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## Librarian of the Year 'A True Powerhouse'

Mary McCarthy of Bobbie Smith Elementary School has earned the Teacher Librarian of the Year Award from the Long Beach School Librarians Association. She was recognized at a recent Board of Education meeting, where Association President Nina Jackson commended her for 21 years of exemplary service.

"Mary is a true powerhouse," Jackson said. "She has truly made the library the heart of Smith Elementary."



McCarthy

McCarthy has created several library programs that bring together students, parents, staff, community organizations and businesses. She built support for a renovation of the library that now includes iPads, an eBook library, a SMART Board and other technology.

"It has been the ultimate joy for me to be at Smith," McCarthy said, "and I want to thank my colleagues, my Long Beach School Librarians Association board members. I know how hard you work, how dedicated you are. The library is such a place of love and light. It changed my life as a little kid. I want to make sure that love and light and treasure is there for our kids in the future."

McCarthy's school was named after former librarian and retired Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education President Bobbie Smith in 2014.

"You can't imagine my glee that we're called Bobbie Smith after a librarian, and that has made me so happy," McCarthy said, "and I tell that story to the children on and on."

## Open Enrollment in May for Benefits, FSA

From May 1 to 31, employees can enroll in or make changes to medical, dental, vision and Flexible Spending Account plans for the 2018-19 plan year. The new plan year starts July 1 and ends June 30, 2019.

For employees who do not make changes, current elections will continue for the 2018-19 plan year with the exception of the FSA plans. By IRS rule, current FSA enrollment does not carry over to the next year. Employees on the Blue Shield medical plans who don't make any changes will continue on the equivalent Aetna medical plan.

Enroll online at [www.lbusdbenefits.com](http://www.lbusdbenefits.com), or call 866-844-9744, option 4, Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Time.

## Board OKs Raises for Teachers, Non-Reps

The Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education approved salary increases for Teachers Association of Long Beach members and non-represented employees last week. The board also is likely to consider compensation for California School Employees Association members at its next regular meeting on May 2.

TALB members and non-represented employees, including managers, will receive an ongoing salary increase of 1 percent, plus a one-time increase of 1 percent. The salary increase for TALB members was part of a contract agreement approved by TALB and the school board. The school district also has reached a tentative contract agreement with Long Beach Chapter 2 of CSEA. That tentative agreement includes the same salary increase that teachers and non-represented employees will receive.

The ongoing 1 percent raise would be retroactive to July 1, 2017. The one-time, or "off schedule," payment provides 1 percent of earnings for the entire 2017-18 fiscal year. The earnings calculation for that fiscal year will include the retroactive pay.

Employees will see the ongoing 1 percent raise reflected on paychecks no later than June 22, 2018. Retroactive checks will be issued no later than June 15, 2018. Then the one-time payment of 1 percent would be issued as soon as September. The same timeline applies to CSEA members, pending school board approval of that contract on May 2. CSEA's membership has ratified that contract with a 99 percent yes vote.

For more information on the agreements with TALB and CSEA, go to Employees > Bargaining Updates at [lbschools.net](http://lbschools.net).

## Legislation Advances on 11th Grade Testing

The Assembly Education Committee voted 6-0 this month in favor of Assembly Bill 1951, authored by Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell (D - Long Beach) to allow school districts to offer college admissions tests to students for free during the school day in lieu of the state-required 11th grade assessment.

"AB 1951 is about expanding access to higher education," Assemblymember O'Donnell said. "Allowing school districts the flexibility to decide the most meaningful assessments for their students will increase the number of students going to college. As a parent, a teacher and Chair of the Assembly Education Committee, I believe AB 1951 is a win for school districts and, most importantly, a win for our students."

The Long Beach Unified School District now offers the SAT for free to students during the school day, and LBUSD Superintendent

Christopher J. Steinhauser testified in support of AB 1951 at the recent Assembly Education Committee hearing.

"Our school district strongly supports AB 1951 because it eliminates historic barriers to higher education," Steinhauser said. "If more students can take a college admissions test at no cost, then more students will gain access to personalized, free practice tools, and more students will earn admission and scholarships to colleges and universities."

The measure also has the support of numerous school districts and is sponsored by the California School Boards Association. A dozen other states have used or plan to use a college entrance exam as an alternative assessment to meet state and federal accountability requirements for grade 11 testing.

The bill now moves to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**SOUND BODY, SOUND MIND** – Students at Marshall Academy of the Arts demonstrate equipment in a newly dedicated fitness room funded by a \$40,000 UCLA Sound Body Sound Mind grant. Learn more by searching for 'Sound Body Sound Mind' at [uclahealth.org](http://uclahealth.org).



## View Student Art at LBMA Until May 27

An exhibit of artwork created by local high school students will continue through May 27 at the Long Beach Museum of Art, located at 2300 E. Ocean Blvd.

The museum recently held an opening reception for the exhibition, "Voices of the Next Generation." More than 300 works of art were submitted by Long Beach Unified School District high school students, and 75 of the pieces were selected for the annual exhibit in the Toyota Children's Gallery.

Participating schools are Avalon, Cabrillo, Jordan, Lakewood, McBride, Millikan, Poly, Renaissance and Wilson high schools.

## Dates to Remember

<b>May</b>	Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
	National Physical Fitness and Sports Month
<b>1</b>	Loyalty Day
<b>1</b>	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "You Can Refuse," Grades 5-8, ed.tv 8
<b>1-7</b>	National Physical Education and Sports Week
<b>2</b>	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00; <b>3</b> - 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30; <b>8</b> - 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00; <b>9</b> - 8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00; <b>10</b> - 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30; <b>11</b> - 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30; <b>15</b> - 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00; <b>22</b> - 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00; <b>25</b> - 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30; <b>29</b> - 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00; <b>30</b> - 8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00; <b>31</b> - 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Adventures in Poetry," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
<b>4</b>	School Lunch Hero Day
<b>4</b>	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30; <b>24</b> - 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "High School Graduation: A Day You'll Never Forget," Grades 6-8, ed.tv 8
<b>5</b>	Anniversary of First American Man in Space
<b>5</b>	Cinco de Mayo
<b>6-12</b>	Teacher Appreciation Week
<b>6-12</b>	Be Kind to Animals Week
<b>7-13</b>	National Children's Book Week
<b>8</b>	National Teacher Day
<b>8</b>	VE Day
<b>9</b>	National Bike to School Day
<b>9</b>	National School Nurse Day
<b>13</b>	Mothers Day
<b>16</b>	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00; <b>18</b> - 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Memorial Day/Veterans Day," Grades 3-6, ed.tv 8
<b>17</b>	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Total War," Grades 9-12, ed.tv 8
<b>19</b>	Armed Forces Day
<b>20-21</b>	Lindbergh Flight Anniversary
<b>20-26</b>	National Educational Bosses Week
<b>21-27</b>	Classified School Employee Week
<b>21-25</b>	Public Schools Week
<b>22</b>	Open House — Middle School
<b>23</b>	Open House — High School
<b>23</b>	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Flag Day/Citizenship Day," Grades K-5, ed.tv 8
<b>24</b>	Open House — Elementary School
<b>25</b>	Ralph Waldo Emerson's Birthday
<b>28</b>	Memorial Day — HOLIDAY
<b>31</b>	World No Tobacco Day

## In Memoriam

**Rachel J. Gasaway**  
former teacher  
Feb. 12, 2018

**Melinda C. Yatsui**  
former teacher  
March 12, 2018

**David E. Wilson**  
former plumber  
April 2, 2018

## Van Blom Featured In New Documentary

"Kiss the Joy: The Story of Joan Lind Van Blom," a documentary film directed and produced by Jean Strauss, will premiere at the Newport Beach Film Festival at 5:45 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 in the Lido Theatre, 3459 Via Lido, Newport Beach. Van Blom was the first U.S. woman to win an Olympic medal in women's sculling. The rowing champion also worked for 35 years in the Long Beach Unified School District as a physical education teacher and curriculum leader.

A second screening is scheduled for 7:45 p.m. Thursday, May 3 at Edwards Big Newport, 300 Newport Center Drive, Newport Beach.

Learn more and purchase tickets at [newportbeachfilmfest.com](http://newportbeachfilmfest.com).

The film was produced in conjunction with USRowing ([usrowing.org](http://usrowing.org)) and the National Rowing Foundation. The NRF established the Joan Lind Van Blom Women's Sculling Endowment in 2015. The endowment was created to honor Joan's memory and support women's sculling in the United States at the national and international level. To support U.S. women's sculling, go to [natrowing.org/Joan](http://natrowing.org/Joan).

## Retirement, Leave, Resignation Forms

Certificated employees planning to resign, retire or request a leave of absence for the 2018-19 school year should submit the appropriate form to their site administrator as soon as possible. Resignations and requests for full-year leaves of absence received after June 30, 2018 will not be approved unless the school district is able to hire a suitable replacement. Questions? Contact Kimberly Dalton at ext. 8108 or [kdalton@lbschools.net](mailto:kdalton@lbschools.net).

Per the Teachers Association of Long Beach contract, employees who resign as of the last day of the traditional school year and after having served a complete contract year immediately prior shall be eligible for district-paid health, dental, vision and life insurance benefits through Sept. 30 following the school year of service. For more information on duration of benefits, call Risk Management at ext. 8234 or 8236.

Recent CalSTRS legislation limits retirees from substituting during the first 180 days of retirement. Contact CalSTRS at [calstrs.com](http://calstrs.com) for more information.

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## Names in the News

Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education Member **Felton Williams** will receive the Distinguished Alumni Service Award during the Claremont Graduate University's Board of Trustees meeting at 6 p.m. Friday, May 11. Williams earned a Ph.D in higher education at the university. He is being recognized for devoting his career to improving educational opportunities and providing access to quality education for historically under-served children. View a related video by finding this article at [lbschools.net](http://lbschools.net).

Retired Long Beach Unified School District principal **Cynthia Terry** and McBride High School senior **Dezmin Hemmans** will be honored by the California Conference for Equality and Justice during the annual Humanitarian Awards Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17 at the Hyatt Regency, 200 S. Pine Ave. in Long Beach. Tickets are \$200, with table sponsorships available. Learn more and register for the event at [cacej.org](http://cacej.org).

Teachers **Christine Carner** and **Nicole Lopez**, both from Addams Elementary School, **Sarah Cox** of Harte Elementary School, and **Porsha Smith** of Hamilton Middle School each received \$100 awards to support their classroom activities to enhance literacy. The teachers applied for the Penne Ferrell Awards offered by the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, which promotes the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Millikan High School senior **Ty Miller** won a logo contest for the Floodplain Management Association Conference in Reno. The student will receive \$500 at a Sept. 5 awards luncheon, and the logo will appear on the organization's website ([floodplain.org](http://floodplain.org)) and on conference materials. The student's graphic design teacher is **Karen Dies**. One of her students won the same contest last year.

## Weekly Twitter Chat: #ProudtobeLBUSD

Lafayette Elementary School teacher librarian Katherine Tacea and Wilson High School teacher Edward Steinhauser co-moderate the #ProudtobeLBUSD Twitter chat on Wednesdays from 7 to 7:30 p.m., connecting colleagues who share ideas, tips and resources. Topics vary by week, and all Long Beach Unified School District teachers, staff and administration as well as like-minded colleagues from around the world are welcome to participate. Previous topics have included classroom management, growth mindset, college and career readiness, student voice and more. Other LBUSD teachers and administrators also serve as guest moderators.

## CDC Festival May 5

The Long Beach Unified School District's Child Development Centers Festival is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 5 at King Park, 1133 Rhea St., Long Beach.

The event includes pre-enrollment opportunities, information about free preschool options, food, games, crafts and other family fun.

Call the CDC office at 429-8636 for more information.