

School News

Education + Communication = A Better Nation

Covering the Long Beach Unified School District...and more!



Volume 25, Issue 152

April 2024



Jefferson Male Leadership Academy Students (page 29)



Hughes Middle School Young, Gifted, and Talented Black History Performing Arts Club (page 28)

A photograph of two cormorants perched on a large, grey rock in the foreground. The cormorant on the left is facing right, while the one on the right is facing left. In the background, a large cable-stayed bridge with a central pylon and numerous stay cables is visible against a clear blue sky. The water of the harbor is also visible in the distance.

Building Green

The Port of Long Beach is investing in educational partnerships, workforce training and advanced technology for sustainable development. Our goal is zero-emissions operations and a prosperous future for our community.



Port of
LONG BEACH
THE GREEN PORT

School News

Education + Communication = A Better Nation

www.schoolnewsrollcall.com

Covering the
LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
...AND MORE!

FOUNDER/PUBLISHER: Kay Coop
562/493-3193 • schoolnewskay@gmail.com

ADVERTISING SALES: 562/493-3193

CONTENT COORDINATOR: Barbra Longiny

GRAPHIC DESIGNER/PRODUCTION:

Emily Ung and Mie Kawamura

COPY EDITORS: Kate Karp, Anna Zappia

SOCIAL MEDIA: Nancy Lueder

Netragrednik by Neta Madison

 @SchoolNewsRC

 SchoolNewsRollCall

 SchoolNewsRollCall



SCHOOL NEWS ROLL CALL, LLC

P.O. Box 728, Seal Beach, CA 90740
562/493-3193

www.schoolnewsrollcall.com

Copyright © 2006, School News Roll Call, LLC

Reproduction in whole or in part without written

permission is strictly prohibited unless otherwise stated.

Opinions expressed by contributing writers and guest

columnists are their views and not necessarily those of

School News Roll Call. This publication is privately

owned and the right is reserved to select and edit content.

The Long Beach Unified School District does not endorse

the advertisers in this publication.



Kay Coop
Founder/Publisher



Netragrednik

This year seems to be going by faster than usual. It has been a busy time for the community and LBUSD students.

This issue includes articles on every subject from the Arts in the Classroom to Robots to Celebrating Read Across America. Smith Elementary School Principal Hugo Figueroa writes in his article on page 42 about their school wide D.E.A.R.

program (Drop Everything And Read). As you make plans for the summer please don't forget to include the library.

I appreciate your nice comments when you email your contest entries. (Be sure to enter the contest on page 46.) If you have missed an issue, all issues are posted on www.schoolnewsrollcall.com.

Our next issue is October 9.



Congratulations
Class of 2024!



**CHECK OUT THE NEW STORES
COMING TO LONG BEACH
TOWNE CENTER!**

Cookie Plug
DSW
Fire Wings

LONG BEACH
TOWNE CENTER

LBTowneCenter.com

 @LBTowneCenter  @LBTowneCenter

City of Signal Hill Office of the Mayor



Lori Y. Woods
Mayor

Mayor for a Day: Empowering Youth

As we step into 2024, Signal Hill proudly marks its 100th anniversary, a testament to our enduring community spirit and democratic values. This centennial is not just a celebration of time passed, but a reflection of Signal Hill's unique journey and resilience since its incorporation in 1924.

In the spirit of our democratic values, Signal Hill believes in nurturing the leaders of tomorrow. This year, Signal Hill introduced a new "Mayor for the Day" program. This initiative aims to instill a sense of civic responsibility, leadership, and community involvement in our youngest Signal Hill residents while fostering a deeper connection with our local government.

Signal Hill's "Mayor for a Day" program gives elementary school students a unique opportunity to experience firsthand the responsibilities of municipal leadership. Nominated by their teacher, a student is selected to preside over a City Council meeting as honorary Mayor. The student participates in the City Council meeting by leading a Pledge of Allegiance and ceremoniously presiding over the meeting with the gavel.

The program's benefits extend beyond the classroom walls. By engaging with local government officials, students

gain valuable insights into how decisions are made and how they can improve their city. Students learn about the importance of local government's inner workings and civic engagement. By inviting students to participate in city events, tours, and meetings, we continue to foster a sense of belonging and investment in Signal Hill's future.

Signal Hill's Mayor for a Day program exemplifies our commitment to empowering future leaders and fostering a culture of civic engagement and responsibility from an early age. Through this innovative initiative, we're building a brighter future for our City and inspiring a new generation of passionate and proactive leaders.

As we look to the future, we're excited to celebrate our past. We invite all residents to join in the festivities planned throughout the year. Please mark your calendars for our Centennial Celebration on Saturday, April 27. The planned festivities include a Color Fun Run & Walk, Pancake Breakfast, food, games, and a thrilling drone show! Please visit our website for more details, including a list of upcoming centennial celebration events, and to learn more about how you can participate in this momentous occasion.

For more information, please contact the City Manager's Office at 909-839-7000.

2175 Cherry Ave., Signal Hill, CA 90755 • 562/989-7300
www.cityofsignalhill.org

**LONG BEACH
PLAYHOUSE
THEATRES**

MAINSTAGE The Studio

**Your favorite
community theatre!**

www.LBPlayhouse.org
562-494-1014
5021 E. Anaheim St.
Long Beach, CA 90804

**J&L
FINE JEWELRY**

1823 Ximeno Avenue,
Long Beach, CA 90815
562-986-4380
www.jnljewelry.com

Jewelry, Watch & Clock Repair • Consignment & Estate Jewelry
Custom Jewelry Designs • Watch Batteries • Colored Gemstones
Appraisals • Gold Recycling • Complimentary Jewelry Cleaning

happy
Mother's
day

*Mom is a blessing no one can replace!
Jewelry can help you celebrate her or even remember her!
We have something for any budget! Hope to see you
so mom can have a little extra sparkle in her day!*

WATCH BATTERY \$5.00

Offer expires 7/31/24.
Limit one coupon
per customer.
Exclusions apply.

City of Long Beach, City Auditor



Laura L. Doud
City Auditor

Extraordinary Inspiration from Snowman

Do you know the saying “Why be ordinary, when you can be extraordinary”? Well, it’s true. And the inspirational story about Snowman, in the book *Eighty Dollar Champion*, is a good reminder that each of us has the ability to be extraordinary.

In 1956 Harry deLeyer, a riding instructor for a girls’ school in Long Island, New York, arrived late to a horse auction and came across a plow horse headed to the slaughterhouse. Harry saw that despite the poor treatment by his previous owners and his shabby looks, the horse’s strong stance and gaze conveyed he was ready to trust. Harry could tell that the horse was wise with a good demeanor which seemed to cover hidden depths. So, Harry bought the horse, Snowman, for \$80.

Snowman was a calm, steady horse which was great for the girls learning to ride, and he thrived on the deLeyer farm. However, Harry, a recent Dutch immigrant with a growing family, needed thoroughbreds that could be trained and sold as show horses for more money, so he reluctantly sold Snowman to a neighboring farm. Yet, Snowman kept escaping back to the deLeyer farm, even with an old heavy tire weighing him down and five-foot-high fences in his path. This was surprising as Snowman had not shown potential as a jumper in previous riding lessons. However, Snowman proved through his many brave escapes that he could jump, and he had an undeniable bond with Harry.

Harry decided to buy Snowman back from his neighbor and put him into show jumping training. Harry and Snowman competed in shows where the wealthy showed their expensive thoroughbreds. At these shows Harry and Snowman were laughed at until Snowman began to win against the top horses and ultimately became a two-time National Horse Show champion and was recognized in the Show Jumping Hall of Fame in 1992.

As the book highlights, “Harry and Snowman showed everyone how extraordinary the most ordinary among us can be.” Harry saw the jumping quality in Snowman and then helped develop his talent and skill. Harry and Snowman both put in hard work and dedication to win against what seemed to be extraordinary odds. Snowman was an ordinary horse with an extraordinary talent.

The story of Snowman teaches us that even though we may consider ourselves to be ordinary, we each have extraordinary talents. It could be our ability to sing, dance, play a sport, analyze numbers, lead a group, or even care for others. And like Snowman, a champion lives in each one of us. Find your extraordinary quality and let it shine through to make this a better world!

411 West Ocean Blvd., 8th Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802 • 562/570-6751
www.CityAuditorLauraDoud.com

City of Long Beach, City Prosecutor



Douglas P. Haubert
City Prosecutor

Libraries are for Everyone

Public libraries are for everyone. In a diverse city like Long Beach, it will come as no surprise that a diverse cross section of our community uses the public library system.

Long Beach libraries don’t just have books, they offer free educational resources. Our library has access to free classes and online learning. You can even get a degree or certification.

K-12 students can be seen doing their homework after school. Parents sit with their young children as they sound out words together. Readers of all ages find books that educate, entertain and inform.

Long Beach also has experienced librarians ready to help residents find what they need. It can be daunting when one sees all the resources, but each library is staffed with experts to guide and assist us.

The biggest frustration with our libraries is that some people abuse the space. There are incidents of fighting, theft of backpacks, vandalism of public property, smoking, sleeping on library furniture, and other disruptive conduct. Fortunately, this conduct is committed by a few people.

The Long Beach City Council recently did something to try to stop this behavior and protect the public from unruly patrons. An ordinance was passed to create rules, as well as consequences, which includes revoking library privileges for violators. Anyone charged with breaking a rule can appeal the finding.

I have personally witnessed unruly behavior and had to watch as families were forced to leave the library. Librarians are also in harm’s way when things get out of hand. They deserve better, and all library patrons deserve better.

By having simple rules, and the ability to enforce those rules, it will help ensure that libraries can be used and enjoyed by everyone. The new ordinance is a great start.

For more information about our office, please visit www.CityProsecutorDougHaubert.com.

411 West Ocean Blvd., 8th Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802 • 562/570-5600
www.longbeach.gov



**Your local resource
for wills and trusts.**

Contact Jennifer N. Sawday, Esq.,
A Long Beach native, Poly High, LBCC and CSUDH grad.
**She offers a no charge consultation and
flat fees for estate plans.**

Jennifer N. Sawday Partner
Trusts and Estates, Probate and Trust Litigation
562.923.0971 | jsawday@tldlaw.com | www.tldlaw.com
3900 Kilroy Airport Way Suite 240, Long Beach, CA. 90806



Financial Literacy Bee

Take a savings challenge and
compete for a chance to win \$500!

Long Beach Unified School District students in grades 8-12 can take steps in their financial education journey by participating in our Financial Literacy Bee challenge by April 19th for a chance to win a \$500 prize!

Scan the QR Code or visit lbsfcu.org/financial-bee for details.

LBS Financial
CREDIT UNION

Federally Insured by NCUA



Real Estate Matters



CathyLyn Brooks

Old Chinese proverb: The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

The National Association of Realtors® (NAR) has embarked upon an inspiring initiative to improve our environment by planting trees across the United States. In collaboration with the National Forest Foundation (NFF), NAR intends to plant 1.575 million trees by the end of 2025.

This undertaking holds immense promise.

Each tree represents a Realtor®, and collectively, they will contribute to cleaner air, storm-water mitigation, and biodiversity in ecosystems.

The impact of planting 1.575 million trees is substantial. It reduces 750,000 metric tons of carbon in the atmosphere, equivalent to the annual electricity use of nearly 146,000 homes. Trees are essential for the health of the planet as they absorb carbon dioxide that humans and animals produce through exhalation and such.

The carbon dioxide is exchanged for oxygen. Trees miraculously filter the air, prevent soil erosion, regulate climate, and create wildlife habitats. They also enhance the beauty and value of communities. Locations for planting will be strategically chosen to aid areas affected by wildfires, droughts, or deforestation to aid in needed re-population of essential plant life.

The NFF, with their commitment to sustaining natural ecosystems, will ensure that only native, ecologically appropriate trees are planted where they are needed most. Their mission focuses on the critical role of partnerships in maintaining our national forests and promoting healthy communities.

This collaboration between NAR and the NFF signifies a powerful commitment to environmental stewardship. By 2025, 1.575 million trees will stand as a monument to Realtors® dedication to a healthier, more resilient future for all.

CathyLyn Brooks, CRS, GRI has worked as a real estate broker since 1980, is a graduate of USC, the UCI Paralegal Program, and serves FINRA as a public arbitrator. She holds Broker's License No. 00797147 and is affiliated with United Real Estate Professionals in southern California. Consumers should seek legal and tax advice pertaining to their transactions. She can be reached at real.estate.matters@outlook.com

Financial Tips-LBS Financial Credit Union



Sean Hardeman
President & CEO

It's Never Too Early to Teach Kids About Money

Teaching kids about basic money concepts like saving and budgeting is so important to their future success. Here are three reasons why it is never too early to start financial education with your kids:

Develops responsible habits early – Similar to brushing their teeth or eating fruits & vegetables, financial habits formed during childhood are more likely to continue in adulthood.

Empowers their independence – Financial education provides kids with the skills and knowledge to take control of their financial future by making informed choices about their money.

Prepares them for the future – What they learn today will help prepare them for the future. From managing student loans to learning how to build their credit.

LBUSD students in grades 8-12 can take steps in their financial education journey by participating in our Financial Literacy Bee challenge by April 19th for a chance to win a \$500 prize! Visit lbsfcu.org/financial-bee for details.

NEED A GREAT DOCTOR?
Check out our website to find a doctor in your area...

prohealth
PARTNERS
A Medical Group, Inc.

www.ProHealthPartners.com

Jeff P. Morgan Insurance Agency, Inc. 4087 Long Beach Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90807



Lic.# 0743918

**Auto - Life - Annuities - Health
Commercial - Disability
Financial Services**



Like A Good Neighbor, State Farm Is There.

**Email: Jeff@JeffMorgan.org
Phone # (562) 595-6969**

Sandra's TLC Child Care

Licensed Loving Child Care • 6 Weeks and Older
Monday to Friday • Evenings • 24 Hours

- Pre-School / Toddler Programs
- Fun Home with Large Play Yard
- Nutritious Meals & Snacks



Call Sandra (562) 756-1750 Excellent References
License # 304311437
www.SandrasTLC.com Member OC Child Care Assoc.



Barry Steinmetz, M.D.,
medical director,
Gastroenterology & Nutrition
Center, MemorialCare
Miller Children's & Women's
Hospital Long Beach

Shielding Little Tummys: Foods to Safeguard Against IBS Flare-Ups

Children living with irritable bowel syndrome face distinct dietary challenges. Certain foods may aggravate IBS symptoms, leading to discomforts like cramping, diarrhea, abdominal pain, and constipation.

The unpredictable flare-ups associated with IBS can disrupt a child's daily life, making it challenging to participate in activities they enjoy or attend school on a regular basis. However, adopting appropriate dietary strategies can significantly reduce IBS symptoms and enhance a child's quality of life.

To mitigate symptoms, children with IBS should limit their intake of gas-producing foods, such as cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, dried peas and lentils. By avoiding these foods, children can prevent uncomfortable symptoms and flare-ups. Steering clear of lactose, caffeine, and carbonated beverages can also minimize gas, cramping, or diarrhea. Encouraging the intake of small, frequent meals, and ample fluids can further support your child's digestive health.

During periods of intense flare-ups, adhering to a low fiber, low residue diet (which limits other foods that can stimulate bowel activity) can offer relief from abdominal pain and diarrhea. Opting

for easily digestible foods like plain white rice, white breads, corn or flour tortillas, plain cooked pasta, or tender, well-cooked meats, poultry, fish, and eggs can be beneficial to alleviate or prevent symptoms. Urge children to drink more fluids, including electrolyte solutions, clear broths or diluted fruit juices to make up for loss of water when diarrhea is a symptom.

Since every child's IBS triggers can be unique, it's important to monitor your child's symptoms after meals to identify specific problems in foods. Consulting with a pediatric gastroenterologist can help identify alternatives to triggers and ensure a well-rounded diet.

MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital has a dedicated Gastroenterology & Nutrition Center that helps children and families diagnose and manage IBS symptoms. Having a dedicated pediatric Gastroenterology & Nutrition Center ensures that children with IBS receive specialized care tailored to the unique needs of children with this condition.

For more information, call (562) 933-5437 or visit millerchildrens.org/gastroenterology.



Pablo, Age 6



At 11 months, Pablo was fighting for his life.

Today, he's got six candles on his cake.

Failing organs. Eight months in a coma. Fighting for every breath. At 11 months old, this is what Leukemia brought Pablo. The one bright spot, he was at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital where a team of top doctors, nurses, and specialists helped save his life. For over a year in the PICU, our highly-trained staff never stopped caring for Pablo and his family. **Caring is our calling.**

Learn more at millerchildrens.org/care

MILLER CHILDREN'S & WOMEN'S HOSPITAL LONG BEACH
CHERESE MARI LAULHERE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE
OUTPATIENT SPECIALTY CENTERS
FROM THE SOUTH BAY TO ORANGE COUNTY

Assistance League® of Long Beach

20-Years Of Growth: Dr. Salcedo Visits CAMEO

By Gail Bradley,
CAMEO Press & Public Relations Chair

Twenty years ago, as a student at Jordan High School, Dr. Norma Salcedo joined the CAMEO Mentoring Program, auxiliary of Assistance League® of Long Beach. Today she is the Director of the Dream Success Center at California State University, Long Beach helping immigrant students successfully navigate their career journeys. Dr. Salcedo explained, "CAMEO helped me with interviewing skills, bought me my first suit, and got me my first job." She reminisced, "I was a little Mexican girl who didn't think college was possible until I met the mentors at CAMEO. They saw something in me." Dr. Salcedo went on to earn a BA in Social Sciences, a Master of Science in Higher Education Administration, and a Doctorate in Education. Mentor Maria Harris enthused, "Like most 15-year-olds, Norma was unsure of herself when she started CAMEO, but she blossomed and became a confident young woman with really important dreams."

The 20th anniversary of Dr. Salcedo's joining CAMEO shines a light on the great achievements students can make if they are nurtured and encouraged. To learn more about the program please contact us at CAMEO@ALLB.org.



Dr. Norma Salcedo and her CAMEO program mentor, Maria Harris

THE TUTORING CENTER™ LONG BEACH
Rated #1 Successful After-School Learning Program in Long Beach

\$50
Free
Tuition
with ad

**Are You Happy
With Your Child's Grades?**

- Reading
- Algebra 1 & 2
- Math
- Geometry
- Writing
- Higher Math
- Study Skills

• One-to-One Instruction
 • Free Diagnostic Assessment
 • Intensive Program for Grades Pre K-12
 • Family Discount and Payment Plans

Same Plaza as Cold Stone Creamery
 Next to Domino's Pizza ★
 Carson St.


562 653-4380
 4215 Atlantic Ave • Long Beach, CA 90807
www.tutoringcenter.com

Applied Music Studio




Violin • Voice
 Guitar • Piano • Brass
 Woodwinds • Drums

- ♪ Discounts for local Students
- ♪ Keyboard for Kids
- ♪ Rock, Jazz, and Marching Band Preparation
- ♪ Quality School Instrument Rentals & Sales
- ♪ Rent with an Option to Buy
- ♪ Teachers DOJ/FBI Live Scan Certified
- ♪ Private, Semi-private & Group Lessons

Online
 Available

Free Music Lesson!

Schedule one today!

(562) 596-1287

New students only. Not valid with other coupons

10900 Los Alamitos Blvd., Ste. 203, Los Alamitos

appliedmusicstudio.com

appliedmusicstudio@gmail.com

History Depot




Learn about
World History
US History
Videos • Art • Music
Study Habits

FREE
 Enjoy!
 History Buffs
 Teachers
 Students

HistoryDepot.com

Rancho Los Alamitos

6400 East Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815 • 562/431-3541 • www.rancholosalamitos.org

Afterschool Family Fun at Rancho Los Alamitos

By Chris Fountain, Manager of Education and Public Engagement

Beginning Thursday, April 11, we invite you and the whole family to enjoy a creative afternoon at Rancho Los Alamitos. At our Cool Crafts Roundup, kids will get the opportunity to hear stories, roll up their sleeves, and be creative! Crafts and stories are inspired by the environment around the Rancho and offer many perspectives to create a meaningful and engaging experience.

All ages are welcome, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Craft supplies are available on a first-come, first-served basis. We hope to see you there!

Cool Crafts Roundup
Third Thursdays, April to September
1:30 to 4:00 pm
Free admission

6400 East Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815 • 562/431-3541
www.rancholosalamitos.org



Building on our award-winning TopSail Youth Program:

Tall Ship Island Adventure Seacamp 2024

EXPLORER DAY CAMP	5-DAY ADVENTURER CAMP	12-DAY VOYAGER CAMP
3 SESSIONS FOR AGES 7-10	7 SESSIONS FOR AGES 10-17	2 SESSIONS FOR AGES 12-17

After a week of fun at the dock at **Rainbow Harbor in Long Beach**, Explorers sail away for an *optional* overnight sleepover at sea.
Registration: \$650

Departing from the **San Pedro Harbor**, campers challenge themselves with exciting new opportunities while living aboard a tall ship through these two **sleepaway camp** options.
Registration: \$1,350 Registration: \$2,700

No sailing experience necessary! We provide all that and more, including a variety of recreational activities.

Learn more and register today!
lamitopsail.org/seacamp

64th ANNUAL GARDEN GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND MAY 24 – 27, 2024

FREE CAKE FRIDAY
SATURDAY PARADE
CELEBRITIES
FREE CONCERTS
CONTESTS
FANTASTIC FOOD
GAME BOOTHS
VENDOR BOOTHS

CARNIVAL RIDES
RIDE ALL DAY FOR ONE LOW PRICE

ON THE VILLAGE GREEN
BETWEEN EUCLID ST. & MAIN ST.
#ggstrawberryfest

STRAWBERRYFESTIVAL.ORG

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Summer Day Camps

Summer camps will operate Monday - Friday from June 17 - August 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for those enrolled in extended care. Crafts, physical fitness, enrichment activities and more. Financial assistance is available. Register on line at LBParks.org. Call 562.570.3150 for more information fees, extended care and camp availability at the following locations:

- Bayshore Park, 5415 E. Ocean Blvd. (Aquatics)
- Belmont Plaza Pool, 4320 E. Olympic Plaza (Aquatics)
- Bixby Park, 130 Cherry Ave.
- El Dorado Park West, 2800 N. Studebaker Rd.
- Houghton Park, 6301 Myrtle Ave.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon Ave.
- Pan American Park, 5157 Centralia St.
- Silverado Park, 1545 W. 31st St.
- Stearns Champions Park, 4520 E 23rd St.
- Veterans Park, 101 E. 28th St.
- Wardlow Park, 3457 Stanbridge Ave.
- Whaley Park, 5620 E. Atherton St.

Mobile Recess Program

The free Mobile Recess program brings trucks loaded with supplies and equipment to designated neighborhood streets to provide recreational activities for youth ages 5 through 14 (Grades K-8) Monday through Friday. Streets are blocked off for safety and kids participate in physical fitness and arts and crafts activities. Visit: [www.longbeach.gov/mobile-recess/](http://www.longbeach.gov/mobile-recess/youth-programs/park/recreation-programs/) for times, locations and registration information.

Aquatics Programs

Learn to Swim Classes

Levels, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5-6, 6, Parent and Child, and Pre-K levels, at Belmont Plaza Pool, 4320 E. Olympic Plaza
King Park Pool, 1910 Lemon Ave.
Silverado Park Pool, 1540 W. 32nd St.

*Register at LBparks.org
Visit LBParks.org for Open Swimming, and All Ages Recreational Swimming schedule.

Youth Classes

Week long specialty camps include movie making, science engineering, chemistry, dance, theater, robotics, music, Mine Craft activities, astronomy, skateboarding, soccer, claymation. Classes include Basic Cooking for Kids, Cake Design, Ballet/Tap, Hip Hop, Reading Development, Math Development, Keyboard Kids, Basketball Camp, Flag Football, Martial Arts and Volleyball Camp Registration for all summer classes begins April 29 takes online at lbparks.org, or by calling 562.570.3111.



CITY OF
**LONG
BEACH**

Group Fun

with packages perfect for all ages and any budget!



All Park Pass

Go at your own pace!

- 1 Game of Mini Golf
- 4 Rides of your choice

*Minimum of 10 people & reservations required.

\$21.50*
each

Sampler

- 1 Game of Mini Golf
- 1 Ride of your choice

*Minimum of 10 people & reservations required.

\$17.50*
each

2 Hours Unlimited

- 2 hours Unlimited Use of Go-Karts, Bumper Boats, Disk'O Thrill Ride, Kiddie Train
- 1 Game of Miniature Golf
- \$4.00 Arcade Credit

*Minimum of 10 people & reservations required.

\$22.00*
each

Weekday Mania (Choose 1 Day Monday-Friday)

\$20.50** each

**Plus pizza delivery charge

** (minimum of **100** people, deposit and advance reservations required)

- 2 Hours Unlimited Use of Go-Karts, Bumper Boats, Disk'O Thrill Ride, Kiddie Train
- \$4.00 Arcade Credit
- 1 Game of Miniature Golf
- 2 Pizza Slices (Pepperoni or Cheese)
- 12oz Soda

This offer expires 2-29-24

- Great prices
- Reservations are easy
- Check-in is a snap
- Picnic facilities available (Catering available too!)
- We accept purchase orders
- We accept VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express



- Great for company picnics, parties, meetings & more



Call for reservations:

562-864-7706

Online: www.golfnstuff.com

10555 E. Firestone Blvd.
Norwalk, CA 90650

Ride Height Requirements:

- Go-Karts (56"+)
- Bumper Boats (48"+)
- Disk'O Thrill (48"+)

Pizza Bash

- 1 Game of Mini Golf
- 2 Pizza Slices (Pepperoni or Cheese)
- Small Soft Drink
- Ice Cream Cup
- 1 Kiddie Train or \$4 Arcade Credit

\$16.50*
ea

*Minimum of 10 people, deposit & advance reservations required.

*Plus pizza delivery charge.

Golf Fun Pack

- 1 Game of Mini Golf
- 1 Small Soft Drink
- 1 Ice Cream Cup

\$15.00*
ea

*Minimum of 10 people & advance reservations required.

3 Hours Unlimited

- 3 Hours Unlimited Use of All Rides and Miniature Golf
- \$4.00 Arcade Credit

*Minimum of 10 people & reservations required.

\$27.00*
ea

Groups of 50+ only \$25.00 pp.

PIZZA MEGA BLAST

- 2 Hours Unlimited Use of All Rides & Mini Golf
- 2 Pizza Slices (Pepperoni or Cheese)
- 12oz Soda & Ice Cream Cup
- \$4.00 Arcade Credit

\$25.50*
ea

*Minimum of 10 people, deposit & advance reservations required.

*Plus pizza delivery charge.

Diversión para Grupos

¡Paquetes Perfectos para todas las edades y para cualquier precio!



2 Horas Ilimitadas

- 2 horas Ilimitadas en los Carros de Carrera, Barcos de Choque, Disk'O y El Trenecito
- Un juego de Mini Golf
- Crédito de \$4 para la arcada

\$22.00* pp.

*Mínimo de 10 personas se requiere reservación

All Park Pass

Juega a su propio ritmo

- 18 hoyos de Mini Golf
- 4 atracciones de su elección

*Mínimo de 10 personas se requiere reservación

\$21.50* pp.

Especial En Un Día De La Semana (Elija 1 Día Lunes-Viernes)

\$20.50** pp.

**Se cobra por el envío de pizza.

** (Mínimo de 100 personas se requiere reservación y depósito)

- 2 horas Ilimitadas en los Carros de Carrera, Barcos de Choque, Disk'O y El Trenecito
- Crédito de \$4 para la arcada
- 1 juego de Mini Golf
- 2 pedazos de pizza (Pepperoni o Queso)
- 1 refresco de 12oz

Esta Oferta Se Termina 2-29-24.

- Diversión para todas las edades
- Excelente para escuelas, iglesias, clubs, organizaciones equipos y compañías
- Área de Patio disponible
- Área interior para juntas y fiestas
- Paquetes con comida y banquetes disponible
- Nosotros aceptamos VISA, MasterCard, Discover, AMEX



- Nosotros aceptamos purchase orders

Golf N' Stuff 

Family Fun Park

Llame para reservar:

562-864-7706

www.golfnstuff.com

10555 E. Firestone Blvd.
Norwalk, CA 90650

Requisitos de altura:

Carros de Carrera (56"+)
Barcos de Choque (48"+)
Disk'O (48"+)

Fiesta de Pizza

- 1 Juego de Mini Golf
 - 1 Pase al Trenecito o Crédito de \$4 para la arcada
- Cada Persona recibe:**
- 2 Pedazos de Pizza (Pepperoni o Queso)
 - 1 Refresco y Helado

\$16.50* pp.

*Mínimo de 10 personas se requiere reservación y depósito.

*Se cobra por el envío de pizza.

Golf Fun Pack

- 1 Juego de Mini Golf
- 1 Refresco
- 1 Helado

\$15.00* pp.

*Mínimo de 10 personas se requiere reservación

3 Horas Ilimitadas

- 3 horas de uso Ilimitado de todas las atracciones mas un juego de Mini Golf
- Crédito de \$4 para la arcada

*Mínimo de 10 personas se requiere reservación.

\$27.00* pp.

Grupos 50+ solo pagan \$25.00 pp

PIZZA MEGA BLAST

- 2 horas Ilimitadas de todas las atracciones y un juego de golf
- 2 pedazos de pizza (Pepperoni o Queso), 1 refresco y helado
- Crédito de \$4 para la arcada

\$25.50* pp.

*Mínimo de 10 personas se requiere reservación y depósito.

*Se cobra por el envío de pizza.

*Todos los paquetes requieren reservaciones por adelantado (por lo menos 24 hrs). Precios sujetos a cambio. Atracciones objeto de un cierre sin previo aviso. Comida debe ser ordenado y pagado por adelantado

Board of Education



**Diana
Craighead**
*President
(District 5)*



**Douglas
Otto, J.D.**
*Vice President
(District 4)*



**Erik
Miller**
*Member
(District 2)*



**Dr. Juan
Benitez**
*Member
(District 3)*



**María Isabel
López**
*Member
(District 1)*

Fostering Success:

LBUSD's Commitment to Student-Centered Educational Excellence and Equity



Dr. Jill A. Baker
Superintendent

In the heart of Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD), students stand as the focal point of our educational mission. Rooted in principles of excellence and equity, our district champions the voices and needs of our diverse student body. This commitment to student-centered education serves as the cornerstone of our work, guiding our every effort to ensure that all students thrive.

Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, our Equitable Grading Policy, a pioneering initiative at Long Beach Unified, will revolutionize the way we assess and support student learning, setting a new standard for educational excellence and equity. This policy emphasizes fair and consistent grading practices, ensuring that all students have equal opportunities to succeed in the classroom and providing them with hope for a path forward. It aims to dismantle systems that have historically marginalized Black and Brown students, students with disabilities and English learners.

Vision 2035, a forward-thinking blueprint co-created with students and community members, ensures that our educational landscape evolves in

tandem with the needs of our students, equipping them with the skills and mindset necessary to navigate a rapidly changing world. Through initiatives like the Black Student Achievement Initiative, LBUSD addresses disparities head-on, striving to provide equitable opportunities for every student to thrive.

Additionally, LBUSD's commitment expands beyond academic excellence. Proposition 28 has ushered in a new era of investment in the arts, enriching the lives of our students by fostering creativity, self-expression and cultural appreciation. Additionally, the modernization of our classrooms with state-of-the-art furniture creates dynamic learning environments that inspire and engage students in their educational journey.

At LBUSD, we remain steadfast in our collective work to build a brighter, more inclusive future for every student. As we pursue educational excellence and equity, I am immensely proud to serve alongside our passionate educators and grateful for the unwavering support of our community. As one unified Long Beach community, we continue to empower students, amplify their voices and reimagine education for the challenges of today and the opportunities of tomorrow.

A Student Board Member's Journey: Learning, Leading and Looking Ahead



Axel Aguilar
Student
Board Member

Becoming a member of the LBUSD Board of Education as the student representative for the 2023-2024 school year has been an honor. In this role, I am tasked with representing the voices of over sixty-four thousand students. This experience has been enlightening and transformative. Having attended Colin Powell K-8 and Jordan High School within the Long Beach Unified School District, I discovered my passion for advocacy. This led me to embrace a role where I could make a tangible difference in my school, community, and among my peers.

Serving on the board has provided me with invaluable insight into the decision-making process, policy implementation, and the profound impact of student and community engagement. Each meeting served as a lesson in leadership, as I navigated discussions, advocated for student concerns, and collaborated with board members

to shape the future of our schools. My role as student board member deepened my connection with students from across the district, allowing me to forge new lifelong friendships.

Throughout this journey, I have gained a deeper understanding of the power of advocacy and the importance of amplifying student voices in decision-making processes. My experiences as a student board member have broadened my perspectives and instilled in me a sense of responsibility to effect positive change in my community.

As I embark on the next chapter of my life – college – I am excited about the endless opportunities that lie ahead. While I eagerly await news about my options, I am grateful to Long Beach Unified for providing me with a learning experience of a lifetime – one that has equipped me with the skills, knowledge and confidence to pursue my dreams and set me up for success. Thank you, Long Beach Unified, for shaping me into the leader I am today.

Early Childhood Education



Sarah Forrester
Director
Child Development

High-Quality Classrooms

Written by Mary Lopez

The Office of Child Development Centers (CDC) and LBUSD's Transitional Kindergarten (TK) partnership classrooms provide a high-quality multi-layered bridge for children transitioning from preschool to kindergarten. There

are currently 20 CDC TK partnership classrooms at elementary schools throughout the district. Students in TK partnership classrooms benefit from having an environment that is intentionally created to provide experiences from both preschool settings and kindergarten settings. Classes are taught by co-teachers, one from each side of the partnership. As experts in their own sector, teachers bring unique knowledge, experience, and perspective allowing them to create high-quality classrooms for students.



Addams *Elementary*

5320 Pine Ave., Long Beach, CA 90805 • 562/428-0202 • addams.lbschools.net



Tracy Fiala
Principal

Black History Month

By Kathleen Suarez, Assistant Principal

As we celebrated Black History Month at Addams, our Black Student Union was definitely at the core of it all. Ms. Brown, our BSU leader, did a wonderful job of organizing school-wide events. Here are a few things Addams showcased to celebrate and uplift black culture in our community.

The BSU students read poems or song lyrics written by black authors during our Motivational Mondays to inspire other students. Some BSU members



also read informational snippets about an important historical black figure to the whole school. And I have to admit that we had a blast with Melanated Jump Squad who came out to teach us how to double-dutch! We also had some amazing African drummers and dancers perform for us. And I can't forget about Malik and his books! Lastly, the district hosted a Listening Session for our African-American families. They provided input for the upcoming Center for Black Student Excellence. It was great to see families having a collaborative discussion and creating a vision together.

Addams ~ Where you are seen, heard, and valued.



Alvarado *Elementary*

1900 E. 21st St., Signal Hill, CA 90755 • 562/985-0019 • alvarado.lbschools.net



Cheryl Huber
Principal

Mini Mayors: Elementary School Students Take Charge at City Hall

In a heartwarming gesture to foster civic engagement and empower youth voices, the City of Signal Hill has extended a special invitation to select students from Alvarado Elementary School to serve as honorary Junior Mayors during city council meetings.

One student is selected to be front and center at each meeting where they lead the flag salute, have their picture taken with the mayor, and gavel the meeting to order. With enthusiasm and determination, students have eagerly embraced this newfound role,

bringing a youthful energy to the council chambers. Through this initiative, Signal Hill aims to inspire the next generation of civic leaders, nurturing a sense of responsibility and active participation in shaping the future of their city.



4th grade student mayor, Deveion Collins.

Avalon School (TK-12)

P.O. Box 557, Avalon, CA 90704 • 310/510-0790 • avalon.lbschools.net



Emma Peguero
Principal

Read Across America

Each year, schools around the nation celebrate Read Across America, a celebration commemorating Dr Seuss' birthday recognizing a readers along with motivating students to read. While

Avalon school is small, we love to celebrate and participate in activities to brighten up school spirit. Our high school students dress up and go through elementary classes to read to the kids as well as to socialize and hand out bookmarks, thus creating a core memory and nurturing a tradition that's been done for years. This year's students that dressed up: Christian Flores(Cat-in-the-Hat), Brandon

Ocegüera(big, bad wolf), Crystal Chavoya(one of three little pigs), Jocelyn Reyes(one of the three bears), Kimberly Carillo(one of three bears), and Briz Garcia (Goldilocks).



Bancroft Middle School

5301 Centralia St., Long Beach, CA 90808 • 562/425-7461 • bancroft.lbschools.net



Dr. Patrick Booker
Principal

Introducing the Division I All-City Champions

*By Christina Traylor,
Parent Community Facilitator*

In honor of Women's History Month, we present our Girls' Basketball team, the Division

I All-City Champions, with an UNDEFEATED season. Our Lady Bruins persevered, navigated, and worked diligently to remain injury-free.

Coached by Kevin McCarthy, he taught fundamental basketball skills, how to remain poised – on and off – the court, focused on teamwork, and how to celebrate and remain humble throughout the journey. Thank you, Coach McCarthy, we couldn't have asked for a better coach. A special thanks to the parents, teachers, staff, referees/officials, and students who



supported our Lady Bruins on this historic win. Lastly, we thank all the women – past and present—who removed obstacles and paved the way. It's truly a great day to be a Bruin.

Barton Elementary

1100 E. Del Amo Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90807 • 562/428-0555 • barton.lbschools.net



Dr. Jacqueline Williams
Principal

Parent Paint and Education Event

On February 16th, 2024, Barton held our Parent Paint and Education Event. Numerous Barton families attended this exciting event! The joint collaboration between Barton, the Aspire Team, and community partners made

it a huge success. Families enjoyed information on self-care, and painting a relaxing beach sunset, followed by resources and conversation guides for families to use at home to help their child succeed in math. Students enjoyed playing organized games with their favorite Barton and Aspire team members. Our community partners also donated board

games to all children in attendance to help them improve their social skills and mathematical thinking. This event marks the first of many community engagements aimed at improving mental health and academic success.



Birney Elementary

710 W. Spring St., Long Beach, CA 90806 • 562/427-8512 • birney.lbschools.net



Katiria Hernandez
Principal

LBCC Choral Music Exchange

Birney fifth grade chorus students and music educator Mrs. Vinnard will be participating in a choral music exchange field trip at Long Beach City College later this spring. Thanks to a grant from the RuMBa Foundation of Long Beach, students will

get to visit the LBCC campus as well as the music department. Choristers will work with their advanced vocal jazz choir under the direction of Dr. Andrea Calderwood. Both choirs will warm-up their voices together, sing songs for one-another, and perform a combined song at the end.

Mrs. Vinnard and Birney choir look forward to sharing vocal techniques learned in class, such as singing fun warm-ups, partner songs, rounds, descants, and culturally relevant repertoire. Go Birney Bees!



Bixby *Elementary*

5251 E. Stearns St., Long Beach, CA 90815 • 562/498-3794 • bixby.lbschools.net



Agustin Vieyra
Principal

Black History Month

Bixby Elementary embraced the spirit of diversity with a dynamic celebration of Black History Month! Our school community participated in a Spirit Week highlighting important characteristics of our Black community, interactive lessons and classroom discussions about influential leaders. Musical performances, including the captivating West African dance and drums, immersed students in the vibrant rhythms of African culture during our family night event. Through community engagement and global perspectives, we deepened our understanding of unity and inclusivity. These activities enriched our understanding and appreciation of the cultural contributions of the Black community. As we bid farewell to February, let's carry forward the lessons learned and continue to celebrate diversity every day!



Browning *Early College High School*

2180 Obispo Ave., Long Beach, CA 90804 • 562/997-1700 • browning.lbschools.net



Tomika Romant
Principal

Chef Kim Prince Visits Browning

Work-based learning experiences are commonplace for students at Browning High School thanks to the tireless efforts of Chef Stef. She has single-handedly transformed Browning into the pre-eminent culinary high school in Southern California.

In February, Chef Stef organized the first ever Browning Chicken Wing Competition in collaboration with world renowned chef,

Kim Prince. Chef Stef and Chef Prince taught 10th grade culinary students the secret behind cooking Southern style chicken wings, and the students then developed their own chicken wing recipes.

In groups of 5, students created a wing recipe for celebrity judges from the culinary industry and LBUSD to sample. Based on a rubric, the wings were scored according to presentation and flavor. The winning group created wings inspired by Mexican Street Corn. The judges were blown away by the quality of presentation and the unique delectable flavor of the wings.



Bryant *Elementary*

4101 E. Fountain St., Long Beach, CA 90804 • 562/498-3802 • bryant.lbschools.net



Miller Bailey
Principal

Bryant Robot Coders Win 1st Round!

When last reported, teams of Bryant Scholars had joined forces with JumpStart Academics and Arts to enter Sphero Global Challenge Four. These students entered the cloak and dagger world of international spies, donning convincing disguises, coding and decoding secret messages, and taking on exciting missions. They programmed their flashy Sphero indi cars

to navigate an obstacle course to achieve their mission objectives.

Three of Bryant's teams won the Sphero Global Challenge and are eligible to move forward to the world championship. Winning teams:

- The Blue and Black Hackers
- The Flamers
- The Odd Squad

These teams had a blast with the competition and we are very proud of them.



Go Bryant Bears, Go Robotics Teams!

Buffum *Total Learning Center*

2350 Ximeno Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815 • 562/498-2431 • buffum.lbschools.net



Danielle Wright
Principal

Happy Hearts Fun Run

The Buffum Bears had their annual Happy Hearts Fun Run on March 1, 2024. This year we added a special twist by combining the fundraiser with the culminating Read Across America event of Lunch on the lawn with a loved one.

The students collected donations from family and friends for their laps around



the track. Parents and family members enjoyed lunch with their preschoolers on the lawn and lunch benches, as Dr. Seuss visited with everyone. Following lunch, the students and their families ran around the track that was decorated with special posters designed by each classroom. All 20 classrooms participated in the Fun Run with staff running beside them or cheering from the sidelines. The event was a tremendous success with 12,733 dollars in donations raised. We are so filled with gratitude for the support of our wonderful families.



Burcham (TK-5)

5610 Monlaco Rd., Long Beach, CA 90808 • 562/420-2685 • burcham.lbschools.net



Eleni Makridis
Principal

Burcham a True Community School

Burcham students and families are extremely fortunate to have such a vibrant and active Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Monthly family events are planned to promote a sense of community and make school fun for our students. This year, we brought snow to Burcham and students enjoyed the winter wonderland experience. We recently



participated in a CSULB Women's Basketball Game Night where our students were showcased on the court. In March, we plan to have a groovy 70's themed family skate night at Fountain Valley Skate Center. If you are looking to connect with families and have



a school experience beyond academics, Burcham is a gem of a school to be a part of. We look forward to welcoming families from across the district. Go Bobcats!

Cabrillo High School

2001 Santa Fe Ave., Long Beach, CA 90810 • 562/951-7700 • cabrillo.lbschools.net



My Ngoc Nguyen
Principal

Cabrillo's 10th Annual Women in STEM Conference

Cabrillo's Engineering and Design (CED) Pathway organized its 10th annual Women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Conference on International Women's Day on March 8, 2024. The program connected high school girls with professional women in STEM careers, offering valuable

insights and guidance for their future paths. Cabrillo High School girls were exposed to various professions and job opportunities across the nation. Guest speakers from around the globe came to inspire and lead the generation of leaders. LBUSD's First Female Superintendent, Dr. Jill Baker, was in attendance along with Long Beach's 7th District Councilmember Robert Uranga and LBUSD Board of Education Members. Cabrillo will continue to host the conference annually in March.



CAMS

11000 E. Victoria St., Carson, CA 90747 • 310/243-2025 • cams.lbschools.net



Cheryl Cornejo
Principal

Join the Herd!

By Daniela Sanchez, Student

Team 687, The Nerd Herd, is a 74-member team that is based at the California Academy of Mathematics and Science. Our team's mission is for no barrier to stop a FIRST team in Southern California from competing. As we like to say, "Be a nerd, join the herd!"

We have currently competed at both the Ventura County Regional (VCR) and the Los Angeles Regional (LAR) levels, and where we have had

considerable success! At VCR, our team became semifinalists in addition to winning the Sustainability Award, which was given to those teams that show a long-term positive impact on their community and environment.

In addition to these recognitions, I was extremely fortunate to have won the Dean's List Finalist Award, an award that showcased those current student leaders who have led their teams and communities while also achieving personal technical expertise. This past weekend at LAR we also won Regional Finalists and the Engineering Inspiration Award, a recognition that celebrates our outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering within our school and community.

We look forward to attending the Las Vegas Regional, and then ending our year at the Houston World Championship!

considerable success! At VCR, our team became semifinalists in addition to winning the Sustainability Award, which was given to those teams that show a long-term positive impact on their community and environment.

In addition to these recognitions, I was extremely fortunate to



Chavez Elementary

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



Brenda Ocampo
Principal

Music Grant Award

Our K-5th grade students have received a generous grant from the RuMba Foundation of Long Beach! Soon our Remo World Music Drumming materials will arrive!

Currently, scholars have been enjoying playing small classroom percussion instruments with music teacher Mrs. Vinnard—such as plastic maracas, tambourines, rhythm sticks, wrist bells, dance scarves, and the sharing of a couple of drums.

Thanks to the RuMba Foundation, students will now have access to authentic cultural instruments such as African dundun drums, ngoma drum, djembes, shekeres, cow bells, Latin American tubanos, giros, maracas, and bongo drums.



These world drumming instruments will offer students culturally relevant and sustaining pedagogy as well as provide students with healing, calming, and therapeutic effects that drumming gives. Felicitaciones!

Cleveland *Elementary*

4760 Hackett Ave., Lakewood, CA 90713 • 562/420-7552 • cleveland.lbschools.net



Kimberly San Jose
Principal

Black Scholars of Excellence at Cleveland

By Jessica MacAfee and Ashley McCraw-Harrison

Cleveland Elementary School launches their new Black Student Excellence Club- BSEC

In February, Cleveland held its first Black Student Excellence Club meeting. Led by classroom teacher, Ashley

McCraw-Harrison, and Speech Pathologist, Jessica McAfee, BSEC establishes and maintains academic, cultural, and social emotional enrichment. BSEC encourages social lines of communication with students and staff on matters that affect Black/African American students.

Club Goals:

- Create a safe space for Cleveland Students
- Allow all students to learn about Black/African American history and culture
- Strive for Academic excellence
- Promote positive images of African/Black Americans
- Create a community network of support among Black/African American Students



Edison *Elementary*

625 Maine Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802 • 562/590-8481 • edison.lbschools.net



Juan Gutierrez
Principal

Empowering Parents

Standardized testing in schools plays a critical role in progress monitoring student learning. LBUSD has created a well-designed curriculum balance between instruction and assessing students so teachers can

best move students toward meeting rigorous academic standards.

The district administers a broad array of assessments throughout the academic year to include state, district, and college-readiness assessments. Teachers at Edison are data-driven and strategically use assessments to monitor student progress against metrics aligned with our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) as well as state and federal accountability guidelines. Many of these assessments are shared with parents on ParentVue, a one-stop online location to access testing results as well as many other sources of information.



Just recently, Mrs. Solorzano and Ms. Lyttle provided our parents with a workshop about school assessments, particularly focusing on the Smarter Balanced Assessment. The workshop was provided in both English and Spanish to accommodate all our parents in an effort to learn more about their own children's development in standards and how they can increase their confidence in their ability to encourage and support their children during testing periods.

Emerson Parkside Academy

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

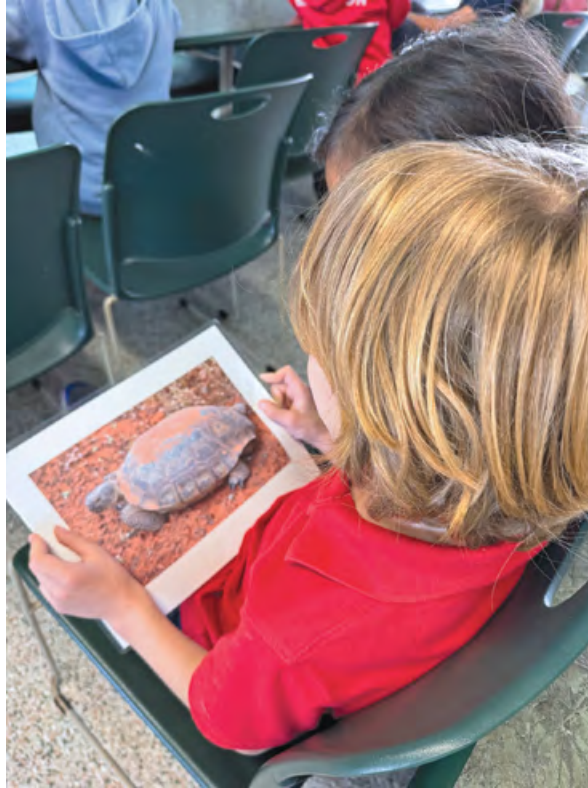


Sunday Dominguez
Principal

Mobile Ocean Classroom

By Dr. Ruth Gomez, SEL Facilitator

Emerson Parkside Academy was lucky to have the Aquarium of the Pacific Mobile Ocean Classroom visit our K-3 grade students during the month of February. The Mobile Ocean Classroom is a van outreach program that offers engaging on-site educational programming to



schools. Most of our students participated in the “Fishy Festival” program where they had a blast learning about how diverse Pacific Ocean fish can be and how these fish use their adaptations to survive in their ocean habitat! Many of our students enjoyed the “Tidepool Treasures” program where they observed tidepool animal characteristics, analyzed animal biofacts to discuss strategies used for survival, and described how these creatures have adapted to survive in various tidepool zones.

Franklin Classical Middle School

540 Cerritos Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802 • 562/435-4952 • franklin.lbschools.net



Jorge Montanez
Principal

Incentives to Reach Goals

By Ruth Lisha, Parent and Community Facilitator TOSA

In February we had the pleasure of hosting a BMX show for our students who meet various goals. Goals included a C or better in Math and ELA, 91% or higher attendance rate, a 2.5 G.P.A. or more and no suspensions. Over 500 students were invited to witness the action. Stunts were done on scooters and bikes with ramps. Tricks included flips, spins and a grand finale of a jump over our principal. We were also awarded two scooters which we will pass along to students who show high growth during iReady testing in March. Our next incentive show will be pop impersonators and they will be performing for our students who meet their goals in June.



Fremont *Elementary*

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



Christopher Lounsbury
Principal

IDEA Day at Fremont

IDEA Day took place on Monday, March 11, 2024. Celebrating differences in kids and how those differences can build a strong community, IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility) Day focused on visible and

invisible differences between people and the important practice of asking questions.

Students gathered together to create a rainbow drone photograph, painted rocks with positive messages on them for the school garden, read Sonia Sotomayor's book "Just Ask" and did extension activities in their classrooms. IDEA spirit day t-shirts were made available and each

student received an IDEA Day sticker with information to take back to caregivers and parents. This important day of awareness was brought to students through the IDEA subcommittee of Fremont's PTA.



Garfield *Elementary*

2240 Baltic Ave., Long Beach, CA 90810 • 562/424-8167 • garfield.lbschools.net



Monica Alas
Principal

Read Across America

It's been a great month of reading. On March 5th we kicked off

our annual Read Across America event. We held an assembly to rally and get students excited about reading. Families were invited to join classroom and read with their students. Buddy teachers also partnered up students in upper grades with lower grades to visit as guest readers. It was a wonderful celebration!



Mrs. Miles and one of her 1st grade students.

Grant Elementary

1225 E. 64th St., Long Beach, CA 90805 • 562/428-4616 • grant.lbschools.net



Clarissa Tolentino
Principal

Got Uniforms?

*By Sheila Duran,
Assistant Principal*

What do you do with the school uniforms your child no longer fits in? You come to Grant and swap them out for a larger size. On January 24, 2024, Grant hosted their first “Donate, Exchange, or Take What You Need” uniform program. Families donated or exchanged their child’s small uniforms or simply took what they needed. This was a successful community event, leaving families asking, “When is the next one?”



Hamilton Middle School

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



Laura Martin
Principal

Our Community at Work

*By Blanca Zamorano-Tillett,
Family and Community Facilitator*

Hamilton, a community school, has become a hub linking families to resources through parent engagement events.

We’ve provided mental health classes in English and Spanish presented by Long Beach Mental Health Department, family nights combining educational content and fun activities; for example, finding a pumpkin’s circumference and carving it for Math Night, learning exercise equipment and getting a great workout for Fitness Night, and learning about famous artists and creating an original art piece for Art Night.

Hamilton invites parents to participate in workshops to learn practical tools for positive parenting. Parents who attend all six workshops will receive a certificate and be honored in a district wide graduation.



Harte *Elementary*

1671 E. Phillips St., Long Beach, CA 90805 • 562/428-0333 • harte.lbschools.net



Kimberly Carpenter
Principal

Process Over Product

By Jason Cordero, Harte VAPA Teacher

What's the first thing that comes to mind when you think of art classes? You may envision a black clad, beret-wearing art teacher holding court with a palette of paints in hand or maybe a classroom of elementary students furiously trying to mimic some "master's" art. Thankfully, at Bret Harte this is not the case. Our VAPA program embraces the theory of Process Over Product wherein the making and doing are valued rather than the end product. This belief is reinforced through four conceptual units - Innovation, Collaboration, Ideation, and Expression.

Our open-ended, exploratory approach to art provides students with multiple opportunities to practice high-order and critical thinking skills they can integrate across all content areas and allows them to share their unique and individualistic visions in a safe, intellectually low-stakes environment. Experimentation and risk-taking are encouraged which nurtures a growth mindset and fosters scientific thinking as students make new discoveries. Social and emotional learning blossoms as students build their self-esteem and take ownership of their work. Engagement and perseverance peak helping to produce 21st century, life-long learners. Trust the process.

Herrera *Elementary*

1620 Temple Ave., Long Beach, CA 90804 • 562/494-5101 • nieto-herrera.lbschools.net



Allison Kargas
Principal

Cultural Celebrations Are Central

The LBUSD Equity Policy calls on schools to build a positive culture and climate that celebrates the diversity which all students bring. At Herrera Elementary, we celebrate student diversity through various school-wide performances. These cultural celebrations uplift student voices and acknowledge the accomplishments and contributions that are made by members of their affinity groups.

We had our first school-wide Hispanic Heritage Month celebration in September. Students performed songs and

dances to honor the Hispanic heritage that is present at our school. Parents and community members also joined in on the festivities. In February, Chief Academic Officer Brian Moskavitz and School Board Member Eric Mille also took part in our Black History Month event. This moving program included song, dance, poetry, and art depicting the strength and resilience of the Black community.

This May we will remember Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and we look forward to another celebration of song and dance within our community. Witnessing the joy and pride on our students' faces as they celebrate their own heritage and learn about the cultures of their classmates is our Equity Policy in action.

Hoover *Middle School*

3501 E. Country Club Dr., Lakewood, CA 90712 • 562/421-1213 • hoover.lbschools.net



Dr. David Costa
Principal

Walkthrough Wednesdays

By Karlene Cluff, Intervention and Instructional Coordinator

Teachers at Hoover Middle School participate in bi-weekly classroom visits with their Walkthrough Wednesday routine. Hoover's 2023-2024 professional development focuses are using engagement strategies in service to AA/Black students and our strategic "Highlander" students and standards-based lesson design to engage students in rigorous activities and assignments. The current focuses of our Walkthrough Wednesday are content standards and DOK of the learning

activity and student-to-student talk using academic language. Teachers are encouraged to think about how they can improve their lesson design and delivery so that ALL students are engaged in learning that aligns to high priority standards while using academic language. During our classroom visits, teachers pay close attention to which micro-moves teachers are using to support student learning. It's a great opportunity to refine teaching practices, try new engagement strategies, and borrow ideas from one another. Hoover students are making positive gains on Edulastic and iReady assessments, and our Walkthrough Wednesdays are a way to continue this positive, upward momentum as we approach SBAC testing in May.

Holmes *Elementary*

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



Lori Grady
Principal

Black History Month Presentations

By Carol Alwood, Site Facilitator and Harmony Coordinator

What would America be if it weren't for the Greensboro sit-in at the Woolworth's lunch counter, Ida B. Wells who exposed racism through the written word, or Public Enemy who stirred up the people to demand equal rights?



The students from Holmes Elementary can answer these questions on a deep level. Teachers supported students by providing research tools and helping them understand the meaning of depth and complexity icons such as impact and motive. Using literacy, communication skills, and visual and performing arts, students shared their knowledge with confidence and purpose. Presentations captivated the audience as many groups dressed in costumes, rapped, or breakdanced to bring the past to life.

We celebrate Black History. We celebrate our amazing students.



Hughes *Middle School*

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



Maria Pilar Perossio
Principal

Young, Gifted, and Talented Black History Performing Arts Club

28 years ago, a young enthusiastic Mathematics and Science teacher named Dr. McCloyn began the Young, Gifted, and Talented Black History Club. The club provides students with leadership, academic motivation, college preparation, community service, teamwork, dance, and performance skills. Dr. McCloyn's vision

and mission is to provide all ethnicities an opportunity to represent African American Heroes who have overcome obstacles to make their dreams a reality.

This year's theme is "Stay Awake: It is Time to Start Your LEGACY of Success."

A Tribute to Historical Black Colleges and Universities." Members of the club recited poetry, sang their hearts out, and showcased their dance skills. YGT has performed at various community events in Long Beach.



Jefferson Leadership Academies

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



Dr. Connie Magee
Principal

Staying Engaged

Engagement. That's what's happening at our school, all the way from our eighth-grade history classes to our Honor Roll Scholars to our Male Leadership Academy members, and our parent involvement activities!

First, our eighth-grade history teachers stepped out of the box and invited the Long Beach City Council members to come to JLA to talk to our students, parents, and staff members about government. Three of the council members agreed to come! So we are pleased to announce this event as our first JLA Community Forum.

Next, our Honor Roll students always seek to engage and demonstrate leadership and excellence in classroom activities, and so are regularly honored with a special ceremony. This year five students were randomly selected to receive a free laptop! Over 400 Honor Roll and Principal Honor Roll students were also celebrated.



On another note, Mr. Curry never ceases to amaze JLA with his innovative and exciting classes! His Male Leadership Academy students are learning about and demonstrating professionalism. They have even designated special tie days when they dress up and experience what it feels like to be a leader.

Lastly, our parents continue to be a vital part of our school community. Black Student Achievement groups of parents and students meet regularly to discuss how to support their students at home. Meanwhile, our Parenting Partners workshop parents are actively participating in learning things like the difference between discipline and punishment. JLA is blessed to have parents who care not only in words but also in deeds!



Jordan High School

6500 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, CA 90805 • 562/423-1471 • jordan.lbschools.net



Keisha Irving
Principal

National Concerts

In March, 80 Jordan High School's choir, band, and orchestra students performed at the esteemed Carnegie Hall. The students traveled to New York City to participate in a festival organized by National Concerts,

which allowed them the opportunity to showcase their talents at Carnegie with musicians from across the nation. The students earned a special invitation to perform after auditioning the prior year. Jordans choir experienced the dynamics of coming together with singers from across the country to sing as one group. Our band and orchestra were featured and filled the hall with their beautiful music. The students enjoyed this "once in a lifetime" experience and created memories that they will cherish for the rest of their lives.



King Elementary

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



Osvaldo Ocampo
Principal

King PTO: Strengthening Our School Community Through Dedication and Support

King Elementary's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is an invaluable asset to our school community. Their dedication and involvement in various aspects of school life have greatly contributed to the success of our students and staff. The PTO actively

fundraises to support students, provides assistance in the office, and has developed a system for making copies for teachers, which has been a tremendous help in ensuring that instructional materials are readily available. Additionally, the PTO is currently supporting English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to empower parents in supporting their children's success at King. We are immensely grateful for their commitment and contributions, which have made a significant impact on our school. Thank you, King PTO!



Lakewood High School

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



Mona Mero
Principal

Mock Interviews Provide Valuable Experience

*By Elizabeth Frayre, Linked Learning
Pathway Coordinator*

Students in the Health Occupations and Sports Medicine Pathway recently participated in our Mock Interviews program. This event provided our students with a realistic glimpse into the professional world they are preparing for, and also helped equip them with some crucial life-skills.

Prior to these interviews the students were guided through the process of crafting professional resumes and cover letters. They were then presented with eight positions to apply for, including dental assistant, EMT, phlebotomist, and others.

The students expressed gratitude for the opportunity they had to simulate real-world interviews within the medical field. Despite feeling nervous, they acknowledged the value of being able to gain first-hand insight into the interview process.

The participating industry professionals also commended our students' preparation and professionalism. They emphasized the importance of such initiatives in the school curriculum, and expressed an eagerness to return. Their positive feedback reinforced the importance of providing students with practical experiences that bridge the gap between classroom learning and professional practice, thus equipping them for success in their chosen careers.

As Lakewood High continues to prioritize hands-on learning, events like these will play a crucial role in preparing our students for the future.

Lincoln *Elementary*

1175 E. 11th St., Long Beach, CA 90813 • 562/599-5005 • lincoln.lbschools.net



Caroline Nemec
Principal

Lincoln Students Combine STEM with Reading

Open House 2024 at Lincoln was a huge success. Including a STEM event for our community with librarian

Catrina Hanna. Students participated in a StoryWalk for the book *Counting on Katherine*, about NASA mathematician and computer programmer, Katherine Johnson. Storyboards created from the book started outside and led the readers to the library. Students were welcomed inside with a



math guessing game for a chance to win a copy of the featured book. TK-First grade students constructed space shuttles and measured flight distance. Second-Fifth graders needed to safely get their astronauts back to earth using parachutes and Legos. Both activities included the tools necessary to record, measure, and graph results. Over 400 families came through the library that night!

Lindbergh *STEM Academy*

1022 E. Market St., Long Beach, CA 90805 • 562/422-2845 • lindbergh.lbschools.net



Stacey Benuzzi
Principal

Student Support Team

The Lindbergh Student Support Team has been working diligently to support students' social emotional health all year long. Our school counselor, Jeanette Sanchez, facilitates the work of the Student Support Team by serving as a liaison to all the mental health services and entities. Also on the team is our Wellness Center social worker, Jessica Knight, our school psychologist, Brechael

Walker, and our Family Resource Center psychologist, James Lingen. In addition to providing individualized short term counseling to students in need, the team organizes fun events and interventions. Some highlights include Mrs. Sanchez's high school choice and college and career readiness lessons that prepared 8th graders for academic success and the Wellness Center's Slime Week that was extremely popular with students. Additionally, the team is partnering with Jordan High School to co-facilitate a girls' group centered around self-empowerment and goal-setting.

Lowell Bayside *Elementary*

5201 E. Broadway, Long Beach, CA 90803 • 562/433-6757 • lowell.lbschools.net



Cassandra Fanton
Principal

A Wonderful Event

By Michelle Williams, First Grade Teacher

Over the past few months our students and teachers at Lowell Elementary were all busy preparing for a special nighttime event: our annual Open House! Bulletin boards were updated, desks were organized, and the first-graders' animal reports were posted for all of our visitors to see. Families, students, teachers, and staff members all shared in the excitement on that special Tuesday night!

Many of our Sea Stars were seen giving a tour of their classrooms to view the displays of their wonderful

work. Other students surprised their former teachers by stopping by to say, "Hello!" Several eager families were also seen strolling by the classrooms of their upcoming grade levels in order to get a sneak peek into the years ahead.

The little artists wanted to show their parents around the colorful and creative Art Lab classroom. Other little ones were excited about seeing and playing with their friends at Lowell's Sea Star Park, or playing upon the brand new kindergarten playground equipment. Some even played on the "Big Kids' Playground" (all supervised by their own Sea Star parents, of course). All in all, this year's Open House was a great memory maker!

Lindsey Academy (6-8)

5075 Daisy Ave., Long Beach, CA 90805 • 562/423-6451 • lindsey.lbschools.net



**Danyett
Armstrong-Lee**
Principal

Dynamic Teachers

It is my pleasure to highlight both Ms. Joanna Alvarez and Ms. Vanessa Mendez

who have been co-teaching one of our Math 6 accelerated classes here at Perry Lindsey Academy. With this approach

we have seen a huge growth with their students (general education and special education students) in their scores in all assessments. Both of these ladies have been working as a team to increase engagement and rigor for our students. They are both teaching and supporting all of the students in their class. With this model they are able to provide extra supports for

every student and foster the desire to learn. Their dynamic approach to classroom engagement has encouraged other teachers to co-teach next year.



Los Cerritos *Elementary*

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



Liseeth Ramos
Principal

First Grade Musical

All ninety of our first grade students have been working on a musical play to be performed for families in our school auditorium this May! The musical is entitled "A-Z Does it" by Jill Gallina.

Students have been rehearsing their songs with music teacher Mrs. Vinnard and all three first grade teachers: Mrs. Kocher, Mrs. Morales, and Mrs. Wariner diligently for months. Our scholars have been learning important vocal skills such as proper posture, singing techniques, and blending. Some of the songs to be performed will be "We Are the Letters," "The Alphabet Song," "The Consonant Song," and "Alphabet Soup-" reinforcing important phonics and reading skills. Songs will be sung with hand motions, clapping, snapping, and dancing. Go roadrunners!



MacArthur *Elementary*

6011 Centralia St., Lakewood, CA 90713 • 562/420-3588 • macarthur.lbschools.net



Maria Yopez
Principal

Family Math Celebration on Pi Day

By Dr. Heidi Akin,
Program Facilitator, SEL Coordinator

Pie everywhere!
Apple, Berry, Lemon,
and even cheesecake
were devoured
throughout our
MacArthur campus!
It was a hands down
delicious Math

Celebration on Pi Day with our MacArthur families. We started with our families participating in math stations around the playground. We moved to the auditorium for an engaging and interactive presentation led by Principal Yopez and Mrs. Gaytan. Finally, families participated in math activities with their children in the classrooms with yet more pie! Above we see Mrs. King and her 5th grade students completing a math activity with their parents. It was a wonderful

opportunity to empower our parents and guardians with knowledge of math standards and strategies to provide support at home while promoting lifelong learners.



Marshall *Academy of the Arts*

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



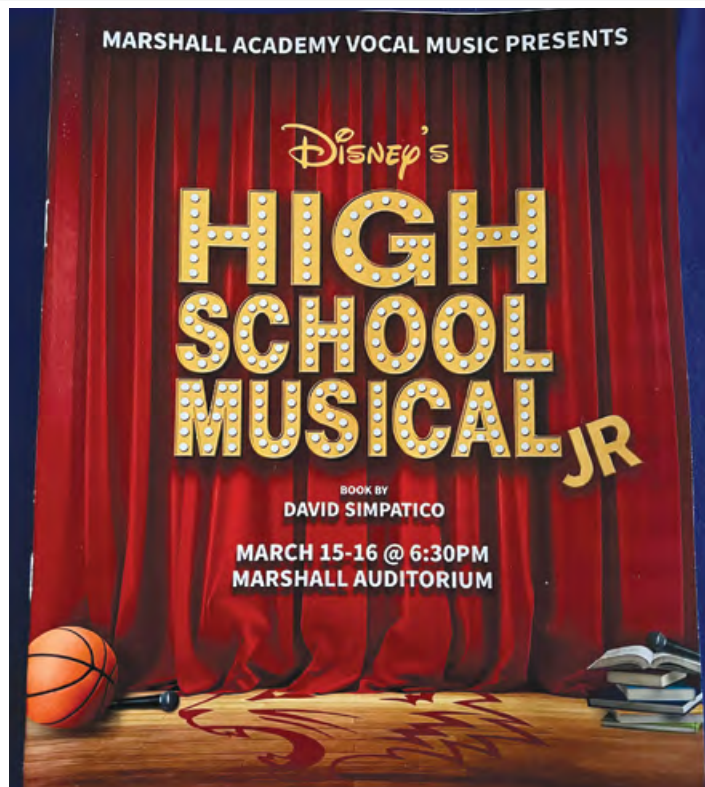
Edward Steinhauser
Principal

Marshall Performs *High School Musical Jr.!*

"We're all in this
together, and it shows,
when we stand, hand
in hand, make our
dreams come true!"

Marshall Academy of
the Arts performed
*High School Musical
Jr.* to sold out crowds in

truly spectacular performances. The production was put on by the Vocal Music and Drama Department and directed by our Vocal Music and Drama Teacher, Mr. Padrones. The production was completely student run with acting, singing, dancing, lights, sound, staging, and hospitality. The Art of Achievement was alive and well at Marshall Academy of the Arts and from all of us in the Marshall family as well as the larger community, we want to say, "Bravo!"



Madison *Elementary*

2801 Bomberly St., Lakewood, CA 90712 • 562/420-7731 • madison.lbschools.net



Ann Erskine
Principal

The Mustang News

This year at Madison Elementary our fifth-grade students wanted to improve their sense of belonging by starting a weekly school news channel. Each week our fifth-graders now review our school's weekly announcements, the lunch menu, safety expectations, our culture and heritage, and a poll of the week.

In the safety segment, students review rules of playground games and then model what to do and what not to do. We use information from the PULSE survey to help pick which topics to cover in order to improve our school community. Once a month there is also a segment that includes pictures of all of the great learning that is happening at our school.

The Mustang News has improved our school culture by providing our students with a connection across the grade levels. Our students are constantly reminding their teachers to show the news each week, and now many of the students in the other grade levels are asking to be on it too!

The Mustang News has helped our students learn about other cultures, and has also reminded them of our high expectations. It has given our fifth-graders a positive way to impact our school. Go, Mustangs!

Millikan *High School*

2800 Snowden Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815 • 562/425-7441 • millikan.lbschools.net



Alejandro Vega
Principal

Millikan Supporting its Black Community

Bhree Walker, News Editor

In continued efforts for equity and inclusion, Millikan High School has adopted several programs and events to enrich its individuals in Black excellence and culture.

This February, Millikan's Black Student Union successfully hosted an assembly, enlightening all its students on African American culture; stepping, music, popular African dance, and African clothing designs.

Millikan hosted a Sankofa meeting last month to report the success rates of black students at Millikan and to enrich guests with soul food. The meeting revealed the passion that African American parents possess, as they spoke out about their concerns. The meeting's administrators invested much effort into ensuring that parents' requests were taken seriously and that students receive academic help.

Black History Month ended vigorously with a Black Artisan Market on campus, hosted by Monique Thomas, a leader of BSU. Thomas summoned black colleges and black businesses to converse with and sell to visitors at the market.

Millikan's celebration of the black community is highly appreciated!

Mann *Elementary*

257 Coronado Ave., Long Beach, CA 90803 • 562/439-6897 • mann.lbschools.net



Donna Robertson
Principal

Student Voice, Student Leadership

The influence of student leadership at Mann is a remarkable force, driving the educational journey forward. The role of young leaders at Mann is significant, creating an environment where joy, commitment, and student voice are nurtured.

Our student-leadership program provides opportunities for scholars to take charge of their learning and contribute to our school community. It involves being a role model and a good friend, supporting our community events, and being academically responsible.

The impact of our student leadership cannot be overstated. It brings joy to the educational experience, instills a sense of commitment and responsibility and emphasizes the value of dedication and collaboration.

Student leadership amplifies student voice, ensuring that diverse perspectives are heard and valued within our school community. Whether advocating for changes or expressing opinions, student leaders play a vital role in shaping our educational landscape.

Fostering student leadership at Mann cultivates confident, empathetic individuals who are passionate about learning and making a difference. It is our shared responsibility to support and encourage student leadership, creating an inclusive learning environment where joy, commitment, and student voice thrive.

McBride *High School*

7025 Parkcrest St., Long Beach, CA 90808 • 562/425-3539 • mcbride.lbschools.net



Gonzalo Moraga
Principal

Robotics Team

By Kate Salazar, Head Counselor

For the second time in McBride history, we have a world class Robotics team! Congratulations to Kethya Sorn, Jaeden Thong, Xavier Lacy, Willie Hao, and Danny Hao for qualifying for VEX Worlds Competition in Dallas, Texas next month.



McKinley *Elementary*

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



Dulnari Edirisinghe-Aga
Principal

Bikes for Kids

On Wednesday, February 14, 2024 Bikes for Kids and two other school partners sponsored an essay contest for our third-grade students. Our third graders read the book “Think Big. Work Hard. Be Kind. No Excuses” by Robert Krumroy. This book inspired our students in writing their essay. Students were told that the top three essays would win a bike and a helmet. At the end of our assembly, every third grader was surprised and gifted a bicycle and helmet! Our Cougars were overjoyed with excitement! The McKinley



mascot and a sponsored mascot, also helped cheer on our students. We are very appreciative of the generous donation and the partnership with our sponsors. Fifteen employees from our sponsors including professional hockey players, CSO from Jordan High School, and staff from Student Support Services came to help us build 80 bikes. On the same day, we also had a ball hockey rink on the playground where all classrooms visited and played. Students also received swag from our sponsors.

Muir *Academy*

3038 Delta Ave., Long Beach, CA 90810 • 562/426-5571 • muir.lbschools.net



Sophia Griffithh
Principal

Core Values Coming To Life

Muir K-8 Academy continues to promote and connect to Long Beach Unified School District’s Core Values. During the months of February and March, we focused on uplifting diversity and inclusion, authentic community engagement and collaboration and fostering joy and commitment. Some of the campus activities included partnering with Theta Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated to celebrate Black History Month, as members of the organization came into the classrooms to read aloud to students and recognize the rich contributions and resilience of Black Americans throughout history.



We also celebrated National Reading Month where families were encouraged to commit to reading books together to learn about different perspectives in our diverse community. Lastly, over 20 family businesses and community agencies were invited to our first Open House Resource Fair to provide valuable information and tools to help our school community continue to grow and thrive. As our Core Values come to life, so does excellence and equity!



Naples Bayside Academy

5537 The Toledo, Long Beach, CA 90803 • 562/433-0489 • naples.lbschools.net



Paula Gregg-Spenker
Principal

Naples Pi Week

During the week of March 11th, Naples Bayside celebrated Pi Day and all things math! From TK to 5th grade, we engaged in activities for

3 minutes and 14 seconds, we had a hula hoop contest, our families baked circular treats together at home, and our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders participated in a Pi recitation contest. Pi week is a tradition at Naples and we hope that the love of math follows our students through to adulthood!



Nelson Academy (6–8)

1951 Cherry Ave., Signal Hill, CA 90755 • 562/591-6041 • nelson.lbschools.net



Kathleen Reed
Principal

Knight of the Month

Nelson students and families attended the first “Knight of the Month” (KOTM) assembly on January 26, 2024. Students were nominated by Nelson teachers for the following three categories: Academic Achievement, Outstanding Character and Academic Improvement. Students were presented with a certificate and KOTM sticker. After the ceremony, students and

their families gathered to enjoy donuts and spent time congratulating their friends and taking photos. Nelson Academy continued to celebrate students on Friday, February 16th. Students were recognized for earning Honor Roll for their academic success during the Fall semester. Those students who earned a 3.0 or higher were recognized in front of their families and peers at an assembly. Nelson Academy could not be more proud of our Knights and we look forward to our next KOTM and honor roll assemblies.



Newcomb Academy (K-8)

3351 Val Verde Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808 • 562/430-1250 • newcomb.lbschools.net



Christopher J. Thompson
Principal

Black History Month Assembly

Newcomb K-8 Academy recently hosted its inaugural All School Black History Month Assembly, marking a significant milestone in the school's commitment to cultural celebration and education. The event, organized by Newcomb's Sankofa Parent Village, showcased a vibrant fusion of music, dance, art, and history, creating a rich tapestry of experiences for students and staff alike.

The assembly served as a platform to honor and celebrate the achievements and contributions of African Americans throughout history. Adding to the vibrant atmosphere, Newcomb student artists contributed a stunning Black History Month mural, capturing the



essence of the occasion. In addition, The Patrick Henry Step Team and students from CSULB took the stage, delivering electrifying performances that resonated with our students, inspiring pride and appreciation for diversity. It was truly an amazing morning!!!!



Oropeza Elementary

700 Locust Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813 • 562/436-4420 • oropeza.lbschools.net



Edward Garcia Jr.
Principal

Annual Cupcake Social

Oropeza's annual Cupcake Social was a huge hit with kids and grown-ups. The

Cupcake Social is an important school event meant to encourage good-choice making, friendship, community building, and happiness. Many thanks to the parent volunteers and staff who helped Oropeza Otters decorate and enjoy cupcakes during the Social!



Prisk *Elementary*

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



Beth Cohen
Principal

Book Fair

This year, our PTA has outdone itself by transforming the school library into a whimsical Candyland for the annual

Book Fair! A testament to their dedication and creativity, they meticulously

adorned every nook and cranny, immersing us in the enchanting world of Candyland. Before unveiling this magical setting to eager students and the public, the PTA hosted an exclusive preview for teachers, which included breakfast and personalized baskets for each teacher to create a wish list of books for their classroom libraries! This gesture not only celebrated our educators, but

offered families the opportunity to contribute directly to enriching their children's learning environments. Join us in applauding this extraordinary effort that underscores the vibrant collaboration within our school community.



Riley *Elementary*

3319 Sandwood St., Lakewood, CA 90712 • 562/420-9595 • riley.lbschools.net



Armando Dueñas
Principal

Celebrate Our Nation of Diverse Readers, Read Across America @Riley

Allison Rayburn, Assistant Principal

Riley Elementary School concluded its week-long celebration of Read Across America, with an array of engaging activities that captivated students and emphasized the importance of reading. This year's theme

was Celebrate Our Nation of Diverse Readers, students brought in stories, recipes, and maps, to share their heritage with their class. Students brought in books to swap, so everyone was able to take home at least one new to you, book. Another exciting aspect of Read Across America week at Riley was the presence of Mystery Readers, including family members, staff, and community volunteers, who surprised students by reading to them in classrooms. Collaborative reading sessions between classes fostered camaraderie and reading. By nurturing a love for literature, Riley Elementary aims to empower students to become lifelong learners and critical thinkers.

As the week concluded, the spirit of celebration and appreciation for reading lingered at Riley Elementary, serving as a testament to the school's commitment to promoting literacy and embracing diversity.



Reid High School

3701 E. Willow St., B-1, Long Beach, CA 90815 • 562/426-6846x6680 • reid.lbschools.net



Troy Bennett
Principal

Alternative Education Setting

The Mission and Vision at Reid High School is to provide personalized instruction and support in an alternative educational setting while assisting students with earning their diploma and establishing a career path. Having opportunities to interact with the community and foster positive relationships is paramount for our students. On March 22nd Long Beach BLAST will be hosting our annual College and Career Fair. Students will network and learn about various career paths and will work with

the college and career advisor to create and update their resumes and practice interviewing skills. Next, Reid students will participate in the LBUSD STEM Program Tour at the Grand Prix of Long Beach. There students will discover the technology and innovation behind the racing machines and meet engineers and drivers as they set up their high-performance race cars. Students will also be attending the Male Success Initiative at LBCC. The Academy is designed to address the unique needs and challenges of men of color by connecting them to existing services, bolstering a sense of belonging and identity, structured mentoring opportunities, and direct student aid.

Robinson Academy (K-8)

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



Rebecca Ngo
Principal

Collective Efficacy Begins with Individual Efficacy

One of the most powerful levers for transformational change is the power of the collective. Collective efficacy, the idea that a group of people can work collaboratively to produce desired results, first requires individual efficacy. For each one of our Jackie Robinson Dolphins this means that knowing what one does on a daily basis

impacts the whole. This also means knowing that we are all interconnected. Each student, each staff member, each teacher, each person in our school community makes a difference.

In the classroom, individual efficacy is best captured in the way that a teacher can impact growth for the class. When a teacher or staff member believes that their actions make a difference, the results are incredible. Likewise, when a student believes that their actions make a difference and their voice matters, the overall school culture improves. At JROB, we are building our sense of individual and collective efficacy by providing opportunities to have agency.

In the classroom, this effort looks like students impacting each others' learning by sharing their math strategies with peers. It looks like a collaborative discussion or debate that builds on each others' learning. In our upper grades, it looks like a call to action where students are driving positive change through the events and initiatives that they care about, and not necessarily what the adults decide.

Whether it is a collaborative discussion on what they would like to see improved at school, or a student-initiated club or committee idea that grows into an annual tradition, Jackie Robinson Academy is working to build a culture where the voices of all stakeholders are heard and valued.

Building collective and individual efficacy takes time, trust, and organization. It takes a commitment to serving the greater good instead of individual interests. It takes leaders learning from the community and listening to students, teachers, staff, and parents. It takes gathering what Jamila Dugan and Shane Safir call "street data" to help gain a better understanding of the hopes and dreams that a community has for themselves and each other.

At JROB, this year is a year of gathering street data with all stakeholder groups and building individual efficacy so that we can pull the collective-efficacy lever for transformational change in our school community.



Rogers Middle School

365 Monrovia Ave., Long Beach, CA 90803 • 562/434-7411 • rogers.lbschools.net



Renny Chu
Principal

Homework Help through Peer Tutoring

By Rebecca Fast, Rogers Instruction and Intervention Coordinator

Many Rogers students participate in the academic club, California Junior Scholastic Federation, or CJSF. Students are eligible for CJSF by submitting applications based on their report card

grades. One of the requirements for CJSF is to earn volunteer hours through community service. On Wednesday afternoons, many of Rogers' CJSF students are in the library volunteering with *Homework Help*. Under the guidance of CJSF advisor, Mrs. Ericka Bolger, these students help with math homework, Language Arts assignments or even history projects. Not only do the students get their volunteer hours, but they enjoy it, too. "It's a fun way to

connect with your peers while helping with their school work and helping them learn," said one volunteer 8th grader. Rogers' Peer Tutors are an essential part of the success of Homework Help after school on Wednesdays and during lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Roosevelt Elementary

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



Alissa Gamboa
Principal

Roosevelt "Junior Recs" Rock!

This year Roosevelt Elementary welcomed a new student program called "Junior Recs," with the goal of elevating our student voice and also improving student agency, a sense of school belonging, school pride, and problem-solving.

Under the leadership of Assistant Principal Danielle Chung, students in the fourth-

and fifth-grades who are interested in the program can begin by participating in leadership training to help their younger peers during the mid-day recess.

After training and shadowing a playground teacher, they are assigned to help out on specific days of the week.



When it is their turn to serve, these Junior Recs first eat their lunch and then report to the office to get a special vest that is much like what the adults playground teachers wear.

Equipped with a few "Bear Bucks," they then head out onto the playground to help with our third-grade mid-day recess by providing

positive reinforcement to students who are following the Roosevelt Guidelines for Success. They also help students problem-solve and promote good sportsmanship by using the Roosevelt Choice Chart.

Not only has this program been beneficial to our school culture and climate, it's also super-popular with the students who have signed up to help out during the rest of the school year! We are so proud of our Roosevelt Junior Recs.

Sato Academy of Mathematics & Science

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



Sato's Site Night a Huge Success

Pictured are three Sato dragons who volunteered at our Site Night on February 1st. Our

students were excited to talk to prospective 8th graders and their families about what makes Sato a great high school choice and answer their questions. Sato students also demonstrated activities and shared experiences they have in their classes. Clubs members highlighted some of the extracurricular activities at Sato. It was a great night, thanks to our students and staff!

Veronica Coleman
Principal



Signal Hill Elementary

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



Return of 5th Grade Camp

After a fourteen-year hiatus, Hi-Hill at YMCA Camp Oakes is officially open for our fifth graders! As part of the LBUSD's curriculum, students had the opportunity to live and study in an outdoor environment for an entire school week.

At camp, students experienced learning opportunities such as hiking, archery, survival skills, nature exploration, geology, gaga ball, climbing



tower, lower ropes challenge course, and campfire programs. During the night hike, students gazed at the stars and learned about the constellations including recognizing Orion's belt. They awed at the stars without the disturbance of the city lights. A pinnacle of the 5-day camp trip adventure was highlighted by snow flurries and waking up to a winter wonderland. Many of our students experienced their first snowfall!



Smith *Elementary*

565 E. Hill St., Long Beach, CA 90806 • 562/595-9466 • smith.lbschools.net



Hugo Figueroa
Principal

Drop Everything and Read! D.E.A.R.

Drop Everything And Read! or “D.E.A.R.,” as it is officially known at Smith, is a school-wide event in which families visit classrooms and read with children for 30 minutes prior to the start of the day. Over 200 families came on campus to celebrate the joy of reading and culminate “Read Across America” week. After D.E.A.R., families were encouraged to browse tables of FREE books to add to their home libraries. Smith’s Literacy teachers were on hand to assist parents in matching texts to readers and answer any questions regarding student literacy. Smith Bears pride themselves in working alongside our families to support academic success and the love of reading!



Stanford *Middle School*

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



Lester Lawson IV
Principal

Distinction Earned

It is with a tremendous amount of pride that we celebrate Stanford Middle School as a “California Distinguished School”. We are one of four LBUSD schools to earn this distinction. I am



so proud of our Stanford teachers, support staff, and all of our students. This is truly a testament to what each and every staff member does day in and day out for our students. Our staff and students at Stanford truly exemplify the word “distinguished”, and that is why this feels so wonderfully authentic.

Wilson *Classical High School*

4400 E. 10th St., Long Beach, CA 90804 • 562/433-0481 • wilson.lbschools.net



Rebecca Suzanne Caverly
Principal

Leadership and Public Service Pathway

During the first semester, students in our Leadership and Public Service Pathway (LPS) have been learning about public policy, focusing on school and district policies. Guided by their teacher, Mr. D’Sa, LPS seniors met with the Board of Education and were able to discuss the potential of changing a district policy.

The main topic of the meeting was to ensure a sense of fairness and equity among students. LPS explored the discipline

policy and proposed adding a plan to guide schools on to both holding students accountable for their actions as well administrators getting to know/help students. This allows students to reflect on their actions and what caused them to act the way they did as well as potentially shed light on problems the student may be experiencing to the administrators. The goal of the plan was to have students reflect, have administrators understand why that happened, and hold both accountable to not repeat these offenses.

Angelina stated that “Being able to accomplish what we did was amazing and I can’t wait to see what the future classes will do with this project.

Stephens *Middle School*

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



Eric Cabacungan
Principal

Modern Band Program

By Thao Vo, Learning Director

Stephens is well known as the Pride of the Westside.

One reason: our Modern Band teacher, Mr. Wastaferro! While other music programs

in the district include band and orchestra, we are the ONLY school with an actual Modern Band program. Modern Band uses popular music with modern instruments: a drum set, bass guitar, electric guitar, keyboards, and vocals. Mr. Wastaferro's lessons are 100% collaborative and engaging. Additionally, as Stephens focuses on bridging literacy across all classes, you'll see students tearing up the text,

analyzing lyrics, and incorporating literacy with their music. Want to help support our Modern Band program? Email ewastaferro@lbschools.net



Stevenson *Elementary*

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



Nancy Dalton
Principal

Stevenson STARS Shine Bright with Talent!

The anticipation is mounting at Stevenson Elementary School as students gear up for the first-ever STAR Talent Show! After a series of impressive auditions,

students are eager to showcase their skills on stage. Principal Dalton expressed pride in the students' creativity and enthusiasm, noting that this experience serves not only as a showcase of talent, but also as a confidence-building opportunity for our young performers. Each moment on stage is a chance for students to share their passion and shine brightly in front of their peers and families. From dazzling dance routines to captivating musical performances, the show is sure to be a day of stellar entertainment.



Tincher Preparatory School (K-8)

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



Donna Ryono
Principal

Nothing says LOVE like Family

Tincher Preparatory has a long tradition of building and maintaining long term relationships with our families, especially since many of our students are at the school for a decade or more. What

better way to celebrate Valentine's Day - the international day of love, than hosting "Lunch With a Loved One"? This Happy Heart Day saw over 400 family members joining their Tincher Tiger for this annual event under clear blue skies. Parents, grandparents, and other loved ones came to school to celebrate Valentine's Day and their school-aged scholar.

Picnic lunches, blankets, and lawn chairs covered the field as families joined together for a meal. The quote of the day summed it up perfectly: "What a special treat it was to eat lunch with both my mom and dad at the same time!"



Tincher Families celebrating "Lunch With a Loved One"

Twain Elementary

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



Juan C. Gonzalez
Principal

Operation Teddy Bear

Operation Teddy Bear is an organization that puts together special backpacks filled with books, school supplies, and a teddy bear. The organization is run by volunteers who dedicate their time to making these special backpacks

for all the first-grade students in the Long Beach Unified School District.

Twain was one of the lucky elementary schools to be chosen for this program. Mr. John from OTB came to Twain and read a book to every first-grade classroom. During his visit, he shared the story behind Operation Teddy Bear and taught our first-grade students what it means to be a volunteer. Thank you to Operation Teddy Bear for making so many memories for our first-grade scholars!



Washington Middle School

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



Roshann Williams
Principal

Celebration

An unforgettable Black History Month celebration took center stage in our community, ingeniously marrying entertainment and honor. Larry the Clown stole the show, his performance a masterful blend of humor and artistry that captivated all.

The night's climax was the Senate's acknowledgment of Dr. Williams and select students for their contributions and achievements. Dr. Williams was celebrated for her relentless efforts in promoting diversity and understanding. The students, recognized alongside her, embodied hope and strides toward equality and justice. This event, a vibrant affirmation of the community's dedication to honoring African American contributions, was not merely a celebration of Black history. It resonated as a powerful testament to respect, achievement, and unity, making it a memorable gathering.



Webster Elementary

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



Matthew Monaghan
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, principal Monaghan, and Board President Craighead sang, and drummed along in call and response style, learning important African drumming techniques!



The following charter school is an independent public school authorized by the Long Beach Unified School District. The charter school is responsible for its own educational programs, operations and enrollment procedures. Please contact the school directly for more information.

Intellectual Virtues Academy *Middle School (6–8)*

3601 Linden Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807 • 562/912-7017 • ivalongbeach.org



Jacquie Bryant
Founding
Principal

Raise Craze Day of Service

With the help of our wonderful Parent Teacher Organization, all 234 IVA middle-schoolers completed our “Raise Craze Day of Service”. This event is in lieu of a traditional jog-a-thon fundraiser. Instead of asking sponsors to donate per lap ran, IVA students solicit donations for each act of service and kindness performed. What a great way to serve and care for others!

To kick off our fundraiser, on March 8th the entire IVA student body spread out across the city of Long Beach to complete service projects at twelve different sites. You may have seen us out in the community. Service projects included reading to preschoolers at Little Owl, socializing animals at LB Animal Care, beautifying the Bembridge House historic site, serving the LB’s elderly and unhoused populations, cleaning up the Atlantic Corridor, and more.

We are grateful to incorporate service into the model for how we educate students to learn and live well in their middle school years.



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 Please put Long Beach in the subject line.

Entries must be received by June 30, 2024

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift card to Barnes & Noble!

CARNIVAL
HOME
SCHOOL
PARK
SLIDES
SWINGS
ROAD TRIP
PARTY
MOVIE
POOL
FOREST

CAMP
SEASHORE
FARM
ZOO
HIKE
BIKE RIDE
REUNION
CRUISE
SKATING
VIDEOS

L	A	V	I	N	R	A	C	G	U	Z	C	V	U	F
S	R	M	T	Y	T	R	A	P	S	Q	L	X	W	S
K	E	D	H	N	U	K	M	F	E	G	Z	R	W	I
A	U	A	T	I	T	B	P	V	D	U	I	I	I	G
T	N	C	S	E	K	R	A	P	I	L	N	O	C	R
I	I	E	E	H	M	E	I	V	L	G	G	H	E	I
N	O	Z	R	L	O	O	H	C	S	U	C	Q	J	U
G	N	B	O	P	L	R	H	O	Q	B	R	Z	U	Y
F	W	O	F	O	S	C	E	I	V	O	M	Z	N	R
E	P	Z	P	H	Q	D	E	D	I	R	E	K	I	B
O	U	A	W	R	I	B	L	H	A	Z	Z	L	S	P
Y	Z	W	V	V	G	C	B	F	A	K	A	H	D	Z



When You Imagine Their Future...
Imagine a Beautiful Smile!



We always treat your children like they are our own!

DAMON SMILE
More than straight teeth™

INBRACE

invisalign®

invisalign® teen

BarkateNehiSmiles.com

Newport Beach • Ladera Ranch • San Clemente

Los Angeles County Office of Education

9300 Imperial Hwy., Downey, CA 90242 • 562/922-6360 • www.lacoe.edu

Los Angeles County Office of Education to Launch Innovative Data Dashboard



Debra Duardo,
M.S.W., Ed.D.
Superintendent

The Los Angeles County Office of Education will be launching an innovative data repository and visualization platform this spring.

This platform provides a comprehensive and interactive interface, enabling users to access, analyze, and understand a broad spectrum of educational and socio-economic data. The

digital database is a tool for parents/caregivers, educators, administrators, policymakers, and educational partners to make informed decisions, develop effective strategies, and ultimately foster equitable educational opportunities.

Through the dashboard, our educational partners from educators and policymakers to parents and community members can access a wealth of information. It integrates a wide array of data from the community to provide a holistic view of education, including early education data, equity indices, assessment performance, student wellness insights, health data, geographical context and county-specific data. Our dashboard distinguishes itself from other educational dashboards through its comprehensive and user-centric features, each tailored to meet the diverse needs of Los Angeles County's audiences interested in education. By aggregating and analyzing this diverse set of data, schools and policymakers may be able to identify correlations and trends between housing challenges, crime rates, health problems, and students' academic performance and well-being. This information

can inform targeted interventions, allocate resources more effectively, and ultimately improve the overall educational experience and outcomes for students.

The dashboard can significantly aid school administrators in decision-making by offering comprehensive, data-driven insights. Administrators can access a wide range of data encompassing academic performance, student well-being, and resource allocation within their district. The platform can be used to generate reports and insights for engaging with the community, including parents and local organizations, about the school's performance and needs. With its focus on equity, the dashboard provides valuable information on disparities within the educational system, helping administrators develop strategies to address these gaps and promote inclusivity.

Recognizing the need for a centralized platform that could integrate and make accessible a wide range of educational data from various sources, LACOE's dashboard was created to consolidate this information, making it easier for stakeholders to access and understand. In a rapidly evolving educational landscape, especially in the wake of challenges like the COVID-19 pandemic, our dashboard provides a dynamic and adaptable tool for tracking changes, identifying trends, and responding effectively to new needs. LACOE is excited to showcase the platform and looks forward to working with our district and charter schools to leverage the tool to enhance educational outcomes, promote equity, and support the holistic development of students.