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## SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

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Dear P-BVUSD Families,



May is the last month of the school year but we still have so many things left to do. Students are finishing up their end of the year learning and final projects. As parents, teachers and support staff, we also have the opportunity to celebrate and recognize our students for all their hard work.

Elementary Schools will be hosting their Open House or Family Engagement Activity for parents on May 16th to showcase student learning, so don't miss out on this wonderful event.

8th grade graduations are scheduled for the last week in May, so please check with the school for details. We are proud of our 8th-grade students and I wish them well as they transition to High School.

## P-BVUSD STUDENT WINS STATE COMPETITION



Nearly a thousand students competed in the 74th annual California Science & Engineering Fair. Ronak Bose, a student at Earl Warren Junior High School won his category and was nominated to participate in the national Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge in October.

We are so proud of all the hard work and dedication Ronak has shown to get his well-deserved accomplishments.



## SAFE ESCAPE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NIGHT

P-BVUSD had a successful family engagement night last night. The Bakersfield Police Department taught 1st-3rd grade students critical child abduction survival tactics and prevention measures.

Students and families learned how to recognize common lures and proactive hands-on maneuvers to escape. Thank you to the BPD for coming out to help educate our community on how to stay safe!

## 2024 PARENT RESOURCE FAIR



Shout out to our Special Services Department who hosted this year's Parent Resource Fair at Stonecreek Junior High School.

Families were able to connect with over 45 local organizations that offered resources for student and family success.



We also had an amazing food fair and immunization clinic!



## P-BVUSD RETIRING PRINCIPALS

This year P-BVUSD has several principals who are entering into retirement.

We wanted to take a moment to thank our principals who have spent so much time serving this community and setting our students up for success.

To each of you, your retirement is well-deserved but you will be missed. We wish you the best in what you do next!



**Daryl Newton**  
28 Years



**Lisa Beasley**  
31 Years



**Shawna Manning**  
38 Years



**Robert Machado**  
33 Years



## WE ARE HIRING!

Panama-Buena Vista Union School District is recruiting classified staff, science teachers, theater teachers, academic coaches and assistant principals.

If you are interested in joining our team, visit the careers page on our website!

## APPRECIATING P-BVUSD NURSES AND TEACHERS

We May 6-10th is teacher appreciation week! Did you know that over 75% of states are facing a teacher shortage? Our P-BVUSD teachers spend countless hours before, during and after class helping prepare for student success.

It also happens to be national nurses week as well. Our school nurses play an essential role in keeping our students in school healthy, safe and ready to learn.

We have seen the dedication and heart that our school nurses and teachers have for the children of our community. We encourage you to have your student write a note or card to their teacher during teacher appreciation week this year!



## #WEAREPBV...GET TO KNOW US!

### THIS MONTH: BRANDON HENDRIX

#### What do you do for P-BVUSD?

I'm a Computer Support Technician with the IT department. My job is to make sure all of the employees there have their tech needs met, and have support whenever they run into trouble.



#### What is your favorite thing

**about your job?** I'm honestly a nerd, so I love the fact that my job is entirely centered around fixing and maintaining computers. That's genuinely the kind of job I always wanted as a kid, so I'd say it's pretty neat.

**What do you do on your off time?** I do video editing on the side, and I've been playing drums since I was four years old. I've also been helping teach drumline at Independence High School for the past couple months, which has been a blast so far.

**Who do you look up to?** Don't tell her, but my mom. She raised me as a single mother, and has gone through her own share of hardship to get where she is today.

**What is your favorite movie?** It's a toss up between The Matrix and Scott Pilgrim vs The World.

**What is one random fact about you?** I enjoy reading and writing stories from time to time. I learned how to read when I was three, so needless to say I think books are neat and would like to write one someday.

## CELEBRATING EARTH DAY



Miss Pino's kindergarten class celebrated Earth Day at Sandrini Elementary School!

## COMING UP

### MAY

- 6/7** Battle of the Books  
8:00 A.M.  
3801 Chester Avenue  
Kern County Museum
- 14** District Board Meeting  
6:00 PM  
4200 Ashe Rd.  
District Board Room
- 28** District Board Meeting  
6:00 PM  
4200 Ashe Rd.  
District Board Room

### JUNE

- 11** District Board Meeting  
6:00 PM  
4200 Ashe Rd.  
District Board Room
- 19** Juneteenth
- 25** District Board Meeting  
6:00 PM  
4200 Ashe Rd.  
District Board Room

*Looking for local family fun?*

Visit Bakersfield has many activities for families. Learn more about Bakersfield events on their webpage: [www.visitbakersfield.com/events-calendar](http://www.visitbakersfield.com/events-calendar)