



school bulletin

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86 Teachers Retire After Lengthy Careers

A total of 86 teachers and certificated employees are wrapping up long, productive careers this year. Together they have amassed 2,440 years of service to the students of the Long Beach Unified School District:

45 years--Max Fraley, School for Adults;
42 years--Maureen Allen, Gompers;
40 years--Kerrill Kephart, Poly; Camille Lang, Fremont; Mary Meyers, Longfellow; Carolyn Rydell, Hamilton;
39 years--Susanne DeHardt, Holmes; Ronald Miner, Lakewood; Dave Radford, Millikan; Carolyn Stark, Monroe; Joanne Szor, Bixby;

Thanks for Making A Tough Year Great

This school year has tested our mettle. Your courageous performance speaks volumes about the strength of this school system. Last fall, Carl Cohn stepped down as your superintendent after 10 years of wise leadership. The state budget crisis grew worse each day. This spring, the war, orange alerts and terrorist threats made headlines. We lost Ed Eveland, our revered Board of Education member who died after more than 50 years of service to our schools.



Through it all, you stayed focused and achieved great victories for kids. For the second year in a row, our district made the Broad Foundation's list of the nation's top five urban school systems that are beating the odds and closing the achievement gap. We're up for the top prize in September.

Whatever the outcome, our kids are the real winners because you always put them first. More state and national honors keep coming in as a result of your extraordinary efforts.

I want to give special thanks to each of you who gave your best to our kids and schools during these lean, challenging times, and for doing so with dignity and grace. Many of you have made quiet sacrifices, rising above everyday pressures and distractions to serve students so well. We value you and will continue to avert the demoralizing layoffs that other California school districts now face. In good times and bad, we stick together.

As the year ends, I'm impressed by the fact that here in America's most diverse large city, we may soon be named America's very best urban school system. That says so much about your work. It says even more about America's strength. Your determination to educate every child is so important and an example to all.

Thank you for a great year.

38 years--Katherine Anderson, Jordan; Elizabeth Creasey, Mann; Barbara Holtz, OCIPD;

37 years--Bonnie Christianson, Kettering; Michael DaDurka, Jordan;

36 years--Barbara Dykman, Poly; Fred Kimbrel, EPHS; Kenneth Sams, Hoover; Diane Weimer, Fremont;

35 years--Diana Williams, Fremont;

34 years--Dianne Bradfield, Marshall; Russel Hoekman, Wilson; Virginia Schmeichel, Burroughs;

Lue Dean Terry, Elementary Office; George Wright, Poly;

33 years--Rosa Alosa, Lakewood; Jean



Fraley

Anderson, Lowell; Julia Danks, Marshall; Joann Graef, Burcham;

32 years--Patricia Chandler, Lafayette; Richard Gow, Pacific Tower; Lee Strother, Lakewood;

31 years--William Burhans, Hill; Barbara Ross, Hill;

30 years--Cynthia Coleman, Burcham;

29 years--Phyllis Amey-Clark, Burroughs; Tomiko Tsuno, ISR;

28 years--Jene Spivey, Cleveland;

27 years--Carl Cohn, Superintendent; Ann Robinson, Muir;

26 years--Ron Palmer, Poly;

25 years--Marilyn Schueller, Poly; Charlene

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Allen

Meyer Wins Board Election in Landslide

Long-time teacher and principal Jon Meyer this week was elected to the Board of Education of the Long Beach Unified School District. In a landslide vote, the former principal of Lakewood, Wilson, Lowell and Avalon schools finished first in a field of seven candidates by a wide margin.

Meyer received 3,504 votes; Yolanda Benavidez, 1,741; Norm Ryan, 1,269; Marilyn Bittle, 877; Gary DeLong, 749; Andy Nagle, 207; and Richard Green, 143.

Meyer will fill the unexpired term of long-time Board member Ed Eveland, who died in February.



Meyer

As a senior at Wilson High School, Meyer was a student in an English class taught by Eveland. Meyer went on to Stanford University and returned to teach social studies and coach track and football at Poly High School where Eveland was assistant principal. Later he taught anthropology and coached football and track at Wilson, where Eveland was principal. Eveland's two children, Tim and Dorian, were students in Meyer's 11th grade classes. Another of his outstanding students at Wilson was Chris Steinhauer, who was "starting guard on the football team--and a good one--intelligent and tenacious," said Meyer.

"I am so grateful for the support of parents and former students and, over my 41-year career, for the support of so many classified and certificated employees," he said.

Meyer will take office on Monday, July 21. He will be up for election to a full four-year term next April.

48 Classified Retirees Served Nine Centuries

Retiring this year from schools, offices and key support services are 48 Long Beach Unified School District classified employees with a combined total of 990 years of service:

39 years--Gordon Morgan, Maintenance;

29 years--Larry Bullard, Renaissance;

27 years--Catherine Becker, Poly;

26 years--Marilou Sams, Lowell;

25 years--MaryAnn Saupe, Holmes;

24 years--Mary Parson, Wilson; Frances

Ruiz, Longfellow;

23 years--Sandra Bailey, Transportation;

22 years--Janet Weston, Fremont;

21 years--Carmen Molina, CDC; Adelina

Avila, MacArthur;

20 years--Rodou Loizides, Wilson;

18 years--Elizabeth Morgon, Jordan;

17 years--Marilyn Findlay, Personnel

Commission; Nancy Hibner, CDC; James Young, Jordan;

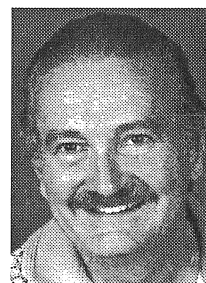
16 years--Mark Sullivan, Security and Emergency Preparedness;

15 years--Paula Gathe, Poly;

13 years--David Coffield, Wilson; Maria Austin, Garfield;

11 years--Kenneth Holtz, Information Services.

A total of 27 other-swath with a combined total of 552 years of service have requested that their names not be printed.



Bullard

Summer Recreation

An enjoyable, healthy, educational alternative to hanging out this summer is being offered to children at local schools. "Catch the Bug," the 2003 Summer Recreation program of the Long Beach Unified School District and the Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine begins June 16.

Supervised crafts and sports will be offered at Barton, Birney, Hudson, International, Longfellow, McKinley, Muir, Riley, Sutter and Webster. Beginning June 23, the summer fun will be offered at Buffum, Burcham, Cubberley, Fremont, Gant, Gompers, Kettering, Lowell, Mann, MacArthur, Newcomb, Prisk and Tinker. The activities are offered from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, for five weeks.

• Retirees

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Young, CDC;

23 years--Mary Ann Koepp, Hudson; Robert Lobliner, Wilson; Barbara Pakiz, Cleveland;

21 years--Nancy Stansfield, Emerson; Guljit Toor, Cleveland; Melanie Wallner, OMS;

19 years--Kathleen Bivens, Henry;
18 years--Diane Bradaric, Bancroft;
17 years--Sarah Deeble, Rogers;
14 years--Elizabeth Hull, McKinley/
Alvarado; Lillian Lopez, Sutter; Patricia Stevens, King;

13 years--Claude Harris Jr., Millikan; Betty Verboncuer, Marshall;

12 years--Judy Hughes, Library Service; Norma McGeoch, McKinley.

Twenty-four others who served 581 years asked that their names not be printed.

The Job Board

• Lakewood High School is seeking applicants for the Odyssey Academy/Merit Scholar Facilitator position. For information, contact Maria Torres at ext. 3156.

• Stephens Middle School is taking applications for two positions in the LEAP Accelerated Magnet Program: seventh grade pre-algebra and sixth grade English. For information or to apply, contact Frank Rodriguez, principal, at ext. 5510. Deadline is Friday, June 20.

Job Opportunities

Applications are now being accepted at the Personnel Commission, 999 Atlantic Ave., third floor, for assistant director--Food and Nutrition Services and speech-language pathology assistant.

In Memoriam

Mario Johnson
food service worker, Washington
April 11, 2003

Glen Breitbarth
former electrical supervisor
May 30, 2003

Budget Cuts Hit Many Large U.S. Districts

If it's any consolation, the major budget cuts in the Long Beach Unified School District are exceeded by budget cuts facing many other large U.S. school districts. Here's a rundown on the items on the chopping block this spring in school districts in major U.S. cities:

Austin—Facing a \$51 million deficit, Texas' Austin Independent School District cut 125 non-teaching jobs and 160 school site positions including 63 elementary art, music and physical education teachers.

Birmingham—Alabama's Birmingham City Schools will eliminate 550 positions, close nine schools and cut summer school from 68 to only 12 sites to save \$30 million.

Boston—Up to 1,400 positions, including 650 classroom teachers, may be eliminated to save \$81 million. Five schools will be closed. Class size is being increased by three students at all grade levels. All schools must make a 10 percent across-the-board budget cut.

Buffalo—To deal with a \$68 million deficit, Buffalo schools are proposing to cut 600 positions and suspend pre-kindergarten, transportation and athletics. Last year, the district eliminated 300 jobs, closed five schools and increased class size to save \$28 million.

Chicago—Chicago Public Schools will have to halt after-school and summer school programs, building maintenance and new construction bond programs. In the fall, transportation will be eliminated for more than 600 gifted program students.

Clark County—Schools in Las Vegas may experience a budget shortfall of \$220 million over the next two years.

Cleveland—Officials instituted an immediate hiring freeze and a 10 percent reduction in all school and administrative budgets. Registration for summer school was halted.

Denver—Schools recently cut \$11.7 million to postpone maintenance, delay technology upgrades and reduce summer school. Next year Denver anticipates a \$29 million deficit.

Detroit—In an effort to reduce a \$100 million deficit for 2003-04, Detroit will close 16 schools, affecting more than 6,000 students.

Houston—Support services such as transportation, police and facility maintenance have eliminated 367 jobs.

Los Angeles—Officials cut \$17 million in administrative spending, eliminated awards for high achieving schools and must cut an additional \$61 million during the current school year. Next year's shortfall is estimated at \$421 million.

New York—The nation's largest school system plans to lay off 3,200 employees--biggest cuts the district has seen since 1991.

Oakland—To cut \$63 million, Oakland sent out 1,056 layoff notices to teachers and other employees. The district appealed to state legislators and received an emergency \$100 million line of credit to avoid bankruptcy.

Portland—Without voter approval of a tax measure, schools must eliminate 600 teaching positions, increase class size and cut all athletics to plug a \$59 million shortfall.

Rochester—To deal with a potential \$68 million shortfall, a hiring freeze, travel reductions and restriction on the use of outside professional services have been implemented.

San Diego—The district sent out layoff notices to more than 1,096 teachers to prepare for a worst-case scenario that could see a \$150 million shortfall. The board also cut 412 jobs, including 189 teaching assistant positions and non-teaching jobs. The board voted to reduce hours for 211 jobs, including 168 teaching assistants. Some layoffs have been rescinded.

Toledo—Facing a \$20 million projected deficit for the 2003-04 school year, Toledo implemented a hiring freeze.

Earn College Credit

All college or university credit must be from an accredited institution and be completed before September 15 in order to qualify for placement on a higher salary scale this fall. Teachers' salary placement cannot be changed until verification of completed course work has been received by Human Resource Services.

Official sealed transcripts must be submitted to HRS by November 1. A receipt to verify the submission of transcripts will be forwarded to the teacher. All pay due for higher placement on the salary schedule shall be retroactive to the beginning of the employee's contract year. Transcripts received after the November 1 deadline will apply to the next contract year.

Names in the News

The following seniors recently received CampFire USA's highest honor, the WoHeLo Award: **Wesley Montgomery**, Lakewood; **Christina Deister**, Millikan; **Lauren Andrews**, **Heather King**, **Lindsey Nomura**, **Julia Smith** and **Morgan Wraight**, Poly. The WoHeLo Award recognizes long-term leadership, service and goal exploration.

Heather Hartmann, Stanford student, was one of 10 winners of Science World's Design a Super Species contest. Her winning work appeared in the May 9 issue of Science World. **Kim Dalton** is her science teacher.

Millikan alumna **Carleen Basler** recently accepted a position at Amherst College in Amherst, Mass., as assistant professor of American studies and anthropology. She is the daughter of **Susan Basler**, library media specialist at Fremont.

Recently honored as Outstanding Volunteers In Public Schools (VIPS) are **Linda Davis**, Cabrillo; **Jeanne Hickman**, Wilson; **Linda Koch**, Bancroft; **Jerry Lane**, Franklin; **Patricia Ramirez**, Robinson; and **Nancy Whitaker**, Butler.

Gwen Mathews, Head Start director, will receive the Pearl Award from Theta Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha for outstanding work and service to the community in education. Long Beach Head Start was recently recognized as one of the best in the nation.

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