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Welcome back to a new school year! By now students are settled into their routines and happy to be back in the classrooms. We have so much information in this issue that you'll want to find a comfy chair and plan to read awhile.

Please note as you are reading the school articles they may not be alphabetical, which was necessary to accommodate the wonderful pictures.

Be sure to enter the word search contests on pages 14 & 36.

Our next issue is February 8.



**Happy Halloween!**



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**Dr. Robert Garcia**  
*Mayor*

## Eight Years of Growth

This message will be my last message in these pages as Mayor, and I'm grateful for the chance to reflect on the past 8 years while looking forward to what the future holds for our city. Since I took office in 2014, I've gotten to watch a generation of Long Beach students grow and thrive. They've gotten older; learning more in school, practicing athletics and creative arts, engaging in the

community, celebrating accomplishments and taking on new challenges each year — just as our city has grown with new achievements to celebrate and challenges to face.

Eight years is a long time, and I'm struck by how far these students have come in that time and where they'll be 8 years from now. Kids in fifth grade will be finished with high school and on to college, careers, and lives as adults. It's a great time to grow up in Long Beach, and our world-class school system is a big reason why. And — beyond high school — few cities can compare to Long Beach in the opportunities available locally to young adults. CSULB remains one of the most recognized and applied-to universities in the country, and LBCC continues to provide outstanding educational and vocational opportunities tuition-free through our nationally recognized Long Beach College Promise.

These are the kinds of opportunities that create strong pathways out of poverty and towards future opportunities for Long Beach students — and it's the reason that education has been a centerpiece of my time as Mayor. We've worked hard to expand the College Promise, add more than 950 preschool seats, distribute more than 8,000 pairs of glasses to LBUSD students and create more than 3,500 new internships for students at our local high schools, City College, and University.

Not only do these initiatives provide opportunities for growth and success, but also the ability to stay in Long Beach if they want to. We love to see local graduates begin their lives and careers, raise families and open businesses right here in our city — and we must continue building a community that supports young people to do that. It's been an honor to serve as Mayor, and my hope is to be remembered as an advocate for students, their families, teachers, and strong schools. Most important, I hope that the work we've done to support education continues to provide opportunities for many years to come.

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**Keir Jones**  
*Mayor*

## Caring and Giving Community

Without question, one of the most enjoyable things about being a Signal Hill City Councilmember is the opportunity to interact with so many different and wonderful individuals who truly want to make a difference in their community. I am continuously impressed with the interest and enthusiasm that so many people have for the wellbeing of Signal Hill. Whether

someone is serving on one of the City's Commissions/ Advisory Committees, or volunteering with the Long Beach Unified School District, the Signal Hill Community Foundation, the Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce, the Friends of the Signal Hill Library, or one of the other many worthwhile local organizations, we are fortunate to have such an abundance of caring and giving individuals in and around Signal Hill.

While working with the City and charitable organizations certainly makes a tangible difference in Signal Hill's overall quality of life, there are many personal benefits that are derived from volunteerism. Through these efforts, I have benefited from hearing different perspectives and have made lifelong friends in the process. At a time when we are all incredibly busy and are continuously receiving and processing information from a variety of sources, the opportunity to "unplug" and to give back to the community through volunteer efforts is relaxing, rewarding, and a great change of pace. Personally, I have found that volunteering is like many things in life — whether it is your family, your work, or your personal health — the more you put into it, the more you will get out of it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have volunteered your time and talents over the course of the past year. As Covid-19 conditions have continued to improve, we are fortunately in a much better place than we were in either 2020 or 2021. As an example, meetings of the City Council and other City organizations now typically include both an "in person" and remote options for attendance and participation, and it has never been easier to get involved with different groups and organizations. As Mayor, I applaud those of you who choose to volunteer to help keep Signal Hill a wonderful place to live, work, visit, and play.

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## City of Long Beach, City Auditor



**Laura L. Doud**  
City Auditor

### Free Student Resources at Our Libraries

Here's the thing, you don't need to know everything. You just need to know where to find it. And in the words of Albert Einstein, *"The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library."*

As the new school year is now in full swing, there are many challenging, yet exciting learning assignments including projects, research papers, and tests for students. So, where is the best place to get down to work on these school assignments or find a quiet place to study? Long Beach's Billie Jean King main library and its many neighborhood branch library locations offer welcoming places with many incredible resources including materials, technology, and study spaces perfect for students and their families as they tackle school work.

Knowing how important libraries and their resources are to all residents, we conducted an audit on Library Services to assess the equity and effectiveness of Long Beach's library materials, services, and programs. Our audit found our libraries offer many valuable services for students such as free literacy programs, homework assistance, school supplies, and Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) programs. The Long Beach Public Library Foundation's President Ryan Ballard emphasized the Library's resources for students and families saying, "Today's Library does much more than exist as a repository for books. Our Family Learning Center Programing available at the Billie Jean King Main Library and neighborhood library branches provide many valuable resources such as one-on-one homework help and online educational databases and lessons which are available for students of all ages, whether they would like to learn a new language or research their own genealogy."

However, our audit also found the Library could improve by promoting its educational services, adjusting open hours to meet the needs of students and their families, and expanding material resources. The Library along with supporting organizations including The Long Beach Public Library Foundation and Friends of the Long Beach Public Library were instrumental in coming together to request more funding so our recommendations could be implemented. Due to these efforts, the City has increased funding of over \$2 million for more open hours and materials at our libraries. This allows students and their families increased access to the critical educational resources the Library has to offer.

So, whether students are looking for a book on a specific subject matter, need additional hands-on homework help, have to look up online sources or print out study materials, or just want a quiet space to concentrate, it can all be found at a nearby library location. Find a library location and its offerings by you at [LBPL.org](http://LBPL.org).

## City of Long Beach, City Prosecutor



**Douglas P. Haubert**  
City Prosecutor

### Prosecutor Interns Learn about Law

This summer the Long Beach City Prosecutor's office again hosted an amazing class of interns.

As with previous years, it was difficult to select only 14 interns for the Summer 2022 CP Internship. With backgrounds in leadership, academics, science, and diverse interests, this was another extraordinary group.

This year, the interns surprised us with how quickly they became an independent, social unit. They recognized the diversity of their class and organized a potluck where each intern brought food that was culturally significant to them, turning lunch into a learning experience.



**Summer Interns 2022 (back) Chance Sinerius, Miles Perry, Alofaifo Faleono, (from left to front) Andrew Fierro, Maya Bailey, Christina Ayon, Karis Chapple, Ashley Islas, Isaias Perez. Not in photo: Mai Vu, Guadalupe Jeronimo, Valerie Ramos, Aracely Asis and Jasmine Lyla**

Interns learn from legal professionals like Deputy District Attorney Lucrezia Pratico, Judge Andrea Davalos, and Environmental Attorney Tracy Egoscue. They also heard from FBI agents, Firefighters, U.S. Army leaders, and Customs Agents, and crime lab technicians.

It is important that they learn about Long Beach as a community, so speakers from the Port of LB, the Long Beach Airport, Los Cerritos Wetlands, and LB Marine and Safety. These are only a few of the speakers and institutions that give time to our students.

A new element was added to the internship when our interns joined Cabrillo High School's Forensic Class, headed by teacher (and also attorney) Scott Newman, for a one-day mock trial. Deputy City Prosecutor James Young led the exercise which gave Cabrillo HS students a hands-on experience while interns learned the mechanics of evidence.

The office owes a debt of gratitude to CP employees Sherri Seldon, Michelle Fajardo and Eliseo Perez for organizing the internship.

For more information about the City prosecutor's summer internship program, visit: <https://cityprosecutordoughaubert.com/student-internships/>



**Jeffrey A. Napper**  
President & CEO

**3 Reasons You Should Save for Retirement Now**

It's never too early to start saving for retirement. The longer you wait, the more challenging it becomes. Here are 3 reasons why you should start now:

**Social security is not enough** – Social security alone does not provide enough income for most people to live comfortably. Contributing to a 401(k) or Roth IRA account can help you earn more income during retirement.

**Reduce your taxable income** – Contributing to tax-deferred retirement accounts now can lower your tax rate. This will save you money because you will be paying taxes on a smaller portion of your typical yearly salary.

**Your employer may match you in your contributions** – Some companies will match a certain amount you contribute to your 401(k). Think of this as your employer paying you more to save for retirement. Take advantage of this and contribute as much as they will match (or more)!

Start preparing now for the lifestyle you desire at retirement!



**CathyLyn Brooks**

**Whose Market is it Anyway?**

Seller's market. Buyer's market. Normal market. Where are we now? How does one know into what phase the market is slipping or soaring?

As a real estate broker, I am often asked what will happen next. The best answer may be to ask, "In what locale?" Throughout the USA, the marketplace is as varied as the terrain of the 50 states. In places where inventory is low, demand pushes values upward. Where demand is low, or many properties are available from which to choose, price reductions are being made to entice buyers.

One way to diagnose the market is to use these basic guidelines that deal with the number of days it takes for a property to sell. Various markets have differing days of expected inventory.

A hot seller's market is seen when homes are on the market for less than 60 days. In California then, we endured a blazing hot market, as many homes were available for barely a day last year, with as many as 60 competing offers and dramatic overbids.

A slight seller's market is defined by a marketing period of 60 – 90 days; a balanced market with 90 – 120 days; a slight buyer's market with a 120 – 150 day period; and a deep buyer's market when days on market exceed 150.

It's great to buy low and sell high but that isn't always possible. However, since real estate offers stability in shelter, appreciation, and tax benefits, there's never a bad time to invest.

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## Rest & Proper Training Can Help Keep Your Child Healthy During Fall Sports



**Eric J. Wong, MD, FAAP**  
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Medical Group  
San Juan  
Capistrano*

Now that school is back in session, active young children and teenagers are going to start getting back into playing the sports they love for their school or club teams. While having them be physically active is important, it is equally as important to remember to ensure their safety, especially with fall and winter sports, such as football, soccer and basketball.

Physically intensive sports like football and basketball leave children at high risk of injuries such as:

- Fractures • ACL/Knee injuries
- Muscle strains and contusions
- Sprains, commonly within the ankles or hands
- Shoulder injuries

Fortunately, much of the risk for these injuries can be mitigated. Encouraging your child to warm up before, and stretching after physical activity, are also a very effective, yet overlooked, ways to prevent injuries, especially overuse injuries, sprains, and strains.

Warming up increases the blood flow in your child's body, allowing more oxygen to reach their muscles, which helps your child's body perform more effectively.

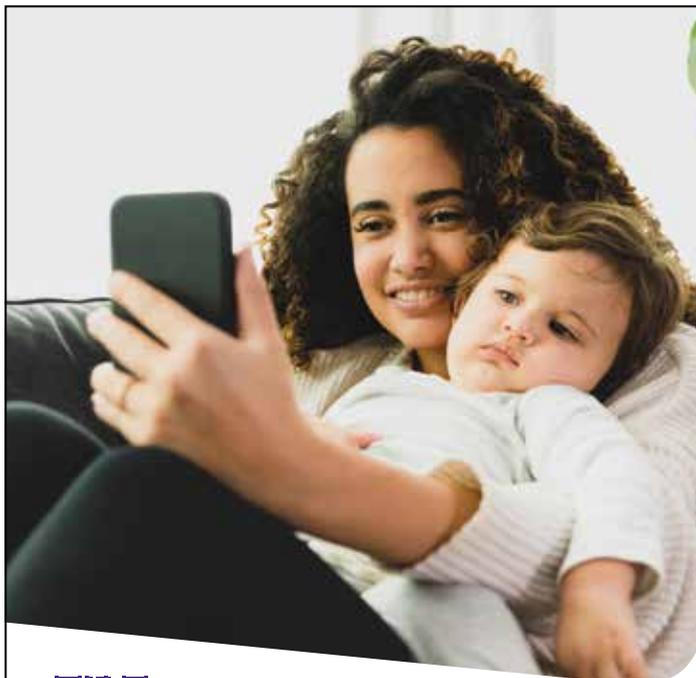
Stretching afterwards allows your child's body to not only maintain the joints' range of motion, but maintains the muscles' flexibility, strength, and health, allowing them to heal more efficiently.

Children who are actively participating or wish to participate in sports should understand when it is time for them to stop training, as rest is often overlooked in the pursuit of self-improvement. To avoid muscle strains and ligament and joint injuries, athletes need to give their bodies enough time to properly heal.

Encouraging and supporting your child to practice these safety tips will leave them better prepared to protect themselves from injury out on the field.

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# Assistance League® of Long Beach

## CAMEO Students Take on Summer Internships

By Liz Krummel, Marketing Chairman

This summer, 16 Assistance League® of Long Beach CAMEO mentoring students participated in paid internships in collaboration with the Pacific Gateway Workforce Network. Students explored their desired career path by completing a survey ranking their top fields of interest. Participants interned in a variety of organizations including animal care, education, non-profits, medical, restaurants, and social justice.



**Sherlyn Juarez, Junior Jordan High School - Aguas Way Restaurant**  
**Debby Mather, CAMEO Chair and Sherlyn's mentor**



**Andrea Martinez-Cardoza,**  
**Senior Poly High School - Salvation Army**



**Jayla Calhoun, Junior Jordan High School**  
**Success In Challenges**

Andrea Martinez-Cardoza, a Poly High senior, highlighted her experience by saying, "Working at the Salvation Army helped me add to my resume. I enjoyed working in a team environment".

CAMEO is a multi-year program designed to guide under-served students from Long Beach high schools through one-on-one mentoring to help them identify and fulfill their college and career goals. Students attend monthly enrichment workshops and cultural activities. For example, the Bite of Reality workshop, hosted by Orange County Credit Union, students simulated and strengthened their financial literacy skills. Recent enrichment workshops included visiting the Broad Museum and participating in a holiday toy drive. In addition, students receive annual stipends and college scholarships.

For more information about CAMEO contact [Daisy@allb.org](mailto:Daisy@allb.org) or 562-627-5650

An advertisement for 'Affordable Braces!' featuring cartoon illustrations of dentists and children. The text reads: 'ALLB provides quality, low-cost orthodontic care for children from families with limited financial resources. We work with every family to determine a comfortable payment plan.' It includes contact information: 'Phone: 562-425-9453' and 'Email: ORTHO@ALLB.org'. The ALLB logo is also present.

# Nutrition Update

## Diabetes and Prediabetes: New Statistics & Helpful Tips



**Carol Berg Sloan,  
RDN, FAND**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention share startling statistics in regard to diabetes and prediabetes:

- More than 37 million US adults have diabetes, and 1 in 5 of them don't know they have it.
- Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States.
- Diabetes is the No. 1 cause of kidney failure, lower-limb amputations, and adult blindness.

- In the last 20 years, the number of adults diagnosed with diabetes has more than doubled.

Diabetes is a disease where your body can not produce insulin or use it as needed to metabolize the food you eat. It is a condition that can be managed by eating a healthy diet and getting physical activity consistently — really how all of us should be living our lives!

- More than 96 million adults—more than 1 in 3—have prediabetes.
- More than 8 in 10 of them don't know they have it.

You may have prediabetes if your blood sugar levels are higher than normal. A fasting blood sugar (FBS) level of 99 mg/dL or lower is normal and 100 to 125 mg/dL may indicate you have prediabetes.

Make sure you see your doctor annually and get a blood test. If you do have an elevated FBS, see a registered dietitian who can help you lower that number by providing recipes, meal planning tips and encouragement to focus on what you should be eating rather than what you shouldn't. It is never too late to start on a healthy pathway.



**Kelly Taber,  
MS, RDN**

As a Health Promotions Dietitian for the United States Air Force, many clients come to me concerned about the risk of developing diabetes due to high blood sugar levels. I focus our sessions on two areas: 1) what are you currently eating and 2) how can you make small beneficial improvements. Variety is key with emphasis on fruits and vegetables, whole grains, lean protein, legumes and healthy fats. My patients think they can't eat carbs or ever have dessert again.

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### Chocolate Avocado Pudding

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- 3 ripe medium-sized avocados, pitted
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- 1-1/2 cup skim milk or your favorite milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons liquid stevia, depending on your preferred sweetness level

Optional toppings: chopped walnuts, chia seeds, granola, fresh berries, or shredded coconut

Directions:

1. Add all ingredients to blender and blend until smooth. If mixture is too thick, thin by adding water.
2. Refrigerate for 1 hour and enjoy.

Nutrition Facts: 177 calories, 15 g fat, 52 mg sodium, 580 mg potassium, 11 g carbohydrate, 8 g dietary fiber, 1 g sugar, 2 g protein

This column provides insight from Carol Taber RDN, FAND and her daughter, Kelly Sloan, MS, RDN. They provide tips to help you make healthier food and beverages choices.

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## Field Trips are Back In-person and Online!

By Katie Lowe Manager of Education  
and Public Engagement

Rancho Los Alamitos offers third- and fourth-grade field trips that support California's history and social science curriculum. Third-grade classes are invited to participate in the virtual Tovaave: A Tongva Cultural Program. In a series of videos, students will learn about the history and culture of the Tongva-Gabrielino people and respond in an interactive student journal. Fourth-grade tours are facilitated by school docents. Docent-led tours, whether



Firing up the forge in the Rancho Los Alamitos Blacksmith Shop.

in-person or online, explore the site's ranch house, gardens, and barns in connection to themes in California history. Teachers can learn more about signing up for these opportunities.



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808 Stevely Ave.  
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### **Coolidge Park**

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## Parent To Parent



Jodie Lynn

### A Helicopter Parent

**Q.** I have been a helicopter parent for so long that my children, ages seven and nine, are extremely apprehensive of taking any risks in various activities or doing anything where they may get even slightly hurt or disappointed. What have I done and how do I correct it?

**A.** There have been overbearing and overprotective parents for years; don't beat yourself up too badly. It's easy for parents to go overboard when it comes to their kids. However, this can continue into college years and beyond, but it doesn't have to. Let go of this habit, even if it takes a lot of time; it's necessary. Your parenting style and the way you view your children will need to change. You'll need to allow them to get used to the idea that they can actually try things on their own and whatever the outcome, it's all going to be okay in the end. Go ahead and sign them up for things that they are truly interested in and will most likely do well at. A few successes will build their self-confidence and they will perhaps want to do more things that are new and different. Just be sure that you stop yourself if you think about interfering unnecessarily, even if you know that they're heading for something rough. It's the mistakes and bumps in life that we all learn from that make us stronger individuals, better able to handle future situations. We have to be allowed to fail.

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# Long Beach Unified School District



**Dr. Jill A. Baker**  
Superintendent

## Welcome to a World of Opportunities

The Long Beach Unified School District and our students are poised for many successes in the new school year. Schools here are widely known for their innovation, academic rigor, staff training and greatness in athletics, the arts and more. We are committed to building upon those successes and raising student achievement, especially for students who, for a variety of reasons, may need extra support.

As we continue to emerge from the global pandemic, we're seeing encouraging progress on student achievement. This progress is a testament to the care that our dedicated team of professionals have taken when developing and implementing our Learning Acceleration and Support Plan. The plan is providing for literacy and math specialists, equity training for teachers, expanded tutoring and summer programming, a new way of collecting data to monitor student progress, wellness centers on every high school and middle school campus, and the Black Student Achievement Initiative that we launched last year. We've also hired hundreds of additional staff, including teachers, counselors and social workers. Our Board of Education has now passed a

courageous Excellence and Equity Policy and held several community visioning sessions. We've also begun the replacement of furniture in every one of our classrooms, and we've continued our extensive upgrades to school buildings.

All of these efforts have built a solid foundation for our school system and for our students. After 30 years of working in LBUSD, first as a teacher, then as a school principal and central office administrator, I am more hopeful than ever about the future of our local public schools.

We offer many ways for you to stay connected with our schools. I encourage parents and other community members to visit school websites and our LBUSD website frequently. And you can follow us on these social media channels:

- Twitter @LongBeachUSD
- Instagram @LongBeachUSD
- Facebook @LongBeachUSD
- YouTube at lbschools.net/youtube

I also invite you to follow my personal Twitter account @jbaker000.

Thank you to everyone who supports our students and schools, and best wishes to all for a safe and successful school year.

## Halloween Word Search Contest

**Rules!** One word in the list is NOT in the word search.  
When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that word you email to: [Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com](mailto:Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com) (Please put LBUSD in the subject line)

Entries must be received by November 15, 2022  
From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win  
a \$20 gift certificate redeemable at Barnes & Noble.

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## LBUSD Board of Education

*By Megan Kerr, Board President*

### School Renovations Continue as District Looks Ahead

A few weeks ago, I had the honor of attending an event that marked a key milestone in Jordan High School's multiyear transformation: a beam signing ceremony for the school's new state-of-the-art classroom building, the last of six such facilities constructed at Jordan in the last five years.

Jordan's modernization is the largest campus renovation project ever undertaken by the Long Beach Unified School District. Our investment is transforming the school into the centerpiece of North Long Beach, heightening the revitalization underway in the neighborhood. Besides new classroom buildings, Jordan's upgrades include a revamped auditorium and library, full-service kitchen, renovated band and administration buildings, and new tennis courts and parking lots. Once complete, Jordan's renovations will include 400,000 square feet of new or revived buildings.

LBUSD's investment in school facilities that enhance teaching and learning doesn't end at Jordan's gates.

Thanks to Measure E, our voter-approved bond measure, we've completely renovated 31 LBUSD schools or more than one-third of all campuses districtwide. Comprehensive upgrades include new, high-efficiency air conditioning systems, technology and accessibility upgrades, ceiling and roofing repairs, and infrastructure updates, among other improvements. Similar renovations are underway at Avalon K-12 School, Bancroft Middle School and Holmes Elementary School and upgrades at Gompers, Emerson and Birney elementary schools are in the planning stage.

Some Measure E schools are piloting an electronic door lock system that will guide the rollout of electronic locks at all 85 LBUSD campuses. With the locks in place, schools can lock down within seconds, preventing unwanted access in emergencies.

We rang in the 2022-23 school year with a districtwide Wi-Fi update. The upgrade enhances technology-based teaching and supports more connected devices in the classroom, allowing students in classes of all sizes to simultaneously stream video or other digital learning material.

The start of the new school year was particularly exciting for our youngest learners, who joined LBUSD's new full-day transitional kindergarten (TK) and kindergarten programs in classrooms with all-new desks, chairs, bookshelves and more. The newly-installed furniture is the first phase of a multiyear plan to replace aging furniture in every K-12 classroom in the District. By the 2024-25 school year, all classrooms will be equipped with new, future-ready furniture that can quickly reconfigure to create dynamic spaces for group work, independent learning or traditional lectures.

Despite recent and previous campus improvements, many District schools need critical health and safety repairs and renovations that prepare students to succeed in college and careers. More than 80% of our school buildings are over a half-century old, and they'll continue deteriorating without intervention.

The District's proposed bond measure, Measure Q, would provide LBUSD \$1.7 billion for school facility upgrades if approved by at least 55% of voters this November. Planned updates include improved plumbing systems, new computer labs and upgrades that facilitate 21st century learning.

Measure Q will appear on the ballot for the 2022 general election, set for Tuesday, Nov. 8. We're grateful our community has supported previous bond measures and we encourage voters to participate in the election.

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## Addams *Elementary*

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**Tracy Fiala**  
*Principal*

### **Building Community through Celebration**

*By Elieth Lund,  
Assistant Principal*

Back to School Night, a joyous celebration, brought our community together in a special way. From the entrance gate, volunteers greeted each family with fruit snacks while Ms. Fiala, our new principal, welcomed our families. With over 1,200 in attendance, the positive climate felt fun and energetic. Families enjoyed snow cones or pupusas from the food truck while the steel drum band played easy-listening rhythms all night. Many families took free, beautiful family portraits. We just about sold out of our new Addams spirit wear. The energetic buzz continued in each classroom. Our teachers shared how they are building relationships with students as well as clear expectations for a smooth, safe, school year.



**Ms. Lund, Assistant Principal, welcomed families.**

## Alvarado *Elementary*

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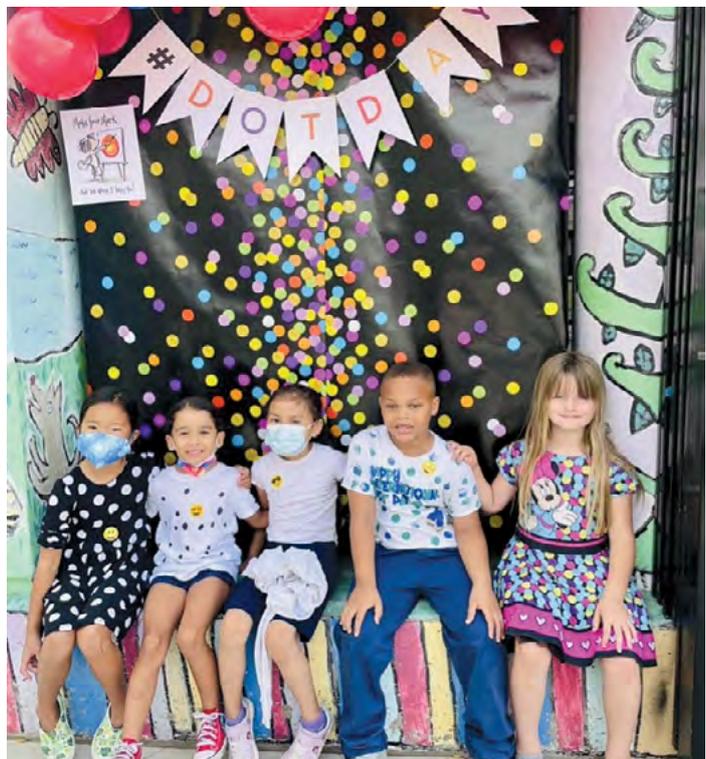


**Cheryl Huber**  
*Principal*

### **Dot Day**

*By Shelly Tallman,  
Intervention and Instruction  
Coordinator*

While visiting Alvarado, you're used to seeing All Stars. However, on September 15th, the entire campus was connected in a celebration for International Dot Day. This event was inspired by a popular children's book which encourages everyone to, "Make your mark and see where it takes you!" Every class read *The Dot* and thought of ways to do their best and encourage others. Afterwards, they crafted and displayed a unique masterpiece to "mark" the occasion. The culminating activities included a banner greeting by the PTO, watching a live broadcast with the author, and collecting dot stickers from the principal. Of course, everyone was wearing their favorite spotted clothing.



## Bancroft *Middle School*

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**Maria Pilar Perossio**  
*Principal*

### **An Ally Voice**

Bancroft started the 2022-2023 school year with excitement and energy by having three lunch pep rallies. It “takes a village” to provide the best for our Bruins, and so our faculty and staff, parents and guardians, and students are finding ways to give back.

In paraphrasing John. F. Kennedy, “It is not about what Bancroft can do for you. It is about what you can do for Bancroft!” With this in mind, our stakeholder voices are being

heard. For example, our eighth-grade Where Everyone Belongs (WEB) leaders welcomed our sixth-graders on

Friday, August 26, and they again supported our sixth-grade Family Picnic on Friday, September 23.

Student voice was further honored last month. We had 43 students show up to our first Associated Student Body (ASB) meeting on Tuesday, September 20. Moreover, on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m., there were 23 parents or guardians who attended our first Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting. A special thanks goes to Christina Fausto, our PTA president. To support our Bruins, please see Mrs. Fausto.

Last but not least, our entire staff is working extra-hard and putting in longer hours as another ally voice for our young Bruins. As always, Go, Bruins!

## Bixby *Elementary*

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**Agustin Vieyra**  
*Principal*

### **Back to School at Bixby**

*By Idalia Lopez, Teacher  
4th Grade, Dual Immersion*

The start of the school year brought back many familiar faces and introduced us to the new Kindergarten/TK students and families. Teachers and students worked to build a warm and welcoming classroom environment where they can all feel a sense of ownership. Through the fluctuating climate that we have

had to deal with, staff and students have made efforts to have fun and engage in learning while staying cool. We were all so excited to welcome families into our classrooms to host back to school night. Families had the opportunity to learn about their child’s instructional program and end of year goals for the students. Our classrooms were ready to welcome parents and showcase some of the work that students have done in these first four weeks of school. We are excited to see what the rest of the school year has in store for us. Go Bixby Beavers!

## Barton *Elementary*

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**Dr. Jacqueline Williams**  
*Principal*

### **A Great School Opening**

We had a great school opening this year. Not only did our staff welcome students back to school, but various media outlets were also present to greet our students on the first day of school. We could feel the excitement in the air, and our students had a great time being interviewed by the reporters.

Barton also had an awesome Back to School Night. Prior to visiting classrooms, we held a program in the auditorium and served pizza and snacks at the lunch benches. We had a good time, and we are looking forward to spending more time with our Barton families at our upcoming activities for the 2022-2023 school year. It’s so great to be back on campus.



## Birney *Elementary*

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**Katria Hernandez**  
*Principal*

### **SEL & Inclusion at the BEEHIVE**

As part of meeting the LBUSD and site goal of increasing “students’ sense of personal identity, belonging and agency”, Birney teachers and staff know, model and teach the importance of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and inclusion. We are mindful and intentional about making our Bees feel welcomed and emphasizing that every one of them matters. From SEL lessons,



and daily check-ins to mindfulness practice and Let’s Talk About It boxes (used by student request to talk to a trusted adult), we prioritize students’ personal well-being. Students are also given opportunities to explore and celebrate who they are and the diversity they add to the overall Birney Community. These practices, in turn, become instrumental in positively influencing academic achievement.



## Browning *Early College High School*

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**Tomika Romant**  
*Principal*

### **Bussin’ with Browning**

Browning High School, known for its Hospitality and Culinary pathways, has been cooking up savory delights in its full-size industrial kitchen under the direction of Chef Stef and Chef Doll. To promote the Culinary pathway, 11th grade students Stephanie Ortiz and Thaiyir Quamina created an Instagram Reel showcasing their expertise in the kitchen. Ortiz prepared a tasty fruit tart and Quamina cooked up a delicious omelet. Check out their IG Reel in October... “Bussin’ with Browning”.



These two aspiring chefs are honing their skills to compete in the C-CAP competition in the Spring. Each year Juniors and Seniors from Browning participate in this prestigious competition to earn scholarships to culinary schools throughout the country. This year will be no exception, as Stephanie and Thaiyir will attempt to bring home another culinary championship to the Browning campus!

## Burcham (TK-5)

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**Eleni Makridis**  
Principal

### Full-day Hooray!

Entering school for the first time, our Transitional Kindergarten (TK) students were excited to start their full day instructional schedule. Our very mature and academically ready TK students have the poise and confidence for a full-day setting as they learn to concentrate for extended periods of time. Students and parents appear happy with the recent changes, especially since nap time

is embedded into the day. Our students are slowly learning to master the outdoor play equipment as opportunities for social engagement are increased during recess.



Our TK students benefit from having a Certificated Teacher and a Certified Child Development Teacher in the room co-teaching and planning engaging lessons throughout the day. Our Burcham Bobcats are thriving in this environment and we look forward to seeing the long-term benefits of having a full day TK and Kindergarten schedule.

## Carver Elementary

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**Monica Manion**  
Principal

### Welcome to our New Principal

We started the school year at Carver with lots of new friendly faces! Most notably, our Principal, Mrs. Manion! Mrs. Manion has spent much of her professional career working with elementary and middle school students. In her 22 years as a classroom teacher, she has taught all grade levels K-8! Most recently, she was the Assistant Principal at Lincoln Elementary School where she

helped teachers and students transition from online to in person instruction.



Mrs. Manion feels honored to be the principal of Carver Elementary. She is committed to working closely with teachers, parents, and community members to ensure our scholars achieve their full potential and are prepared for the next phase of their educational career.



## Cabrillo High School

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**Wendy Poffenberger**  
Principal

### Started Off Strong

*By Adrienne Hippolyte,  
Pathway Coordinator*

Cabrillo High School “Started Off Strong” in Jaguar spirit and WBL Experiences for our students and staff in the 2022-2023 school year! CED- The Space Beach Teacher Externship Program, is a professional development program for K-12 educators and the program kicked off in August with

a three-day workshop inviting CHS educators to meet with aerospace industry leaders and make special visits to local aerospace companies such as Boeing, Relativity Space, Rocket Lab, Spin Launch and Virgin Orbit. AGL- The IANA EXPO 2022 at the Long Beach Convention Center featured the only organization that represents the combined interests of the intermodal freight transportation industry. Our students and staff were honored to be able to actively engage with industry leaders through education and dialogue.



## Chavez Elementary

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**Brenda Ocampo**  
Principal

### Ballet Folklórico at Chavez

We are excited to be once again offering “Folklórico Fridays” at Chavez Elementary. The start date was September 30th. Over 65 students are participating in the Ballet Folklórico dance program on Friday mornings before school.

Folklórico dancing is very engaging, and a great way for our students to develop a deeper sense of appreciation for their cultural heritage. Dance builds confidence, increases social skills, and helps to improve focus and coordination; all of which supports students in the classroom during this post-pandemic transition.

This year our Ballet Folklórico program will be getting some much-needed support and funding thanks to a generous donation from the College Football Playoff Foundation. They have selected Martha Alba-González, Folklórico program teacher and coordinator, as a recipient of their “Champion Educator” award.

This award will provide the Chavez Folklórico program and its students with necessary items such as portable sound systems, practice skirts, shoes, hats, and materials for costumes. We are grateful to be able to give our students the opportunity to create a sense of belonging and cultural identity through dance.

# CAMS

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**Cheryl Cornejo**  
Principal

## Winning in STEM... and Sports

*By Zofia Lok and Berfredd Quezon, Students - 12th Grade*

California Academy of Mathematics and Science (CAMS) is best known by the Long Beach community as a STEM magnet school. However, the CAMS student body also has a lesser-known, but no less formidable group of athletes.

This year, the girl's varsity volleyball team finished their season as undefeated league champions. Working hard both in and out of the classroom, the girls brought home first place for the second year in a row. The team will now advance on to Round 1 of the California Interscholastic Federation Championships (CIF), bringing with them the avid support of their peers.



**CAMS Girls Volleyball Team smile for the camera on their Senior Night.**

## Cubberley (K-8)

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**Cathleen Imbroane**  
Principal

## Welcome to Cubberley K-8

*By Trevor Hooker, Student - 8th Grade*

It's a new year here at Cubberley! Our Student Council is starting the year with high expectations and a lot of new ideas for making this school the best it can be. We are now preparing for the fall elections and opening up committees in the next few weeks.

One group on campus, the Eco Club, led by Mrs. Simon, is collecting water bottles and cans, and has also added new blue recycling bins throughout the school. Last year they

managed to plant 40 trees to help beautify our campus. We cannot wait to see what they accomplish this year.

Cubberley's Robotics Team, led by Mrs. Dassero, is already brainstorming ideas on their robots to compete against other schools later in the year at the annual Robo-Bowl. Mrs. Corman, our music teacher, is getting her lunchtime Jazz Band together, and our boys' football team is taking the field and practicing new plays with Coach Garza.

Our Cubberley Girls' Volleyball team, coached by Mrs. Torii, is also practicing hard and is ready to go. It's an exciting time of the year here at Cubberley.

## Edison *Elementary*

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**Juan Gutierrez**  
*Principal*

### Edison Working with the Local Fire Department

Every year the Long Beach Fire Department visits schools across the district to make sure staff and students are following proper procedures in the event of a fire or an emergency. Edison School scheduled their first

fire drill during the Fire Department's visit this past month and the feedback from Captain Duffy was good. He shared some areas we executed well on and other areas we can improve. Edison staff and students put safety first and will continue to work on making our school safe under any emergency set of circumstances. Mrs. Casillas Kinder class thanks our local Fire Department for serving the Edison Community and has given them a thumbs up for their time and hard work. Go Edison Light Bulbs!



## Emerson *Parkside Academy*

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**Sunday Dominguez**  
*Principal*

### Thank you Coachies

The Recreation Aides at Emerson Parkside Academy, also known as Coachies among the staff and students, have been a tremendous and important part of the beginning of the new school year. This team's primary goal is

to cultivate positive relationships with students, staff, and families in order to contribute towards an atmosphere that is safe for everyone. This team leads students in games and activities that contribute to their overall social and emotional development. Emerson's Recreation Aides works well together as they support each other whether they have been here 25 years or just five days.



## Gant Elementary

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**Tracy Hall**  
Principal

### We're Lucky to have Mr. Albert Marquez

Gant Elementary is a special place. One of the things that makes this school special are the amazing people who work here. One individual who stands out and makes a difference for everyone is our amazing custodial supervisor, Mr. Albert Marquez. "Mr. Albert", as he is known on campus, has been part of the Gator family since 2008. He gets here bright and early every day to make sure our school is clean, safe, and ready for students. He is part of the lunch crew, out at recesses interacting with students, and never stops moving. If your computer is acting up, if your document camera on the fritz- call Mr. Albert, he can fix anything. We would be lost without him. He is truly the best, and we are lucky to have him.



## Hoover Middle School

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**David Costa**  
Principal

### Welcome 6th Graders

WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) leaders at Hoover Middle School organized, prepared, and facilitated an amazing 6th Grade Orientation to welcome incoming 6th graders to middle school. As our new 6th graders entered the Hoover gym, they were met with pompoms, music, bubble machines, and smiles as our WEB leaders helped them find their name tags. Next, students met in small groups to learn each other's names and get to know one another with various activities like "the straw challenge," which allowed students to collaborate with one another in order to achieve their end goal. Last, students went on a campus tour with their "Hoover Passport" where students met teachers, administrators, and staff members while becoming more familiar with Hoover's campus.



## Garfield *Elementary*

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**Monica Alas**  
*Principal*

### Off to a Great Start

What a great beginning of the school year! Our Scholars are doing an amazing job of coming to school every day on time and ready to learn. We have been focusing on classroom routines, Wellness Assemblies, and setting goals for the first semester. On the playground we see students using kind words, playing respectfully and enjoying the different activities set-up for them. Our Back-to-School Night was a huge success with so many families coming together to learn more about grade level goals and expectations. As we wrap up the first month of school, we look forward to celebrating our first Students of the Month. Garfield, we're off to a great start! GO TIGERS!!



Students enjoying a game at lunch!

## Gompers (*K-8*)

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**Linda Reynolds**  
*Principal*

### Language Matters

From September 15 - October 15 Gompers staff and students are paying tribute to generations of Latino/a/x people who have positively influenced and enriched our nation. Year round we are affirming that their language matters and that we value their language as well as others.



## Hughes *Middle School*

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**Edward Steinhauser**  
*Principal*

### Our Owls are Back!

Hughes Middle School opened the 2022-2023 school year with excitement for the endless possibilities this year has in store for us. Our 8th grade students welcomed our 6th grade students in our WEB student orientation, our teachers and staff have welcomed students around campus and in classes that are physically, emotional, culturally, and academically safe, and our whole school community is back together on one campus in our newly renovated campus.



We are very thankful to the Measure E funds that provided new HVAC systems in all classes, update our building infrastructure, install new technology in our classrooms, and plant drought tolerant landscaping to support our school's conservation efforts. This year is going to be an amazing #HughesProud year!

## Jefferson *Leadership Academies*

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**Dr. Connie Magee**  
*Principal*

### Off to a Great Start

The Jefferson Jaguars started the 22/23 school year with a roar! The first week was full of warm welcomes and smiling faces from teachers, students, parents, and support staff. Teachers greeted students in well-dressed uniforms thanks to the support of the Assistance League. This year, Jefferson is a "No Phone Zone" and it is great to see students interacting and socializing with each other and getting back to normal.



We ended the week with our monthly VIP lunch celebrating the birthdays of students and staff who had summer birthdays. Staff and students enjoyed playing games during lunch and taking in the scenery of our beautiful rose garden. As a site, it is imperative that we live up to our vision of "thriving in a culture of success through shared actions, high expectations, healthy relationships, and self-reflection." We look forward to having an amazing school year. Go, Jags!

## Lindbergh *STEM Academy*

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**Stacey Benuzzi**  
*Principal*

### New 4x4 Block Schedule

Lindbergh STEM Academy is one of three middle schools piloting a 4x4 block schedule. Students take a total of eight classes, four one day and the other four the next day. Students take three electives, rather than just one, with the 4x4 block schedule. We expanded our elective options to provide enrichment and intervention, build on students' interests, and connect to high school pathways. Our electives focus on

STEM, art, music, leadership, learning a new language, and academic intervention.

Lindbergh's elective options: Intro to Spanish, Spanish 1-2, Robotics, Advanced Robotics, Project Lead the Way: Design and Modeling, Project Lead the Way: Medical Detectives, Project Lead the Way: Engineering and the Environment, Intro to Art, Digital Art, Student Council, Male Leadership Academy, Female Leadership Academy, Where Everyone Belongs (WEB), Ethnic Studies, Long Beach Scholars, Band, Orchestra, Chorus, PE Extension Intervention classes in mathematics and literacy.

## Jordan High School

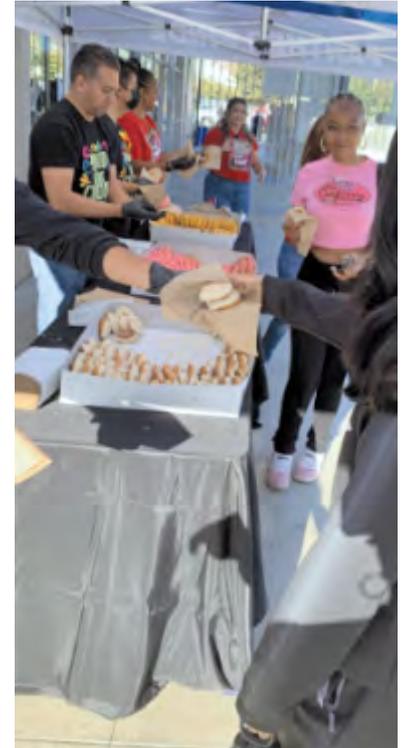
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**Kaisha Irving**  
*Principal*

### Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations

Jordan High School is celebrating Latinx/Chicanx/Hispanic Heritage from September 15, 2022, to October 15, 2022. We kicked off with a rally on Friday September 15th with music & dances from different areas. Hands on craft making stations and authentic pan dulce being handed out to students. In addition, a spirit week celebrated different Hispanic and Latinx cultures, dress, and teams. Throughout the celebrations, students were able to make papel picado, play La Loteria, attend a virtual MoLaa presentation, and hear from guest speaker Consuelo Castillo-Kickbusch. All of these activities and experiences allowed Jordan students and staff to celebrate and experience the diversity of Latinx/Chicanx/Hispanic cultures.



## Kettering Classical Elementary

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**Rachel Peters**  
*Principal*

### Good Vibes from Drumming

Kettering Fourth and Fifth Graders are drumming up some fun in their music lessons this year! Students dove right into the World Music Drumming curriculum on their first day of lessons.

After just one thirty-minute lesson students performed call and response sequences, tricky rhythmic patterns, and

demonstrated skill with dynamic playing. Their musical skills clearly grew, but even more exciting was the spirit of camaraderie and cooperation that developed in the classes from their group drumming experience.

Beginning in November, selected 5th graders will get the opportunity to participate in, "Beat the Odds," an SEL program developed at UCLA Arts and Healing that uses the drum circle concept to teach and reinforce healthy communication and emotional regulation.



## King Elementary

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**Osvaldo Ocampo**  
Principal

### Welcome Back, Royals!

By Erin Villegas, 4/5 TOSA

As the sun beamed down on our Starr King campus, little feet pitter-pattered their way into a hopeful new school year. Students and parents entered with eagerness to learn, excitement for a new year, and smiles on their faces as they reunited with best friends and welcoming teachers and staff.

King teachers were out in the quad, meeting their new families with encouragement and anticipation for the 2022-2023 school year. As students entered their new classrooms, they were met with creative room environments, welcoming signs, and inviting “getting to know you” activities. Our Royal staff is excited for the new school year! King’s dedicated teachers and staff put in hard work over the summer, attending multiple professional developments to ensure that every King student experiences learning driven by an equitable and inclusive learning environment. This is the home of the Royals!



## Lincoln Elementary

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**Caroline Nemeč**  
Principal

### Welcome Miller Bailey

Lincoln Elementary welcomes our new Assistant Principal, Miller Bailey. Miller started his educational career as a Science College Aide and Special Education Aide in Long Beach Unified 10 years ago. He taught 7th, 8th, and 9th grade science in Inglewood Unified, LAUSD, and an alternative public school in North Long Beach.

He is coming to us with four years of high school administrative experience and he is excited to learn all there is to know about elementary education. On the weekend, he enjoys playing with his 5 month old son, Olin, and watching Sunday football with his wife, Lauren. Welcome to the Lincoln Elementary Community.



## Lindsey Academy (6-8)

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**Danyett  
Armstrong-Lee**  
Principal

### Falcons Welcome Incoming 6th Graders

On August 29th, Perry Lindsey Academy held its annual 6th grade orientation. Incoming 6th graders were greeted with excitement by student WEB leaders, administrators, and teachers. WEB, which stands for “Where Everybody Belongs” is a middle school transition program that focuses on helping 6th graders feel comfortable as they embark on their middle school experience. Sixth

grade students were placed into small groups and led in activities by 7th and 8th graders who will be their mentors for the 2022-23 school year. Students participated in games, worked on relationship building, and prepared for the upcoming school year throughout orientation. During the event, parents also met with Lindsey’s new principal, Ms. Armstrong-Lee, and learned more about the school and falcon scholar expectations. Lindsey Academy is proud of the success of this year’s orientation and is looking forward to a great school year!



## Los Cerritos Elementary

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**Liseeth Ramos**  
Principal

### Our Fantastic Roadrunner Recreation Team

As we prepared for the beginning of the school year, our dynamic recreation team collaborated on how their role will have a positive impact on our school community, committed to making a positive impact with students, and worked on team building. As

our students entered campus on the first day, our recreation aides welcomed them with enthusiasm and a welcoming spirit! Their collective commitment from our recreation aide this year is making every student’s day. Let’s welcome our fantastic squad Mrs. Breanna, Ms. Briana, Ms. Angela, Mrs. Xochitl, Mrs. Hayat and Mrs. Debi. They emulate the definition of #RoadrunnerStrong!



## Longfellow *Elementary*

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**Sam Platis**  
*Principal*

### Welcome Mr. Platis

*By Allison Rayburn, Assistant Principal*

Our 2022-2023 school year is off to a wonderful start! A warm welcome to our new Principal, Mr. Platis.

In preparation for the start of the year, faculty met in order to review data and create plans to best support our Longfellow Scholars.

Our TK and Kindergarten classes have been refreshed to allow for more child

directed play and exploration. Our littlest Lions are attending full day. Our middle lions (3rd grade classes) and two of our amazing teachers, Mrs. Miller and Mr. Johnson, worked to build an enthusiastic sense of community among our student body with our first Flag Ceremony.

We had a packed campus for Back-to-School! Families came out to learn about their child's teacher and their academic and character expectations for the school year. We are looking forward to an instructional year where learning environments reflect diversity, equity and inclusion.



## Lowell Bayside *Elementary*

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**Cassandra Fanton**  
*Principal*

### Physical Education Partnership

*By Dr. Amanda Young, CSULB Professor*

Physical Education Teacher Education (PETE) and Adapted Physical Education (APE) undergrad students at California State University Long Beach (CSULB) participate in an 8-week Physical Education (PE) practicum at Lowell Elementary School. As part of the CSULB PETE/APE program, students get hands on experiences in the schools, working directly with

children. This particular class is movement theory and practice in elementary physical education, where CSULB students learn best practices in PE pedagogy. CSULB students write lesson plans, team teach, administer fitness assessments, practice behavior management, and plan field day. On November 17th, CSULB students will host "Seastar Olympics" field day for all Lowell students!

This partnership is mutually beneficial for Lowell students and CSULB students. CSULB students have mentioned, "This is the stuff we don't learn from textbooks!" The hands on teaching and experiences all students get when working together is wonderful. We are so thankful for this opportunity!



## Madison *Elementary*

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**Ann Erskine**  
*Principal*

### **Differentiated Math Centers: A Way to Meet the Needs of ALL Students**

*By Natalie Vanosse, 4/5 GATE teacher*

One of the best things about being a teacher is working with kids who are all individuals and unique. However, this can sometimes make it challenging to design a lesson that meets all of those needs at once. This is why we have differentiated math centers. These centers have helped keep the students engaged while we are able to support and excel learners based on individual needs. Not only do these



centers allow us to address the needs of our 4th and 5th graders, but we also get to spend more time with students one on one or in small group. Our centers have five key components: direct instruction, technology, math games, task cards, and small group instruction. Each grade level gets at least 20 minutes of direct instruction. Then the fun starts. The students are split into leveled groups and each group completes 2 centers a day. The small group setting has also allowed us to continue to build relationships with students so we can maintain the warm and demanding environment that supports all our scholars.

## Marshall *Academy of the Arts*

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**Marie Hatwan**  
*Principal*

### **Marshall Student Council is the Future**

*By Sarai Shepherd,  
Student Council Member*

Marshall's Student Council is the future! This year Marshall's Student Council will be working on opening our Student Store. The Student Council meets everyday to discuss school issues and to create a positive environment at Marshall. Our goal is to create a space where everyone is welcome and they feel valued.



## Mann Elementary

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**Donna Robertson**  
Principal

### Fostering our Uniqueness

“Believe in the Magic of New Beginnings” is our theme at Mann as we embrace the change that comes with a new school year, new students, new staff, new families, new community, new leadership, and so many opportunities.

Our Mann scholars are so fortunate to be backed by a supportive community, headed by our active PTA, that really focuses on making the learning experience here fun, memorable, and a place to want to come to every day. A big part of that excitement is

our district’s very own Dr. Prager. With a focus on the social emotional learning of our students, and understanding the need for a creative outlet, Dr. Prager is bringing her passion for children’s theater to Mann in the form of the musical *Annie*.

With auditions complete and rehearsals under way, we are so excited to be able to share with the Mann community our interpretation of this famous play, and all of the learning that we have experienced in the process: dedication, teamwork, collaboration, commitment, perseverance and the belief that every child matters and that each has something unique to offer. Reach for the stars, scholars!

## Millikan High School

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**Alejandro Vega**  
Principal

### Millikan’s College and Career Fair

*James Goddard and Charlie Hex,*  
*Co-Editors-in-Chief*

Robert A. Millikan High School’s College and Career Fair is back! This year it will be on October 5 and 6, on campus, during the school day.

The event will be hosted in the gym and split into two sections: The college section will have the UC’s, private, Cal State, and community colleges. Then there will be the careers, including small and big businesses. These colleges and careers will be coming from all over California, not just

the LA area; the career section of the fair will hold both small and big businesses, including an airline company, for anyone interested in their program.

Jay Yezzo, the USC College Advisor at Millikan, says that the fair will be “beneficial” because it will provide a “hands on experience” for students.

“Students might not realize the opportunities they have around them,” says Yezzo.

Any questions students have about admissions, financial aid, or other college related topics can be answered at the fair. Students will have the chance to plan their futures and consider important options. We know this will be a great resource to support the futures of our Rams.

## Nelson Academy (6–8)

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**Kathleen Reed**  
Principal

### Where Everyone Belongs

Nelson Academy is very excited to begin the 2022-23 school year with strong community building activities and our new WEB – Where Everybody Belongs program. Our community building theme this year is “We are all different but as a team, we all fit together.” We are like pieces of a puzzle and we are all bringing our experiences and talents to our time together. Our new WEB

program provides year-long support for our 6th graders as they transition to middle school. 6th graders began their year with WEB Day where they participated in fun, team building activities that allowed them to reconnect with friends from elementary school and meet new friends. Our 8th grade WEB leaders will continue to support students through events, classroom lessons, and follow ups. Thank you to all of our staff who are working to make this new program flourish.

## McKinley *Elementary*

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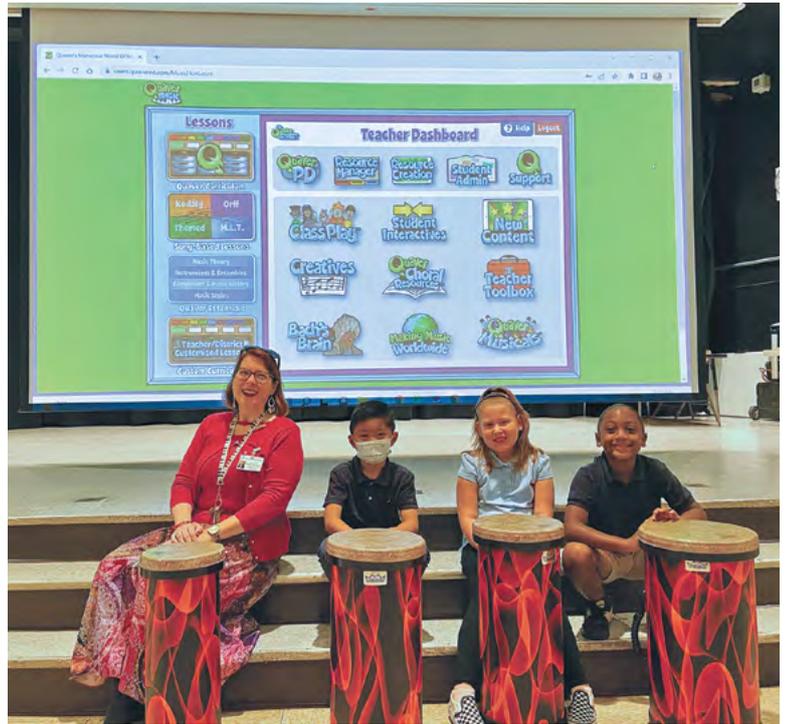


**Dulnari  
Edirisinghe-Aga**  
*Principal*

### Musical Happenings

Students in grades TK-5 will enjoy a new general music program this year. “Quaver Music” is a comprehensive, fully-digital music curriculum! It is packed with engaging content that meets the National Standards. Only five schools in the district have access to this curriculum. Principals at McKinley, Dooley, Los Cerritos, Prisk, and Webster collaborated in support of this program.

Congratulations to Mrs. Valerie Vinnard music teacher in her nomination by the California Music Educator’s Association: Ernest R. Yee Illuminating Culture Award, which seeks to recognize professionals and programs that integrate the personal and historical cultural perspectives of their students and community through music; it further seeks to recognize programs that use methods that connect student talent while honoring culture and ethnic heritage!



## Newcomb *Academy (K-8)*

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**Christopher J.  
Thompson**  
*Principal*

### A Well-Deserved Honor

The Newcomb K-8 Academy won America’s top honor for individual schools. We are among 297 National Blue Ribbon Schools announced on September 16th by U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona.

Our school was officially honored as an Exemplary High-Performing School. This is a well-deserved honor and recognition of the entire Newcomb community. This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication that each of our staff members brings to their jobs on a daily, hourly, and minute-by-minute basis. Their single-minded focus on student support and achievement is truly extraordinary.

This is also a big honor for Newcomb’s amazing students who come to school ready and willing to learn, have fun, and grow each and every day. In addition, our families and community members, including two strong parent organizations, the Newcomb PTSA and the Newcomb



Foundation, have played a critical role in our school’s success in supporting students over the years.

Newcomb is a special place because of our staff’s amazing teamwork, collaboration with our families, and most importantly, the love and support that our staff shows for each and every one of our students. Go, Spartans!

## Oropeza *Elementary*

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**Richard Littlejohn**  
*Principal*

### TEAM Otter Celebrates Diversity!

Oropeza Elementary celebrates Diversity! LatinX Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated nationally September 15-October 15. One of our community partners helped us kick off LatinX Hispanic Heritage Month with a memorable performance! A mariachi band came to perform at Oropeza to share their love for music, culture, and community!

The mariachi band shared information on their instruments, history, and their beautiful music. Hundreds of people (students, parents, and staff) were dancing, smiling, and laughing together. We celebrated and appreciated one another! We have cultural celebrations throughout the year that emphasizes culture, awareness, and equity! Our community has so much to offer! This was a fun and educational experience for all! Go TEAM Otter!



## Powell *Academy (K-8)*

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**Tynisha Smith**  
*Principal*

### Welcome Back

We were excited to be welcoming our students back on campus. We hope that their summer was well spent, and that our students came back well-rested and ready to learn.

We spent the first weeks of summer with our children providing enrichment, as well as some fun, during our Summer SEAL program. Summer at Powell was also spent completing the solar construction on our blacktop. Our students will now have full access to the playground as well as shade covering.

Following our summer adventures, it was time to get back to work. Summer started a little early for our TK, kindergarten, and sixth-grade students with an orientation event, and then we welcomed all of our students back on the first day of school.



After the first weeks of class, we had a very successful Back to School Night. Throughout the year we will continue to work towards providing an environment of equity and excellence for all of our students and community.

# Polytechnic High School

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**William Salas**  
Principal

## Poly Faculty Win Big

*By Daryl Holmlund,  
English/Journalism Teacher*

A number of Long Beach Poly's faculty members have won awards in the past year, including three new honorees in the past month.

Athletic Director Rob Shock, PE teacher and football coach Stephen Barbee, and Japanese teacher Susan Watson have all racked up awards this September.

Barbee was the winner of two Coach of the Week awards, one each from LA's two NFL franchises. He

was selected for Chargers coach of the week after the Jackrabbits won their first two games at Serra and Clovis, and then the following week Barbee earned the Rams' award after a big victory over Mission Viejo.

Shock was honored at the CIF Southern Section Champions for Character Awards Ceremony on Monday, September 26.

Watson was selected for the 2023 Teacher of the Year Award from the California Language Teachers' Association.

Two other teacher-coaches — Crystal Irving (track and field) and Ishmael Pluton (boys water polo) — won coach of the year awards during the spring semester.



# Reid High School

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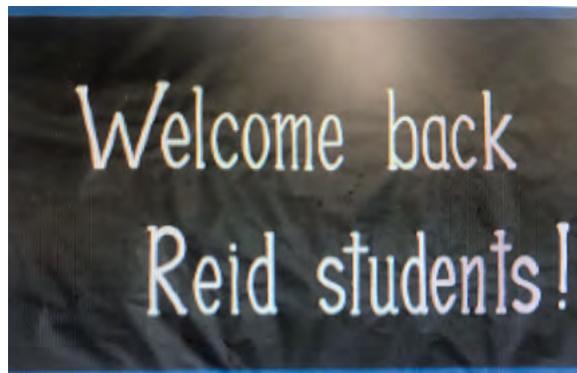


**Troy Bennett**  
Principal

## Well Underway

The 2022-2023 school year is well underway! We are pleased to see students in school, and have been working with them as they prepare for post-secondary options. As we focus on students' academics, we also continuously strive to meet their social emotional needs.

This year part of our focus is on helping students attain self-management skills and



increase self-efficacy. We will do so using Reid's school wide systems including community circles, student surveys and classroom dialogue to ensure student voice is considered in our decision making process. Class of 2022-2023, let's make it a great year! Let's Go Reid Raptors!!

## Prisk *Elementary*

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**Beth Cohen**  
Principal

### New Music Program

We have collaborated with principals at Dooley, Los Cerritos, McKinley, and Webster Elementary schools in supporting a new general music program! “QuaverMusic” is a comprehensive, fully-digital music curriculum! It is packed with engaging content that meets the National Standards.

QuaverMusic curriculum is aligned with National Core Arts Standards and supports various pedagogies. Mrs. Vinnard, music teacher can now access scaffolded lessons by following the yearly lesson plan. She can also search lessons by theme and musical style. QuaverMusic offers a wide variety of diverse/multicultural songs from around the world as well as lessons in Orff, Kodály, and Music Learning Theory.

Mrs. Vinnard looks forward to supplementing her world music drumming program with this new content!



## Robinson *Academy (K–8)*

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**Jeff Wood**  
Principal

### A First at Robinson Academy

*By Robinson Times Journalist*

For the first time, Journalism is a course now available at Jackie Robinson Academy, mixed with 7th and 8th graders. Likewise, this is the first year any student has taken journalism, so journalists are still learning the linguistics of AP-style writing. Journalism is vital because students gather and report information about their school and student life. Unlike any other elective at Jackie Robinson,

this elective provides students with monthly news articles called *Robinson Times* and composes the school yearbook. Journalism is a professional class where journalists research information about others, interview staff, and students, and publish articles. Journalism operates with every student having roles and topics they focus on, but we all work together as a team. This system helps with deadlines, keeping the articles organized and running smoothly. Journalism is an excellent course for students who would like to be a journalist in the future. Journalism is also a great course for students to create new friends and memories.

# Rogers Middle School

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**Renny Chu**  
Principal

## Back in the Saddle!

Rogers is “Back in the Saddle” with our students, families, and staff ready for an amazing new year! It all kicked off before the 1st day of school when our WEB Leaders welcomed over 200 incoming-6th graders with games, songs, presentations, school tours, and bubbles! WEB has been part of Rogers’ efforts to create a strong sense of



community and build relationships between our 8th grade leaders and our newest Mustangs. Special thanks to our WEB Teachers who coordinate and lead this program: Ms. Bolger, Ms. Elsworth, & Ms. Klements. There are plans to foster these relationships throughout the year so we are a school “where everyone belongs!”

## Football Word Search Contest

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

When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that word you email to: [Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com](mailto:Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com) (Please put LBUSD in the subject line)

Entries must be received by December 15, 2022

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift certificate redeemable at Barnes & Noble.



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## Roosevelt Elementary

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**Alissa Gamboa**  
*Principal*

### Roosevelt Recreation Staff Rocks!

The Recreation Aides at Roosevelt Elementary School are the best! This superstar team is the “glue” of our school, always working together to provide a safe, fun and healthy environment for students. In August of

2022 all recreation aides came back to campus early and engaged in additional training to support Social Emotional Learning and Restorative Practices. This year all students participated in co-constructing Community Agreements for their classrooms and common areas, such as the Playground and Cafeteria. Recreation Aides are always available and ready to support our Teddy Bear students around these agreements so everyone can get along, stay safe, be inclusive, have fun and continue to learn and grow.



## Sato Academy of Mathematics & Science

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**Veronica Coleman**  
*Principal*

### Dragon Fest

At Dragon Fest, an annual event held by ASB at CSULB Student Union, Sato Dragons are dancing, enjoying food, beverages, music, and games provided by our Associated Student Body (ASB). This event, typically done to kick off

the start of school, is a great opportunity for all grade levels, from incoming freshmen to senior students, to talk and have fun together as a way of becoming more comfortable, fitting in with and getting used to the Sato culture. From bowling to video games, this event allowed everyone to do something they enjoy and make new friends through these experiences. Small events like this provide a glimpse into what goes on at Sato and how we are unique. GO DRAGONS!



## Signal Hill *Elementary*

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**Scott Tardibuono**  
*Principal*

### **Dressed for Success**

With school back in session, and just about every Signal Hill student having returned to in-person learning, it is imperative now that all of our Dino scholars come to school dressed for success each and every day. As we say at Signal Hill, success starts at home when our students are getting ready for school each morning. And all of this translates to our students having the necessary uniforms to “dress for success.”

Enter the Assistance League of Long Beach. During the month of September, representatives from the Assistance League--several of whom are retired Signal Hill teachers--came to our campus to fit our Dino scholars. They will soon be presenting these students with two brand-new sets of uniforms, as well as a backpack full of school supplies that will go a long way towards helping our scholars utilize their Tools for Success.

If you are not familiar with our Tools for Success, ask any Dino scholar and they will tell you: “Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be a Learner, and Act Responsibly.” Teaching and learning is in full swing here at Signal Hill!

## Smith *Elementary*

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**Hugo Figueroa**  
*Principal*

### **New Vision and Mission**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Smith's new Vision and Mission Statements to our community. Banners and posters are displayed throughout our campus. Stakeholders (parents, staff, and community members) all provided input over the past two years as Smith Elementary drafted and revised the new statements. Smith will utilize our new Vision and

Mission to set goals and expectations for the coming year. Please read the statements below and, when you have the

opportunity, share them with someone you know. Our staff members here at Smith Elementary are proud to live by these values every day and we are excited to share the Vision and Mission with our students.

**Vision:** All students are inspired to be self-motivated, critical thinkers who achieve their personal best as they develop into lifelong learners and productive members of society.

**Mission:** Smith fosters a nurturing and collaborative environment to empower students' academic and social-emotional growth, through strong culturally relevant instruction, active student engagement, and high expectations for all.

## Stephens *Middle School*

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**Megan Traver**  
*Principal*

### **A Block Schedule this Year**

We are rockin' the block at Stephens, home to 746 students who are the Pride of the Westside. Stephens is one of just three middle schools in Long Beach chosen to pilot a block schedule this year. Our students now have up to THREE electives in their schedule instead of just one or even zero. It also means that our students have early access to a range of high school pathways they can try out before taking their talents to high schools across the city.

We asked our students what kinds of classes they wanted. As a result, our elective options expanded from seven to TWENTY-seven, including Spanish, dance, engineering, gaming, journalism, chemistry, debate, and the only Modern Band class in all of Long Beach.

Our team of dedicated teachers volunteered to spend five days of their summer vacation learning how to adjust their instruction for the block schedule and planning their opening lessons.

We are a school to watch! Keep updated on what's happening @StephensMiddle on Twitter.

# Tincher Preparatory School (K-8)

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**Donna Ryono**  
Principal

## Starting the Year with a Bang!

The Tincher Tigers celebrated the end of the first week of school with a Bang! Thanks to the efforts of parent Doug Erber, students celebrated the return to school with a performance by the world renowned Nobushi

Taiko drum ensemble, under the direction of master Kunihiro Kawahara. *Nobushi* which means 'wild samurai' was founded in 1998 and has performed to sold out crowds throughout Asia, Europe, and the United States. Their unique blend of dedication, power, and choreography create a dynamic performance that captivated the students. Nobushi ended the performance with a student participation drum line that was a highlight for our Tigers. Their energy and artistry definitely wowed the crowd.



**Drummers from Nobushi Taiko performing for Tincher Preparatory**

## Washington Middle School

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**Roshann Williams**  
Principal

## Where Everyone Belongs

WEB or Where Everyone Belongs is a transitional program that welcomes 6th grade students and makes them feel more comfortable throughout their first year at a new school. This student led mentorship

program provides 8th grade students with the opportunity to develop confidence and become leaders on our campus. Students are more respectable, kind, well mannered after experiencing this program. Parents, teachers and students appreciate WEB because it helps students successfully transition into middle school and encourages a safe and positive space where all students have a supportive learning environment to come to everyday.



## Webster Elementary

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**Matthew Monaghan**  
Principal

### Cool Choristers

*By Valerie Vinnard,  
Vocal Music Teacher*

Our 4th and 5th grade Webster choristers are looking forward to a great school year! Rehearsals will take place once a week on Fridays. Students are excited to be performing twice this year! The winter performance will be held in December, where students will sing a variety of winter, holiday, and folk song repertoire. The spring concert will take place in June in which singers will perform spring, multicultural, and popular songs with and without hand motions. Students will also learn fun and engaging warm-ups as well as present songs in unison and two-part harmony.

Singing in a choir has been known to build self-confidence, improve memory, lets students express themselves, and is just plain fun! Way to go Wildcats!



## Wilson Classical High School

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**Rebecca Suzanne Caverly**  
Principal

### Link Crew

Our dedicated Link Crew of 372 leaders prepared for over 35 hours to make the day special for our incoming students, the Class of 2026, the 100th Class at Wilson High School, we believe in building a strong sense of school community from the very beginning. During Orientation, the Class of 2026 was treated to fun activities, support

and took care of business during their first day on campus. Some of the fun included a full spirit rally in the stadium with performances from our Bruinettes, Cheer, Advance Dance and Drumline. Freshmen met their Pathway Counselor, Administrators and Lead Teachers as well as a campus tour, picnic lunch and what it means to be a Bruin!

It's was a great day to be a BRUIN!

