



# school bulletin

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## Newest K-5 School Opens Downtown

Cesar Chavez Elementary School, the Long Beach Unified School District's newest downtown school, opened this week. The new campus will allow more neighborhood children to attend school closer to home.

"It's hard to imagine that a few days ago much of the school was inaccessible without wearing a hard hat," Principal Sue Rivard said. "Thanks to the diligent work of everyone in Maintenance, Operations, Custodial Services and Facilities, and the fantastic efforts of our own Chavez staff, our school is up and running. Classrooms are stocked with books and supplies. Eager teachers are prepared to begin instruction in this beautiful, modern school."

The two-story, \$15 million school is built on 2.6 acres near the intersection of Broadway Street and Golden Avenue. It offers 65,000 square feet of facilities, including gleaming, energy efficient classrooms, a workbook between every two classrooms, a computer lab and a large gymnasium that is part of an innovative joint-use agreement with neighboring Cesar Chavez Park.

Between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays, part of the park between Broadway and Third Street will be sectioned off as a playground for students. In return, the school's gymnasium will be open to parks department programs and the public on weekdays after 4 p.m. and on weekends. This partnership makes the best use of limited space.

The school will partner with The Children's Clinic to provide on-site immunizations and reduced-cost medical care in urgent cases.

Chavez also will partner with the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific to integrate marine science with subjects like science and math.

## Smithsonian Exhibit

The Long Beach Museum of Art presents African American Masters: Highlights from the Smithsonian American Art Museum, featuring over sixty paintings, sculptures, photographs and works on paper from the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C.

The exhibit will be on display at the Long Beach Museum of Art from Oct. 1 to Nov. 28. Opening day is free to the public all day. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday (open until 8 p.m. on Thursdays). Admission is free for museum members and children under 12, \$4 for other students and seniors, and \$5 for adults. Free admission is available to everyone during the first Friday of each month.

The museum is the only West Coast venue for this exhibit, offering a rare chance to see many of the finest works produced in the 20th century by African American artists.

For more information, call (562) 439-2119 or visit [www.lbma.org](http://www.lbma.org).

## Promotions, Reassignments Fill 88 Key Posts

The Board of Education of the Long Beach Unified School District has approved the hiring, promotion and reassignment of 88 key administrators for the 2004-05 school year.

Karen DeVries was promoted to deputy superintendent after serving as assistant superintendent, Elementary Schools. Gwen Mathews was promoted from director, Head Start, to assistant superintendent, Middle/K-8 Schools. Ruth Ashley was promoted from director, Human Resource Services, to assistant superintendent, Human Resource Services.



DeVries

Kim Stallings becomes chief business and financial officer. He previously served as Norwalk/La Mirada Unified School District's assistant superintendent, Business Services. Kemba Olabisi is the new director of Risk Management. She was previously risk manager for the Los Angeles Community College District.

Debra Ecung is the new director, Employee Relations, after serving as principal at Barton.

Linda James is director, Head Start, after serving as principal at Kettering.

Promoted to principal were Deborah Anderson, Buffum, was vice principal, Barton; Jackie Barnett Jr., Alvarado, was vice principal, Riley; Peter Davis, Hill, was assistant principal, Hill; Edward Garcia, Whittier, was vice principal, Burnett; Christi Granado, Tucker, was vice principal, Roosevelt; Sarah Gregory, Avalon, was activities specialist, Wilson; Parisima Shahidi, Burbank, was assistant principal, Franklin; Kimberly Weber, Kettering, was vice principal, Webster; and Luana Wesley, Barton, was vice principal, Cubberley.



Mathews

Principals reassigned to new schools were Diane Brown, from Harte to Stephens; Lori Clark, from Buffum to Gant; Howard Fineman, from Avalon to Hill; Tom Malkus, from Twain to Lee; Robin Samana, from Burbank to Harte; Pamela Sawyer, from Gant to Twain; and David Taylor, from Tucker to Franklin.

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Anderson



Ashley



Barnett



Davis



Ecung



Garcia



Granado



Gregory



James



Nakagawa



Olabisi



Shahidi



Stallings



Weber



Wesley

## Dates to Remember

<b>September</b>	
10	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Riding Your School Bus Safely," Grades 6-12, ed.tv 8
11	Patriot Day
12	Grandparents' Day
14	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Getting to School the Safe Way," Grades 1-5, ed.tv 8
15-16	Mexican Independence Day
15-Oct. 15	Hispanic Heritage Month
16-17	Rosh Hashanah
16	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Operation School Bus Safety: Be Cool, Follow the Rules," Grades K-2, ed.tv 8
17	Citizenship Day
17-23	Constitution Week
17	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Beginning Responsibility: Learning to Follow Instructions," Grades 1-3, ed.tv 8
21	International Day of Peace
21	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "School Bus Safety," Grades 3-6, ed.tv 8
22	Back to School Night--Elementary Schools
22	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00-- "Native American Day," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
23	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "School Bus and the Exceptional Child," Grades K-12, ed.tv 8
24	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Beginning Responsibility: A Lunchroom Goes Bananas," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
25	Yom Kippur
28	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Staying Out of Trouble with Your Friends (Duffy's Story)," Grades 3-4, ed.tv 8
29	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00-- "Pocahontas," Grades 3-8, ed.tv 8
30-Oct. 1	Sukkot
30	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Ask For It," Grades 1-2, ed.tv 8

## Job Opportunities

Applications are now being accepted at the Personnel Commission, 999 Atlantic Ave., third floor, for Head Start family services liaison, senior accounting assistant, senior software applications engineer, software applications engineer, speech-language pathology assistant, supervising software applications engineer and supervisor-autism services.

## In Memoriam

### Ruth Kashishian

former elementary music teacher  
May 3, 2004

### Edna Kupper

former social worker  
June 3, 2004

### Jacqueline Hubbard

intermediate office assistant, DeMille  
June 26, 2004

### Alex Newman

college aide, Emerson  
July 3, 2004

### Ruth Sarson

former principal  
July 10, 2004

### Kathy Perez

senior accounting assistant, Accounting  
July 13, 2004

### Gayle Holler

recreation aide, Grant  
August 20, 2004

### Lyle Authier

former custodian supervisor  
August 30, 2004

## • Promotions

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Promoted to assistant principal were Sheryl Albert, Franklin, was program facilitator at Buffum; Troy Bennett, Washington, was teacher on special assignment at Washington; Quentin Brown, Wilson, was teacher on special assignment at Wilson; Andrew Buggs, Hughes, was teacher at Lindbergh; Lawrence Clark, Lindbergh, was teacher at Lindbergh; Rosana Madrid-Arroyo, Franklin, was program facilitator, Whittier; Michael Ono, Wilson, was teacher at Millikan; and Douglas Stewart, Rogers, was teacher on special assignment at Millikan.

Assigned as assistant principals were Victoria Avila, Hudson, was assistant principal at Hamilton and Longfellow; Ernest Chavez, Jefferson, was assistant principal at Stephens; Albert Gallo, Powell, was assistant principal at Jefferson; Camille Lewis, Lakewood, was assistant principal, Jefferson; Dean Marolla, Cabrillo, was vice principal, Powell; Joanne Richardson, Bancroft, was assistant principal at Stephens; Deborah Salichs, Stephens, was assistant principal at Wilson; Lawanna Shelton-Carrigan, Stephens, was vice principal at Lincoln; and Dorothy Thomas, Jefferson, was assistant principal, Reid.

Promoted to vice principal were Claire Alvarez, Addams, was program facilitator at Addams; Elizabeth Barba, Burnett, was teacher at Grant; Donald Beaver, Harte, was teacher at Hi-Hill; Kimberly Dalton, Butler, was teacher at Stanford; William Davidson, Powell, was teacher on special assignment at Jordan Academy; Lorraine Griego, Roosevelt, was teacher at Roosevelt; Kimberly Holland, Hill, was teacher at Bancroft; Kelly Koga, Robinson, was teacher on leave of absence; David Komatz, Lafayette, was teacher at

Lincoln; Teresa Montoya, Webster, was program specialist in the PALMS Office; Octavio Perez, Sutter, was program facilitator for PALMS; Samuel Platis, Hudson, was program specialist in Special Projects; Lauren Price, Newcomb, was program facilitator at Harte; Yvette Streeter, Cubberley, was program facilitator at Henry; and Wayne Wong, Lincoln, was teacher at Buffum.

Vice principals reassigned to new schools were Sheila Carter, from Lee to Burbank; Thomas Espinoza, from Burbank to Lee; Wilma Ferguson, from Addams to Barton; Linda Fletcher, from Stevenson to Muir; Matthew Hammond, from Newcomb to Stevenson/Signal Hill; Lucy Salazar, from Lafayette to Whittier; and Stacy Sanchez, from MacArthur to MacArthur/Elementary Office.

Earning promotion to activities specialist were Erin Fekjar, Wilson, was program facilitator at Wilson; Bari Stevens-Chapman, Millikan, was program facilitator at Hughes; and Rick Vandruff, Wilson, was program facilitator and teacher at Wilson. Tiffany Brown was promoted to senior psychologist at Garfield and Special Education; she was program specialist at Garfield. Alicia Rubio was promoted to assistant director at Emerson; she was a teacher at Emerson. Jack Sokoloff earned promotion to program specialist, Jefferson; he was a teacher at Jefferson.

Timothy Brown was reassigned as program administrator, from Student Support Services to Hamilton. Stephanie Dunn becomes program specialist at Stephens; she returns from a leave of absence.

Earning promotions in central offices were Debra Andrews, administrator for teaching and learning--autism/emotionally disturbed, Special Education, was teacher on special assignment at The Willows; Jill Isbell, program specialist for Reading Recovery, was a teacher on special assignment, Special Projects; Judith Long, education specialist in Head Start, was family services supervisor for Head Start; Lorena Moreno, program specialist for Middle/K-8 Office, was teacher on special assignment, PALMS Office; Nancy Nakagawa, director in Elementary Office and academic initiatives in Superintendent's Office, was assistant to superintendent, Superintendent's Office; Keena Rush, readiness coordinator for Head Start, was education specialist for Head Start; Pamela Seki, assistant director, PALMS, was program specialist for PALMS; and Douglas Siembieda, senior psychologist for Student Support Services, was psychologist for Student Support Services.

Those assigned to central administrative offices were Linda Bueno-Alahwal, administrative assistant, Human Resource Services, was administrative assistant, Middle/K-8 Office; Michael Jules, School to Career administrative assistant, Wilson, was administrative assistant, Attendance Services; Kristi Kahl, program administrator, Middle/K-8 Office, was principal at Hill; Jacquelin Myers, assistant director, CDC, was vice principal, Robinson; Julie Nyssen, program administrator, Special Projects, was principal at Whittier; Frank Rodriguez, principal on special assignment, Middle/K-8 Office, was principal at Stephens; Sandra Rogers, consultant, OCIPD, was consultant, Hamilton; Alexis Ruiz-Alessi, director, PALMS/Elementary, was director, PALMS/Middle/K-8 Office; Bonny Walsh, program specialist, International Student Registration, was program specialist, Middle/K-8 Office; and Jeffrey Wood, administrative assistant, Middle/K-8 Office, was vice principal at Sutter.

## Bowlers to Meet

The organizational meeting of the TALB Bowling League will be held at Cal Bowl in Lakewood on Wednesday, Sept. 29 at 4 p.m. Teams consist of three people. The league runs from October to May every Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. Any school employee may participate. For information, contact Greg Langsdorf at 596-6675.

## Retirement Event

Honoree	Date	Contact
Virginia Williams	Sept. 25	Kathy Persons 496-3984

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