



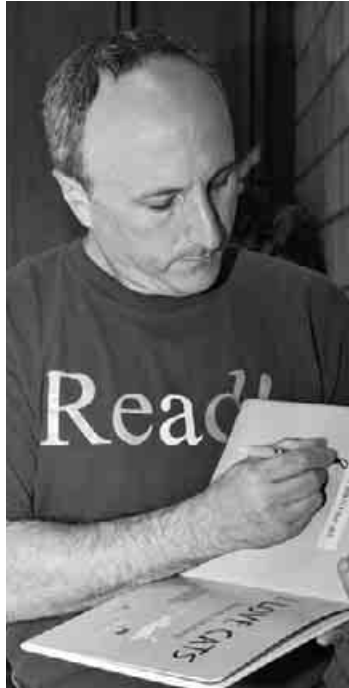
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NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK — Children from Long Beach Unified School District Head Start interact with author and illustrator Barney Saltzberg, who provided autographed copies of his book, "I Love Cats." The children were recipients of some of the 50,000 books donated to Long Beach youngsters through First Book, a nonprofit group. Saltzberg has written numerous books, including his award-winning "The Soccer Mom From Outer Space."



JetBlue, Nickelodeon Donate 50,000 Books

A partnership among JetBlue, Nickelodeon, First Book and Candlewick Press has led to the donation of 50,000 books to children in the Long Beach area.

Among the first recipients of the books were a group of Long Beach Unified School District Head Start pre-schoolers. They participate in the Family Literacy Program at the Long Beach School for Adults, where they joined in a reading party held recently to announce the generous donation.

JetBlue and Nickelodeon launched the book campaign during National Children's Book Week in November. JetBlue picked eight cities that the airline services and used an on-line poll to ask which city should receive the 50,000 books. Long Beach won with 25 percent of the votes.

JetBlue and Nickelodeon have a joint partnership with the nonprofit First Book, which provides new books for children. First Book receives its books from publisher donations. Candlewick Press provided all of the books for Long Beach and is donating 15,000 books to each of the seven other cities. The books are distributed through various charities.

"It's our mission to get books into every child's hands," said Beth Bingham, spokeswoman for First Book. "One of the leading indicators if a child will be a lifelong reader is if there is access to books in the home."

Organizations distributing the donated books locally included the Long Beach Family Literacy Program, Long Beach Cares, Cambodian Association of America and Long Beach Childcare Network.

Beach Walk Raises Funds for Children's Clinic

Students, staff and parents in the Long Beach Unified School District raised more than \$17,000 during the recent Beach Walk for the non-profit Children's Clinic of Long Beach.

Proceeds from the 5K walk will help the clinic to provide low- and no-cost health care for children, many of whom attend local schools. The Children's Clinic accommodates more than 47,000 patient visits annually.

This year's top fundraiser was Millikan High School with more than 350 participants in the walk and more than \$12,000 in pledges. The team from Chavez Elementary School was

the second largest, with 122 participants.

Other top fundraisers included the Long Beach Unified School District Nutrition Center with \$1,280, and International Elementary School with more than \$1,000.

For their efforts, Chavez and International each were rewarded with \$500 by Superintendent Chris Steinhauser's office at a recent Board of Education meeting. Top fundraiser Millikan was rewarded with \$1,000.

Also participating in the fundraiser were Burroughs, Cleveland, Emerson, Grant, Kettering, Lowell and Monroe schools.

College Prep Efforts At Millikan, Robinson Now National Models

Robinson Academy and Millikan High School were recently named National Demonstration Schools by a visiting validation team representing the Advancement Via Individual Determination college readiness center.

Evaluators noted rigorous and challenging curriculum in all classes, and a college-going culture that permeates the entire school at both Robinson and Millikan.

"The students are the center of every program, and AVID is a cornerstone of their schoolwide initiatives," evaluators wrote about Robinson, where college posters, banners and pennants are a common sight.

Robinson students "have hope and vision for college-bound opportunities and are able to articulate why they are in the program and why they want to stay with it," the reviewers added.

"Students appear to be respectful of each other, their teachers and the learning process," noted Millikan evaluators. "There is a seriousness of purpose in all the classes we visited and ample indication that there are high expectations held for teaching and learning."

Millikan was praised for effective tutorials that are led by well-trained college tutors, many of whom are Millikan graduates. The

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Harvard Study Touts Effective Leadership

A Harvard Business Review report, "How to Manage Urban School Districts," describes successful management efforts in school systems nationwide, including in the Long Beach Unified School District.

Schools here have developed a "culture of collaboration and accountability for improving student performance," a strategy that began in the mid-1990s, according to the November report.

"Informal sharing of ideas across schools is common," the report states. "In addition, principals from each type of school in the district — elementary, middle and high school — convene at formal 'key results' meetings every month to review school performance data, work on common challenges and discuss best practices."

While many leaders of urban districts see organizational culture as something that defies management, Long Beach has proved otherwise, says the Harvard report, compiled by a team of experts on educational leadership and policy.

The Harvard team also credited a historically united school board and superintendent for working as a team to maintain a strong focus on student achievement.

Credential Renewal

Beginning January 1, 2007, professional growth requirements will no longer be a requirement for the renewal of professional clear credentials. This includes both the 150 clock hours of activities and the experience requirement. This change affects all teaching and service credentials, including the designated subjects teaching credentials.

The professional growth requirements for renewal of child development permits (Teacher, Master Teacher, Site Supervisor and Program Director) will continue to be required as part of the renewal process.

For information, call ext. 8071.

The Job Board

- Hourly teachers are needed for service learning classes. Classes will be held during Evening High School or on Saturdays. Those interested in this hourly assignment (P Schedule) can apply by contacting the Evening High School office at 595-8893, ext. 279, or by email at vangle@lbusd.k12.ca.us. Applications are due Friday, December 22.

- Webster Elementary seeks a full-time K-3 literacy specialist. Classroom experience and demonstrated success in the area of reading intervention and ELD instruction are required. Submit a letter of interest and resume to Kevin Maddox, principal, by Friday, December 8.

- Applications are now being accepted at the Personnel Commission, 999 Atlantic Ave., for automotive mechanic, custodian (Avalon), facilities planner, instructional aide-special (Avalon), library media assistant (Avalon), maintenance supervisor, school support assistant (Avalon) and sign maker.

Enroll in 125 Plan

Open Enrollment for the Section 125 Flexible Spending Account (FSA) is December 11 to 19.

A Flexible Spending Account is an IRS-approved account. It enables employees to reduce their taxes by contributing on a pre-tax basis to pay for certain health care and dependent care expenses.

The school district's FSA is administered by Fringe Benefits Management Company.

Details will be mailed to employees' homes to arrive on or before December 11.

Coffee With Chris

The Long Beach Unified Family Committee will meet Tuesday, December 12, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Wilson High School Library. The informal meetings encourage open dialogue between employees and Superintendent Chris Steinhauser.

Free Flu Vaccine

A limited supply of free flu vaccinations will be made available to all LBUSD employees at the Teacher Resource Center, Room D, on Thursday, December 7 from 4 to 6 p.m. or until the vaccine is gone. This additional clinic was scheduled following school clinics that prioritized vaccinating employees who work directly with students.

High Schools Present Holiday Performances

High schools in the Long Beach Unified School District will host holiday performances at the following times:

Avalon—Wednesday, December 13, 5 p.m.
Cabrillo—Wednesday, December 20, 6:30 p.m.

Jordan—Thursday, December 14, 7 p.m. (instrumental)

Lakewood—Thursday, December 14, 7 p.m.
Millikan—Tuesday, December 5, 6:30 p.m.

Poly—Tuesday, December 19, 6:30 p.m. (choral); Thursday, December 21, 6:30 p.m. (instrumental)

Renaissance—Thursday, December 14, 7 p.m.

Wilson—Tuesday, December 12, 7 p.m. (choral); Wednesday, December 20, 7 p.m. (instrumental)

Admission prices vary. Contact each school for information.

Recent Promotions

The following classified employees recently received promotions:

Kalapu Fasavalu Jr., school safety officer, School Safety and Emergency Preparedness;

Tracy Foots, plant supervisor II, Hoover;

Mary Ann Gillett, school safety officer, School Safety and Emergency Preparedness;

Marshaka Jackson, Head Start family services liaison, Head Start;

Evelyn Jones, middle school office supervisor, Hamilton;

Joann Kageno, executive secretary (C), Elementary School Office;

John Magsby, grounds supervisor-high school, Wilson;

Sonja Raab, senior Nutrition Services worker, Millikan;

Eddie Richardson, plant supervisor I, Poly Academy;

Cynthia Ruiz, Head Start family services supervisor, Head Start;

Beth Smith, contract analyst, Purchasing;

Malini Subaiya-Kilian, intermediate Nutrition Services worker, Hamilton;

Yue Mei Tsui-Ma, accounting technician, ROP;

Celena Turner, intermediate Nutrition Services worker, Jordan Annex;

Helen Walker, Kids Club lead assistant, Gant.

• Millikan, Robinson

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school also was noted for its training, or staff development, and for its "strong, passionate and committed elective teachers who work together with content area teachers and administrators to support AVID schoolwide."

Millikan is one of only 85 high schools nationwide to earn this distinction.

AVID is an in-school academic support program that prepares students for college eligibility and success. AVID classes are offered to third through twelfth grade students who want to be challenged academically and do what's necessary to go on to post-secondary education. The elective AVID classes emphasize writing, inquiry and collaboration.

Currently there are 110 AVID National Demonstration Schools in the U.S. AVID helps underrepresented students to become accepted into the University of California and California State University systems.

More than 80 percent of AVID students complete the "A through G" college prep curriculum required for admission to the state university systems, compared to 35 percent of students statewide.

Passage rates on the California High School Exit Exam also are significantly higher for AVID students.

Colin Powell Academy was named an AVID National Demonstration School last school year. Powell was the first K-8 school in the nation to be declared a Demonstration School. Also previously named as a National Demonstration School was Marshall Middle School.

Dates to Remember

December	
1	World AIDS Day
1	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "McGruff on the Law: Bicycles and Pedestrians," Grades 2-5, ed.tv 8
5	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Preventing Conflicts & Violence," Grades 6-12, ed.tv 8
7	Pearl Harbor Day
7	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "School Bus Safety," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
8	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Food For Fun," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
10	Human Rights Day
12	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Kwanzaa," Grades K-4, ed.tv 8
13	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Christmas (Holidays for Children)," Grades K-4, ed.tv 8
14	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Hanukkah/Passover (Holidays for Children)," Grades K-4, ed.tv 8
15	Bill of Rights Day
15	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "December Holidays," Grades 1-5, ed.tv 8
16-23	Hanukkah
19	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Celebrate," Grades K-8, ed.tv 8
20	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "New Year's Day," Grades K-5, ed.tv 8
21	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "A Christmas Carol," Grades 4-9, ed.tv 8
22	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Ebenezer," Grades 4-6, ed.tv 8
25	Christmas Day
25-26	Christmas—Observed in LBUSD
25-Jan. 5	Winter Recess
26-Jan. 1	Kwanzaa

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November 20, 2006