



school bulletin

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Time to Nominate Top Classified Employees

When an assistant principal began choking on a piece of candy, Bridgitte Hall, staff assistant at Franklin Middle School, saved her life using the Heimlich maneuver. The grateful administrator recognized Hall's quick thinking by nominating her for last year's Classified Employee of the Year Award.

Any employee can nominate heroic colleagues for this year's award until Friday, April 4. Nominees need not be lifesavers, but they should be employees who provide exemplary service. Any permanent full or part-time classified employee from any department, school or office is eligible. All district employees are encouraged to nominate exemplary classified co-workers.

To learn more about the award, visit the Personnel Commission's website at www.lbusd.k12.ca.us/perscomm/web/index.htm. Nomination forms also are available at all schools, offices and at the Personnel Commission, 999 Atlantic Avenue, third floor.

Last year's winner was Roberta Christensen, intermediate office clerk at Signal Hill Elementary School. This year's finalists will

be announced at a May 22 barbecue celebration for classified employees. Nominations may be sent through district mail to the Personnel Commission, Attention: Nominations Committee, or they may be dropped off in person at the Personnel Commission office.

Special Election Set

The recent death of long-time local educator and school board member Ed Eveland has created a vacancy on the Board of Education. Eveland represented District 4, which includes East Long Beach, Signal Hill and Catalina Island. That school board seat will be filled at a special election on Tuesday, June 10.

The Board of Education at its regular meeting this week declared the vacancy and called for the special election. The deadline for candidates to file for the office will be Friday, March 14.

Since this is a special election to fill the unexpired portion of Eveland's term, whoever is elected will need to stand for election again in April 2004 in order to be considered for a full four-year term.

New Partners Help

ALBEM, the Association of Long Beach Educational Managers, today is honoring 133 new educational partnerships with local schools. These enlightened businesses, corporations and nonprofits have committed to helping students and teachers. The Long Beach Unified School District now has 928 education partners, a new record.

They offer encouragement, recognition, rewards and incentives to students to improve their achievement, attendance, grades and behavior. Some provide guest speakers or contribute equipment, materials, publications and volunteers. They have provided trees and garden plantings at schools, showcased student work in their businesses, provided school carnival prizes, rewarded teachers and helped schools in hundreds of other ways.

One Day = \$2 Million

If every student in the Long Beach Unified School District attended school just one more day during the year, the district would receive \$2 million more. This is a painless way to improve students' education and reduce budget cuts.

Students can help their schools get through these lean times just by improving their attendance a little. Urging students to be conscientious about showing up every day this spring can make a big difference in learning and balancing the budget.



IMPRESSED--Academy Award-winning composer Elmer Bernstein was moved by the Poly High School Chamber Orchestra performance of selections from his score for "To Kill a Mockingbird," part of Long Beach Reads One Book Week. "The City of Long Beach has a lot to be proud of," he said. "This orchestra should be one of them."

Arts Month Underway

Students and teachers in the Long Beach Unified School District are taking advantage of several opportunities during March, Arts Education Month.

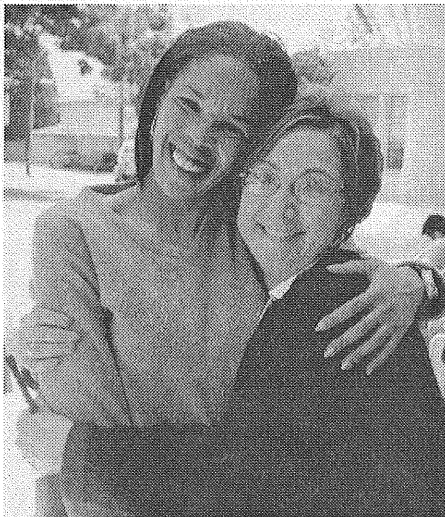
- **Gottlieb Youth Art Show**--The Alpert Jewish Community Center's Gatov Gallery exhibit runs through March 22, featuring the best LBUSD middle and high school art and offering students a rare opportunity to participate in a juried show.

- **Facing History and Ourselves/Choosing to Participate Art Show**--A jury panel selected artwork of four Wilson High School students to appear in this exhibit at the Central Library in Los Angeles through April. Only 30 works of art, selected from hundreds of submissions from throughout California, are on display. Exhibiting Wilson students are Jose Contreras, Jed Gomez, Sarah Nica and Jason Oliva.

- **Sight, Sounds and Tradition**--Artwork from several schools is now being displayed for a year in all Long Beach Starbucks Coffee Houses. These winning works were first displayed at Long Beach Art Museum.

- **Art in Print**--Long Beach Art Museum, in collaboration with the Press-Telegram, offered printmaking workshops to teachers. The teachers incorporated printmaking techniques into class assignments. The resulting student artwork is on display this month in the Toyota Gallery at the Long Beach Museum of Art.

- **Lakewood Artists Guild Student Art Show**--Several LBUSD schools will exhibit at Del Valle Park Youth Center on March 28.



LIFESAVER--Former Franklin assistant principal Geraldine Rescinito, now principal at Madison, hugs her hero Bridgitte Hall, finalist for last year's Classified Employee of the Year Award.

Coffee With Chris

The next Long Beach Unified Family Committee meeting will be held Monday, March 17, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Teacher Resource Center, Conference Room AB. The informal meetings encourage open dialogue between any interested employees and Superintendent Chris Steinhauser.

Poly SOUNDS Tonight

Some of the best high school jazz musicians in the nation will perform SOUNDS tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Poly Auditorium. The concert features the combined talents of the vocal jazz and instrumental jazz departments. Large and small groups, as well as soloists, will be performing. Their selections include a commissioned work arranged especially for Poly, entitled "Nature Boy," which showcases vocal and instrumental jazz groups and string instruments. Admission is \$5.

Hi-Hill Counselors

Hi-Hill Outdoor School is currently accepting applications for full-time positions as cabin counselor for the 2003-04 school year. An applicant must currently be a high school senior or older. The position requires mountain hiking in all kinds of weather, working with fifth grade children, being a positive role model, and getting along well with others. Room and board are provided Monday through Friday as well as transportation to and from Long Beach each week. The salary is approximately \$1,500 a month.

Applications are available at the high school career centers and at the Hi-Hill Office, 4010 Watson Plaza Drive, Suite 260, Lakewood 90712. Interviews for qualified candidates will take place at the Hi-Hill Office on Saturday, May 17. Deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 30. Interested applicants may contact the Hi-Hill secretary at 496-3775.

The Job Board

- Emerson Parkside Academy is seeking credentialed teachers to apply for open positions for the fall. All K-5 classes have reduced class sizes of only 20 students. Interested teachers must apply directly to the school since Emerson no longer participates in the transfer and assignment process. For additional information, contact the school at 420-2631.

- Riley Elementary School, a STAR School with exemplary gains in API growth for the entire school and all subgroups, is interviewing for a first grade literacy teacher for the 2003-04 school year. Call Tanya Kent at ext. 3630.

Job Opportunity

Applications are now being accepted at the Personnel Commission, 999 Atlantic Ave., third floor, for intermediate office assistant and intermediate office assistant-schools.

"Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is to work hard at work worth doing."
--Theodore Roosevelt

In Memoriam

Rickey Watkins
cook, Camp Hi-Hill
February 18, 2003

Earl Snow
recreation leader
February 25, 2003

Krafts for Kids Fair Planned for Fall

Long Beach Education Foundation has been approached by some talented Long Beach Unified School District employees who want to donate their arts and crafts to help local schools and students through the tough times ahead.

"If you have created beautiful original paintings, sculpture, ceramics, artwork, crafts, handmade furniture, hand carved miniature birds, duck decoys and other items of value, the Foundation would like to know if you would be willing to donate them to help your schools and students," said Judy Seal, executive director, Long Beach Education Foundation. Donors will be able to designate the proceeds of the sale of their gifts to various LBEF projects.

Employees who are interested are encouraged to call, drop a note or e-mail her this month at ext. 8054, jseal@lbusd.k12.ca.us. Specify what handmade articles you would be willing to contribute.

The Ides of March

Good news. March 15 will arrive and pass without any layoff notices issued here in California's third-largest school district. Unlike dozens of other districts facing layoffs, the Long Beach Unified School District will not send out the dreaded notices despite \$28 million in cuts it must make this year.

Ryen Earns Ed.D.

Gladys Ryen, resource specialist and lead teacher at Gant Elementary School, recently completed her doctorate in education from Alliant International University. Her dissertation was entitled "A Comparison of Participant Perceptions Concerning the School-Based Intervention Team Effectiveness Using the Problem-Solving Model."

A Car Bargain

Any employee interested in making an offer on a former school security patrol car could get a bargain. The 1989 Chevrolet Celebrity, a white four-door sedan with 105,190 miles, has a 2.8 liter V-6, automatic transmission, air conditioning and a good cloth interior. To submit a bid on this surplus vehicle, call Jim Martin at ext. 1775.

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CharacterEd.Net

Long Beach Unified School District has been selected as a demonstration site for the CharacterEd.Net website for two years. This honor demonstrates the district's commitment to the pursuit of providing excellence in character education programs and resources to the teachers and students of the community.

This website provides a new, innovative way to promote character education using the Internet. It offers quality, ready-to-use curriculum, activities and resources that enhance instruction. Parents will also have access to the excellent resources available on the website.

Schools choosing to participate in the online demonstration include Avalon School; Burnett, Grant, Lafayette, Lowell, Stevenson and Sutter elementary schools; and Hill and Stephens middle schools.

Transfers Due Soon

Teachers interested in a transfer for the 2003-04 school year must submit a transfer form this month. Transfer request forms are available at all schools and the TALB Office. Information about unique school options, such as scheduling and teaming, is posted at all schools. Deadline to apply for transfers is Monday, March 31.

Newspaper Literacy

A Newspaper in Education workshop will be held Saturday, March 8, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Press-Telegram, 604 Pine Ave. It includes continental breakfast, lunch, a tour, hands-on activities and teaching materials. The class may be taken for one unit of credit (\$114) by completing eight hours of classroom application or for non-credit (\$49). Each participant receives 350 free newspapers. For information call Gayle Knapp at 499-1445.

Recent Promotions

The following classified employees recently received promotions:

Mattie Davis, instructional aide-intensive behavior treatment, The Willows;

Belinda Gutierrez, instructional aide-intensive behavior treatment, The Willows;

Kimberly Kendall, instructional aide-intensive behavior treatment, The Willows;

Cindy Navarro, middle school office supervisor, Butler;

Kevin Sheehan, food service catering supervisor, Central Kitchen;

Rebecca Tafoya, food service supervisor I, Lee;

Anna Traver, intermediate food service worker, Stephens;

James Valdez, school community worker, Powell;

Rachel Watson, instructional aide-intensive behavior treatment, The Willows.

It was stated in an earlier Superintendent's Bulletin that Lakewood High School was the only school in the district posting grades online. Hill Middle School and Wilson Classical High School are also doing so, although not every teacher is involved.