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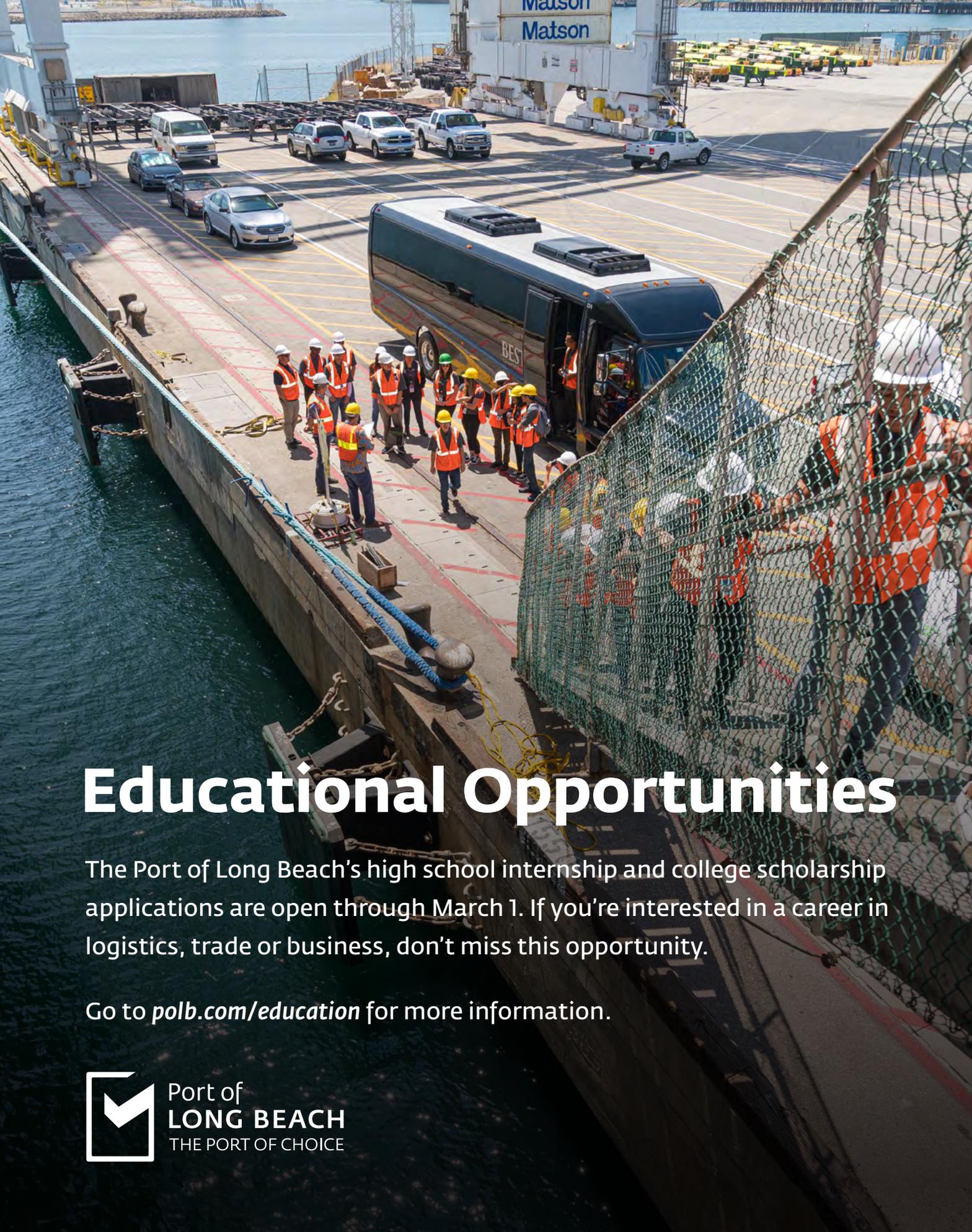
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Time marches on...Happy New Year!

I hope your new year is off to a healthy start. This February issue is one of my favorites with articles ranging from holiday celebrations to science in the classroom. There is so much to learn and so little time. The advancement of technology is supposed to be making our lives easier. I must admit I have my doubts about that whenever I am trying to figure out the latest upgrade on my cell phone. Recently, my husband

was out of town and I managed to disengage each of our television remote controls. For four nights my televisions were stuck on a channel showing how to build tiny houses. Fortunately, I did know how to push the off button and I enjoyed a delightful book.

Be sure to enter our word search contest on page 36 (all ages may enter).

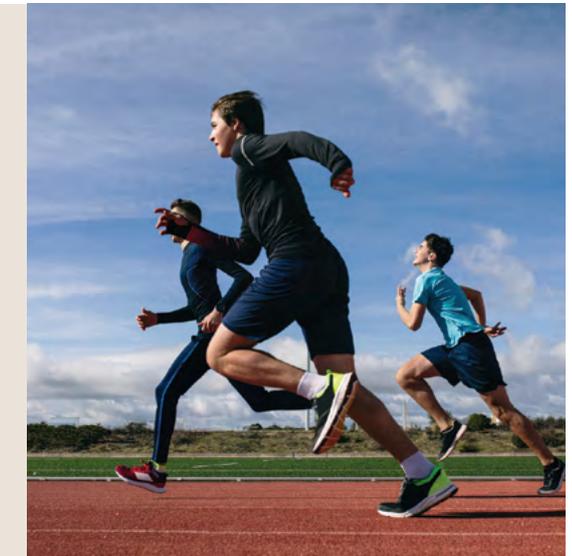
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**Tina L. Hansen**  
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## Thank You Teachers

When my twins were born, I was a member of the Signal Hill City Council. I knew that they would attend schools at LBUSD. Now they are 18 years old and seniors at two different high schools. This column won't talk about the many amazing library and recreation programs we have at Signal Hill (next column I promise). This column is a chance for me to write a love letter to the LBUSD teachers after spending 13 years partnering with them in my twins' education.

My twins were what are called micro-preemies, born 12 weeks early in 2005. They were both involved with early intervention, including a pilot preschool program through LBUSD. When they got to elementary school (Prisk Elementary) they were immediately identified in kindergarten as needing extra support to be academically successful. Each year, both twins had extremely supportive teachers (sometimes in the same class and sometimes in separate classes). Teachers who did their absolute best with large classrooms to support the needs of my kids.

Teachers who regularly communicated with me and tried different strategies to help them succeed. At Marshall Middle School, my pre-teens also had amazingly supportive

teachers, including Strategies for Success teachers for my daughter, and Ms. Zembrowski, a rock star Special Education teacher who found a way to break through with my son and give him the confidence in his abilities that he was never able to find in elementary school. After three years of nurturing and supporting them, both moved to the high school of their choice. My son chose Lakewood High School to follow his interest in Marine Biology. My daughter chose Renaissance High School for the Arts believing that a small campus and student population with an emphasis on arts (for her performing arts) would be her best choice.

And now they are getting ready to graduate having been on the Honor Roll every semester of their high school years, even during Covid. Thanks to the care, support, encouragement, and faith of their teachers, both are successfully moving on to the next phase of their life. There will never be enough words for me to express my love and gratitude for the teachers who cared so much about my children. From their precarious start at birth, they are ready to take on the world. From the bottom of my heart, thank you to every LBUSD teacher who went the extra mile.

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# City of Long Beach, City Prosecutor



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City Prosecutor

## LB's Homeless Crisis

Long Beach recently declared an emergency on homelessness, focusing attention on what has been called "the greatest humanitarian crisis of our generation."

Homelessness is complicated, and there are many mistakes that got us to this point. In fact, the homeless problem can be described as multiple crises all at the same time.

For starters, there is a "housing crisis." Building costs have skyrocketed and housing demand far outpaces supply. Since Long Beach is largely built out already, housing costs are likely to keep rising.

There is also a "mental health crisis" -- one study reports that 8.3 million Americans now suffer from "serious psychological distress," and another study reports one in five youth are affected by a mental disorder, along with a "substance abuse crisis" as the CDC reports over 100,000 Americans died from drug overdose in 2021, a record high and 30% increase from the previous year.

Then there is the "criminal justice crisis." In short, we are failing the public and crime victims by failing to keep many dangerous, repeat criminals off the streets. Persons

experiencing homelessness are easy crime targets.

We are simultaneously failing those who get caught up in the criminal justice system. In Long Beach, first time, nonviolent offenders are typically offered a diversion program so they can learn from their mistake without suffering a conviction that makes it harder for them to get a job or housing, but this is not true in all parts of the state.

Long Beach also offers mental health and drug recovery services for those who want to change their lives. But too often such people are released before they can even consider a recovery program, and the cycle of addiction and mental illness continues or worsens.

The newly announced CARE Courts are intended to provide treatment for people with schizophrenia and psychotic disorders, but little is known about how it will work or whether it will reduce homelessness. We have a lot of work to do to overcome all the crises that make up the homeless crisis.

**The Long Beach City Prosecutor's Summer Internship is now accepting applications for Summer 2023. To learn more, visit [www.CityProsecutorDougHaubert.com](http://www.CityProsecutorDougHaubert.com).**

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## The Secret to a Meaningful Life

What is the secret to a meaningful life, where you feel engaged and connected to a purpose? I, like many others, have found meaning and joy through service. As Ruth Bader Ginsburg wisely said, "If you want to be a true professional, you will do something outside yourself, something to repair tears in your community, something to make life a little better for people less fortunate than you. That's what I think a meaningful life is – living not for oneself, but for one's community."

At the end of last year, I joined fellow community leaders and members in putting this principle into action during Mayor Richardson's Inauguration Day of Service. The day of community service was a great opportunity to connect and engage with so many wonderful Long Beach organizations and residents across our wonderful City.

The day kicked off with North Long Beach neighborhood groups planting trees. We then headed to our beautiful coastline for a beach cleanup which is held monthly at Granada Beach with the Community Action Team. The Community Action Team also accepted canned goods for Long Beach State University's Associated Students, Inc. Beach Pantry which provides food items for students in need. From there we headed to Willows Spring Park in

central Long Beach where we picked up trash, cleaned up weeds, and planted some more trees. Then it was off to the Long Beach Rescue Mission collecting donated holiday toys for children. The day concluded with the Wrigley Area Neighborhood Alliance collecting pet food and blankets for ASPCA.

This day was a great reminder of the many meaningful community service opportunities throughout the year. There are a variety of ways to align passions, interests, skills, time, and items to make a positive impact. For example, you can help individuals experiencing homelessness by serving hot meals with local organizations such as Christian Outreach in Action, Catholic Charities, and Beacon Light Mission or by donating needed items such as hygiene kits to the Multi-Service Center. You can join the Animal Care volunteer team to walk and read to pets at our shelter. You can also volunteer at our El Dorado Nature Center, support literacy programs at our libraries, or assist in safety patrols through the Senior Police Partners. For what Ruth Bader Ginsburg said is true, nothing makes community better than making it stronger for all. Find out more on ways to give back and make our Long Beach community strong at [www.longbeach.gov/jobs/volunteer](http://www.longbeach.gov/jobs/volunteer).

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To qualify, you must own and reside in a home in California, not own more than one home, meet household income guidelines, and have experienced a pandemic-related financial hardship (a loss of income or an increase in expenses).

For mortgage assistance, property owners must have missed 2 or more loan payments before June 30, 2022, and be currently past due. For property tax relief, owners have missed one or more tax installments before May 31, 2022, and be currently past due. Individuals who do not have a mortgage may also be eligible for help paying property taxes.

For more specific details, and to make an application, visit the California Mortgage Relief Program at <https://camortgagerelief.org>. For telephone assistance or questions, call the Mortgage Relief Hot-line at 1-888-840-2594.

If you need help immediately, contact your loan servicer, found on your monthly statement, or a certified housing counselor at 1-800-569-4287, or see the easy to use website to locate a local housing counselor. Applicants may begin the process without providing personal information to determine qualifications.

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**Pay on time, and more than the minimum** –late payments will hurt your credit score. Paying only the minimum will cost you a lot in interest and take forever to pay off. If you pay the entire balance, you can enjoy the benefits of a credit card without paying interest.

**Don't use all of your credit limit** – a good rule of thumb is to keep your credit usage to under 30% of the total limit.

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## Spot the Signs of Congenital Heart Disease



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Congenital heart disease, or a congenital heart defect, is a heart abnormality present at birth, which can affect the heart walls, valves and blood vessels. Congenital heart defects can range from simple conditions with no symptoms, to complex defects with severe, life-threatening symptoms.

**What Causes Congenital Heart Disease?** Congenital heart disease is caused by a developmental problem in the heart's structure early on in pregnancy. Researchers have not been able to find the exact cause for why the heart fails to develop correctly, but some suspected causes include:

- Heart defects running in the family
- Illness in the mother during pregnancy (diabetes, viral infection)

**What are the Symptoms of Congenital Heart Disease?** To make sure your child receives the care they need as soon as possible, it's important to identify the signs and symptoms of congenital heart disease. Symptoms can start as soon as they are born or can appear later in life.

Symptoms in infancy include:

- Loss of healthy skin color

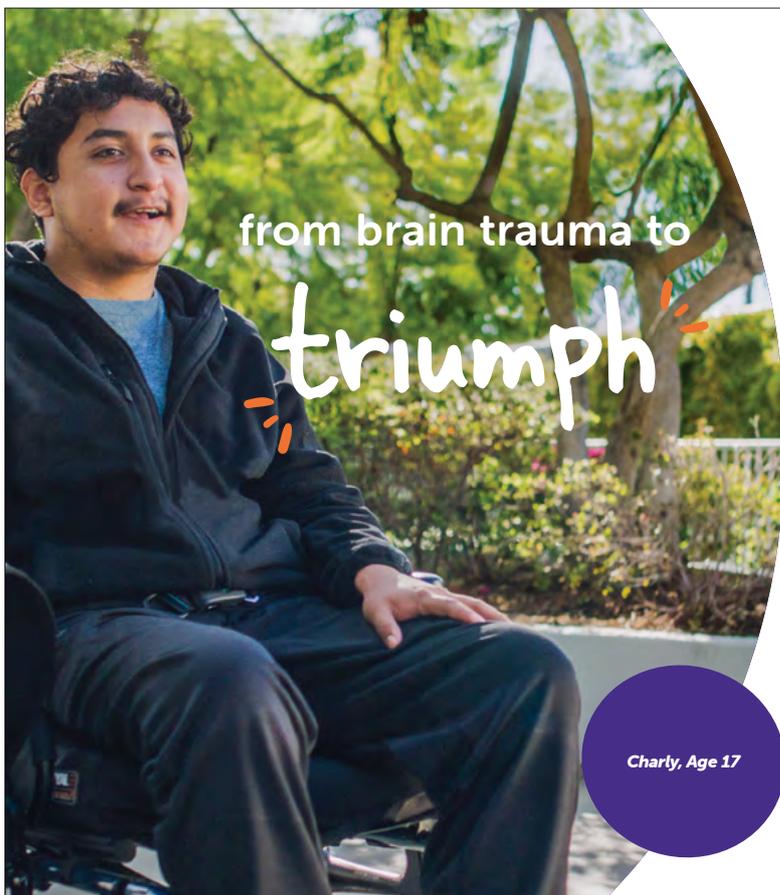
- Cyanosis (pale gray or blue coloring of the skin)
- Swelling in legs, abdomen or around the eyes
- Shortness of breath during feedings
- Fast or difficulty breathing
- Poor or slow weight gain

In Older children, symptoms can include:

- Becoming tired easily during exercise or activity
- Shortness of breath that occurs easily during exercise or activity
- Fluid in the heart or lungs
- Swelling in the hands, ankles or feet
- Chest pain, heart racing or fainting

If your child or teenager is in sports, signs of lethargy or the inability to keep up could be signs of congenital heart disease.

**What Should I Do if My Child Starts Showing Symptoms?** If your child starts to show any of the symptoms mentioned above, talk with your doctor to see if your child has a congenital heart defect. You may even be referred to the Children's Heart Institute at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach where we provide total prenatal, infant, pediatric and young adult heart care for patients with congenital or acquired heart disease. For more information, visit [millerchildrens.org/heart](http://millerchildrens.org/heart).



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## School Lunch...Your Kid's Best Friend!



**Carol Berg Sloan,  
RDN, FAND**

Did you know each school day, the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National School Lunch Program (NSLP) serves about 29.6 million lunches to children and teens in the US. The NSLP has been around for over 75 years, it started in 1946 and was formed to provide low-cost or free lunches to children and teens. The USDA states that: All school lunches provide important nutrients that support learning, growth, and overall health. USDA sets a basic meal pattern, which tells school districts that each lunch must offer five meal components: fruits, vegetables, grains, meats and/or meat alternates, and milk.

Interestingly, states provide additional dollars to support and train state employees and then local districts take guidance and recommendations and prepare meals that meet students taste preferences and local food availability. A typical school lunch 50 years ago was turkey and gravy over mashed potatoes with oranges wedges and whole milk. Today's lunch patterns reflect cultural and regional foods. For example, a lunch in southern California is Veggie Lasagna, fresh celery, carrots and jicama with grapes for dessert and a choice of milk. Often lunch programs are criticized for being high simple sugars, fat and not tasty. If you look at the lunch shown above, you see that is not the case anymore.

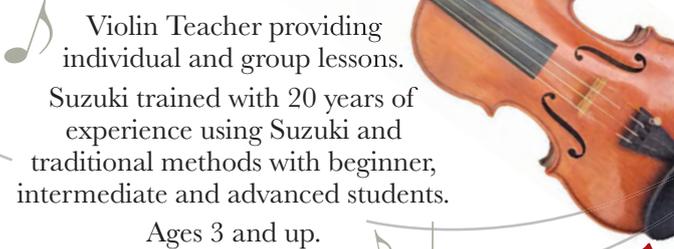


**Kelly Taber,  
MS, RDN**

The actual requirements for school lunch are as follows: Fruits: 2-1/2 cups per week -provide many nutrients and fiber. Vegetables: 3-3/4 cups per week- provide many nutrients and fiber. Grains: 8-10-ounce equivalents-provide B vitamins, minerals, and fiber. Meat and Meat Alternatives: 9-10-ounce equivalents- Meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, peas, eggs, nuts, and seeds provide many nutrients including protein and iron. Milk: 5 cups-Low-fat (1%) or fat-free milk provides calcium, protein, and vitamin D found for strong bones, teeth and muscles.

Grains offered as part of school meals must be made with a certain amount of whole grains and vegetables must be from these sub-groups: dark-green, red and orange, beans and peas, starchy, and other vegetables. For example, although parents or caregivers might think pizza served at school is junk food, it is made with whole grains vegetables, low sodium tomato sauce and lower fat cheese....and best of all kids will EAT IT! Parents and their kids can be more involved with what is served at school by being part of nutrition committees or meeting with the food service directors, who are ALWAYS willing to get ideas about how to better serve their clients. Better yet, have lunch with your child at school to observe first-hand what they are eating. It's more nutritious than you think!

This column provides insight from Carol Sloan RDN, FAND and her daughter, Kelly Taber, MS, RDN



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# Assistance League® of Long Beach

## Hospitality Training Program

By Liz Krummel, Marketing Chairman

The Assistance League of Long Beach recently introduced a new course in their Vocational Education Training program. Since 2013 we have been training students in the retail industry. The new program works with students from Milliken High School to train for careers in the fast-growing hospitality industry.

Over 25 students are enrolled in the one-year course. Training includes learning to set tables for luncheons including proper arrangement of silverware and glassware. Additional training includes kitchen prep and instructions for cleanup after an event.

Students are gaining practical experience by setting up 2-3 lunches and meetings each month held by the Assistance League. A special treat for the students was the holiday party where they were the guests with lunch and decorated tables.



Milliken High School students receive their graduation certificates from the Assistance League of Long Beach hospitality training program with Program Chair Helen Satorius.

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## Afterschool Family Fun at Rancho Los Alamitos

By Katie Lowe, Manager of Education and Public Engagement

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**Dr. Jill A. Baker**  
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### A Promising Semester Ahead

I'm excited to report that the second semester holds great promise here in the Long Beach Unified School District. Our amazing teachers, support staff and leadership team are working hard to build upon the encouraging progress that students are making as we continue implementing our carefully created [Learning Acceleration and Support Plan](#) designed to help ensure success for all students no matter what challenges they face.

The recently concluded first semester was a pivotal and productive one for our schools and students. While we still face many challenges, we're also seeing many signs of meaningful progress as we focus intently on student wellbeing and achievement.

Even as we implement our careful planning, we're focusing on the longer term, with a comprehensive strategic planning effort that we call [Vision 2035](#). In the new year, this effort will continue to create opportunities for students, families, staff and community partners to help us create a bold vision of how LBUSD – and our students – can thrive for many years to come.

Campus upgrades will continue and expand as we plan to use Measure Q school bonds recently approved by voters. A list of ongoing projects by school is available at [lbschoolbonds.net](#). The passage of Measure Q is a victory for our more than 65,000 students, and for the countless students who will benefit from upgraded school facilities in the years ahead. We are deeply grateful to our parents, teachers, staff and community members who made this victory possible. Because of their support, our students will have access to safe and modern schools.

Through all these efforts and many others, 2023 will bring an intent focus on excellence and equity for our students. We deeply appreciate the contributions of everyone who supports this important work. Here are just a few examples of our incredible staff and students:

- Lakewood Baseball Coach Spud O'Neill celebrated 40 years of teaching on and off the field. I was privileged to be a part of a celebration that included his former players, some of whom play Major League Baseball. Congratulations, Coach Spud!
- No words could describe the beauty of seeing toys that our Sato Academy of Mathematics and Science and McBride High School students delivered to students recently. The Sato and McBride students had "hacked" the toys, soldering wires and adding larger controls to make them accessible to students who have disabilities. To all of our annual Hackathon participants, great job!
- Jordan High School sophomore Jaymari Redmond recently led the Panthers basketball team to a victorious overtime by scoring a classic three-point shot at the buzzer, helping his team to remain undefeated in the Moore League. The atmosphere in the gymnasium that evening was absolutely electric. What a memorable experience for J-Town. We send our praise to all of our talented student athletes who are giving their best.

We're looking forward to more victories on the court, on the field and in the classroom in the weeks ahead. To our staff, students and families, I am cheering you on!

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### Voters Approve \$1.7B for School Renovations

*By Diana Craighead, Board President*

High quality school facilities lead to greater student engagement and achievement. That's why I'm deeply grateful for local voters who approved a new bond measure that will provide the Long Beach Unified School District \$1.7 billion for school renovations and the possibility of millions of dollars in state matching funds over the life of the bond.

Measure Q, LBUSD's health, safety and student achievement bond measure, is essential to meet our educational mission. More than 80% of our school buildings are over a half century old and need updates to support modern learning standards that prepare students for college and rewarding careers.

With Measure Q, we can build facilities that deliver a 21<sup>st</sup> century education to learners at every grade level.

Proceeds from the new bond measure will fund the expansion of facilities that serve students enrolled in the District's new full-day kindergarten and transitional kindergarten programs. Indoor and outdoor classrooms that meet the unique needs of early learners will help set the stage for long term academic success.

Measure Q will bring high-tech, career education classrooms to high schools across the District, including a campus-wide transformation of Polytechnic High School.

The Poly project is expected to begin in the 2024-25 school year with construction of a new, three-story classroom building featuring a simulation lab for the school's medical pathway, along with other immersive learning spaces. Several leading-edge academic facilities will follow in subsequent years, as will outdoor spaces for collaborative learning and new athletic facilities for the school's champion sports teams.

Measure Q will also support the District's new Green School Energy and Sustainability Policy, which aims to reduce LBUSD's greenhouse gas emissions by 2045 and transition to zero-emissions vehicles and machinery as quickly as equipment replacement cycles and budgets allow. Our first project under the new policy is slated to begin at Keller Middle School, a California Distinguished School that serves students in the area I represent. New, water-wise landscaping taking root at Keller this summer will launch the transition from traditional grass lawns to drought tolerant greenery at school entrances throughout the District.

LBUSD has long prioritized investments in school facilities.

We've built three schools from the ground up, retrofitted numerous buildings for earthquake safety, removed outdated portables, upgraded classroom technology and installed state-of-the-art sports fields at several secondary schools. We've also completely renovated 31 campuses, or more than one-third of all schools districtwide.

As of this writing, we have active construction projects at six LBUSD schools, including work that will soon complete a multiyear transformation of Jordan High School.

Planning is underway to install new outdoor shade structures that double as open-air learning spaces at all 45 LBUSD elementary schools.

New bottle filling stations headed to schools across the District will provide students access to cool, clean drinking water and the hydration needed for a full day of learning and activities.

Modern and inviting learning environments maximize student success. We greatly appreciate the support of local voters who have made funding for next generation school facilities possible.

## Addams *Elementary*

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**Tracy Fiala**  
*Principal*

### New Furniture Builds Visible Learning and Pride

Teachers and students are using their new furniture in a variety of ways. “Show me your work, draw a picture that shows your thinking,” said Ms. Sarria. “I just love this furniture,” Ms. Sarria commented because she could see the students thinking right away. “It saves me a lot of time, too. I don’t have to pass out papers or tell them to show me their board.” Mr. Marrufo created a center for Ms. Thornton-Earnshaw so that she could work with her small group on guided reading while he worked at his center teaching designated ELD during workshop. “I believe the students have a sense of pride,” said Mr. Marrufo. “I can see them organizing their materials more.”



## Alvarado *Elementary*

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**Cheryl Huber**  
*Principal*

### Gardening Skills

The Alvarado All-Stars are expanding their gardening skills in the after school program. In December, the district’s Expanded Learning Opportunities grant started funding the Grounds Education program for our WRAP/Boys and Girls Club participants. The team leaders have since been providing each group with weekly fun and engaging learning experiences in the areas of horticulture, nature observation, and STEM. As a result, there is great knowledge being grown in our sensory garden. Diana Rosales, WRAP Site Director, commented, “Students are enjoying the outdoors with hands-on activities and they are expanding their creative minds.”



## Bancroft *Middle School*

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**Maria Pilar Perossio**  
Principal

### Happy New Year from Team Bancroft!

As the fall semester, here are some updates: 1) we have celebrated five (5) Students of the Month ceremonies; 2) we honored and celebrated our Bruins' Quarter 1 Grades; 3) our teachers highlighted and celebrated areas of needs and success during Quarter 1 Data Sharing; 4) Bancroft, along with PTA, hosted a Halloween Dance; 5) we honored Red Ribbon Week; 6) our Advisory Classes excitedly competed in various competitions (i.e. Zoom's Scavenger Hunt

and Blackout Bingo, Name that Tune, Door Decorating, etc.); 7) PTA put of the following: clothing drive, Family Fun Night, and Nights Out at various restaurants as fundraisers; 8) Bruins sought and found Olaf as part of the Winter Celebration; 9) Associated Student Body (ASB) caroled at ActivCare the Thursday before Winter Recess; and 10) we celebrated our four sports teams. We have a couple of large events in the near future: a) Valentine's Dance on Friday, February 10th; b) School Fair on Friday, March 3rd that includes a car show. Please contact the school for details if one wants to have one's car part of the show. As always, Go, Bruins!

## Bixby *Elementary*

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**Agustín Vieyra**  
Principal

### Long Beach Museum of Art Field Trip

*By Camila Cruz and Ramona Keele*

Upon arrival, we made odd creatures using only pipe cleaners and tin foil. We were later brought into the museum where we saw amazing pieces of art based on a stuffed animal theme by the artist, Brent Estabrook.

Another section called *Brilliant Earth* by sculptor Tony Marsh had several pieces which were all unique in color and texture. Some were smooth and droopy and others had small crystals on them. We admired them all until we had to leave, but we were given family passes so that we could attend the museum on a later date. It was an interesting and fun day.



## Browning *Early College High School*

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**Tomika Romant**  
*Principal*

### **Athletics and Early College**

Browning Early College High School is flourishing! Dr. Romant, the Principal, and the staff have brought a true sense of belonging to the student body at the High School located near the base of Signal Hill. In 2022, BHS participated in, and won the championship in the first ever

Small Thematic Schools Basketball League. In the Fall, volleyball was added to the sports program. Coached by Ms. Vanessa Leos-Lugo, the co-ed team proved that sports can have a positive impact on school culture.

The staff is also working closely with Long Beach City College to solidify the Early College Initiative ([ECI](#)) at Browning. During Site Night in January, prospective parents were thrilled to find out that all students who attend Browning have an opportunity to graduate High School with an Associate of Arts Degree!!! Students begin taking college courses from LBCC instructors on the

Browning campus during the first semester of 9th grade. The first cohort of students graduating with their AA degree will be in the Spring of 2024!



**Bison Voice leaders prepare for Site Night tours.**

## Buffum *Total Learning Center*

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**Danielle Wright**  
*Principal*

### **Winter Wonderland**

Winter Wonderland was the theme our Buffum event to culminate the last week of school prior to Winter Break. The campus felt like Santa's Village with fresh snow, a snow machine that created the illusion of snowflakes falling which was a true delight! There were reindeers made of hay bales that allowed the students to ride Rudolph

as he guided the sleigh. Santa and Mrs. Claus were there and marveled at the fact that not one student cried when they took their Santa photos (which is so different

than the mall experience of most parents!) Our preschoolers an opportunity to experience Winter without the freezing temperatures.



# Cabrillo High School

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**Wendy Poffenberger**  
Principal

## CSULB Dual Enrollment Program

Cabrillo High School is highlighting our CSULB Dual Enrollment Program with our Ethnic Studies Classes for the 2022-2023 school year in this edition of School News! The celebration of our Dual Enrollment students culminated with a wonderful day at CSULB for the Dual Enrollment Ethnic Studies Presentations Showcase.

The focus of the presentations for Mr. Serna's class was to utilize the persuasive "manifesto" style of public speaking addressing real world issues that our society and students are facing in the 21st century. Students gave impressive presentations on global issues like homelessness and global warming in a college setting featuring their collaboration and expertise. Thank you to CSULB for hosting such a wonderful event for our Jaguars!



## CAMS

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**Cheryl Cornejo**  
Principal

## EDD: Beyond Engineering

*By Josephine Chong*

One thing that makes CAMS stand apart from other schools is its state-of-the-art pathway system. With offerings in computer science, engineering, and biotechnology, CAMS proves itself strong in science. Students choose their pathway after completing the introductory classes offered freshman and sophomore year. I would argue

that the Engineering pathway's capstone course best defines CAMS's ethos: to "develop the talents of motivated students to become thoughtful & productive members of... society."

The capstone course of Engineering, EDD (Engineering Design and Development) is a unique CAMs class. For one, it's made up almost entirely of seniors. Each year, a project is picked. The classes are then divided into "companies" who need to finance "investors" and create the best product possible. None of this hypothetical; these students stay after school to be interviewed and funded by professional engineering firms and companies. Mr. Carpenter, the creator of this course, said he aimed to make this class as close to the professional experience as possible. Returning CAMS students have also sung its praises, highlighting how it prepared them for college and beyond.

## Carver Elementary

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**Monica Manipon**  
Principal

### Thank You Mrs. Martin

In honor of School Counselors week, we'd like to recognize Carver's outstanding counselor! We are fortunate to have Mrs. Martin at our site to help support the social emotional growth of our students. Mrs. Martin is a vital member of our staff. She provides necessary support to our students who need it most and is always willing to support our teachers. Mrs. Martin has been visiting classrooms and teaching grade level appropriate lessons about mental health and wellness. Students always look forward to her visits! She approaches wellness topics with grace, humor and patience as she answers the sometimes numerous questions from students. We are so lucky she is a Carver Cougar and we appreciate everything she does for us!



## Chavez Elementary

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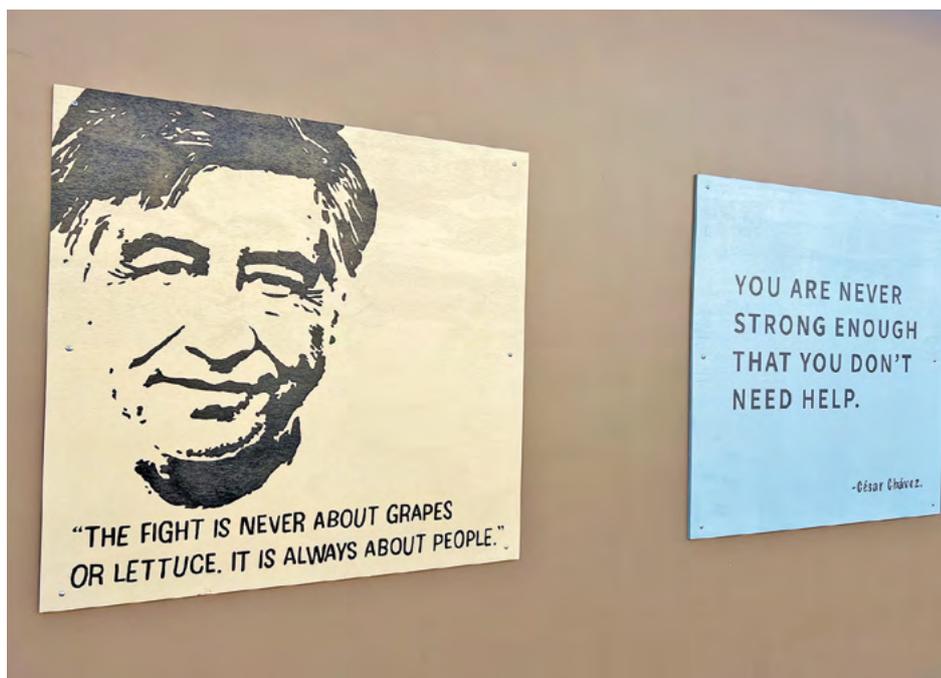


**Brenda Ocampo**  
Principal

### Cesar Chavez Legacy

At Chavez we feel it is important to ensure that all students know about the legacy of Cesar Chavez. Recently new murals were installed to highlight and celebrate the accomplishments of Cesar Chavez. We worked closely with a local artist, Jose Vargas, to create murals that would serve as a timeline of Chavez' work. Students can now walk around campus and visually see what Chavez stood for and what he accomplished. The murals include some of his most famous quotes, such as: "The end of all knowledge must be the building up of character." They also include an homage to Dolores Huerta and the partnership between the two. We at Chavez Elementary are looking

forward to celebrating Cesar Chavez day on March 31st and inviting the community to look at our new murals.



## Dooley Elementary

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**Edward Sigur IV**  
Principal

### Welcome to Music

By Valerie Vinnard

Students in grades K-5 are enjoying 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. Quaver Music offers a wide variety of diverse/multicultural songs from around the world as well as lessons in Orff, Kodály, and Music Learning Theory.

Students have enjoyed singing seasonal and holiday songs, American folk songs, folk songs from around the world, popular songs, as well as African-American spirituals. Students have sung in unison

and in two-part harmony. Musicians have also participated in fun interactive music games, quizzes, and activities that are engaging, spark their imagination, as well as their critical thinking. Way to go Dooley Dragons!



## Edison Elementary

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**Juan Gutierrez**  
Principal

### Pet Pillow Plushies

Throughout Edison hallways you could hear students’ laughter and you could see students smiling from ear to ear after receiving a complimentary pet pillow plushie. Edison

worked in conjunction with Newcomb PTSA in order to make the plushie giveaway possible. All kindergarten through 5th grade students went home before winter break with a pet plushie. Students were able to choose from bumble bees, unicorns, sharks, tigers, cats and cows. Students were able to enjoy their new plushies during their winter break and we are confident those plushies kept them warm during these cold winter days. Go Edison!



**Gina Flores, Amber DeVeney, Mirella Martinez, Lori Borg, Lisa Fernandez**

## Fremont *Elementary*

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**Christopher Lounsbury**  
*Principal*

### **Raised Flower Beds**

In a collaborative effort between PTA, Garden Education, LBUSD Grounds Department and LBUSD Nutrition Services, six new raised garden beds have been installed outside building 4000 on the west lawn. The wood was a donation from the Farms to Schools grant overseen by LBUSD Nutrition Services. The boxes were built by Garden Education, and LBUSD Grounds installed new irrigation lines and provided the soil that will complete the project. This all came together thanks to the generosity of PTA in providing the funds for Fremont to be a Garden Education school. We have learned a lot from the Garden Education lessons and look forward to watching what will sprout in the garden beds for many years to come.



## Gant *Elementary*

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**Tracy Hall**  
*Principal*

### **Exceptional Scholars**

Gant Elementary is a school full of amazing, caring, exceptional scholars who want to help our school be all that it can be. This fact is proven by the hard work and dedication of Gant's 4th and 5th grade student council. This group of students has been organized to give students voice and agency around issues that they feel are important. They have started their work by organizing a sock drive to benefit homeless individuals in our city and have plans to run a drive to collect donations for the animal shelter later this year. Additionally, they will be creating video content for the school around proper use of the playground equipment and school behavior expectations. Gant is fortunate to have this group of students working to better our site.



## Grant Elementary

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### Eagles Dress for Success

A huge shout-out to Operation School Bell! Thanks to Operation School Bell, a nonprofit corporation, which has provided each

Grant scholar with a brand new backpack filled with two complete uniforms, three pairs of socks, undergarments, and a jacket. Grant Eagles are held to the highest standards and it is an expectation for them to come to school everyday in uniform, where they will learn, grow, and be challenged. Our students are definitely on the path to success.

**Veronica Madrigal**  
Principal



## Henry (K-5) Dual Immersion School

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### Student Council

What a great first semester for Henry's Student Council! Elections ran smoothly & our Patriotas voted in a wonderful student council. At their first meeting, students reviewed the Student Council constitution & discussed what service projects to complete plus planned fun activities. Here are some of the highlights:

- Student council facilitates our monthly Scholar Award Assemblies.
- Sold over 1,600 Holiday grams.
- Led the Go Green Club to collect recyclables every Friday.
- Organize the Lost and Found items; deliver items to their lost owners.
- Attends Henry's Foundation meetings to experience official meeting dynamics/agenda.
- Led the Holiday Gift Drive to donate gifts for LBUSD homeless and foster students.

We are looking forward to the second semester of our Henry's Student Council!



## Hughes *Middle School*

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**Edward Steinhauser**  
*Principal*

### Hughes Students Support Miller Children's Hospital

One of the many reasons Hughes students are amazing is because of their dedication to helping our community. In December, our students donated 554 toys/games to the patients at Miller Children's Hospital to help spread holiday cheer.

At Hughes, our students are developing the skills to be leaders and support for their community. Helping our local hospital is one way our students do that. Hughes Owls take pride in supporting their community and this schoolwide effort was a #HughesProud moment.

## Jefferson *Leadership Academies*

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**Dr. Connie Magee**  
*Principal*

### Building a Community

Dorothy Cohen, a brilliant educator, and a prolific writer, once stated, "No school can work well for children if parents and teachers do not act in partnership on behalf of the children's best interests." Here at Jefferson, we strive to build a bridge of healthy relationships between parents, teachers, and administrators.

We started building a community this school year by inviting parents to the table from our most marginalized group, African Americans. In December 2022,

we held our first JLA Black Student Achievement Parenting Meeting. We had the opportunity to discuss student data, student identity, sense of belonging, and more. More importantly, the room was filled with concerned parents who were given the opportunity to speak their truth and be heard. JLA's Black Parent Coalition was birthed.

Currently, we have a BSAM every month and come together as a community to discuss and implement next steps for our AA students. Jefferson now has its' first Black parent basketball coach, a Black Culture Art Club, and soon to come, a Future Black Educators Club, family game night, Black Cinema movie night, and more.

## King *Elementary*

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**Osvaldo Ocampo**  
*Principal*

### Oh, the Places We'll Go!

"Hello, welcome to King, how can I help you?" (in a cheery voice), is what students and parents hear when they arrive at King. This welcoming atmosphere is thanks to our new office supervisor, Jacquelyn Eliopoulos. We were very happy to welcome Ms. Jackie to our team in November. Right away she has made her presence felt. Whether it's beautifying the office, organizing an event for staff, parents or students, or building relationships, Ms. Jackie goes the extra mile. She demonstrates her love and commitment to all the stakeholders at King daily, and has no limit to what she'll accomplish. It's going to be amazing to see all the places we'll go with Ms. Jackie on our team. Welcome to King Ms. Jackie! We appreciate you!



## Jordan High School

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**Kaisha Irving**  
*Principal*

### Brain Dissection – AIMS Pathway Hands on Experience

Jordan Seniors in the Aspirations in Medical Sciences (AIMS) Pathway engaged in a self-guided sheep brain dissection in Anatomy and Physiology. Students worked together in small groups relying on each other's expertise and prior knowledge to complete steps successfully.

Once dissected, they worked as a team to correctly identify the different parts of the brain based on what they learned in class. Students were apprehensive about the dissection at first, but once they familiarize themselves with the techniques they became more comfortable. An AIMS Senior stated, "I was nervous at first about the process, but once we got to dissecting and identifying the parts, I found it very interesting, and it helped put my future in the medical field in perspective". Medical experiences continue to engage AIMS students with lessons that help them develop connections between their education and the patient care field.



## Kettering *Classical Elementary*

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**Rachel Peters**  
*Principal*

### Learning Outdoors!

In spring of 2022, we began a partnership between Kettering and a local non-profit organization that builds gardens and brings nature education to Long Beach schools. Every student at Kettering engages in monthly hands-on, outdoor learning experiences. In our beautiful garden in the kindergarten yard, students are planting, harvesting and tasting peas, carrots, lettuce,

and more. Through lessons exploring seasonal food, native plants, and the role of worms and microorganisms in the process of decomposition, garden learning supports concepts learned in the classroom, builds awareness of nutritious food, and fosters a meaningful connection with the natural world. Since the spring, Kettering students have spent over 60 hours in the garden, and we look forward to many more hours spent with our hands in the dirt!



Students using fractions to create a planting grid and planting lettuce.

## Lakewood High School

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**Mona Mero**  
Principal

### Micro-Internship at Lakewood High

The Career Pathways Office at LBUSD is sponsoring a workforce readiness opportunity between the DMAC Pathway and the Production Studio Fresh Films.

In February, up to twenty-five students will be working with Fresh Films curriculum which meets state and national education standards. Students will engage in weekly filmmaking and will learn fundamentals of narrative and documentary film production. Projects will include an unscripted production with Fremantle!, a documentary short with Roku and a film short with Sony.

Students will develop hands-on experience working every job involved in video production. In the summer, they will have the opportunity to apprentice under close mentorship of professionals and college interns while working on the set of a Feature Film.



## Lincoln Elementary

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**Caroline Nemeč**  
Principal

### Read-A-Thon

Lincoln Elementary recently participated in the Jester & Pharley Phund Read-A-Thon

and read a total of 226,995 pages! Angelica Rosas Gomez, a fourth grader, was our top reader.

She read 5,432 pages in just three weeks. Jester & Pharley Phund is a non-profit organization that works to support students struggling with health issues and boost literacy in schools. Lincoln would like to give a special thank you to the Jester & Pharley Phund for bringing this program to our school and for their generous book, pencil, and crayon donations. Lincoln would

also like to recognize our amazing Librarian, Mrs. Melara for organizing this wonderful event. Keep reading Lincoln Lions!



## Lindbergh *STEM Academy*

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### **Drone Club at Lindbergh**

Our Drone Club is a new student club in which students learn how to program and

fly drones. Students earn their TRUST certificate through the FAA to be able to fly drones recreationally. Students are having fun and learning a lot about programming in our Drone Club!

**Stacey Benuzzi**  
*Principal*



## Lindsey *Academy (6–8)*

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### **Falcon Fun Fair**

Perry Lindsey Academy held its annual Falcon Fun Fair on December 23, 2022. The purpose of the fair is to raise funds for grade level activities throughout the school year and to reward students for all of their work during the first

semester. Each teacher was assigned a booth and students in each class were given the task to plan and organize what they would offer at the event. This allowed students to collaborate with each other and exercise their leadership skills as they brought the event to life. Some of the activities at the event included an inflatable obstacle course, photo booth, and donut eating race. Overall, students had a great time and are looking forward to next year's fair.

**Danyett Armstrong-Lee**  
*Principal*



## Lowell Bayside *Elementary*

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**Cassandra  
Fanton**  
*Principal*

### Authors & Illustrators Night

Authors and Illustrators Night gives Lowell students the opportunity to attend workshops with successful authors and illustrators in order to learn more about the process of writing and illustrating books.

Students heard from all the presenters during the opening panel. The hour-long workshops are tailored to students in each grade level. Students have the opportunity to interact and learn from our guests.

## MacArthur *Elementary*

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**Maria Yopez**  
*Principal*

### Student Council

This year MacArthur's student council is made up of 14 students from grades 3-5. The purpose of student council is to get the pulse of the school and to make the school and community better. Student council discusses issues that come up and formulates solutions as a group.

They also participate in various fundraising activities to earn money for our school. In December they raised \$464 dollars for selling holiday grams! They plan on purchasing a video camera for the school as well as vinyl decals used to beautify the restrooms. Brennon, the student council president, says he likes student council because, "I get a chance to teach and share my ideas so I can help improve the school."



## Mann Elementary

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**Donna Robertson**  
Principal

### Behind the Scenes ...

“Good morning!” “How are you today?” “Do you have a jacket?” “We missed you! welcome back!” “Let’s go, let’s go, you’re going to be late!” This is a typical day for our rec aides at Mann Elementary. They are the first people students see in the morning and the last before they leave, with most of the aides clocking in before teachers and office staff enter the building. Known as support staff

with the official title of recreation aide, they are the heart of the school, the foundation upon which the day-to-day

operations run.

Whether it’s lunch support, supervision, a shoulder to cry on or an ear to listen, our recreation staff know, work in, and live in our community, connecting to families and making the school experience memorable. Rainy-day schedule, no problem! Short staffing, no problem! Student behaviors, no problem! Help needed in kinder, no problem! They show up every day with smiles on their faces and a positive attitude. Working extra hours and the willingness to connect do not go unnoticed—they have an impact on students long after they move on from Mann.

## Millikan High School

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**Alejandro Vega**  
Principal

### Millikan Musical

*By Eva Goddard, Editor-in-Chief - Millikan Corydon*

A detached hand has crept over to deliver the news of this year’s school musical...The Addams Family! This decision coincidentally happened to coincide with the well-known new TV show “Wednesday,” which revolves around Wednesday Addams’ character. Shannon Graham from Millikan’s theater department says that the recent popularity will benefit the outcome of production.

Auditions were on Nov. 30 with callbacks on Dec. 1; the actors finding out their roles shortly after.

Favorite characters from the Addams Family franchise will star in the musical, such as Morticia Addams, Pugsley Addams, and the media’s current obsession, of course, Wednesday Addams.

This year, the cast is a little smaller than usual, consisting of only 48 people instead of 60-80 people. Ensemble members are also only playing one character, while they usually play several roles throughout the show. However, this allows the actors to spend more time developing their characters.

Graham talks about what she’s been most excited about for the upcoming performance, “Working on the character development.” She says that they can get more specific to the individual characters instead of working on development on a broader scale. “That’s been really fun.”

Anyone interested in seeing Millikan’s production should come to Millikan’s auditorium on March 10 and 11 at 7 p.m. and March 11 and 12 at 1 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door for \$15 on the nights of the shows as well as online through an application called GoFan.

Come support the Millikan performing arts by purchasing tickets for the Addams Family!

## Nelson Academy (6–8)

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**Kathleen Reed**  
Principal

### Nelson is a Busy Place!

*By Lizzy Buenrostro, SEL TOSA*

Nelson held an after-school activity called “Hair Talk.” Twenty students participated and learned about how to care and style a variety of hair types. When students look and feel confident, they can better focus on their academics. Products were donated and professional hair stylists were there to teach students how to braid, wrap head scarves,

discuss proper care for different hair types, and answer questions. Due to the success and high volume of student interest, we have already started organizing the next “Hair

Talk.”

The Wellness Center at Nelson is up and running before school, during lunch, and after school. All students are welcome to utilize the amenities of the Wellness Center. Mr. Chris, the Wellness Center liaison and Social Worker, presents workshops and supports student wellbeing.

The Winter Concert, an evening event showcasing the many musical talents of Nelson students, was held on December 13. Students from band, orchestra, and percussion ensemble presented the audience with festive music, under the direction of Mr. Thoreson. A lovely evening was enjoyed by all.

## Naples Bayside *Academy*

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[naples-lbusd-ca.schoolloop.com](http://naples-lbusd-ca.schoolloop.com)



**Paula Spenker**  
*Principal*

### 4th and 5th Grade Enrichment

Naples Bayside Academy is offering our 4th and 5th graders enrichment opportunities through an elective program that rotates through three cycles. During the first cycle, students selected their favorite courses such as: coding, basketball, culinary arts, ukulele, journalism, and visual arts. Each six week course was taught by a professional in that specialty area. At the conclusion of the first cycle, students joined together in the auditorium, shared their feedback and selected new offerings for cycle two. The new enrichment opportunities are coding and robotics, creative writing, volleyball, drum circle, culinary arts, and mixed media arts. We can't wait to see what offerings they select for cycle three!



**4th and 5th Grade Friday Electives Culinary Arts with Ms. Bogardus and Ms. Danielle.**

## Newcomb *Academy (K-8)*

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**Christopher J. Thompson**  
*Principal*

### Running Club at Newcomb

This year Newcomb has been working hard to expand our enrichment programs for students. One of the amazing programs that we have added is our Running Club. It has been a huge success. Seventy-two students signed up ranging from 3rd through 8th grade. This has been a great opportunity for students across our campus to interact, build relationships, make friends, and get a lot of great exercise. We are so grateful for the support of Mrs. Walsh, one of our amazing parents for making this club happen. The Newcomb Community is always stepping up to support our Spartan Scholars.



## Oropeza Elementary

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[int-lbusd.ca.schoolloop.com](http://int-lbusd.ca.schoolloop.com)



**Richard Littlejohn**  
Principal

### Effort Is Success!

Oropeza Elementary School takes pride in the positive culture our staff has cultivated over the years. Students have pride in our school and what it means to be a Scholar Otter! Our Otters are exemplary in following the Guidelines for Success: Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be a Good Listener, Be Hands-Off, and Be a Friend. In addition to a positive climate and culture, our students are pushing themselves to put forth their

best effort in academics. Students set goals, put forth the effort, learn from their mistakes, persevere, and succeed! EFFORT is SUCCESS! Our students earn Effort Tickets to participate in Spin 2 Win! Students are given the opportunity to earn Effort Tickets, place them in the Effort Ticket Box, and then Spin 2 Win! Students may win Fast Passes, items from the Treasure Chest, or hopefully hit the Jackpot! Students may select a brand new scooter or a brand new bike! Our students are excited to put forth their best effort to persevere, succeed, and Spin 2 Win! Go Otters! Show that effort!



## Polytechnic High School

1600 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813 • 562/591-0581  
[bpoly.schoolloop.com](http://bpoly.schoolloop.com)



**William Salas**  
Principal

### College and Career Center

*By Heidi Sandoval, 12th grade student*

At Poly's College and Career Center you can talk to advisors about college and work experience. Students from all grades are welcome to visit the room and take advantage of the resources offered.

The head of the College and Career Center is Sylvia Womack. As a high school student, she knew she wanted to be an advisor because she liked working with people, so she earned a degree in sociology, and began a career path that led to where she is now.

Along with Womack, students can meet two USC college advisors, Casie Bonstein and Enrique Ruiz. Both advisors have been where many students are now and are using their knowledge to help make things easier for Poly's future college and university students.

One of Womack's favorite parts of working with students is making students aware of their opportunities. She wants students to be as informed as they can about their different options after high school. Womack recommends students use the center's resources as often as they can: "Don't wait until the last minute to come. I would say start as soon as you can."



**USC CAC College Advisors Enrique Ruiz and Casie Bonstein, and College and Career Center Specialist Sylvia Womack**

## Powell Academy (K-8)

150 Victoria St., Long Beach, CA 90805 • 310/631-8794

[lbpowell.schoolloop.com](http://lbpowell.schoolloop.com)



**Tynisha Smith**  
Principal

### Bedtime Story Night

Following COVID, which limited interaction with our community; one of our goals this year is to improve parent and community involvement. In order to do that, our Culture & Climate Committee has planned multiple events throughout this school year. We are focused on welcoming families and our community on campus and increasing

the sense of belonging for all stakeholders. One of the events that took place earlier this year was Bedtime Story Night. Students & families enjoyed a night of storytelling provided by our teachers and administration. In addition to that, they created book marks, visited our Book Fair, and enjoyed cookies & cocoa while listening to stories being told on the big screen in the quad. We had a great turn out and look forward to future events that will take place this year. "No school can work well for children if parents and teachers do not act in partnership on behalf of the children's best interests."



## Prisk Elementary

2375 Fanwood Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815 • 562/598-9601

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**Beth Cohen**  
Principal

### Drumming with Baba the Storyteller

Music teacher Mrs. Vinnard and performer Baba the storyteller have partnered up thanks to a generous grant from the RuMBA Foundation of Long Beach.

Students having played their small djembes, medium djembes, and tubano drums at school for years with Mrs. Vinnard's "Classroom Drum Circle Project," now got the opportunity to learn African traditions, rhythms, folksongs, and folk tales, first-hand.

Baba the storyteller performed on his Dundun

drum and Kora string instrument as students clapped, sang, and drummed along in call and response style, learning important African drumming techniques.

Mrs. Vinnard and her students hope to work with Baba again sometime in the near future!



## Reid High School

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[reid-lbusd-ca.schoolloop.com](http://reid-lbusd-ca.schoolloop.com)



**Troy Bennett**  
Principal

### Student Council

*By John Nhan, ASB Advisor*

Reid High School is fortunate to have an awesome and active Student Council. They're one of the hardest workers and they're committed to make Reid a place of belonging. They've organized campus activities such as the Holiday Canned Food drive and Red Ribbon Week.

In an effort to create a welcoming and inclusive culture and climate, Student Council designates Fridays as 'Fun Friday.' All students and Staff are encouraged to wear their favorite sports teams gear. During lunch, various games such as Connect 4, Jenga, ping-pong, soccer and our latest addition, pickleball, are set up for students to enjoy. In providing these activities, we hope to create a welcoming school and foster a sense of belonging on our campus.



## Robinson Academy (K-8)

2750 Pine Ave., Long Beach, CA 90806 • 562/492-6003  
[lbrobinson.schoolloop.com](http://lbrobinson.schoolloop.com)



**Jeff Wood**  
Principal

### The Original Dolphin

*By Brianna Luna- Chief Editor;  
Emily Mejia - Staff/Student writer; and  
Anette Robles - Staff/Student writer*

In 1995, Miguel Romo opened the gates to Jackie Robinson Academy. Before coming to Jackie Robinson, he taught in his homeland Mexico as a P.E. teacher for five years. After moving to California, Mr. Romo had many jobs, including working as a Long Beach YMCA lifeguard and a gymnastics instructor for five years. Mr. Romo returned to his original passion as

an educator, renewed his teaching credential, and made his way to Robinson. During his time at Jackie Robinson, he has continually taught incoming kindergarteners. Along with teaching kindergarten, he organized Latino Night, a program created to involve more Latino families in the Robinson community. Mr. Romo has also been the boy's soccer coach for 27 years. Last year he brought the boy's soccer team to finals, and even though they didn't win, he made them feel like they were the best they could've been. Mr. Romo is a vital component of the Robinson community and has touched the hearts of many, leaving an immense impact on their life; Mr. Romo is the original dolphin.

## Roosevelt *Elementary*

1574 Linden Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813 • 562/599-3418

[roosevelt-lbusd-ca.schoolloop.com](http://roosevelt-lbusd-ca.schoolloop.com)



**Alissa Gamboa**  
*Principal*

### Chess Champions!

On Saturday, January 21, Roosevelt Bears Chess Club participated in their first chess Tournament in Irvine, CA. Seven of our twenty-five chess players competed in the Non-rated division

of the Staser Scholastic 2023 Chess Tournament with twenty-six other chess players across Los Angeles and Orange, under the direction of chess coach, Dasol Mashaka. The students ranged from 3th-5th grade and Roosevelt brought home the 2nd, 4th, and 7th place trophies. We are so proud of our Teddy Bear Scholars and Chess Club participants. Go Roosevelt Bears!



## Sato *Academy of Mathematics & Science*

1100 Iroquois Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815 • 562/598-7611

[sato-lbusd-ca.schoolloop.com](http://sato-lbusd-ca.schoolloop.com)



**Veronica Coleman**  
*Principal*

### Ambassadors Lead

During our third week of winter break, Sato Ambassadors took advantage of visiting their alma mater middle schools to present about our high school pathways. They shared their Sato experience with students from 5th through 8th grades at Bancroft, Franklin, Newcomb, Stanford,

Stevens, and Tincher.. Ambassadors also shared different Sato projects and activities to get the students excited about exploring pathways. Some Ambassadors even did biomedical or engineering demonstrations. This outreach project was envisioned by Sato Ambassador President Ryan Erber. The Ambassadors who participated communicated directly with school staff, created a presentation template, and then customized presentations based on the schools they visited. They enjoyed reconnecting with staff members while interacting with students. It's a pleasure to watch our Ambassadors lead!



Two of our Sato Ambassadors sharing their pathway experiences at Tincher K-8.

## Signal Hill *Elementary*

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**Scott Tardibuono**  
*Principal*

### Signal Hill Scholars are Excited about Drumming!

How would you like to experience the unifying rhythm of the drums while learning to navigate social and emotional skills? That's exactly what our fourth and fifth grade scholars are doing. As you walk past room 38, you can hear the synchronized dreambeats. With the support of Ms. Trina White, students utilize their hands to harmoniously work together to create music and also listen to each other. Ms. White explains that it's important to learn to listen to each other so that the sounds they individually create become one unified expression. When this goal is accomplished, you have many different rhythmic patterns becoming one inviting sound. Just try to keep from smiling when this happens! Romeo, a 5th grade student says, "I like to drum with my drum because it's calm."



## Smith *Elementary*

565 E. Hill St., Long Beach, CA 90806 • 562/595-9466  
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**Hugo Figueroa**  
*Principal*

### Students Get RED-y for the iReady Test!

iReady is an online assessment platform adopted by LBUSD. iReady is an online program used for reading and math to help teachers determine students' individual needs and monitor progress throughout the year. Students take the iReady in the fall, winter and spring receiving a personalized learning plan each time they complete the assessment. This information tells teachers where students are at in the different components of reading and math. Bobbie Smith uses spirit days in order to keep students engaged and excited to attend school! The students shown in the photo are wearing red to show they are "RED-y" to do their best on the iReady while also showing school spirit!



## Stanford *Middle School*

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

[lbstanford.schoolloop.com](http://lbstanford.schoolloop.com)



**Lester Lawson IV**  
*Principal*

### Stress Relief

This December the Stanford Wellness Center partnered with a certified yoga instructor to offer yoga for stress relief to students and staff. A group of 20 Stanford students gathered every Tuesday after school throughout December to practice mindfulness and movement through yoga!

Students learned coping strategies for stress and anxiety, and they had a lot of fun doing it! Stay tuned for more after school Wellness Center yoga groups in 2023!

## Stephens *Middle School*

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

[lbstephens.schoolloop.com](http://lbstephens.schoolloop.com)



**Megan Traver**  
*Principal*

### The "Pride of the Westside" meets "Success in the West!"

*By Kevin Smith, Intervention Coordinator*

The Stephens Jackrabbits were proud to be hosting the Cabrillo Jaguars on Monday, January 30, in a high school showcase designed to give our students a taste of what the next four years have to offer. Cabrillo was in the house with over 200 students making

the journey up Santa Fe to introduce Stephens students to their pathways, clubs, bands, and teams. The middle schoolers had the rare opportunity to talk with pathway representatives, see live performances, and discover the secrets to success at the high school level. This event marks the next step in the growing relationship between our two schools and the staff and students couldn't be more excited. Let's go!

## Stevenson *Elementary*

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**Nancy Dalton**  
*Principal*

### Making a Difference

There was a whole lot of goodness happening at Stevenson in December. Especially for 3rd graders! Many of our 3rd grade students took on the challenge of writing to a prompt "What can I do to make my community a better place and how would a new bike help me?". Four students who responded to the prompt the best were selected to be highlighted. They received a trophy and their essays were shared with the entire class of 3rd graders! But that was not all...every single 3rd grade student was also gifted a bike, helmet and a lock to enable them to make a difference in their communities. This was all made possible with the help of the YMCA!



# Tincher Preparatory School (K-8)

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[lbtincher.schoolloop.com](http://lbtincher.schoolloop.com)



**Donna Ryono**  
Principal

## Tincher Tigers - The Next Generation: Giving Back

As a Pre K-8th grade school, many of our Tincher Tigers spend the first decade of their academic lives at the school. This creates many long lasting relationships between students and the school, their teachers, and their peers. A

recent example of this occurred in January. During their Winter Break, Tincher graduates Ryan Erber and Serena Cabuhat volunteered their time to speak to classes about the academic opportunities available at the SATO Academy of Math and Science where they are sophomores and freshmen respectively. In addition to showcasing the design, engineering, and rocketry skills they learn, they also impressed upon our students the importance of developing strong study skills, keeping a high GPA, and planning early for their academic futures.



Tincher graduates Ryan Erber and Serena Cabuhat speaking to a class of Tincher Tigers.

## Webster Elementary

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**Matthew Monaghan**  
Principal

## Feeding Our Community

This October, Webster Elementary School was able to organize, gather materials, assemble, and donate over 400 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the unhoused community in Long Beach.

Ms. Martin's 5th grade class helped to plan and organize the event. The whole school got involved with sandwich-making donations!

Some students donated money towards the cause. Every member of Ms. Gonsalves' 3rd grade class showed up with donations! On October 21st, teachers, family volunteers and nearly 50 students stayed after school to make and package the materials. It was a fun, sticky and memorable experience! With the help of Care Closet LBC, a local non-profit, the students were able to pass on the sandwiches to those in need!

If you're interested in getting involved with feeding our local community please contact: <https://careclosetlb.org/>



# Wilson Classical High School

4400 E. 10th St., Long Beach, CA 90804 • 562/433-0481  
[bwilson.schoolloop.com](http://bwilson.schoolloop.com)



**Rebecca Suzanne Caverly**  
Principal

## Wilson Makes Black History

At Wilson High School, Young Black Scholars (YBS) is one the largest student clubs in LBUSD. The purpose of YBS is to create a meaningful

affinity space to promote, empower, and support our Black community. On December 9, 2022, YBS hosted its first annual Step Show to promote Black excellence. Our YBS students facilitated an empowering assembly that showcased black college life — specifically black fraternities/sororities. Over 1,300 students, staff, community members attended the Step Show including: Divine 9 LBUSD Staff, members of the LBUSD senior team,



and the Office of Marketing & Media Services. YBS Servant/Advisor Jonathan Evans reflected, “We hope the YBS Step Show allowed our community to learn about Black history — not realizing that we were also making Black history.”

## Fun Things and Places—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.

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| CARNIVAL  | CAMP      |
| HOME      | SEASHORE  |
| SCHOOL    | FARM      |
| PARK      | ZOO       |
| SLIDES    | HIKE      |
| SWINGS    | BIKE RIDE |
| ROAD TRIP | REUNION   |
| PARTY     | CRUISE    |
| MOVIE     | SKATING   |
| POOL      | VIDEOS    |
| FOREST    |           |

Entries must be received by **March 30, 2023**  
 From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift card to Barnes & Noble!



**Congratulations to**  
**Otilia Thomas and Nelisha Rodriguez**  
 Winners of our October Word Search Contests!