beach has opened the new Molina Park, DeForest Wetlands, Red Car Greenbelt, provided new playground equipment for Los Cerritos Park, Jenni Rivera park, Jackson Park and our parks system rose to top 21 in the country.

Our newest park, the C. David Molina Park in North Long Beach, is a 3.3-acre park which was built as part of a development agreement associated with homes in the Riverdale residential tract. It includes a sports field, playground, restroom facility, walking path, parking, and landscaping.

Our new parks and improvements helped Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine rise to number 21 among the 100 largest U.S. cities in the Trust for Public Land's 2018 ParkScore® Index survey, a hike from 2017's 24th place ranking. The report commended Long Beach for its walkable park access in the city where a total of 81% of residents live within a 10-minute walk to a park. Also noted was the City's investment in parks and recreation of \$208 per resident, compared to the national median of \$105. Long Beach also stood out for our number of senior centers and off-leash dog recreation areas serving residents throughout the City.

Many of these upgrades have been made possible thanks to voter-approved Measure A. Measure A is a 10-year sales tax to fund public infrastructure and public safety services. We are thankful for the voters for allowing us to make historic investments in our parks and make much-needed updates. You can find the full plan of parks and recreation investments on LongBeach.gov.

Our kids and families will reap the benefits of these investments for generations to come and I'm proud to say that we will continue to work hard to bring world-class parks to our city.

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**Tina Hansen**  
Mayor

### Character Counts

One of the things we most value about our society is our freedom of choice. One very important choice that we make as parents is where and how our children will be educated. There are options such as home schooling, private schools and public schools. My choice for my twins has always been public school. One of the things that impresses me most about LBUSD public

schools is the emphasis on character and values. Teaching this along with reading, writing and arithmetic is really at the heart of the education my twins receive, and I am so grateful for this part of their education.

At Prisk Elementary the phrase "character counts" was a big part of the teaching. My twins understood that along with academics, they were expected to practice traits such as courtesy, kindness and respect. Prisk even has its' own song, and in the song the word Prisk stands for things like Persistence, Responsibility, Integrity, Self-Esteem and Kindness. My twins understood that they should treat others in this way and expect that same sort of treatment from others. No matter how much technology there is in the future, there will always be a need for humans to treat each other with courtesy, kindness and respect. I am grateful that my twins began to learn these lessons in elementary school.

The character lessons have continued in middle school. My twins attend Marshall Academy of the Arts. Everyone knows middle school can be SCARY. Every adult probably has his or her story of middle school drama. My kids are in eighth grade this year. And middle school has not been scary for them. It has been an unbelievably positive and enriching experience for them. I believe that is because the students who came onto the Marshall campus had been taught the importance of character at their elementary schools, and they carried these lessons onto the middle school campus. And the students continue to learn about character at Marshall. The school mission statement discusses educating the hearts of the students. The informational packets from the teachers stress respect for the learning environment, the teacher and the fellow students. The school does an assembly early in the year entitled "Rachel's Challenge," and it focuses on showing kindness and compassion. Students of the month can be rewarded for academics as well as character. Character counts. And teaching our children about character counts as well.

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**Laura L. Doud**  
*City Auditor*

## Building Grit

Since the beginning of my career, I knew I wanted a legal education to marry my accounting expertise with my business acumen. So, in the Fall of 2001, I entered Pacific Coast University, School of Law's part-time program. During law school, I was a wife working full-time and a new mom to our daughter. As daunting as this may seem, I was ready for the challenge. School never came easy for me. However, as a student, I learned to tackle challenges through setting goals, then working to achieve those goals through hard work and commitment. It takes perseverance and passion to rise above challenges, and a long-term goal serves as a light at the end of a seemingly never-ending tunnel.

Angela Duckworth, author and psychology professor at the University of Pennsylvania, defined this willingness to persevere in pursuit of long-term goals as "grit." This definition of grit resonates with me. Based on her studies, she found that grit is an important predictor of success. When looking at who was successful and who wasn't – it was more about effort than IQ and talent. For successful people, Duckworth found that the journey was just as important as the result. The effort you put toward your goals – perseverance – and your dedication throughout your journey – passion – are what matter. This is good news for all of us. It means if you roll up your sleeves, put in hard work and have passion, you can succeed.

Duckworth also highlighted, which I whole-heartedly believe, that we all have the power to increase our grit, no matter what stage of life we're in. Each one of us has it and can cultivate it. It's about being constantly driven to improve. Success requires commitment to improvement and the ability to overcome challenges and failure. I know my achievements are because of my grit – my sustained focus, hard work and passion.

As we're in another school year with goals small and large, what better time than now, for all of us – students, teachers, parents and mentors – to consider Duckworth's tips:

- model grit
- encourage curiosity and questions
- provide feedback that is supportive and demanding

Let's all encourage each other to build grit and have a successful school year!



**Douglas P. Haubert**  
*City Prosecutor*

## City Prosecutor Interns Shine

For the fourth year in a row, the Long Beach City Prosecutor's Office has offered a Summer internship program that sets Long Beach apart from other cities.

The Long Beach City Prosecutor Internship Program has become competitive. Over 100 high-achieving students applied for the 12 available positions. The quality of the applicant pool was so high that room was made to accommodate 18 full-time and 2 part-time interns.

The City Prosecutor Interns for Summer 2018 included Kaitlyn Allen, Brooke Baeyens, Justin Calub, Luis Garcia, Robert Gardner, Imani Harris, Mia Hernandez-Perez, Lauren Hicks, Justin Hunter-Hughes, Cassandra Kline, Emma Larson, Chelsea Levy, Giovanni Longino, Brianna Meyer, Daniel Mota-Villegas, Eliseo Perez, Carlos Ramirez, Trevor Schnak, Areli Soto, and Pafracio Vallente.

To be eligible, interns must be in college or entering their Senior year of high school. As with previous City Prosecutor internships, the goals of the 2018 Summer Internship Program were threefold.

First, we want interns to learn how the criminal justice system really works. That is why we spend time securing expert speakers and providing in-court observations.

Second, we want interns to learn about Long Beach. One day they may be leaders of our city and we want them to understand its government and its unique, diverse communities.

Finally, it is important that interns receive work experience. We expose them to a professional office environment, but also teach them about other legal and public safety professionals do each day. It takes more than earning a degree to become "work-ready."

Interns did not just sit in an office. They toured the Long Beach jail and met with Police Chief Robert Luna, observed real court hearings and trials, received presentations from FBI and Department of Homeland Security officials, participated in ride-alongs with LBPD officers, and met with prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys, judges, and other legal experts.

Two members of the City Prosecutor staff, Sherri Seldon and Michelle Fajardo, deserve special accolades. Ms. Seldon and Ms. Fajardo screened and interviewed intern applicants, developed the internship curriculum, and coordinated all aspects of the program.

Applications for Summer 2019 interns will be available in February. For more information about the City Prosecutor Internship Program, visit [www.CityProsecutorDougHaubert.com](http://www.CityProsecutorDougHaubert.com).

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### A Ranch Christmas

By Pamela Young Lee, Executive Director

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## Assistance League® of Long Beach

### CAMEO Internships

By Linda Drummond, Marketing Chairman

Learning didn't stop during this past summer for CAMEO students who participated in internships throughout Long Beach organizations. Whether it was expanding people skills assisting City Council constituents, learning how to use patience working with different personalities at the Long Beach Housing Authority, or practicing marketing skills at CTI Environmental Construction Safety, all the students broadened their visibility to new careers and expanded their skills. No matter where the students interned, learning to work with others was a consistent theme of the 20 students who participated. "I had to get a little bit out of my comfort zone since I was working with so many new people at Long Beach Day Nursery," explained Jocelyn Yanez, a junior at Long Beach Polytechnic High School, "and I LOVED working with the kids."

CAMEO, the student mentoring auxiliary of Assistance League of Long Beach, helps Long Beach high school and LBCC students with mentoring, scholarships, laptops and paid summer internships. If you would like to become a mentor, sponsor an intern, or donate, please contact CAMEO at [cameo@allb.org](mailto:cameo@allb.org). For more information visit [allb.org/cameo](http://allb.org/cameo).

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## What is Irritable Bowel Syndrome?



**Barry Steinmetz, M.D.**

*pediatric gastroenterologist, MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach*

Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) is a common digestive disorder that involves normal gut contractions that are interpreted as abnormal, resulting a collection of symptoms, such as abdominal pain, bloating and unpredictable bowel movements.

### What are the Causes?

While the specific cause in children is not clear, there are several factors that may cause an increase in IBS symptoms.

- Symptoms can occur before or after a stressful event, such as a big test at school
- Diet can be a factor, but foods that trigger symptoms will vary in each child

### Treatments for Irritable Bowel Syndrome

Specific treatment of IBS will be determined by your child's doctor. However, common treatment can include lifestyle changes, such as:

- Eating more fiber
- Drinking plenty of fluids
- Eating less fat
- Setting aside time for bowel movements each day
- Finding ways to reduce stress in your child's life

### What Can I Do?

- Encourage your child to maintain a healthy diet
- Learn which foods your child should avoid. Keeping a diary of what your child eats and how they react will help you identifying foods that trigger IBS
- If your child has ongoing symptoms that can't be managed at home, they may need a referral to a pediatric gastroenterologist

### Symptoms of Irritable Bowel Syndrome

- Abdominal pain or cramping
- Bloating
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**Dr. Sonja Ogletree Santani**  
National President

**Build Your Business Around Your Strengths**

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

In June 2014, Dr. Sonja Ogletree Satani was featured in As Seen in Forbes Magazine issue spotlighting Southeast Women Business Leaders. She has provided training and consulting services to over 1,000 small business owners. "ABWA provides me with a platform to mentor and coach members who require assistance with business challenges," states Dr. Satani. "When I joined ABWA, I had the desire to own my own business, but was unsure of what industry or type of business. One of my ABWA sisters advised me to build around my strengths. Due to my local league's support, I continue to encourage, consult, and train entrepreneurs to grow their businesses." Dr. Satani is currently the 2017-2018 National President of the American Business Women's Association.

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**Christopher J. Steinhauer**  
*Superintendent*

## \$1 Billion in Upgrades

The new school year began with \$1.1 billion in active projects as we modernize campuses using school bonds approved by local voters. These projects add to the excitement and challenges already inherent in the start of any school year. I want to thank everyone for their patience and help in making our students feel welcome. We are blessed to have so many caring staff members and supportive parents.

Seeing modernization projects underway, and many projects completed, also deepens our appreciation for the bond funding that our community generously and overwhelmingly approved as Measure E back in 2016.

The magnitude of our facilities improvements is extraordinary. We now have 75 projects, 16 of which have started since June. Nearly 9,000 students and 380 classrooms were relocated during the summer, and 3,900 students began the year with new air conditioning and heating systems in their classrooms.

Of course, most important is what happens inside those classrooms and schools. I've enjoyed a whirlwind tour of our schools in recent days, and I can attest that great things are under way.

At Bryant Elementary School, in the same classroom where I was a kindergartner 54 years ago, I told students that, like them, I sat on the classroom rug and played in the same playground. The students were eager and attentive, and I believe there could be a future superintendent in that class.

I saw Ms. Grimalt and her colleagues off to a great start developing our newest Spanish dual immersion program at Bixby Elementary School.

Staff at Franklin Middle School were busy analyzing state test data and setting goals for the new school year using tools from our Research Office – a scene I saw repeated at many of our schools.

At Roosevelt Elementary School, where I was fortunate to start my teaching career in 1982, I saw teachers and support staff who are incredibly dedicated to students and their parents.

At Cabrillo High School, I met some outstanding students who are ASB leaders and pathway ambassadors for new students.

I could feel the excitement at Renaissance High School for the Arts as students got their first look at the campus after a two-year, \$40 million renovation. Similarly, the energy level was high at Stephens Middle School, where students returned to see refurbished, newly air conditioned classrooms along with a new athletic field.

I enjoyed the tremendous school spirit at Millikan High School's football game, and I was honored by the great turnout at one of my ongoing series of meetings with Pacific Islander parents here at the school district office.



**Jon Meyer**  
*Vice-President*

## New Faces and New Facilities

The Long Beach Unified School District started the new school year with some talented new school leaders and several nice, new facilities. The District 4 area that I represent is no exception.

Rogers Middle School welcomed Principal Jeff Wood, who was previously principal at Naples Elementary School. The new principal at Naples is Athena Uribe, who was previously principal at Birney Elementary School. Bryant Elementary School welcomed Clarissa Tolentino, who was principal at Roosevelt Elementary School. At Burbank Elementary School, Scott Fleming became principal. Scott was formerly principal at MacArthur Elementary School. The new principal at Signal Hill Elementary School is Scott Tardibuono, who was principal at McKinley Elementary School.

As a former principal myself, I'm confident these principals will do an outstanding job in their new assignments, and I wish them all the best in the new school year.

District 4 schools also are fortunate to have received facilities upgrades such as new athletic fields and all-weather tracks at Rogers and at Wilson High School. Both Rogers and Kettering schools are among the campuses that saw makeovers during the past year, including the installation of central air conditioning.

Other District 4 schools saw their upgrades begin this summer, including Mann and Lowell elementary schools. Both campuses will receive air conditioning and related infrastructure improvements. Meanwhile the Sato Academy of Mathematics and Science broke ground this summer on its new science building. This school year, Sato will produce its first class of graduating seniors. The school is modeled after our highly successful and nationally recognized California Academy of Mathematics and Science, which recently was ranked second by U.S. News and World Report among all high school magnet programs in California.

These schools are among 51 campuses to benefit from Measure E, the \$1.5 billion school bond initiative approved by voters in 2016. More than half of the funds have been designated to update antiquated heating and air conditioning or install new systems in schools built without the electrical capacity for air conditioning. Other upgrades include plumbing, lighting, window and security improvements where needed.

It's so rewarding to see these facilities projects come to fruition, knowing that these improvements will benefit thousands of students for many years to come. Local taxpayers have wisely chosen to make these investments in our schools, and their decision will surely pay great dividends for our communities. Thank you to all who continue to support our students and schools.

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**Cindy Young**  
*Director*

## CDC Rocks

Our CDC is participating in the State Quality Rating Improvement System program. This rigorous system rates the schools in an effort to inform our communities about the quality of an early childhood education center.

The CDC joined the state's efforts two years ago as a pilot program. The intent was for us to grow from the feedback we received from trained observers. There are seven formal areas reviewed: Child Observation, Developmental Screenings, Staff Qualifications, Teacher/Child Interactions, Ratios, Program Environment, and Director Qualifications.

On a five-point rating scale, our CDC has received nine sites earning a score of four, and two sites earning a score of five. We have nine more pending visitations. Several of the schools were only one point shy of a five rating.

Our parents should feel proud to have their children enrolled in our program. These scores validate how we are offering our students a high-quality early childhood education experience. Children moving from our preschool program into kindergarten have a greater opportunity to go on to achieve college or career success.

I am proud of our CDC staff. They are a group of dedicated, hardworking, and passionate professionals.

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**Armando Dueñas**  
*Principal*

## Differentiated Professional Development

Addams Elementary School makes every effort to see that your child will receive an exceptional educational experience. In addition to teaching the core subjects, we strive to further develop the social-emotional and behavioral development of each child.

Addams teachers are currently implementing the latest instructional practices aligned to the Common Core State Standards. As a result, we are making great strides in our efforts, and are reaching our academic goals.

In order to ensure continued success, most of our staff meetings will be dedicated to teacher professional development in instruction, differentiation, and socio-emotional development. At these trainings, teachers will spend time learning innovative new methods that will ensure your child's academic success in English language arts (reading, foundation skills, and writing) and mathematics.

These new instructional methods will engage our students to think, speak, and listen critically. They will also require them to deepen their understanding of new concepts while being mindful of their own learning strengths, challenges, and weaknesses.

## Bancroft *Middle School*

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**Maria Pilar Perossio**  
*Principal*

## Focusing on Diversity

This year at Bancroft Middle School, we are focusing on diversity. Through the Advisory Safe & Civil Lessons, all students are learning about and discussing diversity. Teachers are encouraging students to consider what makes individuals unique and how diversity benefits our school. Speaker Brent Poppin visited classes and spoke in an assembly last week



about his experiences overcoming adversity. He emphasized how individuals with disabilities contribute to the beauty of diversity in our society. Students also loved getting to try on his Olympic medals! One student reflected, "Hearing Mr. Poppin talk about his life was really encouraging, I can't believe he overcame the tragedy in his life and helps so many people!" It's a great time to be a Bruin!

# Beach High School

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**Troy Bennett**  
Principal

## A Productive Ahead

The 2018–2019 school year at Beach High School is well underway. On the first day of school, teachers kicked off the year and set the tone by focusing on teaching and learning. Students arrived with an eagerness to learn. It is as if we never left campus. Students are taking ownership of their learning and involvement in leadership

roles on campus. They are working in the student store also known as the Chum Bucket (the Beach High School student store), and making daily announcements on the schools PA system. Every year Beach High School makes strides in helping students recuperate credits and return to a comprehensive high school if they choose to do so. We look forward to a productive year as we help students experience academic success and prepare them for college and careers.

# Bryant Elementary

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**Clarissa Tolentino**  
Principal

## High Expectations

*By Wendy Whalen, 2nd/3rd Grade Teacher*

We are off to a great start to our 2018–2019 school year!

Our new principal, Clarissa Tolentino, has joined the Bryant family. On behalf of our staff, students, and parents, we would like to welcome Mrs. Tolentino to our school, and look forward to the years ahead under her leadership. Mrs. Tolentino has taught

and served in many leadership positions in the Long Beach Unified School District. Previous to this assignment she was the principal at Roosevelt Elementary School.

On the second week of school, our students were officially met by Mrs. Tolentino at our Expectations Assembly. Here she presented them with her official

expectations to be added to our school's Guidelines for Success. She also met with and become acquainted with many of our students and their families. Mrs. Tolentino recently hosted a Spirit Assembly in late September that recognized student achievement, and also welcomed everyone to Back to School Night on that same evening.

In preparation for the new school year, Mrs. Tolentino met with staff members to evaluate and study the baseline SBAC scores and data. We are so proud of what our school has accomplished in previous years. Our students are meeting and exceeding their goals as a direct result of the dedication, hard work, and collaboration between all stakeholders.

We look forward to meeting and exceeding our goals for this new school year under the leadership of Mrs. Tolentino.

# Burcham (K–8)

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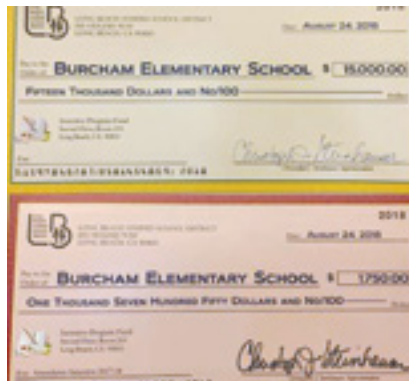


**Chris Eckert**  
Principal

## Continual Growth

Burcham was recently awarded a check for \$15,000 for continual growth on our academic achievement. Our scores in English Language Arts and math have continued to increase over the last three years. Thank

you Burcham staff, students, and parent/guardians for your hard work.



We achieved this continual success through consistency with educational pedagogy, rigorous teaching practices, and a focus on planning instruction from the standards. We also received a check for \$1,750 for our excellent attendance. Burcham Bobcats understand the importance of being at school every day and on time. We had 96.3% attendance rate for the 2017–2018 school year! Congratulations to all our Bobcats.

## Cabrillo High School

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**Cheryl Cornejo**  
Principal

### Linked Learning Approach

Cabrillo is embracing the Linked Learning approach by developing rigorous, multidisciplinary projects for students! Grade-level teams are using multiple planning days to build stronger multidisciplinary projects through our four Career Pathways: Academy of Global Logistics (AGL), Cabrillo Academy of Law and Justice (CALJ), Cabrillo Engineering and Design (CED), and Specialized Academy of Computer Media Arts and Animation (SACMAA).



**CED teachers planning.**

Our teachers are collaborating to integrate academic and technical instruction by focusing on career-related themes. Working across academic and technical fields makes learning more engaging and meaningful for our students. "Being able to sit and discuss projects creates new energy among teachers which motivates the students," stated by the CED team as they planned out their timeline for the Fall semester.

## Carver Elementary

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**Matthew Monaghan**  
Principal

### Off to a Great Start!

Our Carver Cougars are back in full swing after a summer of rest, relaxation and reading! To keep that reading momentum going, our PTA held our first Scholastic Book Fair of the year the second week of school! Funds received from our book fair help support our PTA and all of the fabulous things our PTA does to support our staff and students. Students at Carver get a science lab, an art program, and extra playground coverage just to name a few things our PTA does for us. There is nothing more priceless than the look on our students' faces as they enter in the Scholastic Book Fair room! Brand new books and smiling faces...what a great way to start the school year!



## Cubberley (K-8)

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**Cathleen Imbroane**  
Principal

### Cubberley's Jazz Band

*By Georgia T. and Chayse E.  
7th Grade Journalism Students  
in Mr. Ward's Class*

Cubberley Middle School offers many fun activities and electives for students. One of the most interesting is Jazz Band. Jazz Band is a fantastic program for students who hope to become exposed to new music while improving what they already know. What makes Jazz Band unique is that it is a secret class. Jazz Band use to be held before school, but now it takes place during lunch two days a week. Taught by the music director Mrs. Jacobson, the band meets on Tuesdays

and Thursdays and includes talented musicians who are committed enough to give up their free time to improve their musical abilities. Many members join looking for a challenge. The class sheds light on a new genre of music and opens up opportunities to learn advanced musical concepts, like learning by ear, and learning about the "jazz style". All kinds of jazz songs are taught and performed, from Peter Gunn to Chattanooga Choo-Choo. Some of the students' favorite things about the class are getting to spend extra time with their friends and their band teacher. Another thing the students love is the challenge that Jazz Band provides to more advanced band students.

## Chavez *Elementary*

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**Hugo Figueroa**  
*Principal*

### Recognized Again

Chavez staff was recently recognized for the second consecutive year for student achievement growth during an L.B.U.S.D. District Manager's Meeting. Monetary awards were received for specific accomplishments. Last school year, Chavez was awarded \$20,500 for the following: Increased student attendance, closing the

achievement gap between our school subgroups, and growth of 8% in ELA and 15% in Mathematics overall. This year, Chavez has been awarded \$10,000 for accomplishing an increase of 10% points in our overall mathematics SBAC scores and having an increase in our ELA and Math SBAC scores for three consecutive years. Chavez Elementary is very proud of our accomplishments and the staff has already begun planning how we will support our students in making further gains this year.



**Chavez Teachers**

## Edison *Elementary*

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### Changing the Odds

*Darron Evans, Principal*

Edison Elementary is the school hugged by 6th and 7th streets just before you hit the 710. It's home to the hopes and dreams of nearly 600 students and their families.

In my first few weeks as Edison's principal, I've seen evidence every day of our staff's commitment to nurture those hopes and dreams. We commit to preparing our students for the rigors of middle school. We commit to putting our students on track to graduate from a four-year university.

The Stockdale Paradox says that optimism must be accompanied by a willingness to acknowledge and confront the "brutal facts." Edison is currently one of the lowest-performing schools in Long Beach. Many of our students and families have faced and still face tremendous challenges. Too much is left to chance even if we focus on beating the odds.

Our mission at Edison is to change the odds. I am a firm believer in the power of education to change the opportunity equation for children. If this speaks to you, contact me at [daevans@lbusd.net](mailto:daevans@lbusd.net).

## Garfield *Elementary*

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*Rachel Peters, Acting Principal*

### Unleash Your Champion

*By Nicole Kelly, EL TOSA*

At Garfield Elementary School, teachers have embraced the motto, "Unleash Your Champion." This means being the best we can be by embracing continuous improvement, collective efficacy, and growth mindset. Teachers are planning quality core instruction, which includes the required PE minutes, to ensure we are closing the achievement gap for all students. In 1st grade, Mrs. Miles has students participating in activities that require her

class to be physically active while learning to collaborate and work together as a team to meet a desired outcome. Mr. Rendon, 5th Grade, believes that his students benefit academically from physical activity so he provides ample opportunities for students to increase strength and endurance as well as self-efficacy. Scholars in his class develop increased perseverance, stamina to work hard for long periods of time, and a strong sense of community as a result of the physical fitness they partake in throughout the week.

## Dooley *Global Studies Magnet School*

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dooley-lbusd-ca.schoolloop.com



**Nicole Howton-Chiles**  
*Principal*

### New Talent

Dooley Elementary School is proud to announce some new talent to our campus this year. Juan Gonzalez is our new Assistant Principal who joins us after serving as Assistant Principal at Bobbie Smith Elementary School. We also have a new Counselor, Rosalynn Labao who served as Counselor at Birney. New to our teaching staff this year is: Kristi Brown, third grade literacy, Michelle Rimpo, fourth grade, Laurie Velkov, first grade, Katie Valles, 3rd, 4th, 5th grade, Jyoti Trueman, Speech and Language, Brianna Solis, RSP, A.J. Jackson, Plant Supervisor, and Martha Sponholz, IOA Office Assistant. We are excited to have them as part of our Dooley family.

## Fremont *Elementary*

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**Dr. Cassandra Richards**  
*Principal*

### Families Celebrating Science

*By Laura Malloy, Science Lab Teacher*

Each year, Fremont Elementary celebrates Family Science Night in conjunction with their student Science and Engineering Fair. Last year's theme was "Celebrating STEAM Education." Guest participants included a major airline and technological corporation that brought engineers in to work with students on designing and launching water rockets. There were also engineering/building challenges developed by an education-based engineering corporation for the students and their families to participate in as well as opportunities to learn basic coding with special coding robots in the technology lab.

The evening was rounded off with music, a taco truck, a bake sale and all the student science and engineering boards proudly displayed in the cafeteria. Each year, a different theme brings in new vendors and fun science activities for the whole family!



## Gant *Elementary*

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**Cassandra Fanton**  
*Principal*

### Health and Fitness

*By Maria Heck, 5th Grade Teacher*

Thanks to Kelly and a health and fitness program we had an amazing first assembly here at Gant! All students participated at the same time! Every student was given a hula hoop and was "exercising." When they weren't hula hooping, they were doing all of the latest dance moves!



Using a fun approach, students learned about the positive effects of staying healthy and exercising. Parents, students, and staff all said it was one of the best assemblies ever and it was a great way to start off the school year! Even our principal got in on the action. Who would've known she was a hula hoop queen!

## Franklin *Classical Middle School*

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**Wendy Sowinski**  
Principal

### Trick or Treat for UNICEF

In October 2017, art classes were reading about the mass exodus of families from Rohingya to Bangladesh, often resulting in children working in factories. From this rose discussions on how hundreds of thousands of children could not obtain the simplest of things, for example clean drinking water.

Students asked how they could help children halfway around the world, and they decided to trick or treat in reverse, asking their fellow students to each give a quarter to buy clean water kits. We used the campaign of “Trick or Treat for UNICEF,” raising \$428.00. Connections were also made to art. Ms. Bellin has taken this on as an annual project, and her classes are already working on their 2018 UNICEF projects.



## Hamilton *Middle School*

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**Kathy Cruz**  
Principal

### Prepared for Success

Seventh- and eighth-grade Where Everybody Belongs (WEB) leaders attended training to learn how to conduct Hamilton Middle School's sixth-grade orientation in August. Over 80 percent of our incoming sixth-graders and their parents or guardians attended. Students toured the campus, participated in team-building activities, were measured for uniforms through the Assistance League, and ate lunch in the cafeteria. While all of this was happening,

parents met support staff and heard about schoolwide expectations and opportunities for involvement.

Following the orientation, 69 area families with children in kindergarten through 12th grade received free netbooks from the human-I-T Connect program. Technology is key to being successful both in and out of the classroom, and obtaining affordable Internet is often an obstacle. The human-I-T-Connect program provides both access to technology and, if needed, Internet in the homes. An online application is available at <https://www.human-i-t.org/lbusd>.



## Holmes *Elementary*

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**Lori Grady**  
*Principal*

### Welcome to The Holmes Nation

*By Robyn Lunstad, Teacher*

Stop by any school in September and you will likely find shiny floors, new books, sparkling windows, and freshly painted hopscotches. You will see all of that at Holmes Elementary, but this year you will also be treated to welcoming smiles and greetings from our new principal, Lori Grady, and our new office supervisor, Laurel Elliott.

Mrs. Grady comes to us from Whittier Elementary, Mrs. Elliott from Millikan High School. While Holmes is a bit smaller than either of those campuses, what we lack in size we make up in spirit! All teachers, support staff, classified, and students extend a huge and heartfelt “WELCOME TO THE HOLMES NATION” to our new principal and office supervisor. We’re so glad you’re here!



**Welcome to Holmes, Principal Lori Grady and Office Supervisor Laurel Elliott.**

## Hughes *Middle School*

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**Edward Samuels**  
*Principal*

### Owls Taking Care of Business

*By Eddie Cruz, Assistant Principal*

Last spring Hughes’ Site Base Decision Making committee made a commitment to bring a summer registration event that is all too common at other schools but not at Hughes. We held our very own Taking Care of Business day for our student body. On August 22nd and August 23rd, students reported to Hughes to pick up textbooks, emergency cards, and their schedules. They also had the opportunity to take their school picture and receive their ID on the

spot. Families received assistance with completing meal applications, registering for School Loop, and Parent Vue. Close to 1000 students were served over the course of two days qualifying this event successful. This event could not have taken place without the support of our teachers and staff members. Together, they ran stations to assist students and parents. Our banker was also present selling school uniforms and spirit shirts. Parents were pleased with our summer registration event. Parent Karen Nourrcier stated “Given the logistical complexity, I was pleasantly surprised at how well the event was planned and executed.”

## Long Beach School for Adults

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**Debbie Broadway**  
*Lead Administrator*

### English as Key

Immigrants from all over the world call Long Beach home. Many of these immigrants come to Long Beach School for Adults to improve their English skills. Our English as a Second Language (ESL) classes offer students the opportunity to increase their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills and focus on teaching them how to use English for everyday life in the United States.

For example, students learn English that will help them talk to a doctor, order food, and fill out a rental application.

All of our ESL classes include U.S. government and history lessons that help prepare students for U.S. citizenship exams.

Our students seek to advance their English for many reasons. Some need English to pursue job training or career advancement, while others need English in order to obtain U.S. citizenship. Additionally, many of our students whose children attend LBUSD schools express a desire to increase their English abilities so they can assist their children with their schoolwork. Our free classes are offered at various times throughout the day to accommodate both working and nonworking students.

## Henry (K-5) Dual Immersion School

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**Veronica Madrigal**  
Principal

### Welcome Back!

What a great start to the new school year. Students came ready to learn with their backpacks, in new school spirit wear and a smile on their faces. Teachers opened their doors with excitement and high energy for the new year. This year at Henry a focus for our community of learners is Growth Mindset.

To support our Growth Mindset, our recreation staff will incorporate new team building games and structured activities during lunch. The social and emotional learning of our community will be a factor in our decision making process at Henry. We look forward to our new learning, opportunities for growth and partnerships with our Henry community members.



## Hudson (K-8)

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**Lisa Colburn**  
Principal

### Garden Based Lessons

Hudson K-8 School is the newest member of the Ground Up family, a nonprofit organization that develops school gardens to teach standards based lessons. On September 8th, Hudson teachers, students and family members joined with Ground Up volunteers and its sponsor, Free Conference Call, to renovate Hudson's garden. By the end

of the planting spree, indigenous plants decorated raised beds, topsoil awaited seedlings, and a new garden shed had been constructed to house tools, soil, and reusable bowls and utensils for garden tasting. This year every kindergartener through fifth grader will participate in eight garden based lessons. Middle school students will have the opportunity to participate in Friday's Garden Club. Hudson is a great place to grow.



**Hudson teachers, students and families join community members to revitalize Hudson's garden in preparation of Ground Up lessons.**

## King Elementary

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**Osvaldo Ocampo**  
Principal

### Gardeners Never Quit!

All summer long we were working hard to maintain our AHA Teaching Gardens. Some Gardeners were on campus in our Summer WRAP Program, while others walked over from their nearby homes just to maintain our gardens! They were excited to harvest our

lettuce, kale, herbs carrots and of course our strawberries were a huge hit! In the picture here you can see how huge our pumpkins grew and how healthy they are! We hope they will last 'till our King Harvest Festival in October!

In conclusion, our Gardeners learned this summer that with a lot of hard work, perseverance, watering, weeding, sunshine, shade and harvesting you can produce amazing results! Go King Gardeners!



## Lafayette Elementary

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**David Komatz**  
Principal

### Voices Will Be Heard!

*By Katherine Tacea,  
Librarian and  
Media Specialist*

Teachers returned from summer to a menu-choice-board challenge: personalized professional development that adds technology integration. All began the year with Flipgrid, a free video-discussion tool that encourages responses from students.

Teachers control the video moderation, access controls, private share links and more. Participants can attach resources and use success criteria to analyze others' responses. Goal setting, book talks, oral fluency and math problem solving are also engaging ways to use Flipgrid. Lafayette teachers and students are catching #Flipgrid Fever!



Fifth-graders Alyssa and Akira were hooked. "I just love the editing process" Akira said excitedly. "But it's nice to share my thoughts with everyone," Alyssa added. Chase, Jade and Chloe also assist.



## Lakewood *High School*

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**Shawn Abbate**  
*Co-Principal*



**Mario Jimenez**  
*Co-Principal*

### **A Positive Start**

Lakewood High School's Linked Crew and small learning communities hosted the incoming Class of 2022 at a four-day freshmen orientation. This event, known affectionately as Camp Wood, allowed our incoming students to have an

opportunity to make friends, find their way around campus, and settle into high school life. Over 800 freshmen, 100 upperclassmen, and 1,000 parents participated with teachers and support staff to make this a once in a lifetime experience.

Students were divided into Lakewood's five pathways and participated in activities to learn time management, school-wide expectations, and how to survive the freshmen year. The week ended with freshmen attending an industry-aligned, off-campus experience. Lakewood's Applied Technology Magnet visited the California Science Center, the Digital Media, Arts, and Communications pathway enjoyed a private screening at Edwards Cinema, the Odyssey Academy travelled to Granada Beach for some hands-on lessons, Merit Scholars traveled to the La Brea tar pits and Los Angeles County Museum of Modern Art, and students from the Health Occupations and Sports Medicine pathway travelled to University of California, Irvine for an agility and teambuilding workshop.

Lakewood High School is getting students where they want to go, one positive experience at a time!

## Roosevelt *Elementary*

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**Tammy Lavelle**  
*Principal*

### **'All' Means All!**

*By Donna Robertson, Assistant Principal*

"All" means all" is our mindset at Roosevelt as we kick off the new school year with a clear focus and understanding of the needs of our students. We have worked diligently to get technology into every classroom, with students being 1:1 with Chromebooks. Every day, our cafeteria and recreation staffs work to feed all of our children, giving them the opportunity to eat both breakfast and lunch on our campus. We are coordinating with the Assistance League to ensure that every one of our students

is dressed for success and ready to learn, with backpacks and school supplies.

Analyzing data and collaboration among colleagues is evident during classroom observations as teachers are embracing the collective-efficacy mentality. Teachers are planning and motivated to deliver instruction while building relationships with students. They are utilizing the district continuum to strengthen best practices to ensure that all scholars have high expectations and support for student success.

Students are proud of their school and its showing in both their scholarly behavior and their willingness to learn.

## Los Cerritos *Elementary*

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**Alissa Gamboa**  
*Principal*

### **PTA Celebrates 75 years**

This fall the Los Cerritos Elementary Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is celebrating 75 years of parents, teachers and community members joining forces to invest in one of our greatest assets, the education of our next generation. The current PTA recognizes early volunteers who planted victory gardens, worked like Rosie the Riveter, and chose to keep education a

top priority in the midst of the struggle of World War II. Today the PTA honors past members and proudly carries a responsibility to help provide world class arts, outdoor science, technology, and enrichment experiences to every student, every day. If you'd like to join the Los Cerritos PTA and celebrate 75 extraordinary years.



**Student Council members by the Los Cerritos school bell – Fall, 1963**

## Lincoln Elementary

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### Lions Roar for Safety!

*By Charo Darwin Glomah,  
Assistant Principal*

Lincoln Elementary School's first Curbside Valet Drop-off Program established in collaboration with parent volunteers, staff, and student council has

contributed to a safe arrival situation for all students. City Councilman Dee Andrews stepped in to help our community transition to this important safety procedure.

Ms. Ana Arce, parent and School Site Council member, attended the city council meeting on July 10, 2018 where agenda item R-23 passed unanimously. This important recommendation authorizes a 120-day study whereby the Long Beach Police Department, Public



Works, the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee, and other stakeholders will meet to discuss streamlining traffic circulation and options to improve traffic enforcement in areas surrounding Long Beach schools. An existing committee will reconvene as a result of the agenda item introduced by Dee Andrews. The councilman will continue to support Lincoln Elementary as the committee discusses safety for all Long Beach district sites with

entrances located on small residential streets.

Lincoln parents are extremely satisfied with curbside drop off ,and we look forward to continued support from our city council. Safety for Lincoln means safety for Long Beach! Go, Lions!

## Lindsey Academy (6-8)

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### Modernization

*By Federico Martinez,  
8th grade PE Teacher*

Modernization is in full swing at Perry Lindsey Academy. Lindsey has been an ever evolving school over the last few years. To compliment a beautiful new administration building, gym and turf field more construction started in May. The cafeteria was updated with air conditioning,

new floors and paint. The auditorium was also remodeled top to bottom and appointed with new air conditioning. The music building was also updated with the latest electronics and musical instrument storage, not to mention new air conditioning. Currently the bulk of the work is being focused on the "D" building. Updating the building from top to bottom will see construction workers busy until April 2019.



# Back to School!



## Lowell Bayside *Elementary*

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**Lester Lawson IV**  
*Principal*

### Getting Off to a Great Start

As we begin the school year there is one particular grade level that I want to recognize here at Lowell, our Transitional Kinder and Kinder Team. This group of educators continually begin every school year with a brand new group of students that are starting their journey

here at Lowell. With smiles on their faces and a warm feeling that is second to none, they greeted our families where TK and Kinder students line up. It is always interesting to see that as nervous as the new kids are, the parents are just as nervous. However, as soon as they see our wonderful team of teachers that nervousness seemingly melts away. Thank you to our wonderful TK and Kinder Team.



## McKinley *Elementary*

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**Vanesha Davis**  
*Principal*

### Thriving at Two Locations

*By Kate Pekar, M.S. Ed., TOSA*

The start of the school year was filled with exciting changes! McKinley welcomes Principal Vanesha K. Davis and Assistant Principal Cheryl Huber. Ms. Davis looks forward to building strong relationships with the McKinley community and comes highly experienced as a seasoned principal.

Mrs. Huber also has many years of educational experience. McKinley will be split between two school sites this year as part of the Measure E initiative to modernize schools with air conditioning. Primary students will be at McKinley campus and upper grade students are attending on the campus of Monroe Elementary. The McKinley staff is excited for the start of this school year!



**McKinley Staff at the Monroe Campus**

# McBride Sr. High School

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**Steve Rockenbach**  
Principal

## Students Show-Off Their Skills

*By Erica Kelly, McBride SkillsUSA Coordinator, 9th grade Health and Biology Teacher*

Since 2016, McBride High School has participated in SkillsUSA, a CTSO (Career Technical Student Organization). SkillsUSA curriculum focuses on career standards such as ethics and reliability as well as “soft skills” like job interview. With support from the LBUSD Career Pathways

Office and the CTEIG grant, students have competed in Medical Terminology, First Aid and CPR, Quiz Bowl, Related Technical Math, Crime Scene Investigation, and Engineering Technical Design. Many competitors have advanced to state and in April 2018, Cassie Calciano took 2nd place in the state Extemporaneous Speech competition. Students have also networked with industry professionals and even received future job offers. Go to [skillsusa.org](http://skillsusa.org) for information on setting up a chapter at your school.

## Newcomb Academy (K-8)

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**Donna Ryono**  
Principal

## Focused on Math

*By Lola Bran, 8th Grade Student*

Last semester, five students from Mr. Wells 6th period math class at Newcomb K-8 Academy drastically improved their SBAC scores, exceeding district expectations. My interview found how his teaching led to these improvements. He explained that during class, he ensured that students focused only on the lesson. He saw great potential in his students and expectations were high for the SBAC scores, but he didn't expect an increase this significant. His teaching method was simple: clear explanations, computer use, and example problems on the whiteboard. Mr. Wells believes all students can excel at math---all that is required is focus. This is Mr. Wells' 11th year at Newcomb, and before that, he spent 10 years at Jackie Robinson Academy.



## Sato Academy of Mathematics & Science

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**Mona Merlo**  
Principal

## Drone Team takes 1st Place

The Sato Drone Team took 1st for the second time in a row at the California Regionals for the UAS4STEM competition back in June. The competition is comprised of two missions: complete a set of tasks autonomously by capturing way-points and performing given commands and then locate five targets and drop a paint filled balloon from an altitude of 40 feet to hit the target.

The Sato Drone Team scored among the highest teams nationwide. The team also earned a spot to go to the National UAS4STEM competition in Muncie, Indiana but because of other obligations, were unable to go. The team is coached by teacher Mr. Albert Gallo and volunteer Mr. Will Chesher.



## Prisk *Elementary*

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**Beth Cohen**  
*Principal*

### **"TEAM" in S.T.E.A.M**

The Prisk PTA and Prisk Foundation are charging "Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead" to provide great opportunities for 2018-2019!

Their partnership is important because while the Prisk PTA provides funding and supports for a variety of programs such as field trips, materials for classrooms, community events, spirit-wear, and more, the Prisk Foundation focuses solely on S.T.E.A.M. education and resources!

Whenever there is an event, fundraiser, or donation specifically for the S.T.E.A.M. program at Prisk, the PTA "gifts" the Foundation with the funds so the S.T.E.A.M. committee can make decisions on the best ways to use them!

Thank you, Prisk PTA and Prisk Foundation for putting the "TEAM" in S.T.E.A.M.!

## Robinson *Academy (K-8)*

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

### **Kindness Mondays**

*By Paula Spenker, Assistant Principal*

At 8:02 on the Robinson campus, you might hear the sound a peaceful chimes. This pleasant sound signals the beginning of our Kindness Mondays. All classrooms, Kindergarten through 8th grade, engage in viewing videos on Kindness, reading books with a kindness theme, and at a higher level, integrating our understanding of Jackie Robinson's 9 Character Traits with the kindness virtue.

We will also be implementing growth mindset, character traits, and mindfulness within our Kindness Scope and Sequence for the 2018-19 school year. It is our understanding that to truly combat bullying, we must start with spreading kindness.

## Powell *Academy (K-8)*

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**Tynisha Smith, Principal**

### **College & Career Ready!**

Colin Powell Eagles are College & Career Ready! Being ready to go to college doesn't start in high school, at Colin Powell, we want to foster a college rich atmosphere grades TK-8. On the 1st Friday of every month, staff & students wear college gear in order to expose students to the various

college choices available to them. In addition to that, our middle school students will take part in high school readiness workshops that will have a component focused on A-G requirements. Workshops will also be available for parents during the day and evening in our Parent Center starting in October.





## Stanford *Middle School*

5871 E. Los Arcos St., Long Beach, CA 90815 • 562/594-9793  
lbstanford.schoolloop.com

**Rabeca Caverly**, *Principal*

### Where Everybody Belongs

Stanford's WEB students have already begun working hard this year to make sure that our incoming 6th graders feel welcome and secure in their new middle school "home." WEB, which stands for "Where Everybody Belongs" is more than an acronym at Stanford—it is part of Stanford's mission to show respect to all of Stanford's students.

WEB students attended a three-hour summer-training to prepare for our 6th grade Orientation where they led incoming 6th graders on a tour and answered questions. They also helped with our "Taking Care of Business" day to assist 6th graders with items like yearbooks, PE and Spirit Wear, and ID pictures.

WEB connects with our 6th graders to make Stanford students SOAR! Seek opportunities to learn and grow! Overcome obstacles and challenges! Achieve our goals and dreams! REPEAT!

## Stephens *Middle School*

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



**Salvador Madrigal Jr.**  
*Principal*

### Revitalized Campus

Students and staff of Stephens Middle School eagerly entered a newly remodeled school campus on August 29, 2018 all due to Measure E. The modernization that the Jackrabbits are now enjoying can be seen in all classrooms; from ceilings and lighting upgrades, fresh interior paint, tinted windows, mounted projectors, and air conditioning. When asked about her new classroom, sixth grade teacher Ms.

Shamley responded with, "The wireless mounted projector is my favorite." "I can't wait to learn," chimed in one of her students. With construction still happening around the border of campus, we patiently await for the ADA accessible upgrades. Just last week, construction for a brand new turf field was completed! The students and staff are ready to enjoy!



## Whittier *Elementary*

1761 Walnut Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813 • 562/599-6263  
whittier-lbusd-ca.schoolloop.com

**Damon Jespersen**, *Principal*

### New Faces

*By Liseeth Ramos, Assistant Principal*

We are off to a great start at Whittier Elementary School. Our scholars are ready for a successful school year after entering school with smiles and enthusiasm. Teachers are excited and energized as we strive to prepare our students for a great year of learning. We are setting the path for a learning environment as Wizards of 21st-century teaching and learning!

We are fortunate to welcome 11 new members to the Whittier family, from a new principal and assistant principal to our new plant supervisor, teachers, and health technician. We are pleased to welcome: Damon Jespersen, Principal; Liseeth Ramos, Assistant Principal; Jermel Paulette, Plant Supervisor; Rebekah Conley, Literacy Teacher; Lori Kamiyama, Rebecca Whitcomb, Nicole Fee, Teachers; Renee Gonzalez-Gomez and Belkis Miqueleiz Reading Recovery Teachers; Heather Gareis, Speech Teacher; and Kathryn Ferrer, Health Technician.

## Tincher Preparatory School (K-8)

1701 Petaluma Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815 • 562/493-2636 • lbtincher.schoolloop.com



**Rosemary Sissons**  
Principal

### A Summer of Successes

Tincher experienced many successes this summer. In July, a team traveled to Washington, DC to accept Tincher's third award as a School To Watch and to present at the national conference. This award is based on a rigorous application process as well as student academic achievement.

Tincher began the school year by earning an incentive award based on the stunning successes our students have made. Tincher showed greater than 1.5 times Above Target Growth in both ELA and Math and 3 years of consecutive Achievement Growth in Math. We have definitely set the bar high for the coming school year.



**Rosemary Sissons and Tincher's Instructional Leadership Team are presented with a \$25,000 check in recognition of our success.**

## 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

### Financial Incentive

*By Amber Eusebio, Loud-speaker Editor-in-Chief*

Wilson High School recently received a check for \$10,000 from the Long Beach Unified School District as a reward for raising test scores in the English Language Arts portion of the SBAC. This standardized

test was taken by all eleventh graders in the district last May. "We had the highest growth in ELA of all the comprehensive high schools," co-principal, Dr. Sandy Blazer said. The check was issued by LBUSD's Incentive Program Fund. The program offered financial incentives for improved scores. Administrators will work together with the Instructional Leadership Team to determine how the money will be spent. "We are focusing on teacher collaboration," Blazer said. "We have the best teachers and when they work together to plan instruction, look at student work, and analyze data, all students benefit."



# Common Sense Media

## Privacy Settings on Computer and Smartphone



On your computer, you can protect against privacy invasion in your web browser. On your smartphone, you use the phone's settings.

### Computer Privacy

Take a look at the privacy settings offered in your browser (usually found in the Tools menu) to see whether you can fine-tune them to keep the good and block the bad. When you go online, websites install cookies on your computer that track your movements. Some cookies can be beneficial, such as those that remember your login names or items in your online shopping cart. But some cookies are designed to remember everything you do online, build a profile of your personal information and habits, and sell that information to advertisers and other companies. (Check out these kid Web browsers.)

### Smartphone Privacy

Settings on smartphones vary, but you can tighten up privacy with these precautions:

- **Turn off location services.** That prevents apps from tracking your location.
- **Don't let apps share data.** Some apps want to use information stored on your phone (your contact list, for example). Say no.
- **Enable privacy settings on apps you download.** Make sure your teens are using strict privacy settings on services such as Instagram and Facebook.
- **Be careful with social logins.** When you log onto a site with your Facebook or Google username and password, you may be allowing that app to access certain information from your profile. Read the fine print to know what you're sharing.

Have you checked the privacy settings on your kid's computer and smartphone recently?

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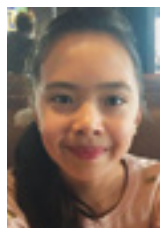
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## Lucy's Book Review



Lucy Davis

### A Powerful Read

*Far From the Tree*, By Robin Benway

Family doesn't always mean that you're bonded by blood. In fact, Grace, Maya, and Joaquin depend on that saying. All three were taken in by strangers when they were young, building relationships with people they barely knew. So, learning that the three of them are siblings is not something they would've expected. All three have gone through trying experiences, and soon they realize that having each other in life is the greatest gift of all. Through pain, joy, laughter, and love, the three begin to learn the true meaning of family.

I enjoyed this book for a multitude of reasons. I feel that the author brought forth a great message: that family will always be there for you even when you don't realize it. It's honest, raw, heartfelt, and simply a powerful read. I will warn you: it contains strong adult language and situations, but definitely worth the read for ages 13 and up. Five out of five bookworms.



Lucy is a 7th grade student. When she isn't immersed in a book, she loves musical theater, ballet, and singing. She enjoys stretching her imagination by writing short stories of her own. Lucy will rate the books 1 to 5 bookworms with 5 being the best.

**Contest!**

This student is in this publication. When you find him, email the page number to:

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Your entry must be received by November 15, 2018  
 From the correct entries, we will draw a winner to receive a GAZUMP card/dice game - fun for all ages!



## Jenna's Review



Jenna C.

### A Magical Adventure

In *Unicorn Princesses-Sunbeam's Shine* by Emily Bliss there is a real unicorn girl named Cressida. All she cared about was seeing a real unicorn. But her family always said unicorns are fake. One day, she



found a key that was glowing pink. She went back home with the key and the next day she went to deliver the key back. There, she saw a unicorn saying "where did I leave the key?" Cressida asked, "are you looking for this?" The unicorn looked surprised. "Can you see me?" "Of course I can." Sunbeam, the unicorn said only a human who believes in unicorns can see her. "That means you can go to the rainbow realm to find my sapphire to get my powers back." So off they went to find the sapphire. Will they find it? Can Sunbeam get her powers back? I like this book because it takes me on a magical adventure.

Jenna is a third grader. She likes art and soccer. She likes imaginary stories and someday she wants to be a book illustrator.

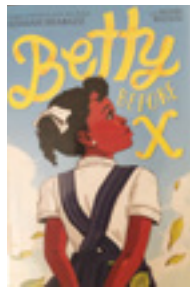
## Katie's Review



Katie C.

### Be Grateful

By Ilyasah Shabazz  
*Betty Before X* is about Betty Shabazz. Many may know her just as Malcolm X's wife, but before that happened, she was a young girl growing with several hardships. Betty



used to live with her Aunt Fannie Mae and her grandma. When her aunt dies, she moves to Detroit to live with her mother Ollie Mae. What Betty doesn't understand is why Ollie Mae doesn't love her. Eventually she's had enough of her mother. She runs to a kind couple's house and they take her in. Betty joins the Housewives' league which supports black-owned businesses. She gains confidence as she does so, and eventually she realizes that the right decision isn't always clear. Betty learns to count her blessings because there are so many blessings that she doesn't notice. I rate this book a nine out of ten because it taught me to be grateful for what I have.

Katie is a ninth grader. Her passion is writing and she likes finding new ways to structure poetry. She is working on creating a story line with a series of poems. In her spare time, she enjoys soccer, song writing and reading books.

## Christina's Book Review

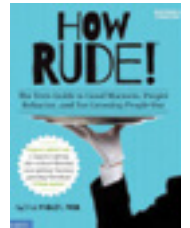


Christina J.

### Politely Funny

*How Rude!: The Teen Guide to Good Manners, Proper Behavior, and Not Grossing People Out* By Alex J. Packer, Ph.D

The book title is self-explanatory. Hands down, this was one of the most enjoyable, fun, informational, entertaining,



captivating book I have ever read. "Good manners don't cost anything. You can have the BEST for free." You can look up a specific topic or read the whole thing for all-around understanding of manners. So, why choose good manners? I will answer with one quote from the book: "We used to spend every Christmas with my aunt. I was always nasty, bored and annoying brat. When she died, I lost out on her \$1,000,000 will." There are manners for behaving with friends, parents, teachers, employers and much more. The best part is that the book demonstrates how good manners bring you many benefits (for instance, get you a job or get help from teaches) versus how bad manners are detrimental to your life. I give this book a 5 out of 5 stars. 465 pages, but what a worthy reading!

Christina J. is an 9th grader. Christina is an avid reader, who enjoys a good book about some great adventure, mystery or action. She is a hard-working student and a young author herself. In 5th grade she wrote a book *Melody's Stories: I Am a Spy Now*, published by Studenttreasures Publishing (PIN #3582798).

## Richard's Book Review



Richard J.

### The Wednesday Wars

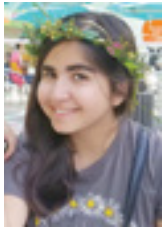
By Gary D. Schmidt  
This book is about the boy named Holling Hoodhood in 1976. Throughout the year Holling deals with many difficult situations. He is the only kid in his middle school who isn't Jewish or Catholic, which means that during Religious Studies he has to stay in English Class, do classroom chores and study Shakespeare. It is 1976 and everybody is struggling with the fear of the Vietnam War. Holling had a rough year, which happens to all of us, but in the end he got through and won the respect of his teacher, family, and classmates.



I like that the story is set in a different time period. It's interesting to read about how people lived back then. The story is about perseverance and growing up under difficult circumstances. It's funny, but serious. I give it 5 out of 5, with 5 being the best.

Richard J. is a 4th grader. Richard likes math, playing sports, physical activities like bike-riding, swimming, diving and running. He is a hard-working student who enjoys reading, seeing and leaning new things and spending time with his family and friends.

## Book Review By Katrina



### A Riveting Story

*Something New; Tales From a Makeshift Bride* by Lucy Knisley is a graphic novel describing Lucy's experiences in love and marriage. Lucy's love life has



**Katrina D.** its ups and downs just like anyone else. But when the love of her life, John, proposes, they leap headfirst into the whirlwind of preparing a wedding. From guest lists to dresses to catering and vows, Lucy gives the reader an honest depiction of the chaos and joys that comes with preparing a wedding. She also takes time to expand on the fears, hopes and worries that come with crossing the threshold of marriage that is quite relatable. The author keeps the story alive with a colorful art style and the story riveting with her trials to create a wedding out of society's expectations. Breaking through the 'weddings are easy' stereotype of books, I'd recommend this story to anyone and everyone.

Katrina rates this book five out of five crescent moons.

Katrina is an 11th grader who loves to sketch, read and write. She either wants to publish her own novels, work in animation or become a biologist (or maybe all three!). Katrina will rate her book reviews from 1 to 5 crescent moons.

## Keira's Book Nook



### Action Packed

*Snared* is a very heartfelt book about a hobgoblin trappsmith named Wily Snare, who has never been above ground until he meets Odette, Pryvyd, and Moshul after they successfully defeat his traps. From them, Wily



learns that the Above is not so bad, and that he is actually human. He also discovers that in the Above the Infernal King takes hostages and brings them to prisonaurs, from which no one ever escapes. Wily then aids the fight against the Infernal King, in the process learning about sunsets, butterflies, and experiencing harrowing encounters with death. This is a book of fantasy and adventure that I would recommend for any sixth through eighth graders that don't mind the suspense of cliffhangers. I rate this book 4 out of 5 stars because although it was an action packed novel, it was not quite captivating enough to remember forever!

Keira is a 7th grader who loves to read. She also enjoys crafts, traveling, soccer and playing with her cats. Her reviews are rated from 1 to 5 with 5 being the highest.

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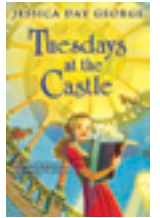
## Sophie's Choice



**Sophie O.**

### **Tuesdays at the Castle**

This book is the start of an amazing story written by Jessica Day George. In this book, there is an adventure, a little bit of mystery, danger, and stealthiness. Tuesdays at the Castle is based on the



Glower Family, who live in

Castle Glower. Castle Glower is magical and every Tuesday a new room appears. Let me introduce you to the main characters, Lulath, Lilah, Rolf, Pogue, Celie, Bran, and Queen and King Glower. But, beware you might not want to put this book down. The King and Queen go to Bran's graduation, and on the way back they are thought to be killed! A funeral is taken place in which they meet some cruel and evil people, and find out that you can't trust everyone. This book definitely deserves a five-star review. Read this book and the whole series if you're curious to find out what will happen to the Glower Family.

Sophie O. is a 6th grader who loves to play soccer and bake. She's an avid reader and writer and is working on writing her first book. She hopes to be an architect one day

## Things in the Sky—Word Search Contest

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

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# Long Beach Parks, Recreation & Marine

## New Fall Recreation Classes

Register now for fall recreation classes offered by Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine. Classes in art, music, nature, fitness, special interest subjects; and aquatics programs will be offered in October and November for youth.

Basic Cooking for Kids will be held on Saturdays from November 11-24 at El Dorado Park West.

Dance classes starting in November include Children and Dance Workshop, Hip Hop, Musical Theater, Princess Dance and Rockstar Popstar.

Kids can improve academically in Narrative Writing starting October 30, and in Math Development and Reading Development classes starting October 23 at the Long Beach Community Resource Center.

New music classes starting in late October and in November at Jammin Music, 4228 Atlantic include Exploring Instruments, Group Piano, Keyboard, Rockin' Guitar and Ukulele. Guitar will be taught at Whaley Park on Tuesdays from October 16-November 13.

Young athletes can hone their skills in basketball, ice skating, gymnastics, Horse Fun for Kids at El Rodeo Stables in Brea, volleyball, martial arts, skateboarding, soccer and ice hockey. New classes are starting in late October and in November.

For more information and to register, visit [www.LBParks.org](http://www.LBParks.org), 2760 Studebaker Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815 • [www.lbparks.org](http://www.lbparks.org)

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