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Ed Eveland Devoted His Life To Our Schools

by Bobbie Smith
Board of Education President

On behalf of the Board of Education of the Long Beach Unified School District, I want to express our deepest heartfelt sympathy to Dorian Eveland and to her children--Ed's grandchildren--Tova, Timothy, Tyler, Tahnia and Trevor. He was so proud of you. He told us you meant so much to him--especially during these past few months as he faced the loss of the love of his life, Marilyn, and then setbacks in his own health. You were there for him when he really needed you.

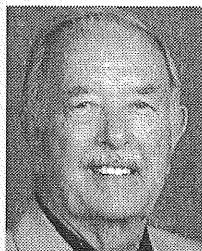
Everyone feels so fortunate to have known this good man. Ed was so much more than a colleague or a neighbor or a friend. He was 'like family. We appreciated his sage advice and straight-talking no-nonsense advocacy of what was best for kids. Ed understood what was important in life--what really mattered. He figured out a long time ago that a good family and a good education gave you a huge advantage in life.

He devoted his life to giving the advantage of learning to others. You may not know that as a young Poly High School graduate, he headed north to the University of Oregon to become a lawyer. When he realized he might lose Marilyn to another suitor, he returned to Long Beach and enrolled at Long Beach State. He ended up with a degree in English and a bride he cherished.

His contributions to our schools are legendary. He excelled as a teacher at Wilson and then as activities director at Lakewood and vice principal at Stanford, Hill and Poly. He was a superb principal at Jefferson, Poly, Wilson and Millikan. As Assistant Superintendent for our secondary schools, Ed had a clear vision and total commitment to the belief that every student could learn. He did his best to make that happen for thousands of students every day.

Ed was a big-hearted, down-to-earth, outspoken advocate for high standards for all kids. For 50 years, he set about delivering on the American Dream. He always had time for a word of encouragement, a thoughtful gift, a school story or a grand vision of what could be: school uniforms, the Classical High School, the end of social promotion, higher standards for all kids from all backgrounds. He helped so many kids get a better education--future star athletes, distinguished surgeons and just regular kids. Many excelled under his leadership to become real scholars and champions.

The loss of his son in a tragic car accident was a shattering experience for Ed and his



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family. But he immersed himself in his work and reached out to help the sons and daughters of others. In fact, throughout his career, Ed was not out there doing things for Ed. He was out there doing things for others. When racial tensions were running high in the community, he invited his staff at Jefferson to spend a Sunday at Rev. Joe Chaney's church. After several hours of sermons, singing and soul food, they had a new appreciation and respect for the background of many of the families they served. Ed was always building bridges that way.

When there was serious interracial conflict at Poly years ago, he knew that in order for those difficulties to be addressed there had to be a coming together. And that's how that school was transformed. Ed was there to help it happen. It's a practical lesson we must always remember here in the most diverse large city in America.

Despite all the serious issues and challenges he dealt with, he always had great fun, enjoyed life, savored his many friendships and went out of his way to be kind and helpful. He was a hero to his colleagues, to kids in the neighborhood, to everyone from the custodian to the superintendent. He loved to fish and to cook. He also loved to motivate people to do the right thing for kids--even if it was controversial. He loved to shake up the status quo to find a better way of reaching kids.

Only a few weeks ago, after being hospitalized, he returned to serve on the Board of Education. He announced at a school board meeting, "The rest of my life will be devoted

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Henry Teacher Wins CAFE State Honor

Henry Elementary School two-way bilingual immersion teacher Sylvia Padilla was recently honored as the California Association for Bilingual Education Teacher of the Year.

"I'm honored and I'm totally humbled by it," said Padilla, who teaches kindergarten.

In two-way immersion, English-speaking students are placed in classes with Spanish-speaking students learning English. Padilla said 60 percent of her students are English speakers learning Spanish.

The Long Beach chapter of CAFE nominated Padilla for the statewide honor.

In addition to Padilla's top teacher award, DeMille Middle School was honored as one of only three schools in the state to receive CAFE's Seal of Excellence for its successful dual language immersion program.



Padilla

Coffee With Chris

The next Long Beach Unified Family Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, January 25, 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 Steinhauer.

Long Beach Reads 'To Kill a Mockingbird'

Long Beach Unified School District will host six events as part of the citywide "Long Beach Reads One Book," next week. The book is Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The goal is to encourage all to read and discuss this Pulitzer Prize-winning novel.

The Long Beach Public Library Foundation event features guest appearances, readings, lectures, concerts, scene re-enactments, screenings of the movie version and essay contests:

- Monday, February 24--Mary Badham, the actress who portrayed the young girl Scout in the movie *To Kill a Mockingbird* will visit Jordan, Poly and Lakewood high schools. Badham will discuss her role and the significance of her cigar box filled with treasures. Badham connects timeless themes occurring in the book, movie and life.

- Wednesday, February 26--Mockingbird expert Claudia Durst Johnson will lead discussions at Millikan and Wilson high schools. She will explore the novel's historical and literary context, offering students and teachers deeper insights into the book.

- Wednesday, February 26--At Long Beach

School for Adults, Mary Badham will describe her role as Scout in the film version. A discussion session will follow her presentation.

- Wednesday, February 26--Award-winning film music composer Elmer Bernstein, nominated for 13 Oscars, will conduct the Poly High School orchestra in musical selections composed by Bernstein, including the Golden Globe award-winning music of *Mockingbird*. A panel discussion will follow featuring Bernstein; actress Mary Badham; author Claudia Durst Johnson; and Stephen Peck, son of actor Gregory Peck, who portrayed attorney Atticus Finch in the movie.

- Thursday, February 27--Every third grader will receive a free dictionary. More than 9,000 dictionaries will be distributed. A presentation at the Main Library will recognize sponsors and distribute the first dictionaries to Edison Elementary School students.

- Thursday, February 27--An examination of the trial in *To Kill a Mockingbird* will be presented by the Long Beach Bar Association at the Main Library. Winners of the high school essay contest will also be presented.

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to the kids and schools." Two weeks ago he played in a Wilson golf tournament. He was looking forward to 2004. He never complained. He had great courage and was totally committed to the students. He was determined to get back to work. He looked forward to a new service learning initiative that would require all high school students to complete 40 hours of community service related to courses they were taking. No one believed in community service more than Ed.

When Ed heard that some families needed help paying for school uniforms, he fired off a letter to a few hundred of his closest friends and raised \$5,000 in just a few days.

There are many Ed Eveland stories. We all know him from a slightly different vantage point, but all of us looked up to Ed. Today we just have to look a little bit higher.

Ed's legacy reminds us always to do what is best for students--no matter what the challenge might be. He gave us that special will to win--even when the outlook isn't rosy.

He knew that, in the long run, a thoughtful act of kindness and love--what we do when we help a child get a good education--really matters. It mattered to him.

AVID Learners

Marshall Middle School has been recognized as an AVID National Demonstration School for the 2002-03 school year.

As one of only 86 sites so honored throughout the U.S., Marshall is in an elite category among the more than 1,500 AVID schools in 21 states and 17 countries.

AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, prepares students for rigorous high school honors and advanced placement classes to be able to compete for admission to the nation's top universities.

Sabbatical Leave

Applications are now being accepted for sabbatical leaves. Sabbaticals may be granted to a limited number of full-time certificated employees who satisfactorily served at least seven consecutive years. The paid leaves may be granted for additional study, which requires carrying a full course load at a college or university, or for foreign or domestic travel.

The deadline for sabbatical leave requests for the 2003-04 school year is Friday, March 28. For information, call Stephanie Jimenez at ext. 8214., or see the Human Resource Services website, teach.lbusd.k12.ca.us.

In Memoriam

Mary Haweaker
former clerk
January 31, 2003

Ed Eveland *
Board of Education member
February 15, 2003

* Memorial gifts may be made to the Long Beach Education Foundation for the Ed Eveland Scholarship Fund.

Teacher Transfers

Human Resource Services will be accepting requests for transfer from teachers who wish to change school sites. Please refer to the TALB Agreement, Article VIII, for guidelines.

Transfer request forms for 2003-04 will be available at all schools and the TALB Office during the week of February 24. Information about unique school options, such as scheduling and instructional programs, is posted on the district's website. Teachers are encouraged to read about choices and interview with site personnel before submitting their requests.

Transfer requests are valid through the first seven days of the upcoming traditional school year. Special education teachers are eligible for transfer after teaching four consecutive years in a special education program. The deadline to apply for transfers is Monday, March 31.

New Credential Option

The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing has adopted the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA), administered by Educational Testing Service, as the examination option for obtaining a Preliminary Administrative Services Credential. Individuals interested in this assessment may visit the Educational Testing Service website at www.ets.org for details. Those who pass the assessment must meet the following prerequisites to qualify for a Preliminary Administrative Services Credential or Certificate of Eligibility:

- Possess an appropriate teaching or services credential;
- Complete at least three years of successful teaching or school services experience in public schools or private schools of equivalent status;
- Pass CBEST;
- Obtain fingerprint, character and identification clearance;
- Apply to CCTC and submit appropriate fees and support documentation.

For information, contact Debbie Sugimoto, credential services manager, at ext. 8008.

Aprende Español

The PALMS Office is offering a "Spanish for School Personnel" course for interested district employees. The course will emphasize basic conversational skills and school terminology. Registration will take place at the first class session on a first-come, first-served basis. Class will be held Tuesdays, March 4 through June 3, 5-6:30 p.m. at Lincoln School Library.

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Dates to Remember

March	American Red Cross Month Music in Our Schools Month National Middle Level Education Month National Nutrition Month National Women's History Month Arts Education Month Korean Independence Movement Day NEA's Read Across America Adoption of U.S. National Anthem Newspaper In Education Week Muslim New Year's Day
1	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "The American Parade: We the Women" (Women's History Month), Grades 9-12, ed.tv Channel 8
2	Black American Day
3	Lent
3-7	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00-- "Women's History Month," Grades K-3, ed.tv Channel 8
4	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Reading Rainbow: Once There Was a Tree" (Conservation), Grades K-5, ed.tv Channel 8
4	Conservation, Bird and Arbor Day 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Charles Russell: His Personal West" (Art), Grades K-5, ed.tv Channel 8
5	International Women's Day
5-April 19	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "The Struggle for Women's Rights" (Susan B. Anthony's Birthday), Grades 9-12, ed.tv Channel 8
5	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00-- "Alexander Graham Bell," Grades 3-8, ed.tv Channel 8
6	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Taking Care of Your School Building" (Public Schools Week Preparation), Grades 1-3, ed.tv Channel 8
7	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "One Fine Day" and "Take the Power" (Women's History Month), Grades 3-12, ed.tv Channel 8
7	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Ask For It" (Drug Education), Grades 1-2, ed.tv Channel 8
8	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00-- "Florence Nightingale," Grades 4-8, ed.tv Channel 8
11	Authors Festival
12	Camp Fire Absolutely Incredible Kid Day 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "School Bus and the Exceptional Child," Grades K-12, ed.tv Channel 8
13	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Indian Artists of the Southwest," Grades 6-8, ed.tv Channel 8
14	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Cesar Chavez," Grades 6-12, ed.tv Channel 8
18	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00; 27 - 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Adventures in Poetry 1," Grades 3-6, ed.tv Channel 8
19	Cesar Chavez Day
20	Public Schools Week
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31-April 4	

University Internship

LBUSD has a new university internship agreement with National University for elementary or secondary teachers. The district has also added special education to its internship agreement with CSU Dominguez Hills.

Teachers pursuing credentials at either university may be eligible for the two-year internship credential. For additional information, contact Credential Services at ext. 8071.

Recent Promotions

The following classified employees recently received promotions:

Richard Juarez, grounds crew supervisor, Operations;

Joy Taylor, food service supervisor I, Longfellow;

Olga Trevis, food service supervisor I, Holmes.