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National Magazine Honors Local School

A cover story in *Parade*, the nation's best read magazine with 79 million readers, praises Long Beach and its Stevenson-YMCA Community School for its exemplary partnerships and high level of parental involvement.

Depicted on the August 27 cover is first grader Eric Brooks, who achieved celebrity status because of the magazine's wide distribution. (Continued on back page)

Verizon, ABC7 Assist With Literacy Effort

A \$200,000 grant from Verizon is funding an intensive effort to help improve literacy and parent involvement in local schools this year. The grant provides a program called Connect with Kids, which uses TV broadcasts, the Internet and printed pieces to reach children and parents.

Schools will receive lesson plans and classroom materials, and a half-hour television special featuring successful literacy efforts in the Long Beach Unified School District will air at 4 p.m. this Sunday, September 10 on ABC7. The show will be distributed to more than 70 television stations throughout the nation. Additional specials will air throughout the year. As parents view the specials, students will read and write about the same issues in class. The aim is to spark conversations between students and parents.

"We're honored to be part of this vital effort," said Christopher J. Steinhauser, Superintendent of Schools. "Connect with Kids is an innovative way to reach parents, and we appreciate the chance to spotlight our schools' successful literacy efforts on a national stage."

Visit www.connectwithkids.com/kabc to learn more.

Promotions, New Assignments Fill Key Posts

A total of 67 administrators will be taking on new assignments at schools and offices in the Long Beach Unified School District this fall.

Christine Dominguez was promoted to deputy superintendent/Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development. She was assistant superintendent, OCIPD. Jill Baker was promoted to assistant superintendent, Elementary Schools. She was program administrator, OCIPD.

James Gulek is the new assistant superintendent, Research, Planning and Evaluation. He was director of assessment and evaluation for Pleasanton Unified.

Promoted to co-principal at Wilson are

Diane Brown, former principal at Stephens, and Lewis Kerns, former assistant principal at Jordan.

Also promoted to principal are Lucy Salazar, Burnett, who was vice principal at Whittier; Jeff Wood, Birney, was administrative assistant, Middle/K-8 Office; Thomas Espinoza, McKinley, was vice principal, Lee; Claire Alvarez, Henry, was vice principal, Addams; Donald Beaver, Naples, was vice principal, Harte; Patricia Lambert, Gant, was assistant principal, Hoover; Teresa Montoya, Burroughs, was vice principal, Webster; Brian Moskovitz, Longfellow, was vice principal, Sutter; Yvette Streeter, Addams, was vice

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Alvarez



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Moskovitz



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Wood

• District on Parade

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"Thanks to a community that refused to give up on education, Eric has a future," the magazine cover states.

The article, headlined "Good Schools Can Happen," notes that 200 parents and community residents are involved in the classroom as part of a partnership with the YMCA. Other partners include the California State University, Long Beach Department of Social Work, which plans and evaluates programs.

The Y partnership trains parents in literacy skills, then sends them to teach other parents at home. The on-campus Stevenson-YMCA Community School also offers parents computer and English classes while encouraging community projects.

Earlier this year, Stevenson and its community partners received the Community School National Award for Excellence.

Boeing Gives \$100K

Boeing has announced a donation of \$100,000 for teacher professional development, additional training for principals and other efforts.

Boeing is one of Long Beach's largest employers and is a long-time supporter of the Long Beach Unified School District.

"We deeply appreciate Boeing's loyal and generous support of our schools," said Christopher J. Steinhauser, Superintendent of Schools. "Boeing knows that good schools help to provide skilled workers and better communities. As an outstanding corporate citizen, Boeing continues to help us give children brighter futures."

The latest grant also will go toward Head Start and Child Development Centers, Special Education programs and additional math training for educators.

Dates to Remember

September	Library Card Sign-Up Month
8	International Literacy Day
8	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30—"Riding Your School Bus Safely," Grades 6-12, ed.tv 8
9	Admission Day
10	Grandparents' Day
11	Patriot Day
11	11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:20—"Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of the John J. Harvey," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
12	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30—"Getting to School the Safe Way," Grades 1-5, ed.tv 8
14	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30—"Operation School Bus Safety: Be Cool, Follow the Rules," Grades K-2, ed.tv 8
15-Oct. 15	Hispanic Heritage Month
15-16	Mexican Independence Days
15	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30—"Beginning Responsibility: Learning to Follow Instructions," Grades 1-3, ed.tv 8
17	Citizenship Day
17-23	Constitution Week
19	International Day of Peace
19	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30—"School Bus Safety," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
20	Back to School Night—Elementary
20	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00—"Native American Day," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
21	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30—"School Bus and the Exceptional Child," Grades K-12, ed.tv 8
22	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30—"Beginning Responsibility: A Lunchroom Goes Bananas," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
23-24	Rosh Hashanah
24	Ramadan, First Day
26	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30—"Staying Out of Trouble with Your Friends (Duffy's Story)," Grades 3-4, ed.tv 8
27	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00—"Pocahontas," Grades 3-8, ed.tv 8
28	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30—"Ask For It," Grades 1-2, ed.tv 8
29	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30—"Getting to School Safely Is Your Job," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8

• Fall Promotions

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principal, Cubberley; Shivaun Williams, Stephens, was vice principal, Stephens; and Mark Andreatta, Emerson, was assistant principal, Bancroft. Byron Briggs earned promotion to acting co-principal at Cabrillo. He had been assistant principal at Cabrillo.

Reassigned to principal are Mona Cook, from Naples to Grant; Cecilia Santos-Camerino, from Henry to Lincoln; and Lori Clark, from Gant to Jefferson.

Promoted to vice principal are Maria Martinez, Edison (50 percent), was teacher at Edison; Scott Tardibuono, Addams, was teacher, McKinley; Armando Duenas, Lee, was teacher, Holmes; Jennifer Rodarte, Harte, was program facilitator, Harte; and Troy Bennet, Student Support Services, was assistant principal, Washington.

Promoted to assistant principal are Marie Hatwan, Hudson, was teacher, Hudson; Kimberly Carpenter, Newcomb/Cubberley, was counselor, Hughes; Scott Fleming, Marshall, was teacher, Marshall; Cassandra Richards, Franklin, was teacher, Franklin; Wendy Sowinski, Stephens, was program facilitator, Marshall; Cory Gregory, Wilson, was program specialist, Stephens; Wayne Zimmerman, School for Adults, was program specialist, School for Adults; Peggy Gutierrez, Lindbergh, was teacher, Lindbergh; William Salas, Jordan Freshman Academy, was teacher, Millikan; Monica Alas, Bancroft, was teacher, Lafayette; and Richard Littlejohn, Washington, was teacher, McKinley. Earning promotion to acting assistant principal are Clarence Hall, Hamilton, was teacher, DeMille; and Maurice Valentine, Lakewood, was teacher, PAAL.

Reassigned assistant principals are Jose Gonzales, from Washington to Stephens; Veronica Coleman, from Lindbergh to Jordan; and Sheryl Albert, from Franklin to Hoover. Gordan Gibbins becomes assistant principal at Jordan after serving as acting assistant principal there.

Assistant principals reassigned to acting assistant principal are Daniel Jimenez, from Lakewood to Cabrillo; and Douglas Stewart, from Hamilton to Cabrillo. Returning from a leave to become assistant principal is Nicole Howton-Chiles, Sutter.

Promoted to head counselor are Steven Rockenbach, Jordan, was counselor, Jordan; and Deborah Hughes, Poly, was counselor, Poly. Nicole Lopez earned promotion to activities specialist, Renaissance. She was program facilitator, Renaissance.

Sara Jocham was promoted to director, Special Education, was program administrator, Special Education. Robert Williams was promoted to director, Special Projects, was principal, Lincoln.

Pam Seki was promoted to director, OCIPD/PALMS, was program administrator, OCIPD. Robert Hedges was promoted to director, Elementary Office/School Support Services and Interventions, was program administrator, Special Education/OCIPD.

Promoted to program administrator are Diane Prince, School Support Service-Secondary Schools, was assistant principal, Franklin; Kelly Lingel, Special Education/PALMS, was teacher, Special Education; and Douglas Siembeda, School Support Services, was senior psychologist, Student Support Services.

Lisa Stephenson becomes Reading First administrator, OCIPD, was principal, McKinley. Assigned to program administrator are Tiffany Brown, School Support Services/Elementary Schools, was senior psychologist, Student Support Services; Miriam Garcia, CDC, was principal, Burroughs; Kristi Kahl, principal training-OCIPD, was program administrator, Baldrige; Joe Pistoia, HRS, was principal, Wilson; and Cynthia Young, Baldrige, was principal, Emerson.

Carol Gutierrez-Ortega was promoted to administrative assistant, High School Office Gear-Up, was head counselor, Jordan. Sam Platis returns from leave to become administrative assistant, Middle/K-8 Office.

Earning promotion to program specialist are Sharon Schreiber, School Support Services (60 percent), was teacher on leave; Teresa Gonzalez-Sadlowski, Elementary Office, was teacher, Garfield; Jim Lineberger, Recreation, was teacher, Recreation; and Martha Ensminger, International Student Registration, was teacher, PALMS.

CSEA Contract OK'd

The Board of Education has voted unanimously to approve a contract agreement with the California School Employees Association. The agreement provides a 4 percent salary increase retroactive to July 1, 2005 and a 6 percent increase effective July 1, 2006.

The agreement with CSEA also provides incentives tied to career longevity. Retroactive checks for the pay increases and any longevity increment increases were issued September 1.

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