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Mayor's Fund Honors Deputy Supt. Baker

The Mayor's Fund for Education will recognize Long Beach Unified School District Deputy Superintendent Jill Baker as an Education Champion Honoree during a reception celebrating the group's third anniversary from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 27 at the Keesal, Young and Logan Offices of the Union Bank Building, 400 Oceangate, 14th Floor, Long Beach.

The Mayor's Fund is a nonprofit organization working with Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia to support local education partners and programs.

Festivities will include appetizers and an art showcase from PTA Reflections. The emcee will be Emmy Award winner Kim Estes.

Other honorees will include the Children Today organization, which will receive the Civic Steward Award, and Mark Taylor, who will be recognized as a Legacy Award Honoree.

Tickets are \$25 through Jan. 31, then \$30 through Feb. 21 or \$40 at the door.

Learn more and register at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) (search for Mayor's Fund for Education).



Baker

LCAP Forum Feb. 1

A Local Control and Accountability Plan Community Forum is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 at Cabrillo High School, 2001 Santa Fe Ave., Long Beach.

The Local Control Funding Formula was approved by the state Legislature in 2013 to provide greater flexibility as to how certain state funds are used by local schools.

Join school district staff to discuss how to continue improving student achievement. Breakfast, lunch, childcare and translation will be provided.

For more information about the LCAP, select the Local Control icon on the home page at lbschools.net.

Remembering MLK

Students, staff and school district officials honored the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. by participating in Long Beach's annual Peace and Unity Parade last weekend.

Among the parade participants were members of the Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education, teachers, school marching bands, dance and cheer teams, Male and Female Leadership Academies, and many other student groups.

More Teachers Earn National Certification

Thirty-one teachers in the Long Beach Unified School District recently earned National Board Certification, the highest professional distinction in teaching.

More than 180 teachers here have earned the honor over the years. The rigorous certification is a year-long process that involves submitting portfolios, videotaping classroom instruction and participating in a day of written exercises. National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification is the nation's only advanced teacher certification.

The newest nationally certified teachers and their work sites are Nooshin Baran, Signal Hill; Jennifer Barragan, Harte; Bronagh Byrne, Sato; Shawdee Ghavimi, Mann; Stacey Hess Pettersson, Poly; Leigh Huesmann, Lafayette; Josiah Jones, Wilson; Vanessa Kennelly, Signal

Hill; Jennifer Nolan, Lindbergh; Richard Ross, Avalon; Adara Ryan, Marshall; Leslie Theobald, Hughes; Bryant Ton, Lakewood; and Anne Yoon of Tincher, Gompers and Gant.

Teachers who recently earned renewal of the certification are Lindsay Bobo, Lakewood; Alicia Carmona, Visual and Performing Arts; Jessica Cohen, Franklin; Yolanda Darrington, Webster; Anthony Dao, Wilson; Stephanie Ewing-Warner, Poly; Lisa Hickman, Poly; Dalis La, Stanford; Jamie Nichols, Tucker; Maya Oliver, Grant; Danielle Sawyer, Poly; Laura Strand, Tincher; Mikki Smith, Lincoln; Alan Van Divort, Jordan; Henry Waddles, Stanford; Gillian Waldenfels, Millikan; and Jason Wilson, Millikan.

The newly certified teachers are scheduled (Continued on next page)

Podcasts Feature Top Education Experts

To teachers and administrators worldwide, the pantheon of gurus in the field of education includes thinkers like Thomas Guskey, Doug Reeves and Andy Hargreaves. So the Long Beach Unified School District's professional development team was pleasantly surprised when an international nonprofit association of educators agreed to support LBUSD's production of an eight-part series of podcasts featuring these experts and more.

LBUSD's Nader Twal, program administrator in Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development, hosted the first podcast episode covering the topic of Equity, Social Justice and Implementing Anti-Biased Instruction in the Classroom.

"We're excited to be partnering with Learning Forward, the country's leading professional learning organization, on a unique thought leader podcast series with some of the most significant voices in the education com-

munity," Twal states in the first podcast's opening.

Twal and LBUSD program specialists Amy Pendray and Jennifer Crocket will host future episodes. To find the podcast series, perform a Google search for myPD Unplugged. The podcasts also can be streamed through the podcast app on your phone, and for employees, through the myPD home page.

The initial episode features Valeria Brown, professional development manager/facilitator for Teaching Tolerance, a Board of Trustee member for Learning Forward, and Founder of Clear the Air.

"Val's enlightening, disarming and personal narrative helps educators navigate the complexities of equity in education," states the podcast synopsis, which includes a link to a facilitation guide for those who may want to extend the conversation evoked by the podcast.

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MLK PARADE – Student groups, school district officials and staff participated in Long Beach's 32nd annual Martin Luther King Jr. Peace and Unity Parade last weekend. This year's theme was "Continuing the Legacy," promoting equality and justice. **View more photos at lbschools.net.**



• Nationally Certified

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to be honored at the Board of Education's regular meeting on Feb. 20.

National Board Certification can offer license portability and can contribute to continuing education units for educators statewide.

Learn more under National Board Certification in the A-Z index at lbschools.net and at the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards website, nbpts.org.

CalPERS Workshop

A California Public Employees Retirement System planning workshop for classified employees will be offered from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5 at the Personnel Commission, 4400 Ladoga Ave., Lakewood.

Join representatives from CalPERS and the Long Beach Unified School District's Payroll and Risk Management offices in the auditorium to learn about retirement options and benefits, selecting the best date to retire, how retirement benefits are calculated, and how sick leave converts to service credit.

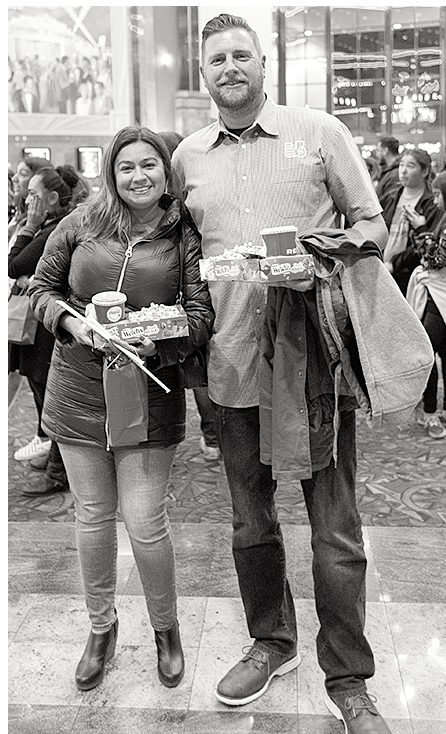
This workshop is a classified staff development activity subject to release time with manager approval. Be sure to obtain manager authorization prior to registering. Find the registration form under Personnel Commission at lbschools.net, then Classified Staff Development. Questions? Call 435-5708.

Parking is available in the lot on the corner of Ladoga Avenue and Harvey Way or in the lot on Nipomo Avenue. If lots are full, park only on the school side of the street.

Dates to Remember

February

1	National African American Heritage Month
	National Children's Dental Health Month
	National Freedom Day
2	Groundhog Day
3-7	National School Counseling Week
4	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00 – "George Washington," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
5	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00 – "Alexander Graham Bell," Grades 3-8, ed.tv 8
6	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "Abraham Lincoln," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
7	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "The Boyhood of Abraham Lincoln," Grades 4-6, ed.tv 8
10	Lincoln Day – Holiday
11	Thomas Alva Edison's Birthday
11	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
12	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
12	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00 – "Abraham Lincoln," Grades 2-8, ed.tv 8
13	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "Presidents Day," Grades K-5, ed.tv 8
14	St. Valentine's Day
14	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "Jackie Robinson Story," Grades 6-12, ed.tv 8
16	Susan B. Anthony's Birthday
17	Washington Day – Holiday
17	Presidents Day
17	National PTA Founders Day
19	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00 – "George Washington," Grades 2-8, ed.tv 8
20	Frederick Douglass Day
20	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "Reading Rainbow: Once There Was a Tree," Grades 1-5, ed.tv 8
21	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "Indian Artifacts of the Southwest," Grades 6-8, ed.tv 8
22	George Washington's Birthday
23	W.E.B. DuBois' Birthday
25	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00 – "Ask For It," Grades 1-2, ed.tv 8
26	Ash Wednesday
26-April 11	Lent
26	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00 – "Women's History Month," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
27	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "School Bus and the Exceptional Child," Grades K-12, ed.tv 8
28	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "One Fine Day/ Take the Power," Grades 3-12, ed.tv 8



MOVIE NIGHT – Child Development Center teacher Sheryl Atkins is joined by husband Kurt Atkins, a supervisor with Nutrition Services, as CDC staff are treated to a recent Regal Edwards Long Beach free screening of the acclaimed movie "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," inspired by beloved TV personality Mr. Rogers. The screening was sponsored by the Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles to help reinforce the work of early childhood educators.

CPR, First Aid Class

Two CPR/First Aid certification classes for classified employees will be offered by the Personnel Commission on Friday, Feb. 7. Classes will run from 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Teacher Resource Center (ABC Room), 1299 E. 32nd St., Signal Hill.

This classified staff development event is subject to manager/supervisor approval for release time, and participants must be permanent classified employees.

Find the registration form at lbschools.net under Personnel Commission, then Classified Staff Development.

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• Podcasts Scheduled

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A second podcast titled "Beyond Diversity – How to really talk about race in education," with Courtlandt Butts aired last week.

The planned schedule for the other episodes is:

Jan. 23 – "Challenging Conventional Grading," with Thomas Guskey;

Jan. 30 – "Equity and Excellence: Change Models That Work," with Doug Reeves;

Feb. 6 – "Collaborative Professionalism: When Teaching Together Means Learning for All," with Andy Hargreaves;

Feb. 13 – "The Power of Learner-Focused Feedback," with Joellen Killian;

Feb. 20 – "Viewing Your Practice from the Outside In" (using video coaching), with Jim Knight;

Feb. 27 – "Better Together – Becoming a Learning Team," with Tracy Crow, Frederick Brown and Cherry Creek School District.

Learn more about Learning Forward, the only professional association devoted exclusively to establishing and sustaining highly effective professional development for educators, at learningforward.org.

Black Folklore Event

International City Theatre, one of the Long Beach Unified School District's many visual and performing arts partner organizations, will offer "The Spirit of Black Folklore," with stories from classic literature and folktales 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 29 at the Beverly O'Neill Theater, 330 E. Seaside Way, Long Beach.

Admission is free for the hour-long show of child-friendly stories. Reservations are required at ICTLongBeach.org/FSFT.

Metered parking is available, and parking in the structure is \$15. Call 495-4595, ext. 103 or contact helen@ictlongbeach.org for more information.

Weight Watchers

What's your New Year's resolution? Now through Jan. 31, new and current Weight Watchers (WW) members have the opportunity to enter a sweepstakes to win a trip for two to Los Angeles to attend Oprah Winfrey's 2020 Vision Tour event on Feb. 29 at The Forum. Winfrey is partnering with WW for a cross-country arena tour. New members will be eligible for a Jumpstarter kit with their sweepstakes entry. Current members gain entry into the sweepstakes for referring an eligible employee who joins the WW program. A flier will be emailed by site secretaries. Learn more at ww.com/us/lbusd.

In Memoriam

Edward Perlstein
former director, Child Development Center
December 23, 2019

Donna Johnson
former secretary supervisor
December 31, 2019