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'One Hour' Campaign Will Fund Uniforms

The Long Beach Education Foundation and the Assistance League of Long Beach are launching their new 'One Hour for Education' campaign today to raise funds for thousands of school uniforms. The unique fundraiser aims to coax one hour of salary from community members, business people, parents and others.

Donations will help the Assistance League's Operation School Bell meet its goal of providing school uniforms for 5,700 students this year. The organization plans to clothe 10,000 elementary and secondary students by 2010.

The fundraiser's kickoff coincides with today's Principal for a Day event, when hundreds of business and community leaders shadow local school principals for a behind-the-scenes look at life in California's third largest school district. The 'One Hour' campaign will continue through Dec. 3. For more information, visit www.onehourforeducation.com.

To donate via mail, make checks payable to the Long Beach Education Foundation and indicate 'One Hour for Education' in the memo line. Send to the Long Beach Education Foundation, One Hour for Education, 1515 Hughes Way, Long Beach, CA 90810.

Since 1989, the Long Beach Education Foundation's sole purpose has been to support Long Beach schools. Operation School Bell provides a safety net for free school uniforms, a service that has been critical to the success of the school district's nationally recognized uniform effort. Both organizations are committed to the vision that no child should fail to attend school or perform at their best because of a lack of adequate clothing.

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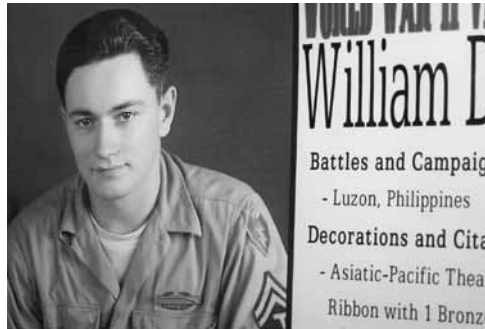
Community Leaders Shadowing Principals

Hundreds of business and community leaders will shadow local school principals today as part of the annual Principal for a Day event co-sponsored by the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, the Long Beach Unified School District and the Long Beach Education Foundation.

The event has become one of the largest and most successful of its kind, offering visitors a glimpse of schools' many day-to-day challenges and successes.

Long Beach philanthropists Mike and Arline Walter will be Superintendents for a Day today, shadowing real-life Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauer. Cal State Long Beach's landmark Pyramid events center bears the Walters' names in honor of the couple's \$2.1 million donation to the university.

Visit www.principalforaday.com for more information.



LIVING HISTORY – Decorated World War II Veteran William Deitz joins his grandson, fifth grader Ryan Rusin, during a recent Twain Elementary School event celebrating local veterans. Above, Deitz's army photo is displayed in his grandson's classroom.



Safe, Civil Schools Initiative Wins Golden Bell

Long Beach Unified School District's Safe and Civil Schools Initiative has won the prestigious Golden Bell Award, the highest honor from the California School Boards Association. The award will be presented Dec. 1 in San Diego.

Ever since the Safe and Civil Schools Initiative began here in 2003, it has helped to improve student behavior at dozens of schools, allowing for a more business-like atmosphere that is conducive to learning. More than 40 schools have participated, and the effort is expanding.

"Congratulations to everyone who has worked so hard to make this initiative a statewide model," said Christopher J. Steinhauer, superintendent of schools for the Long Beach Unified School District. "Increasing safety and civility in our schools is a vital part of our efforts to serve every student. This initiative has achieved dramatic results."

The Golden Bell Awards promote excellence in education by recognizing outstanding programs in school districts and county offices of education throughout California. To win the award, applicants must demonstrate that the program has made a difference for students, and that it is exemplary, innovative and sustainable. After screening of applications, a reviewer visits to see the program first-hand. Reviewer William Gutierrez, who visited Hill Classical Middle School, called the program impressive and innovative.

"I really enjoyed it," said Gutierrez, president of the Downey Unified School District Board of Education. "I was able to observe

passing period, with teachers in the hallway greeting students. I liked the increased interaction between teachers and students."

The initiative in Long Beach began with 21 schools in 2003, expanding to 20 more schools in 2005. Fourteen more schools will participate starting in January 2008. Already, many schools have dramatically reduced tardies and other behavior problems, recapturing precious classroom instruction time. Cabrillo High School, for instance, saw a 35 percent reduction in tardies in one year. Franklin Classical Middle School experienced a 55 percent reduction in tardies. Jefferson Middle School saw a 70 percent decrease in suspensions. Marshall Middle School achieved a 79 percent reduction in tardies and a 61 percent decrease in suspensions.

Each participating school has a Safe and Civil Team that receives training from the school district, using proven methods

developed by educational trainer Randy Sprick. See www.safeandcivilschools.com for more information. These school teams implement the strategies with teachers. Training topics include improving safety, effective supervision in common areas, developing a system for responding to discipline problems, increasing effectiveness of in-school suspension, verbal de-escalation, and classroom management procedures and routines.

The Safe and Civil Teams at each school use data to monitor progress and adjust procedures based on the needs of the school.

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Credential Current?

All certificated employees are required to keep their credentials and permits current at all times. If employees allow a credential or permit to expire, or if they do not provide the state with evidence of meeting renewal requirements, they cannot remain in paid status in any California public school district.

The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing requires all clear, professional and professional clear credential holders to renew their credentials online effective Jan. 1, 2007. The renewal process requires access to the Internet and payment by VISA or MasterCard. The renewal web page is <https://teachercred.ctc.ca.gov/teachers/RenewableSearchProxy>. Be sure to capitalize the letters in the web address as indicated here. For information, contact a credential services specialist at ext. 8008.

Retirement Seminars

Presentations for CalSTRS retirement benefits will be held at locations in the district in upcoming months.

The presentations are especially important for members who are eligible for retirement. Attendees will learn about CalSTRS service retirement allowance, retirement options, updates on legislation, and disability and survivor benefits. Staff from Human Resource Services and Risk Management will be available to answer questions.

Presentations are scheduled for Monday, Nov. 19 and Monday, Feb. 25 at the Teacher Resource Center ABC Room, 1299 E. 32nd St. and Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 1515 Hughes Way, Room 143. All of the seminars are scheduled for 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Space is limited. RSVP at ext. 8214.

Recent Promotions

Noberta Ruiz-Gomez, senior accounting assistant, Accounting;

Sophia Sim, instructional aide-special, Jordan;

Beth Smith, contract manager, Purchasing.

Dates to Remember

December	
1	World AIDS Day
4	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "Preventing Conflicts and Violence," Grades 6-12, ed.tv 8
5-12	Hanukkah
6	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "School Bus Safety," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
7	Pearl Harbor Day
7	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "Food For Fun," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
10	Human Rights Day
11	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "Kwanzaa," Grades K-4, ed.tv 8
12	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00 — "Christmas," Grades K-4, ed.tv 8
13	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "Hanukkah/Passover," Grades K-4, ed.tv 8
14	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "December Holidays," Grades 1-5, ed.tv 8
15	Bill of Rights Day
18	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "Celebrate," Grades K-8, ed.tv 8
19	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00 — "New Year's Day," Grades K-5, ed.tv 8
20	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "A Christmas Carol," Grades 4-9, ed.tv 8
21	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "Ebenezer," Grades 4-6, ed.tv 8
24-25	Christmas (Dates of observance)
24-Jan. 4	Winter Recess
25	Christmas Day
26-Jan. 1	Kwanzaa



• Hour for Education

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The Assistance League this fall already has provided uniforms for the entire student populations of International, Lindsey and Edison schools. More than 2,500 youngsters received uniforms by late October. Each student received two white polo shirts, two pairs of black or navy pants and a black or navy sweat-shirt.

Also among the uniform recipients this fall was the entire sixth grade class at Franklin Classical Middle School. The entire Franklin student population received uniforms from the Assistance League last year.

GEAR-UP Positions

Applications are now being accepted for the the Leadership Development position of Middle School GEAR-UP Program Facilitator for one of 13 positions to begin in late fall/early spring. Applicants should possess a secondary teaching or counseling background, leadership skills, and preferably experience with AVID. Application deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 21. For application materials, contact your principal or office supervisor, or e-mail msykes@lbschools.net. For specific questions about the positions, contact Chris Dominguez, cdominguez@lbschools.net.

In Memoriam

Phyllis Lowenthal
teacher, Avalon
Oct. 21, 2007

Kathleen Schneider
former intermediate office assistant,
Recreation Office
Nov. 3, 2007

Peggy McQuilkin
teacher, Carver
Nov. 7, 2007

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• Golden Bell

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Effective classroom management is a cornerstone of the Safe and Civil Schools model. Teachers are provided a classroom model to decrease behavior problems in class and prevent escalation of negative student behavior. These techniques are derived from research on how teachers manage student behavior and enhance student motivation. This model was implemented at Hill Classical Middle School, where 100 percent of students reported receiving positive feedback from a teacher within a two-month period. Reviewer Gutierrez said he was so impressed by the classroom management aspect that he would like his school district to consider it.

With the latest award, the Long Beach Unified School District now has won six Golden Bells, including awards for Community-Based English Tutoring, school uniforms, an authors festival, beginning teacher support, and Project PEAKS training for teachers of English.

The nonprofit CSBA represents more than 1,000 school districts and county offices of education throughout California.

Franklin Math Fest

More than 200 people recently attended Franklin Classical Middle School's first ever Family Night focused on mathematics, packing the gymnasium to watch students solve puzzles and participate in 15 different math activities. The evening was part of a day-long Math Festival at the school, during which 30 parents and other volunteers from Cal State Long Beach attended while students participated during their math class period.

The festival focused on algebra and was facilitated by the California Mathematics Council.

Franklin began implementing a new series of AVID college readiness classes this year to help students earn credit for an entire year of algebra before high school.

Franklin underwent schoolwide reform in 2006, converting to the classical model. Students take eight periods of instruction split over two days. Four periods of class each day allow for longer periods and enable students to take more elective classes.

Magical Madrigals

The Lakewood High School Madrigal Chamber Choir will sing at The Magic Kingdom. The choir will be part of the annual Disneyland Candlelight Celebration Dec. 2 in Town Square. The presentation features 700 singers, a full orchestra, fanfare trumpets, handbells and actress Jane Seymour as guest narrator. Ensembles chosen for this honor were selected by audition from throughout Southern California.

Names in the News

Amy Valinsky-Fillipow, a third grade teacher at Kettering Elementary School, recently completed the Angeles Crest 100-mile Endurance Run with a time of 28 hours and 40 minutes. She is also a three-time finisher of the Hawaii Ironman triathlon.