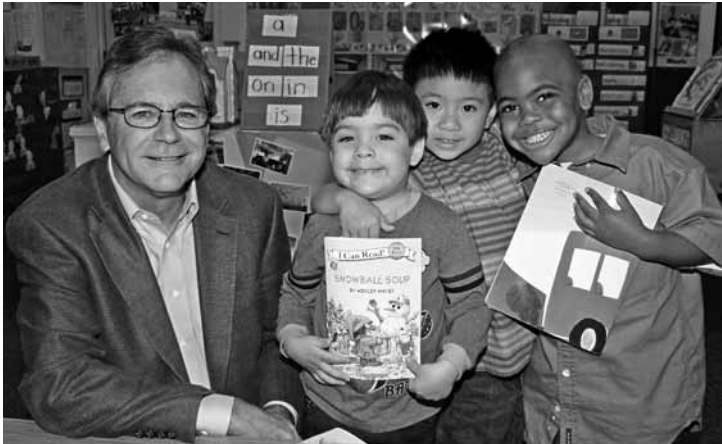




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ISSUED BI-WEEKLY SEPTEMBER THROUGH JUNE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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PRICELESS GIFT — Poly High School alum and local attorney Frank Newell was among leaders from Long Beach Rotary who recently presented preschoolers at the West Child Development Center with new books. Rotary is donating thousands of books to schools.

School Board, PTA Want State Election

The Board of Education has joined a growing list of business leaders, news media and education groups — including the California PTA — asking the state Legislature to let voters decide whether public school funding should be cut by as much as \$760 per student.

The local school board unanimously adopted a resolution this week supporting the placement of a measure on the June ballot calling for a five-year revenue extension to protect students and schools from the funding cuts. The \$760 figure from the nonpartisan state Legislative Analyst Office is the expected loss for schools statewide if legislators and voters do not take action to prevent yet another drastic cut to K-12 education.

This week's school board resolution came one day after the state's Education Coalition, including teachers, school support staff, parents and administrators, converged on the steps of the State Capitol to request the election.

"It's time for the adults to step up," said Jo Loss, president of the California State PTA. "Our nearly one million PTA members throughout California are expecting decisive action by our elected representatives. Let the voters decide!"

Supporters of a statewide election include the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, numerous editorial boards at major newspapers, and the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, whose more than 300 members include Google Inc. and Stanford University.

Long Beach Rotary Gives the Gift of Literacy

Long Beach Rotary's strong support of early literacy continued with its latest donation of 3,000 books to preschoolers at local Child Development Centers.

With the recent donation, the city's oldest and largest service club has donated nearly 200,000 books since 1999 to local schools.

Rotary leaders personally delivered the latest batch of books to the West Child Development Center. Each preschooler selects a book to take home, while the CDCs stock their classroom libraries with the remainder. Long Beach Rotary has collected contributions

to this cause at its meetings, gathering about \$300,000 in donations and matching funds for the literacy effort over the years.

Rotary has donated more than \$2,500 in books this year to LBUSD's Kindergarten Festivals, which welcome incoming kindergartners and their families. The service group also is providing \$16,000 in books to selected elementary and K-8 schools this year.

In all, Long Beach Rotary has provided more than \$2.6 million in scholarships and books since 1998. Rotary volunteers also read regularly to local schoolchildren.

HP Helps CAMS Team Up With Other Nations

A proposal by Cal State Dominguez Hills and the California Academy of Mathematics and Science is one of only 30 from 11 countries approved to participate in HP's Catalyst Initiative, a global effort to improve science, technology, engineering and math education worldwide.

As a grant recipient, the university and CAMS (a magnet high school run by the Long Beach Unified School District on the university campus), are now members of a consortium

that includes institutions from several countries working to improve teacher preparation.

Others in the consortium include Fraunhofer Institute in Stuttgart, Germany; Kenyatta University in Nairobi, Kenya; Learning Games Network in Cambridge Mass.; the University of Exeter in Exeter, United Kingdom; and the University of Bristol Graduate School of Education in Bristol, United Kingdom.

With the \$144,000 grant, CAMS and the
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College, Career Savvy in the Middle Grades

Seventh and eighth graders at six schools are getting a first-hand look at college and careers as part of the Long Beach Unified School District's Academic and Career Success Initiative.

Long Beach City College recently secured two-year grants for its College and Career Exploration Tours allowing the college to host visits by 75 students each from Franklin, Marshall, Monroe, Stephens, Tincher and Washington schools.

During the visits, students learn about col-

lege financial aid options, including a free first semester offered at LBCC to all LBUSD graduates as part of the Long Beach College Promise. The College Promise is a collaborative effort among the college, the school district and Cal State Long Beach.

The students also learn about six career pathways that they can eventually pursue at local high schools' smaller learning communities and beyond, including health and medical professions, computer engineering, audio
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New LMU President Hails from LBUSD

Wilson High School graduate and former LBUSD administrator David W. Burcham was inaugurated this month as president of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

Burcham, a former high school activities director and football coach here, has deep roots in Long Beach, where Burcham Elementary School and Burcham Field at Poly High School are named after David's grandfather, a former Poly principal. The grandfather's son, Hugh David Burcham, was a member of the school board here.

LMU's newest president graduated first in his class from Loyola Law School in 1984 and clerked at the U.S. Supreme Court for Justice Byron White.



Burcham

Assistance League's Open House April 3

Assistance League of Long Beach's year-long 70th anniversary celebration culminates Sunday, April 3 with an Open House to showcase the organization's Philanthropic Center and programs that help children in need.

The event is scheduled for 1 to 4 p.m. at the Assistance League, 6220 E. Spring St. in Long Beach.

Attendees will receive a passport as a guide. The building tour will feature exhibits and hands-on activities to acquaint visitors with services such as the orthodontic program and Operation School Bell (providing school uniforms to children).

The schedule of events is:

- 1 p.m., Poly High Jazz Combo
 - 2 p.m., program commemorating the 70th anniversary
 - 2:30 p.m., Puppet Show
 - 3 p.m., Poly High School String Ensemble
- Learn more at allb.org.

Teach Home Hospital

The Home Hospital Instruction program is looking for teachers, particularly general education high school and middle school special education teachers to work as Home Hospital Teachers. Upon approval from the high school principal, teachers with a clear credential will instruct a homebound medically fragile student five hours per week outside the duty day. Salary is on the "P" schedule.

A Home Hospital teacher training workshop is scheduled for 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 29. To register, call Nursing Services at ext. 7172.

• CAMS Goes Global on Teacher Training

(Continued from first page) School of Education at CSUDH are developing a Virtual Exchange Program to help students understand how classroom lessons apply to their own lives and the working world.

The effort includes training of aspiring and current teachers to become interdisciplinary leaders so that they can spark change in their schools and school districts. The university-CAMS team of professors and teachers also is collaborating with schools in India to enrich teaching in both countries. CAMS Principal Janice Filer and a university professor traveled to India this month under the HP grant, which was awarded earlier this school year.

"We're excited about the impact this initiative and network of consortia will have in the long term," Filer said. "It's fundamental that we get funding from companies like HP to be able to empower students to collaborate globally and deliver the kinds of projects that provide K-12/postsecondary alignment opportunities that will shape the way education and ultimate society evolves."

Using high-tech equipment supplied by HP, the program helps educational professionals from various disciplines and countries to develop teaching methods that are multicultural and interdisciplinary, encouraging students to be creative and analytical.

A yearly series of six professional development sessions will take place over the two-year project, which will be captured on video and archived on the Internet, providing an online



VITAL LESSON – Marshall Middle School students Arthur Reyes and Isaiah Stephens check the vital signs of a high-tech mannequin at Long Beach City College as part of LBCC's new College and Career Exploration Tours.

• College Tours

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forensics, electrical engineering and administration of justice.

Marshall Middle School students were the first to participate recently. Working with LBCC faculty at the college's Liberal Arts Campus, they checked the vital signs of a high-tech mannequin powered by a Macintosh computer. The students also listened in fascination as a music production expert gradually separated all of the instrumental parts from Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On" until only the vocals remained.

More visits are scheduled in the coming weeks and next year.

community and resource center for the university, CAMS and schools in India. The grant provides staff with Elite Tablet PCs, mobile workstations, mini-notebooks for CAMS students, a server, a virtual room for webinars, and staff development funding.

As part of the initiative, HP is donating \$6 million to 35 educational institutions, including the university and CAMS. The program builds upon the Obama Administration's "Educate to Innovate" coalition designed to improve student performance in science, technology, engineering and math.

Learn more at lbschools.net/CAMS.

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What Others Say

The Long Beach Unified School District and local business officials launched an Education Business Advisory at a recent breakfast meeting, prompting a glowing letter to the Press-Telegram from former Long Beach Mayor Eunice Sato:

"As the Community Liaison member of the Education Business Advisory, I want to thank the Long Beach Unified School District High School Office and involved business people. They have been diligently helping instructors to spend time, thought and effort forging close and meaningful relationships with businesses that are the future employers of our graduates.

"On March 2, school district employees and businesses officially launched the EBA during a breakfast at The Grand Event Center. The launch event was sponsored by the Port of Long Beach, Long Beach City College, ConnectEd, Choura Events, Cal State Long Beach and the Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce. Thanks to each of these sponsors for their vital contributions.

"At the event, nearly 200 school and business 'movers and shakers' spent a couple of hours in a wholesome and pleasant environment being brought up-to-date and discussing business and education collaboration. This positive move to help provide the best employment opportunities for our high school students deserves recognition."

Learn more about the Education Business Advisory at its newly launched website, lbschools.net/eba.

Nurse of the Year

The Long Beach School Nurses Association is seeking nominations for the School Nurse of the Year for 2010-11 for outstanding contributions to the health and well-being of students in the Long Beach Unified School District.

Request a nomination form from Pat Conradi at pconradi@lbschools.net, or at ext. 7954 or ext. 7960.

The deadline is Monday, April 4.

Dates to Remember

April	
1	April Fools Day
1	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "The Velveteen Rabbit," Grades K-5, ed.tv 8
2	International Children's Book Day
6	California Poppy Day
6	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Arbor Day/Earth Day," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
7	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30; 8 - 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Adventures in Poetry I," Grades 3-6, ed.tv 8
8	Third Quarter Ends
10-16	National Library Week
12	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Operation School Bus Safety: Be Cool, Follow the Rules," Grades K-2, ed.tv 8
13	Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
13	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00; 14 - 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30; 21 - 8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00; 22 - 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Adventures in Poetry II," Grades 3-6, ed.tv 8
15	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "No Time to Waste!," Grades 4-12, ed.tv 8
17-23	Public School Volunteer Week
18	Anniversary of Paul Revere's Ride
19-20	Passover, First Days
21	John Muir Day
22	Good Friday
22	Earth Day U.S.A.
22	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "You Can Refuse," Grades 5-8, ed.tv 8
23	William Shakespeare's Birthday
24	Easter/Orthodox Easter
24-30	Administrative Professionals Week
27	Administrative Professionals Day
25-26	Passover, Concluding Days
25-29	Spring Recess
28	Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day
29	National Arbor Day