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## Pre-K Reading Gets \$3.5 Million Boost

Hundreds of preschoolers at the Long Beach Unified School District's Child Development Centers will benefit from a new \$3.5 million federal grant to boost early literacy. LBUSD is one of only two agencies in California, and 28 in the nation, to earn such a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

"We're so excited," said Lauren Shaw, director of LBUSD's 24 Child Development Centers. "Improving early literacy is one of the most important things we can do to close gaps in student achievement."

The new funding, which begins arriving next month and lasts for three years, goes mainly toward training CDC teachers and parents, helping them use research-based techniques such as phonics instruction to ease youngsters' transition to kindergarten-level reading.

The grant will pay for a full-time project coordinator and three full-time reading coaches. The coaches are successful elementary reading educators from LBUSD, who have just helped to wrap up a six-year federal grant to improve reading in kindergarten through third grade.

Under the latest grant, the three teacher coaches will provide monthly training to teachers from all of the preschool sites, though they'll spend most of their time at five of the largest sites – the Carmelitos CDC near Barton Elementary School, West CDC near Cabrillo High School, Central CDC at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, Grant CDC at Grant Elementary

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## Ex-Supt. Laufenberg's Legacy Remembered

Francis Laufenberg, the former Long Beach Unified School District superintendent who retired in 1985 after a 36-year career in education, died in his sleep Tuesday at his Villa Park home. He was 88.

Laufenberg led the school district through the minefield of Proposition 13 cutbacks, unfunded desegregation costs, and other huge challenges.

He joined LBUSD in 1960 as budget director. He became assistant superintendent, deputy superintendent and then superintendent in 1978.

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Laufenberg



**NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT** — The Long Beach Unified School District was honored among the top five school systems in the nation during a ceremony at the U.S. Capitol. Pictured are LBUSD Board of Education President Mary Stanton, philanthropists Eli and Edythe Broad, Teachers Association of Long Beach First Vice President Virginia Torres and Superintendent Chris Steinhauser with the Broad Prize trophy.

## Long Beach Honored in D.C. As Broad Finalist

For a record-tying fifth time, the Long Beach Unified School District was honored among America's top urban school districts during a recent ceremony in Washington, D.C. LBUSD was recognized as one of the top five finalists for the national Broad Prize for Urban Education.

As a finalist, LBUSD receives \$250,000 in college scholarships for local students. The Aldine Independent School District outside Houston won the top prize of \$1 million.

Long Beach won the top award in 2003 and is a five-time finalist. The latest \$250,000 award brings the total amount of Broad Scholarships in Long Beach to nearly \$1.3 million. Only Boston Public Schools share this five-year track record of excellence. The Broad Prize honors urban school districts that demonstrate the greatest overall performance and improvement in achievement for all students.

"Long Beach continues to be America's crown jewel of urban school districts, outperforming other urban districts year after year with its steady gains," said Eli Broad, founder of the prize.

Long Beach earned the finalist honor after national education experts sifted through thousands of pieces of data on student performance. Among the reasons Long Beach was selected is that its African-American, Latino and low-income students achieved higher average proficiency rates than their counterparts statewide in reading and math, and because the district con-

tinued to narrow achievement gaps that remain prevalent in many other school districts nationwide.

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announced the finalists at the U.S. Capitol. LBUSD Superintendent of Schools Christopher J. Steinhauser attended the ceremony.

"Being a five-time Broad Prize finalist confirms that the Long Beach community still believes in public education," Steinhauser said. "To be in the running again for this award is a testament to our heroic teachers, tireless support staff, administrators, parents, our 9,000 volunteers, our more than 1,100 business and community partners, our school board, our colleagues in higher education, civic leaders, service clubs and philanthropic foundations such as The Broad Foundation, insightful news media, local clergy, Realtors, retirees, and many others who share our commitment to kids and schools," Steinhauser said. "To all of them, we say thank you."

## Coffee With Chris

The Long Beach Unified Family Committee will meet Thursday, Oct. 8 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building Community Room.

The informal meetings encourage open dialogue between employees and Superintendent Chris Steinhauser.

# Recent Promotions Fill 47 Classified Spots

The following classified employees have been promoted during the past year:

- Kelly Acebedo**, ASB financial technician, Robinson/Butler;
- Wilfredo Aclan**, plant supervisor I, Chavez;
- Patricia Arcese**, instructional aide-intensive behavioral treatment, The Willows;
- Linda Alzugaray**, elementary school office supervisor, Webster;
- Jeffrey Barnett**, water boiler treatment specialist, Maintenance;
- Daniel Barragan**, plant supervisor II, Monroe;
- Lori Betschel**, executive secretary to the superintendent/BOE, Superintendent's Office;
- Bridget Brown**, elementary school office supervisor, Willard;
- Mary Castro**, Nutrition Services supervisor I, Prisk;
- Carlos Centeno**, plant supervisor I, Madison;
- Jason Church**, plant supervisor-high school, Cabrillo;
- Maria Cid**, intermediate Nutrition Services worker, MacArthur;
- Susie Colvin**, intermediate payroll accounting technician, Payroll;
- Sharlyn Crump**, autism services supervisor, Special Education;
- Jose Delamora**, area custodial manager, Operations;
- Christine Franco**, elementary school office supervisor, Edison;
- Cristian Gandara**, instructional aide-inten-

- sive behavioral treatment, The Willows;
- Susan Ginder**, executive director of fiscal services, Business Services;
- Michelle Gutierrez**, intermediate Nutrition Services worker, Jordan Academy;
- Charles Hall**, plant supervisor I, McKinley;
- Lisa Hancock**, Nutrition Services supervisor II, Cubberley;
- Mary Hill**, intermediate accounting assistant, Nutrition Services;
- Arlene Lancaster**, intermediate office assistant-school bilingual Spanish, Lakewood;
- Marta Leon**, intermediate Nutrition Services worker, Nutrition Services;
- Carol Lubahn**, purchasing agent, Purchasing;
- Lisa Matheson**, Nutrition Services supervisor I, Fremont;
- Rhonda Mendoza**, Nutrition Services supervisor II, Tincher;
- David Nunez**, plant supervisor II, Stephens;
- Theresa O'Connor**, contract analyst, Purchasing;
- Harriet Ortega**, Nutrition Services supervisor I, Mann;
- Lasandra Owens**, plant supervisor I, Lee;
- Kyle Painter**, network specialist, Information Services;
- David Parker**, elementary school office supervisor, Stevenson;
- Lourdes Perez**, middle school office supervisor, Lindbergh;
- Richard Phelps**, plant supervisor I, Kettering;
- Leticia Rodriguez**, executive secretary to the superintendent/BOE, Superintendent's Office;

- Gustavo Ruiz**, plant supervisor I, Holmes;
- Irene Santacruz**, intermediate office assistant-school bilingual Spanish, Lincoln;
- Carole Schultz**, instructional aide-intensive behavioral treatment, The Willows;
- Kevin Sheehan**, production center supervisor, Nutrition Services;
- Betty Smith-Brown**, elementary school office supervisor, Burnett;
- Lisa Stonehouse**, Kids Club lead assistant, Emerson;
- Malini Subaiya-Kilian**, Nutrition Services supervisor I, Lee;
- Candice Thomas-Hardesty**, Nutrition Services supervisor I, Bryant;
- Celena Turner**, senior Nutrition Services worker, Jordan;
- Kimberly White**, plant supervisor II, Barton;
- Fierman Wilson**, plant supervisor I, Lincoln.

# • CDC Reading

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School, and Twain CDC at Twain Elementary School. The grant allowed a maximum of five sites to receive intensive assistance.

The school district's Office of Multimedia Services will videotape the training sessions so that they may be used by other teachers in future years once the grant expires.

"Our intent is to become a model for the state and the nation," Shaw said.

Funding also will go toward a full-time data technician to help teachers carefully track student progress in reading. A half-time parent educator will share effective strategies that parents can use at home to nurture young readers.

The Child Development Centers serve toddlers and preschoolers at 24 elementary and K-8 school locations and four Long Beach Parks and Recreation locations throughout the cities of Long Beach, Lakewood and Signal Hill. The centers also serve school-age elementary children before school, after school and during the summer.

About 2,300 students attend the Child Development Centers. Of those, about 1,200 are considered preschoolers (between the ages of three and four). These preschoolers will benefit from the teacher training provided under the grant.

The centers, which offer low- and no-cost services depending upon family income, operate ten to twelve months a year with most of them open from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

# Dates to Remember

## October

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|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|       | Character Education Month                                                                                        |
|       | Crime Prevention Month                                                                                           |
|       | Disabilities Employment Awareness Month                                                                          |
|       | Filipino American History Month                                                                                  |
| 1     | 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "School Bus Safety," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8                                             |
| 2     | 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Getting to School Safely Is Your Job," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8                          |
| 3-4   | Sukkot                                                                                                           |
| 4-10  | Fire Prevention Week                                                                                             |
| 4-10  | National Metric Week                                                                                             |
| 6     | 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "The Columbus Controversy: Challenging How History is Written," Grades 7-12, ed.tv 8 |
| 8     | 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Riding Your School Bus Safely," Grades 6-12, ed.tv 8                                |
| 9     | Anniversary of Benjamin Bannecker's Death                                                                        |
| 9     | 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Study Skills: Take That Test," Grades 4-8, ed.tv 8                                  |
| 12-16 | National School Lunch Week                                                                                       |
| 12    | Columbus Day/Discoverers' Day                                                                                    |
| 13    | 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "You Can Refuse," Grades 5-8, ed.tv 8                                                |
| 14    | 8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Harriet Tubman," Grades 3-8, ed.tv 8                                            |
| 15    | 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Beginning Responsibility: Learning to Be a Good Sport," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8         |
| 16    | National Bosses' Day                                                                                             |
| 16    | 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "First Tuesday," Grade 12, ed.tv 8                                                   |
| 19-23 | National School Bus Safety Week                                                                                  |
| 20    | 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Library World," Grades 7-8, ed.tv 8                                                 |
| 21    | 8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Halloween," Grades K-4, ed.tv 8                                                 |
| 22    | 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Going to School is Your Job," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8                                   |
| 23-31 | Red Ribbon Week                                                                                                  |
| 23    | 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Shape Hunting: Circles, Triangles, Rectangles, Squares," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8        |
| 24    | United Nations Day                                                                                               |
| 24    | Make a Difference Day                                                                                            |
| 27    | 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "The Reference Section," Grades 6-8, ed.tv 8                                         |
| 29    | 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "If Books Could Talk," Grades 1-3, ed.tv 8                                           |
| 30    | 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Operation School Bus Safety: Be Cool, Follow the Rules," Grades K-2, ed.tv 8        |
| 31    | Halloween                                                                                                        |

# Bowling League

The Teachers' Bowling League will hold its organization meeting at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30 at Cal Bowl, 2400 E. Carson St., Lakewood. League matches begin Oct. 7 with three-member teams.

All school personnel, teachers, retired teachers, spouses and friends are encouraged to participate.

Call Oscar Stankov at 925-1938 for more information.

# Retirement Event

Honoree	Date	Contact
Keith Adkins	Oct. 22	Karen Periman ext. 7198

# In Memoriam

**Barbara Calhoun**  
former teacher  
Sept. 5, 2009

**Theresa Daley**  
former executive secretary  
to the Board of Education  
Sept. 19, 2009

**Francis Laufenberg**  
former superintendent  
Sept. 22, 2009

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