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Homeless Students Enjoy Trip to Rancho

About 100 homeless and otherwise disadvantaged students from Stephens Middle School were treated to a holiday luncheon, goody-filled backpacks and gift cards to local retailers during a recent field trip to the Rancho Los Alamitos historical site in Long Beach.

Providing the backpacks and serving as keynote speaker for the occasion was 16-year-old Zachary Bonner, a Tampa, Florida resident whose Little Red Wagon Foundation has distributed more than 6,000



Bonner

backpacks to homeless youth. The backpacks are filled with food, personal hygiene kits and other supplies. Bonner has walked more than 4,200 miles to raise awareness about the plight of homeless youth, including a walk from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean.

Learn more at lrwf.org.

The Long Beach Unified School District's annual Superintendent's Luncheon for students was coordinated through the Long Beach Education Foundation.

More Teachers Earn National Certification

Eight more teachers in the Long Beach Unified School District have earned National Board Certification, the highest professional distinction in teaching.

Another 12 teachers here renewed their national certification, a designation that lasts for 10 years. The school district now has about 143 nationally certified teachers.

The rigorous certification is a year-long process that involves writing extensive portfolios, videotaping classroom instruction and participating in a day of written exercises.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification is the nation's only advanced teacher certification. In LBUSD, national certification also can provide higher salary potential.

New National Board Certified teachers are Patricia Anaya, Stanford; Fernando Arroyo, Newcomb; Kimberlee Ann Boggs, Hudson; Trez Brown, Poly; Anne M. Gundry, Poly; Alicia Huizar, Webster; Gerard Morrison, Hoover; and Sylvia Mulvehill, Stanford.

Teachers who renewed their national certification this year are Pamela Amici, Poly; Tracy Braido, Newcomb; Kelly Dale, Lakewood; Heather Evans, Barton; Robin Davis Fesseha,

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Teachers, Non-Reps to Receive 3% Raise

The Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education approved 3 percent salary increases this week, retroactive to July 1 of this year, for eligible non-represented employees and members of the Teachers Association of Long Beach.

An improving state budget allows for the first salary increase in more than five years for both groups of employees.

The board's unanimous decision was accomplished in two votes – one approving a contract with TALB, and one approving the raise for non-represented employees.

The TALB contract included the raise and new language on K-12 shared decision making, days and hours, and evaluation. TALB's membership ratified the contract last week by a

99 percent yes vote, or 1,621 to 19.

The term of the new TALB contract runs through June 30, 2015, with reopeners for next year regarding salary, health benefits and evaluation, plus three articles selected by each party.

The school district plans to provide eligible employees their retroactive pay no later than Feb. 21, and possibly as soon as Jan. 24. The salary schedule increases will be reflected in eligible employees' paychecks no later than quadri-weekly period 9, which will be paid on Feb. 28, and possibly as soon as quadri-weekly period 8, which will be paid on Jan. 31.

LBUSD also plans to negotiate compensation with the local California School Employees Association chapter in the coming weeks.

Hamilton Students Win Robotics Contest

A team of Hamilton Middle School students won a regional robotics contest this month at the California Academy of Mathematics and Science in Carson, qualifying Hamilton for the state championships to be held next March in San Francisco.

Five other teams from Long Beach schools also participated, including Hill, Lindbergh, Lindsey, Marshall and Powell, with each team qualifying for playoff rounds.

Hamilton's Team B, led by students Isaac Canedo, America Calvario, Ian Aguilar and Trenton Randall initially qualified 20th out of 40 teams but worked hard to improve their robot before the playoffs began. They joined two teams from Grace Brethren Junior High School in the playoffs and together advanced through the quarterfinals and semifinals, eventually winning in the finals to become the CAMS VEX Robotics Middle School

Tournament champions.

The Saturday contest involved a game called "toss up," in which teams maneuver their robots through obstacles to place balls of various sizes past a goal to score points.

Hamilton's Team A, led by students Handy Tran, Chris Buenrostro, Cindy Coronado, Arturo Lopez and Ali Ghuneem qualified seventh out of 40 during the six qualifying matches, but were later knocked out of the playoffs during the quarterfinals. Hamilton's robotics teacher is Ethan George.

"Mr. George is so proud of all his robotics students, who worked extremely hard and fought until the end during the grueling nine-hour competition," Hamilton Principal Kathleen Cruz said.

LBUSD is providing robotics programs in 17 middle and K-8 schools this year for sixth through eighth grades.

ROBOTICS – Lindbergh Middle School students Veronica Saucedo and Nazrie Esquivel work on their robot for a recent contest at the California Academy of Mathematics and Science. Five other Long Beach schools competed in the regional competition, with Hamilton Middle School taking first place.



SISTER CITY – Tincher Preparatory School recently hosted a delegation of about 25 dignitaries from Long Beach's sister city of Yokkaichi, Japan. Tincher teacher Elisa Turien visited Yokkaichi for a week as part of an exchange program. The two cities recently marked 50 years of partnership.



Dates to Remember

January	
1	New Year's Day
1	Emancipation Proclamation Anniversary
1-3	Japanese New Year Festivities
7	9:00, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "I Have a Dream: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," Grades 9-12, ed.tv 8
8	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00—"Martin Luther King, Jr./Black History Month," Grades K-5, ed.tv 8
9	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30—"Everyday Creativity," Grades 4-12, ed.tv 8
10	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30—"The Boyhood of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Grades 4-6, ed.tv 8
14	9:00, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00—"I Have a Dream: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," Grades 6-8, ed.tv 8
15	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00—"The Wright Brothers," Grades 3-8, ed.tv 8
16	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30—"Dare to Dream," Grade 9, ed.tv 8
17	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30—"What Liberty and Justice Mean," Grades 3-4, ed.tv 8
19	World Religion Day
20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Holiday
21	9:00, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00—"Silversmith of Williamsburg," Grade 5, ed.tv 8
22	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00—"Thomas Edison," Grades 4-8, ed.tv 8
23	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30—"School Bus Safety," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
24	10:00, 11:20, 12:20—"First Moon, Celebration of the Chinese New Year," Grades 6-12, ed.tv 8
27	Fall Semester Ends
28	Spring Semester Begins
28	9:00, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00—"George Washington," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
29	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00—"Abraham Lincoln," Grades 2-8, ed.tv 8
30	Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution
30	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30—"Abraham Lincoln," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
31	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30—"The Klan: A Legacy of Hate in America," Grades 9-12, ed.tv 8

Names in the News

Lionel Gonzalez, Male Academy facilitator for the Long Beach Unified School District, was among the honorees at the recent Centro C.H.A. Nuestra Imagen Awards dinner. Each year, the organization recognizes community leaders who exemplify excellence, impact the lives of children and contribute to revitalizing neighborhoods and businesses in Long Beach.

Physical Education Curriculum Leader **Lisa Ulmer** will be inducted into the Cal Poly Pomona Hall of Fame during the school's Feb. 7 Evening of Champions. Ulmer, a three-time All-American in college basketball, played a key role in Cal Poly Pomona capturing the 1982 NCAA Division II National Championship, the first women's basketball team to claim that honor. Learn more at broncoathletics.com.

Clean Audits for District, Measure K

Detailed, independent audits of the Long Beach Unified School District's finances and its Measure K school bond program have resulted in the highest possible rating from certified public accountants.

The results of the audit of the school district's finances by a team of independent auditors were presented to the school board recently by the Vicenti, Lloyd & Stutzman firm. The auditing firm deemed that the school district has earned the coveted unmodified opinion, meaning the financial statements give a true and fair view of LBUSD's finances.

The accounting firm arrived at the same opinion after conducting two audits related to the school district's Measure K school construction and modernization program. One audit examined the school bond fund in detail, while a performance audit determined that the school district has expended funds appropriately.

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Reid; Arlena Gilmore, King; Cara Hale-Hanes, Poly; Jeff Ray Harper, Jefferson; Nicole Jackson, OCIPD; Laura Leaney, Poly; Kathleen McCormick, Cubberley; and Jeanne Spicer, Lowell.

Learn more under National Board Certification in the A-Z index at lbschools.net.

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School Nurses Help Homeless Shelter

Long Beach school nurses recently assisted Lydia House, a women and children's shelter that is part of the Long Beach Rescue Mission, by volunteering and collecting donated goods. Each year the nurses combine their holiday party with an opportunity to help a community-based organization.

Nurses and health assistants collected items including gift cards, diapers, baby wipes and other toiletries.

"Lydia House provides shelter, solace and hope for homeless women and their children," said Rose Van Meeveren, a nurse at Cleveland, Gompers and Henry schools. "It is important for the nurses to help and be involved in our Long Beach community."

Kindergarten Fests

The second of four Kindergarten Festivals for incoming 2014-15 kindergartners and their families is scheduled for Jan. 11 at Roosevelt Elementary School, 1400 E. 20th St., Long Beach. The popular Saturday festivals include parent workshops, free school supplies, dental screenings and lots of fun activities.

A third festival is scheduled for Feb. 8 at International Elementary School, 700 Locust Ave., Long Beach. The final festival of the school year will be March 15 at the Buffum Total Learning Center, 2350 Ximeno Ave., Long Beach.

Call 435-4080, ext. 19 for information.

Lakewood Cadets Take Meals to Needy

Students from Lakewood High School's Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps assembled and delivered more than 2,000 meals to the needy and elderly in the local community on Thanksgiving Day.

With the help of parent volunteers, the students worked with Meals on Wheels to deliver dinner to residents who otherwise may not have enjoyed a warm meal on the holiday.

The NJROTC instructors at Lakewood are Master Chief Pauline Bullock and Capt. Donald McMackin.

Lakewood's NJROTC has repeatedly ranked among the best in the United States at national drill, athletic and academic competitions. Earlier this year, Lakewood NJROTC earned first place out of 700 teams in a national academic contest.

In Memoriam

Helene Rose
former CDC director
Dec. 6, 2013

Ross Shickler
former principal
Dec. 10, 2013