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Poly Student Speaks In D.C. on Climate

Poly High School student Matt Kempfer joined students from throughout the nation during the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend in Washington D.C., where he delivered a speech on climate change.

The trip was organized by Action Civics LA, an initiative of Mikva Challenge. This nonpartisan, nonprofit organization is committed to developing youth to be informed, empowered and active citizens and community leaders.

Kempfer won the trip to D.C. through the American Soapbox video speech competition. Action Civics L.A. asked contestants to “get on their soapbox” and tell the next president about an issue that affects their community, and opportunities to address that issue.

The Poly student, who was one of just four students representing California, delivered his speech in front of a national audience including fellow students at Lafayette Square across from the White House, and he participated in a youth summit discussing community issues and concerns with local community advocates and activists.

View video of Kempfer’s speech by finding this article at lbschools.net.



SPEAKING OUT – Poly High School student Matt Kempfer speaks to a national audience at Lafayette Square across from the White House. He earned the trip to Washington, D.C. where he delivered his winning speech on climate change. “We (in America) only contain 5 percent of the world’s total population, yet we emit 33 percent of global carbon emissions, and that’s just not right,” Kempfer said. View a video excerpt of his speech at lbschools.net.

HONORING DR. KING – Wilson High School students participate in Long Beach’s annual Unity Parade and Celebration, honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. Also participating were Board of Education members and many other student groups. View more photos at lbschools.net.



National Blog Notes Personalized Approach

Education Week, known as American education’s news site of record, published a recent blog noting the advantages of the Long Beach Unified School District’s personalized approach to teachers’ own learning.

In recent years, evaluation of students has shifted from a focus on so-called “summative assessments” such as final exams, to “formative assessments” that provide information needed to adjust teaching and learning while they’re happening.

“The same is true for educators,” the guest blog states. “The more information we have about their needs and their students’ needs, the greater impact we can have on their professional learning and growth.”

EdWeek cites Long Beach as a prime example in the blog, titled “The Newest Trend in Data-Driven Decisionmaking.”

“One district that’s embracing a personalized approach to professional development is Long Beach Unified School District (Calif.). In

addition to providing teachers with a personalized professional development system called myPD, the district is leveraging data as part of the cycle of personalized professional learning,” the blog states. “Toward that end, its teacher training evaluates teachers’ needs based on their students’ academic performance data, teachers’ past training, self-evaluations and administrative feedback. Once these needs are assessed, the myPD system helps teachers create a personal learning plan. Teachers can then gauge their growth and set new goals by accessing integrated information from student academic performance data, coaching feedback and observations. By offering teachers access to data in a way that’s meaningful to them, the district is able to create more meaningful connections between teacher development and student learning.”

The blog’s authors are Woody Dillaha and Jeanette Haren, who run Performance Matters, a data management company.

Sato Teacher Named Educator of the Year

Sato Academy of Mathematics and Science teacher Lenny Perez has earned a regional Educator of the Year Award and will advance to the state level of recognition.

Each year the California League of High Schools and California League of Middle Schools recognize 22 educators representing regions throughout California. Honorees exemplify educational excellence and have made significant efforts to implement elements of educational reform in



Perez

middle and high schools.

“It feels great, but it’s a little embarrassing to be singled out when it’s such a group effort,” Perez said. “It validates our work, and I couldn’t have done it without supportive administration and a supportive district.”

Perez is a master teacher for Project Lead the Way, a leading science, technology, engineering and math curriculum. He advises the Society of Women Engineers chapter at Sato, and has been instrumental in arranging visits to local manufacturers so that students can see engineering principles at work. He also is arranging visits by Sato engineering students to local elementary schools next month, when students will engage in engineering design activities together.

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• Sato Teacher

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Sato Academy Principal Mona Merlo nominated Perez, who was then chosen to represent Region 11 as Educator of the Year. Region 11 includes Los Angeles County cities east of the 110 Freeway and south of the 60 Freeway, excluding Los Angeles Unified and Compton district schools. Nominees may be teachers, administrators, counselors, or other certificated personnel.

Perez teaches introduction to engineering design, as well as a course on digital electronics. He will attend a Feb. 24 to 26 state conference in Sacramento, where he will join honorees from the other 10 regions and find out who will be the statewide Educator of the Year. Learn more at leagueofschools.org.



SHAWN'S SECOND CAREER – Santa (AKA retired principal Shawn Ashley) joined Poly High School Assistant Principal Guillermo Jimenez, left, and Poly's testing coordinator, Thurman Ashley, for the school's Third Annual Holiday Project last month. About 500 families from nearby elementary schools brought their children to receive toys donated by Poly students, who joined teachers in volunteering for the Saturday event. The celebration included student and staff performances, face painting and cookie decorating.

Leaves, Resignations

Article VIII in the K-12 Teachers Agreement between the Long Beach Unified School District and the Teachers Association of Long Beach states that "to facilitate the staffing process, employees are expected to make known their leave, resignation or retirement requests by March 1." Certificated employees planning to resign, retire or request a leave of absence for the 2017-18 school year should submit the appropriate form to their site administrator. Leave of absence request, resignation and retirement forms are available from site secretaries or at lbschools.net (go to Human Resource Services-Current Employees).

Recent CalSTRS legislation limits retirees from substituting during the first 180 days of retirement. Contact CalSTRS at calstrs.com for more information.

Black History Event

Hughes Middle School's Black History Month showcase, themed "A Zydeco New Orleans Extravaganza," is scheduled for 6 p.m. Feb. 24 in the school auditorium. The donation is \$5.

The school's Young, Gifted, Talented, and Performing Arts Black History Club and its founding teacher Vickie McCloyn begin rehearsing for the event as early as November each year. The after-school club provides students with leadership skills, academic motivation, college preparation and community service opportunities. Students meet up to four times a week to work on homework, plan for events and practice for performances.

The club has existed for 21 years, and its alumni return year after year to assist, including as dance step choreographers.

In Memoriam

Durane H. Kuster
former counselor
Nov. 21, 2016

Arlene Solomon
former Board of Education president
Jan. 15, 2017

Student Art Show

The 35th annual Norman Gottlieb Youth Art Show is scheduled for Feb. 1 to March 3 at the Alpert Jewish Community Center, 3801 E. Willow St., Long Beach.

Long Beach Unified School District middle and high school art students participate in the community event. A public reception and awards ceremony honoring students and teachers is set for 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23 at the center.

Coffee Canceled

The Coffee with Chris meeting scheduled for Jan. 31 has been canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28 at Lindsey Middle School, 5075 Daisy Ave., Long Beach. See the schedule of meetings under Coffee with Chris in the A-Z index at lbschools.net.

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CalPERS Planning

A California Public Employees Retirement System planning workshop for classified employees will be offered 2 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 10 at the Personnel Commission. Representatives from CalPERS, and Long Beach Unified School District Payroll and Risk Management will answer questions during the session. Contact the Personnel Commission at 435-5708 for more information, or find the registration form under Personnel Commission in the A-Z index at lbschools.net (click on Classified Staff Development).

Summer Jobs

As of this week, the Personnel Commission is accepting applications for employees interested in Extended School Year (ESY)/Summer Employment for 2017. To qualify for summer employment, the applicant must be a permanent/probationary classified employee working on less than a 12-month calendar.

ESY/Summer Employment dates are July 3 to 28 for Buffum Total Learning Center, Longfellow Elementary School, Marshall Middle School and Tucker Transitional. The Summer Employment dates for the comprehensive high schools (Cabrillo, Jordan, Lakewood, Millikan, Poly and Wilson) are June 26 to July 28.

Instructions on accessing electronic or paper applications are available under Personnel Commission in the A-Z index at lbschools.net (then select Summer School Information). The deadline to apply is 4:30 p.m. March 17.

Dates to Remember

February

	National African American History Month
	National Children's Dental Health Month
	National Freedom Day
1	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "George Washington," Grades 2-8, ed.tv 8
2	Groundhog Day
2	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Presidents Day," Grades K-5, ed.tv 8
3	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "The Boyhood of Abraham Lincoln," Grades 4-6, ed.tv 8
6-10	National School Counseling Week
7	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Valentine's Day," Grades K-4, ed.tv 8
8	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Alexander Graham Bell," Grades 3-8, ed.tv 8
9	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "New Zebra in Town," Grades K-5, ed.tv 8
10	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Riding Your School Bus Safely," Grades 6-12, ed.tv 8
11	Thomas Alva Edison's Birthday
12	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
13	Lincoln Day — Holiday
14	St. Valentine's Day
14	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Why We Need Each Other: The Animals' Picnic Day," Grades 1-4, ed.tv 8
15	Susan B. Anthony's Birthday
15	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Women's History Month," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
16	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "School Bus and the Exceptional Child," Grades K-12, ed.tv 8
17	National PTA Founders Day
17	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Jackie Robinson Story," Grades 6-12, ed.tv 8
20	Washington Day — Holiday
20	Presidents Day
20	Frederick Douglass Day
21	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "The American Parade: We the Women," Grades 9-12, ed.tv 8
22	George Washington's Birthday
22	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Helen Keller," Grades 3-8, ed.tv 8
23	W.E.B. DuBois' Birthday
23	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Reading Rainbow: Once There Was a Tree," Grades 1-5, ed.tv 8
24	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "One Fine Day," "Take The Power," Grades 3-12, ed.tv 8
28	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "The Struggle for Women's Rights," Grades 9-12, ed.tv 8