



school bulletin

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NEW SCHOOL – McBride High School, named after Long Beach civil rights leader Ernest McBride, opened this week. The school, located at the former DeMille Middle School site at 7025 E. Parkcrest St., will accommodate about 1,000 students by 2016. View more photos at lbschools.net.



Ernest McBride High School Opens

The first new high school built with voter-approved Measure K funds opened this week in Long Beach, bringing a college-prep curriculum and an emphasis on career paths.

Named after Long Beach civil rights leader Ernest McBride, the school will accommodate 210 freshmen. Each year, an additional class of ninth graders will be added until the school reaches an enrollment of about 1,000 ninth through twelfth grade students.

During the summer, a public preview of the school attracted about 1,300 people who lined up around the block to get a glimpse of the \$75 million facility.

“Feedback was very positive and encouraging,” said McBride’s principal, Steve

Rockenbach. “I was especially honored to have some of Ernest McBride’s family present. They were amazed at the overall look and feel of the campus and were extremely proud to know our students and families will continue his legacy of dedication and service.”

McBride’s curriculum includes California State University and University of California entrance requirements, with an added emphasis on real-world training in three high-demand career pathways: Health and Medical, Public Services and Forensics, and Engineering.

McBride, built on the former site of DeMille Middle School at 7025 E. Parkcrest St., is the first of several small high schools
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Jordan’s Media Program Earns Certification

Jordan High School’s Media and Communication (JMAC) program has earned Linked Learning Certification, meaning that it meets rigorous standards for combining strong academics, demanding technical education and real-world experience in a pathway centered on an industry theme.

JMAC is led by teachers Jodi Irish and Matt Hedley, who with a team of teachers plan lessons that cross over their curricular areas so students can see the relevance of what they are learning. Students discover how world history, for instance, is associated with biology, which is associated with English.

The centerpiece of JMAC is a full television station setup. Housed under the auditorium stage, the setup includes a green screen and a bank of TV monitors, along with an army of students who film events on campus. JMAC students write editorials and scripts for news broadcasts, perform in front of the camera, conduct interviews and edit film. Twice a

week, JMAC students broadcast a school-wide news program.

To achieve certification, a pathway or academy must meet rigorous criteria developed by representatives from Linked Learning partner organizations, including the National Academy Foundation, the National Career Academy Coalition, the Career Academy Support Network, The Education Trust-West, ConnectEd, business and industry, and other organizations interested in Linked Learning.

In 2010, the Architecture, Construction and Engineering (ACE) Academy at Jordan became the first of two programs statewide to earn the certification. There are now 28 certified pathways in California. In LBUSD, certified pathways include the two programs at Jordan along with the COMPASS and PEACE academies at Millikan High School, and the California Academy of Mathematics and Science.

Learn more at lbschools.net under Linked Learning in the A-Z index.

New Assignments Fill 57 Key Positions

A total of 57 administrators will take on new assignments at schools and offices in the Long Beach Unified School District this fall.

Promoted to principal are Steven Rockenbach, McBride, was assistant principal, Jordan; Monica Alas, Burnett, was acting principal, Burnett; Nicole Howton-Chiles, Dooley, was assistant principal, Grant/Harte; Damon Jespersion, Prisk, was assistant principal, Washington; Clarissa Tolentino, Roosevelt, was assistant director, Special Projects; Tammy LaVelle, Signal Hill, was assistant principal, Roosevelt; Cassandra Richards, Willard, was assistant principal, Stanford; David Costa, Stanford, was assistant principal, Bancroft; Christopher Brown, CAMS, was assistant principal, Hill; and Megan Traver, Washington,
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Common Core Website Launched

The Long Beach Unified School District has launched a Common Core Standards website providing resources for parents, teachers and students.

Find the new website at lbschools.net on the home page or under Common Core in the A-Z index.

Teachers, parents, school administrators and experts across the nation have come together to establish a single set of clear educational standards for kindergarten through 12th grade in English and math. Most states, including California, have voluntarily adopted these Common Core Standards. The standards are designed to make sure that students graduate from high school prepared for college and careers. Benchmarked against international standards and top-performing countries, the Common Core Standards also will help students to succeed in a global economy.

Feds OK Key Waiver

Eight school districts in the non-profit California Office to Reform Education – a consortium that includes the Long Beach Unified School District – were granted a waiver from the Obama Administration last month to implement the School Quality Improvement System in place of No Child Left Behind accountability rules.

The waiver provides flexibility to improve LBUSD’s efforts to prepare all students for college and careers.

Learn more under the “Feds OK Key Waiver for LBUSD” headline on the home page at lbschools.net.



Alas



Brown



Howton-Chiles



Jespersen



Lavelle



Richards



Rockenbach



Tolentino



Traver

• New Assignments

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was assistant principal, Washington.

Reassigned to principal are Lucy Salazar, from Burnett to Alvarado; Richard Littlejohn, from Edison to Barton; Matthew Hammond, from Fremont to Bryant; Stacy Sanchez, from Riley to Burcham; Edward Garcia, from Whittier to Edison; Mark Curran, from Monroe to Fremont; LaShell Diggs, from Burcham to Riley; Lori Grady, from Barton to Whittier; Kathleen Cruz, from Stanford to Hamilton; and Kevin Maddox, from Willard to Jefferson.

Earning promotion to assistant principal are Jenny Ramos, Grant/Harte, was RIF substitute;

CalPERS Fair

A California Public Employees' Retirement System benefits and retirement planning fair is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 13 and 14 at the Westin Hotel Long Beach, 333 E. Ocean Blvd.

Get information on retirement planning and view self-service features in the myCalPERS system. Speak to program experts and attend breakout sessions to plan for the future.

Visit www.calpers.ca.gov/retirementplanningfairs for more information.

Dates to Remember

September

- 5-6 Library Card Sign-Up Month
- 5 Rosh Hashanah
- 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Operation School Bus Safety: Be Cool, Follow the Rules," Grades K-2, ed.tv 8
- 6 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Getting to School the Safe Way," Grades 1-5, ed.tv 8
- 8 International Literacy Day
- 8 Grandparents' Day
- 9 California Admission Day
- 10 9:00, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00; 26 - 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "School Bus Safety," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
- 11 Patriot Day
- 11 8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Native American Day," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
- 12 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "School Bus and the Exceptional Child," Grades K-12, ed.tv 8
- 13 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Beginning Responsibility: Learning to Follow Instructions," Grades 1-3, ed.tv 8
- 14 Yom Kippur
- 15-Oct. 15 Hispanic Heritage Month
- 15-16 Mexican Independence Days
- 16 Mayflower Day
- 17 Citizenship Day
- 17-23 Constitution Week
- 17 9:00, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00— "Staying Out of Trouble With Your Friends (Duffy's Story)," Grades 3-4, ed.tv 8
- 18 Back to School Night—Elementary
- 18 8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Pocahontas," Grades 3-8, ed.tv 8
- 19 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Ask For It," Grades 1-2, ed.tv 8
- 20 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
- 24 9:00, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00— "Columbus," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
- 25 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— "Getting to School Safely Is Your Job," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
- 27 Native American Day

Rosemary Sissons, Roosevelt, was teacher on special assignment, Lafayette; Marcus Galbreath, Bancroft, was teacher, Hamilton; Alma Black, Nelson, was program facilitator, Jordan; Shawn Abbate, Stanford, was teacher, Millikan; Felicia Anderson, Jordan, was program facilitator, Millikan; Nicole Lopez, Lakewood, was activities specialist, Renaissance; Stacie Alexander, Poly, was teacher on special assignment, Special Education; Alissa Gamboa, Hill, was teacher on special assignment, Jordan; Lester Lawson, Washington, was activities specialist, Cabrillo; Linda Reynolds, Lindsey, was teacher, Monroe; and Jacqueline Williams, Marshall, was counselor, Jefferson.

Lorena Moreno was reassigned as assistant principal, from Lindsey to Washington. Kimberly Carpenter becomes vice principal at Dooley; she was assistant principal at Marshall.

Earning promotion are Angel Steve Duanes, head counselor, Cabrillo, was counselor, Jordan; Nora Valdez, program specialist, GEAR UP Jordan, was RIF counselor, Cabrillo;

and Dulnari Edirisinghe-Aga, program specialist, Jefferson, was program facilitator, GEAR UP Poly.

Earning promotion to director are Cynthia Young, CDC, was principal, Prisk; Brian Moskovitz, Employee Relations, was principal, Jefferson; Robert Tagorda, Equity, Access/College and Career Readiness, was program administrator, Superintendent's Office; and Christopher Lund, Research, was principal, Roosevelt.

Deborah Deden earned promotion to assistant director, Equity, Access/College and Career Readiness, was program specialist, Elementary Office. Nader Twal earned promotion to program administrator, OCIPD, was administrative assistant, OCIPD.

Promoted to program specialist are Christopher Eckert, OCIPD, was teacher on special assignment, OCIPD; Veronica Evans, OCIPD, was teacher on special assignment, OCIPD; and Wendy Rosenquist, Special Education, was teacher on special assignment, Special Education. Marybeth Murray was promoted to program specialist 2, CDC; she was a teacher at Prisk.

Promoted to administrative assistant are Cynthia Bater, High School Office, was teacher on special assignment, High School Office; Carmen Hernandez, Elementary Office, was teacher on special assignment, Special Projects; and Jennifer Brown, Equity, Access/College and Career Readiness, was teacher on special assignment, Cabrillo.

Christopher Gutierrez-Lohrman is the new director, Special Education. He was director of Student Services for El Rancho Unified.

Kristi Kahl becomes senior director, HRS/Leadership Development; was senior director, Research. Debra Ecung becomes director, HRS; was director, Employee Relations. Yvette Streeter becomes program administrator, Elementary Office; was program administrator, Elementary Office/HRS.

Edward Samuels becomes assistant director, OCIPD; was assistant principal, Washington.

Rachel Heenan becomes program specialist, Special Education; she was an assistant principal in Norwalk/La Mirada Unified.

Daniel Ho-Ching becomes program specialist, Equity, Access/College and Career Readiness; was program specialist, GEAR UP.

In Memoriam

Walter Roebuck
groundskeeper, Operations
June 16, 2013

Gilbert Vanloon
warehouse processor, Purchasing
July 4, 2013

Cynthia Petelo
psychologist, Teacher
July 17, 2013

Kathryn Wellington
former teacher
July 26, 2013

George Whitmore
former principal
Aug. 15, 2013

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planned as part of the Measure K construction and renovation program. Measure K is the \$1.2 billion school facilities initiative approved by local voters. The funds may be used only for school construction and renovation.

The school has 43 classrooms in seven buildings. The administration building/library, science building, two multi-story classroom buildings, gymnasium, lecture hall and food services facility all have high-tech, energy efficient features.

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