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White House Honors Teacher Sylvia Padilla

Long Beach Unified School District teacher Sylvia Padilla was among 10 educators honored last week by the White House and the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics.



Padilla

Padilla, a bilingual teacher for the past 20 years, teaches fourth grade in the two-way bilingual immersion program at Patrick Henry K-8 School.

The teacher travelled to Washington, D.C. where she was honored for inspiring students to excel, and for promoting the teaching profession by setting a strong example in the classroom.

"It was one of those things I'll never forget – to be around so many people who are making a difference," Padilla said of the D.C. trip.

"Going to the White House was tremendous, and it was great to meet all these teachers and to know that I am among them. I cannot take all the credit, though. I credit the school and the people I work with."

The White House honored educators who have focused on closing achievement gaps for their students – many of whom are Latino and learning English as a second language. The honorees were dubbed "Champions of Change."

Padilla is accustomed to high honors. She was named Los Angeles County Teacher of the Year and California Association of Bilingual Education Teacher of the Year for collaborating at the school, district and state levels to improve instruction, implementation and assessment of state standards in English and Spanish.

The White House Champions of Change program was created as a part of President Barack Obama's Winning the Future initiative to honor Americans who are doing great work in their communities.

LBUSD Reorganizes Central Office Posts

The Board of Education approved a reorganization of central office personnel this week. The consolidation saves about \$200,000 and allows for concerted implementation of the state's rigorous new academic standards districtwide.

Promoted to assistant superintendent of secondary schools was Peter Davis, who was director of middle/K-8 schools. Secondary grades include middle and high schools, with Davis assuming the high school duties of Maggie Webster, the assistant superintendent who recently retired.



Davis

Jill Baker, who was assistant superintendent of elementary, K-8 and middle schools, was named assistant superintendent for elementary and K-8 schools/chief academic officer. As part of her duties, she will work with principals districtwide regarding school-site implementation of the state's Common Core academic standards. Baker also will work closely with Deputy Superintendent Christine Dominguez, whose office will oversee the districtwide transition plan for the Common Core standards, developing curriculum, assessment and training.

The Common Core standards provide a new set of expectations to ensure college and career (Continued on next page)

New Middle School Opens in Signal Hill

The Long Beach Unified School District's first school built from the ground up with Measure K funds opened this week in Signal Hill.

Jessie Elwin Nelson Academy, named after the co-founder and first mayor of Signal Hill, is built to accommodate 850 students in grades six through eight.

The new school is one of many projects that are part of LBUSD's Measure K school construction and renovation efforts.

Technology at Nelson includes an iPad for each student to use at school and at home. Nelson is LBUSD's first school to broadly integrate wireless iPad technology based on instructional strategies called for in the state's Common Core standards.

"We are going to pilot new ways of teaching and learning," said Principal Sparkle Peterson, who, along with about 60 staff members at Butler Middle School, transferred to Nelson (Butler will now accommodate Roosevelt Elementary School students while their school is rebuilt).

Measure K funds, approved by local voters in 2008, are protected from state budget cuts and must be used solely for construction and renovation.

The \$45 million Nelson campus at 1951 Cherry Ave. is equipped with flat-screen TVs, high efficiency lighting and water systems, a soccer field and gym. Learn more at lbschools.net under Nelson Academy in the A-Z index.

New Assignments Fill 43 Key Positions

In addition to changes due to central office leadership reorganization, a total of 43 administrators will take on new assignments at schools and offices in the Long Beach Unified School District this fall.

Promoted to principal are Wendy Sowinski, Newcomb, was assistant principal, Franklin; Lori Grady, Barton, was program specialist, Special Projects; Sarah Forrester, Carver, was assistant principal, Lincoln; David Komatz, Henry, was assistant director, Special Projects; Marie Hatwan, Los Cerritos, was assistant principal, Dooley; Kimberly Dalton, Bancroft, was assistant principal, Jefferson; Kimberly Holland, Rogers, was assistant principal, Hill; and Quentin Brown, Renaissance, was acting principal, Renaissance.

Reassigned to principal are Marjean Hughes, from Keller to Burbank; Claire Alvarez, from Henry to Garfield; Kimberley Baril, from International to Grant; Jennifer Rodarte, from Carver to Harte; Mona Cook, (Continued on next page)

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Komatz



Sowinski

• New Assignments

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from Grant to International; Donna McKeehan, from Garfield to Mann; Scott Tardibuono, from Harte to McKinley; and Pamela Sawyer, from Bancroft to Hamilton. Karen Williams is returning from retirement to serve as acting principal at Muir.

Earning promotion to assistant principal are Osvaldo Ocampo, Lincoln, was teacher on special assignment, PALMS; Tammy Lavelle, Roosevelt, was teacher on special assignment, Lee; Jorge Montanez, Franklin, was program specialist, GEAR UP; Christopher Brown, Hill, was teacher on special assignment, Millikan;

• Central Office

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readiness. Implementation of the Common Core in California's schools will occur in stages beginning this year, with full implementation scheduled for the 2014-15 school year. The standards were developed through a state-led effort including governors and state commissioners of education from 48 states.

As part of the reorganization, Ruth Ashley, who was assistant superintendent for human resource services, was named assistant superintendent for human resource services/leadership development.

Thomas Malkus, who was program administrator for leadership development, will be director of secondary schools.

Yvette Streeter, who was program administrator for elementary, K-8 and middle schools, will be 50 percent program administrator for HRS leadership development and 50 percent program administrator for elementary/K-8 schools.

Names in the News

School nurse **Lucy Carbajal** earned a commendation recently from the Long Beach Police Department for saving the life of a distraught person who was about to jump from the 710 Freeway overpass at Wardlow Road. Carbajal saw the person leaning beyond the guardrail, pulled her car over and pleaded with him not to jump. Her actions gave police time to approach the subject and pull him away from the guardrail. With numerous calls to 911, Carbajal was the only one who stopped while on her way to work. Police credited Carbajal with saving the life of the subject and the lives of innocent people on the freeway who could have been affected by his actions.

Long Beach Unified School District Head Start Director **Linda James Perry** was appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown to serve on the California Advisory Council on Early Learning and Care.

Thurman Ashley, Jefferson, was teacher, Hudson; Kathleen Brown, GEAR UP, was program facilitator, Jordan/Poly; Mona Merlo, GEAR UP, was program facilitator, Wilson; and Damon Jespersen, Washington, was teacher on special assignment, PALMS.

Reassigned to assistant principal are Alicia Rubio, from Grant to Dooley; Nicole Howton-Chiles, from Harte/Barton to Grant/Harte; David Costa, from Franklin to Bancroft; Gayle Maher-Hall, from Monroe/Hughes to Hughes; Beth Cohen, from Marshall to Jefferson; Kim Carpenter, from Jefferson to Marshall; Renny Chu, from Marshall/Washington to Marshall; Roshann Williams, from Lindsey/Lindbergh to Franklin; Lew Kerns, from School for Adults to Jordan Plus; and Susan Laffiche, from 50

percent Stephens to 50 percent Renaissance.

Earning promotion to head counselor are Erin Charles, Lakewood, was counselor, Lakewood; and Rolando Saldivar, Wilson, was counselor, Cabrillo.

Earning promotion to program specialist are Laura Cernok, GEAR UP, was teacher, Hill; Daniel Ho-Ching, GEAR UP, was counselor, Hamilton; and Pam Lovett, OCIPD-GATE, was teacher on special assignment, OCIPD-GATE.

Eddie Cruz was promoted to activities specialist at Jordan; he was a teacher at Cabrillo.

David Taylor becomes program specialist in Special Projects; he was principal at McKinley. Clarissa Tolentino becomes assistant director in Special Projects; she was assistant principal at Roosevelt.

In Memoriam

James Duessent
former tool sharpener
May 29, 2012

Adreinne Holzman
former teacher, counselor
June 14, 2012

Isom Fullenwider
custodian, Addams
June 19, 2012

Linda Lee Sanders
teacher, Lakewood
June 19, 2012

Beverly Adams
former custodian
July 26, 2012

Audrey Devon
teacher, Jefferson
Aug. 13, 2012

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Aspiring Principals

The Leadership Development Department is accepting applications for the Aspiring Principals Program. Employees who have demonstrated leadership experience as an assistant/vice principal or administrative assistant, and are interested in pursuing the principalship should apply online by Sept. 28. An optional informational meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10 in Room 5107 at Nelson Academy. Learn more at lbschools.net under Leadership Development in the A-Z index.

Dates to Remember

September

7	Library Card Sign-Up Month 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "Getting to School the Safe Way," Grades 1-5, ed.tv 8
8	International Literacy Day
9	Admission Day
9	Grandparents Day
11	Patriot Day 9:00, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00 — "School Bus Safety," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
12	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00 — "Native American Day," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
13	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "School Bus and the Exceptional Child," Grades K-12, ed.tv 8
14	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "Beginning Responsibility: Learning to Follow Instructions," Grades 1-3, ed.tv 8
15-16	Mexican Independence Days
15-Oct. 15	Hispanic Heritage Month
17	Citizenship Day
17-23	Constitution Week
17-18	Rosh Hashanah
18	9:00, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00 — "Staying Out of Trouble With Your Friends," Grades 3-4, ed.tv 8
19	Back to School Night — Elementary
19	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00 — "Pocahontas," Grades 3-8, ed.tv 8
20	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "Ask For It," Grades 1-2, ed.tv 8
21	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "Beginning Responsibility: A Lunch Room Goes Bananas," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
22	First Day of Autumn
25	9:00, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00 — "Columbus," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
26	Yom Kippur
26	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00 — "Christopher Columbus," Grades 2-8, ed.tv 8
27	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "School Bus Safety," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
28	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "Getting to School Safely Is Your Job," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8