

**FREE**

# School News

*Education + Communication = A Better Nation*

**Covering the Burbank Unified School District**



Volume 2, Issue 9

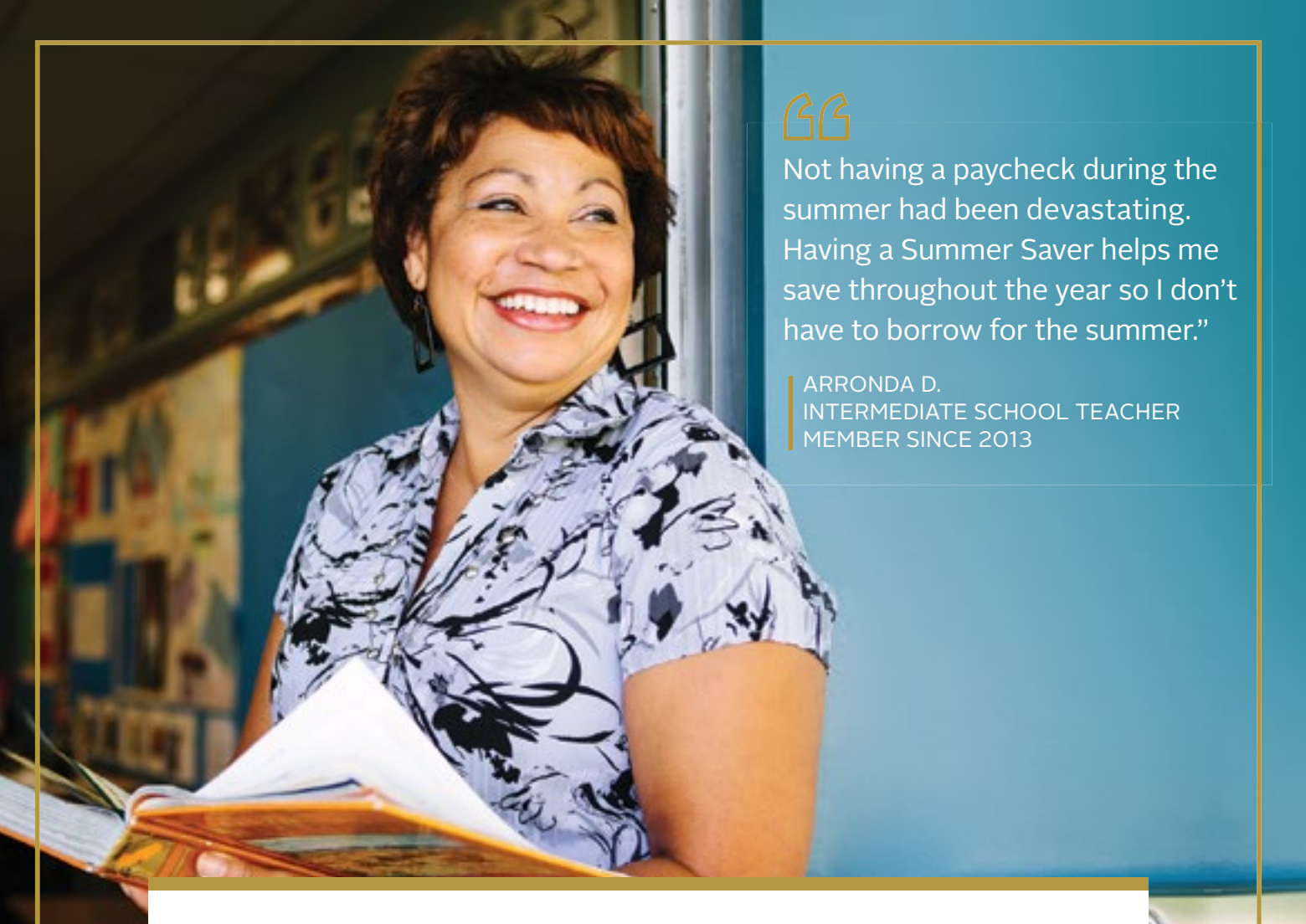
February / March 2018

## Learning is Fun!



Bret Harte Elementary students learn while shopping at their "Beetique."

[www.SchoolNewsRollCall.com](http://www.SchoolNewsRollCall.com)



Not having a paycheck during the summer had been devastating. Having a Summer Saver helps me save throughout the year so I don't have to borrow for the summer."

ARRONDA D.  
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL TEACHER  
MEMBER SINCE 2013

## MORE THAN SAVINGS ACCOUNTS. *(a support system)*



### SUMMER SAVER

Bills don't take the summer off. We can help you automatically set aside funds monthly so you have the money you need when you're not receiving a paycheck.



### PAYCHECK PLANNER

If you're a public school employee on a 10- or 11-month pay schedule, Paycheck Planner can distribute your paycheck over 12 months.



### SHARE CERTIFICATE

Share certificates are a great way to save with higher dividend rates than our regular savings account, and terms that fit your needs.

Apply online today at [schoolsfirstfcu.org/membership](https://schoolsfirstfcu.org/membership)



## SUPERINTENDENT



**Matt Hill**

The final LCAP meeting of 2017, held December 21, focused on Goal 3: Continue to Align All Instruction and Learning to California State Standards. Below are some of the highlights from the meeting:

- Middle School Science teachers have written new common assessments which are aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards
- Middle school English Language Arts teachers selected and administered new performance tasks from the new English curriculum
- The English Language Arts teachers are using a common four-point rubric for the common assessment for grades 6 through 12
- Social Science teachers have been to a presentation at the Los Angeles County Office of Education on the new framework for social science curriculum

**1900 West Olive Avenue • Burbank, CA 91506**

**818-729-4400**

[www.burbankusd.org](http://www.burbankusd.org)

Community members that participated in the event asked questions about upcoming textbook adoptions. The state of California has just opened the window for districts to adopt new social science textbooks. Therefore, our teachers will be attending a Publisher Fair through Los Angeles County Office of Education in the spring to determine which textbooks they would like to pilot. The hope would be to select a textbook sometime in the 2018-2019 school year. Similarly, parents asked how teachers incorporated arts into their instruction of the California State Standards. District staff was able to explain that teachers explore original works of art while actively participating in a series of lessons that present strategies for teaching with interpreting works of art through writing and discussion.

I encourage the larger community of Burbank to attend our next LCAP meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 5:45 pm in the Council Chambers at Burbank City Hall. We will be discussing Goal 7: Create a Positive School Climate by Maintaining a Safe Environment and Developing a Sense of Belonging for All Students and Staff. District staff will be addressing safety plans and mental health and wellness to name just a couple of topics. We look forward to seeing you on March 1, 2018 at 5:45 pm at City Hall.

## Board of Education



**Steve Ferguson**  
*President*



**Dr. Roberta Reynolds**  
*Vice President*



**Dr. Armond Aghakhanian**  
*Clerk*



**Steve Frintner**  
*Member*



**Charlene Tabet**  
*Member*



## Disney *Elementary School*

1220 W. Orange Grove Ave., Burbank, CA 91506 • 818/558-5385



**Molly Hwang**  
*Principal*

### **Inquire, Invent, Create, Tinker & Explore!**

Once a month, the Walt Disney Elementary School auditorium comes alive with the hum of students thinking, creating, sharing, and growing as they participate in Makerspace Monday. This is a monthly opportunity for all students in grades K-5 to participate in self-directed and project-driven exploration using a variety of materials.

Disney's Curriculum Specialist, Ms. McNutt, and Media Tech, Ms. Morrison, have teamed up to provide experiences for our students in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math. This month's activities include Coding Mice, OSMO tangram shape and number games using iPads, KEVA building planks, Stop Motion Animation using Legos and iPads, and Little Bits circuit building. It is so exciting to see the students develop collaboration and thinking skills with mental rigor while they rotate through the various stations. The students' confidence is also increasing as they initiate the learning process while gaining a deeper understanding of creating and building on their own.

The opportunity was made possible with funds raised by the Burbank Educational Foundation as well as donations from the Walt Disney PTA. As Carl Sagan once said, "Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known." Keep exploring for that something, Disney Eagles, and you will most certainly find it.



## Edison *Elementary School*

2110 W. Chestnut St., Burbank, CA 91506 • 818/558-4644



**Laura Flosi**  
*Principal*

### **Estimation Time**

es-ti-mate, verb:  
roughly calculate  
or judge the value,  
number, quantity, or  
extent of.

Edison students have to keep guessing! Each month there is a new contest that has been stumping our students. Our Curriculum Specialist, Ms. Gray, has created lessons for each class to help them with estimation. The first month they had to guess how many pumpkin seeds were in a real pumpkin. The next month they had to guess how much a frozen turkey weighed, and in December they had to guess the length of a tangled string of lights.

Ms. Gray helps the students and teacher by providing tools to help them figure out the answers. In October, she showed the students the inside of a cleaned out pumpkin



so they could see how many seeds were inside. She also showed them what 20 seeds in a jar looked like. For the next contest, she showed the students different pictures of animals and asked the class to guess their weight. This helped students to figure out more accurate numbers with regard to the frozen turkey. The tangled up string of lights pictured measured 69 feet!

We had a few students

guess 70 feet, which is a very close estimate. Each month we see many amazing guesses which show us that many students really do know how to estimate well and are improving their estimation skills!



## Emerson *Elementary School*

720 E. Cypress Ave., Burbank, CA 91501 • 818/558-5419



**Jennifer Kaitz**  
*Principal*

### Super Star Intervention Specialist

Students, staff, and families are so fortunate to have Sandra Davis, intervention specialist extraordinaire, serve the school community teaching a variety of skills to promote social emotional learning. Ms. Davis joined the Emerson staff two years ago and visits all classrooms to coach our students using the wonderful skills from Second

Step to help them learn how to regulate their emotions, thoughts, and behaviors.

In addition, Ms. Davis works with small groups of students focusing on a specific skill such as how to make friends or how to handle conflict on the playground with a peer. Not only does Ms. Davis work with teachers and students, she is always available to speak with parents and share resources with families in need of specific support.

Any day of the week you can find Ms. Davis out on the

playground during recess and lunch playing or greeting students at the front gate in the morning. Ms. Davis has also implemented a ticket system during recess and lunch by recognizing those students who are practicing mindfulness or utilizing skills from Second Step.

Ms. Davis shines daily as Emerson's "super star" intervention specialist. Thank you, Ms. Davis for bringing peace and understanding to the Emerson community.



## Harte *Elementary School*

3200 W. Jeffries Ave., Burbank, CA 91505 • 818/558-5533



**Martha Walter**  
*Principal*

### "Beetique"

Bret Harte Elementary School's PTA once again hosted a holiday shopping market for students. The "Beetique" enables

students to shop for holiday gifts for their families while teaching the children about the value of different coins, counting money, totaling their purchase, and working within a budget.

Kindergartners get a little extra help from PTA volunteers who work with them to make sure everyone on their list gets a gift and help these littlest shoppers with handling their money. (It's not unusual to see an item favored by the child become what they believe is their parents' ideal gift!)



Older students practice their math skills and display responsibility in handling their own money. They add up their purchase, subtract from their total budget, multiply the cost of smaller items when they buy more than one. These real life transactions emphasize the idea that math is everywhere!

The Beetique includes a wide variety of items crafted by the students and families in our community.

Students are very proud when they see the item they made purchased by a classmate!

The Beetique started as a fundraiser, but the educational benefits to Bret Harte students is much greater than the funds that the event brings in to support the school!

## Jefferson *Elementary School*

1900 N. Sixth St., Burbank, CA 91504 • 818/558-4635



**Sandra  
DeBarros**  
*Principal*

### How Green is Our Garden!

Andrea Trujillo, one of our many parent volunteers, has taken over our garden and made it better than ever! With the support of our Booster Club, EnrichLA, and other experts, the garden has been completely cleaned up. Volunteers helped with the weeding, laying weed fabric, mulching, and even clearing trees to provide an Outdoor Classroom! Once that was accomplished,

weekend Planting Workshops have been offered for parents and kids to learn some best practices when putting seedlings into the ground. In addition, the lunchtime Garden Club created last fall has been a huge success. Students cannot wait for their turn to spend time planting and learning about the environment. We have also applied and received grants to help ensure sustainability and maintenance throughout the year, including summer months. Next year, we are planning on using our outdoor classroom while teaching lessons aligned with the New Generation Science Standards. We look forward to seeing our garden grow into the beautiful and inviting place we know it can become.



## McKinley *Elementary School*

349 W. Valencia Ave., Burbank, CA 91506 • 818/558-5477



**Liz Costella**  
*Principal*

### Developing a Literary Foundation

Retired teacher Nancy Tiller continues to share her love of learning with our McKinley families each week when she facilitates Preschool Storytime. Every Wednesday Ms. Tiller brings her wealth of knowledge of early literacy to

preschool age children and their families. She not only reads them stories, but also guides the children and their families in engaging and fun activities to provide a strong literary foundation. They participate in songs, games, and art activities that help them build literacy skills—and social skills. It is not just McKinley families that participate in Storytime; the program is open to any family in our community with preschool age children. Ms. Tiller is providing a

place where young children can explore, learn, use their imagination, and gain skills that will prepare them for elementary school.





## Miller *Elementary School*

720 E. Providencia Ave., Burbank, CA 91501 • 818/558-5460



**Judy Hession**  
*Principal*

### The Play's the Thing!

Miller has strongly supported and encouraged theater arts. For the past 12 years, students in Grades 4 and 5 have staged a full-length theater production. Recently, there have been performances by students in other grades. We have found that theater arts fosters student confidence, school spirit, and academic achievement, specifically for our large population of English Language

Learners who speak a variety of languages at home. This year, we have 19 different languages spoken in addition to English.

With the guidance of teachers Melissa Pamperin and Brian Collins, their Grade 5 students performed the play, *A Kingdom in Crisis*, in December. This play was written and directed by Ms. Pamperin with assistance from retired teacher and volunteer John Ossiff, along with other teachers and parents.

The synopsis of the play is as follows: It is medieval times—an age when women were protected from such things as dragons, puddles, and, well, thinking for themselves. But a plague has hit the kingdom, killing the king and all the other men, and only the men. Of course

Gawain the court jester is still alive, but he's just a jester. No one pays attention to him. The queen and the ladies in waiting come up with a plan to go out and hunt up another man to be king. One contrary soul, Constance, suggests that the women themselves could rule the kingdom. She is, of course, ignored. The results of the search are disappointing, to say the least!

Our students thoroughly enjoyed sharing this performance. We look forward to many more productions by our Miller students!



## Providencia *Elementary School*

1919 N. Ontario St., Burbank, CA 91505 • 818/558-5470



**Jennifer Culbertson**  
*Principal*

### Outdoor Science School

At Providencia we are so very fortunate to send our fifth-grade students to Wrightwood, California, to attend Outdoor Science School (OSS) every year. This four-day, three-night educational trip is an excellent opportunity for our students to learn science standards in the great outdoors!

OSS is an excellent educational program, run through the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), that has been providing science enrichment to Los Angeles students since 1960. The four days at OSS are an important part of our students' education. The outdoors becomes their classroom and the natural environment is their laboratory. Students learn through direct experience and observation within the natural environment surrounding the OSS campsite.

Once the group arrived at OSS, highly qualified naturalists provided daily scientific instruction. Together, staff, parent chaperones, and teachers worked with our students so they could experience and appreciate the wonders of nature in a safe and supervised environment.

Throughout the four days at OSS, our students were able to hone their investigative, problem solving, and critical

thinking skills. Day and night hikes allowed the students to discover things about the surrounding environment. Students learned many songs about scientific concepts and worked together in teams to create a skit which they performed on the final night of camp.

OSS was made possible due to our hardworking fifth-grade teachers, parents, and our Booster Club. Without their support, a trip of this magnitude would not have been possible. The Providencia community has embraced this tradition, and we look forward to continuing the OSS experience for many more years to come.



## Roosevelt *Elementary School*

850 N. Cordova St., Burbank, CA 91505 • 818/558-4668



**Dr. Jennifer  
Meglemre**  
*Principal*

### Maker Space Carts

Last year, each elementary school in Burbank received a Maker Space cart with Code & Go Mouse Kits, Keva Planks, and Little Bits Kits. All of our students, from Kindergarten through fifth

grade love using the Code & Go Mouse Kits to set up mazes and program the mice to find the cheese. These kits help students begin to understand the basics of computer coding. Our fourth-grade math enrichment has been using the Keva Planks to study the basics of engineering and our fifth-grade enrichment has been using the Little Bits to study circuits. We are so grateful to the Burbank Education Foundation and the "90 for 90" campaign which raised more than \$100,000 to support increasing technology in our schools. Support from the local business community and Burbank's citizens is providing a better future for all of our children.



## Stevenson *Elementary School*

3333 Oak St., Burbank, CA 91505 • 818/558-5522



**Christina  
Desiderio**  
*Principal*

### Positive Behavior Management

We believe in a positive environment. Our school starts every week with a Monday morning assembly where parents are welcome. Students and staff participate in the Pledge of Allegiance then chant our school motto loudly: "Stevenson is Helpful, Friendly, and Respectful!" The principal then gives Positive Praise slips to students who exemplify our school motto.

Stevenson students were taught positive behaviors necessary for success on our schoolyard and in our cafeteria by using the proactive management system called CHAMPS. Randy Sprick and his Safe and Civil Schools program created CHAMPS. Each letter in the word CHAMPS stands for an expectation. "C" stands for conversation. What should the conversation sound like? Conversation in the cafeteria is "talking to the people at your table in a low tone" where Conversation on the yard is "talking to the students playing in your group in a normal voice." "H" stands for help. How do you ask for help in the environment you are in? "A" stands for activity. What should the activity look like? Obviously the activity in the cafeteria is very different from the activity on the yard. "M" stands for movement. How much or how little movement can you have?

"P" stands for participation. What type of participation goes on in the cafeteria? The yard? "S" stands for success. We will be successful if the CHAMPS positive expectations are followed.

Positive and proactive intervention support systems are powerful and effective. We have seen positive changes at our school since implementing CHAMPS and by creating a school motto. Students, staff, and parents alike love the positive environment as well as the clear expectations that come with CHAMPS. Stevenson is Helpful, Friendly and Respectful!





# Washington *Elementary School*

2322 N. Lincoln St., Burbank, CA 91504 • 818/558-5550



**Brandi Young**  
Principal

## Ending Semester One with STEAM

The entire school (Transitional Kindergarten through 5th grade) had an amazing experience on their last day of the first semester, just before winter break. Washington's Parent Teacher Association (PTA) sponsored an all-day STEAM Portable Hands-On Museum event and it was spectacular! Mobile Ed transformed

the auditorium and each grade level had a 40-minute opportunity to experience a state-of-the-art children's museum focused on science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Students rotated through different stations and had exposure to high-tech fields of study for the very first time.

Students were encouraged to explore the museum at their own pace and manage their time between stations that appealed to their individual interests. Students

had opportunities to build arches; program robots for 3D printing; turn their energy into a light show; and mix and match four different rollers, each with their own texture, while learning about friction.

From team building to problem solving, students felt inspired to become the architects and engineers of tomorrow!



## Novelist –Word Search Contest

**Rules!** One word in the list is NOT in the word search.

When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that word you email to: [Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com](mailto:Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com) Please put Burbank in the subject line.

**Entries must be received by March 30, 2018**

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a GAZUMP card/dice game - fun for all ages!

COMPUTER	PEN
EDITOR	BROWSER
IPAD	GOOGLE
SPELLCHECK	INTERNET
PRINTER	BING
PUBLISHER	ASPIRIN
NOTEPAD	KEYBOARD
READERS	TELEPHONE
PENCIL	WIFI
IDEAS	IMAGINATION



**Congratulations to**  
**Livvy Wei and Garrett Morberg-Nguyen**  
**Winners of our December Contests!**

## Luther Middle School

3700 W. Jeffries Ave., Burbank, CA 91505 • 818/558-4646



**Dr. Oscar Macias**  
*Principal*

### Music Education Expands

The Instrumental Music Department at Luther Burbank Middle School is growing! In August, we started a new string orchestra class led by the Luther instrumental music teacher, Ms. Natalie Buresch. Learners in Beginning Strings choose a string instrument (either the violin, viola, cello, or double bass) to learn how to play. The students study a variety of repertoire

including classical and pop music. In December they performed their first full concert and they sounded wonderful. Parents and staff were so impressed with how quickly the students have learned to play their instruments. They have learned both bow and plucking skills, and they played four different pieces in the winter concert. For many of the students, this is their first time playing an instrument, so they are also learning basic music theory, including how to read music and how to play an instrument while watching their conductor, Ms. Buresch. This spring, Strings students will compete in the Music Theory

Olympics where they will test their knowledge of music theory, music history, and various other topics covered throughout the year.

The LBMS Instrumental Music Association would like to invite the Burbank community to our upcoming concerts on Saturday, March 10th and Tuesday, May 2nd. More information can be found on the IMA website: [www.lbmsbandandorch.weebly.com](http://www.lbmsbandandorch.weebly.com). In addition, students who are interested in joining the Strings class can contact Ms. Buresch at [natalieburesch@burbankusd.org](mailto:natalieburesch@burbankusd.org).



## Jordan Middle School

420 S. Mariposa St., Burbank, CA 91506 • 818/558-4622



**Stacy Cashman**  
*Principal*

### Level Up

We know that transitions can be difficult for many adolescent students. At Jordan, we work to provide proactive measures that will help students succeed. From positive behavior strategies to high school tours, the Jordan staff continually strives to anticipate student needs and make the transition process easier.

Fifth grade students at our feeder elementary sites receive visits from our counseling and intervention team. As well, we host a Fifth Grade Family Night in February, and Jordan administration hosts tours for incoming families once a month. Our registration process and Cougar Camp in August also provide incoming fifth-grade students the tools and information they need to be successful and get excited about middle school.

Eighth grade students have individual meetings with their counselor and parents to discuss their schedule and high school classes and opportunities. Every eighth-grader at Jordan visits John Burroughs

High School to tours the campus. As well, the high school counselors visit Jordan, and this year we have added a "Getting Ready for High School" fair during which many clubs, sports, and organizations will share information with our eighth graders. We know that student involvement is an important factor in social and emotional well-being and success in school. We strive to prepare our students to maximize their opportunities for learning and career and college readiness.





## John Muir *Middle School*

1111 N. Kenneth Rd., Burbank, CA 91504 • 818/558-5320



**Dr. Greg Miller**  
*Principal*

### Muir United

In conjunction with the United Nations Day of Tolerance, in November John Muir Middle School hosted MUIR UNITED, an event devoted to acceptance, tolerance and

unity. The day-long event offered workshops, assemblies, and activities focused on engaging students on issues of acceptance and understanding related to race, gender, body image, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, disability and more.

Emmy-winning actor Jim Parsons (*The Big Bang Theory*) delivered the keynote speech at MUIR UNITED, and gave a powerful message for students to accept themselves. Twenty-four other presenters, including the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles, survivors of the Holocaust and the Rwandan Genocide, representatives of



the Special Olympics, the executive producer of *Fresh Off the Boat*, PFLAG, an undocumented "Dreamer," the USC Interfaith Council, a TEDx presenter on body image, and the Armenian National Committee of America interacted with students on a variety of poignant topics. This powerful day of education and awareness is a continuation of Muir's mission of teaching tolerance and celebrating diversity.

## Burbank *High School*

902 N. Third St., Burbank, CA 91502 • 818/558-4700



**Dr. Michael Bertram**  
*Principal*

### Multicultural Week

To start a conversation about multiculturalism, Burbank High School hosted Multicultural Week. Though the World Languages Department hosts "World Languages Week" in the spring, Administration felt it was important to represent different cultures at BHS all year round. World Language teachers Arby Tacub and Yvette Velasco were asked to exhibit the different cultures, languages, and traditions

that are represented by the faculty, staff, and students at BHS. Teachers, counselors, ELD students, and world language students contributed by recording videos that featured them speaking in another language and teaching words or phrases that were then highlighted on BHS-TV as part of the morning announcements.

One activity that students enjoyed during Multicultural Week was a contest promoting multicultural awareness. QR codes posted around campus were linked to videos teaching how to speak another language or facts about different countries and people. Students scanned the codes and, if they posted a video to their Instagram account sharing what they learned with the hashtag #celebratebhs, they had a chance to win a prize. Many students were

determined to scan all 40 unique QR codes! Teachers also joined and posted videos of what they learned from the codes. In the spring, the World Languages department plans on showcasing more of the students by hosting a concert where they can perform songs and/or traditional dances from their cultures to share with the community. Multicultural Week helped initiate conversations we can have with our students about promoting acceptance and embracing differences.



**Ms. Tacub and Ms. Velasco saying good morning in Tagalog on BHS-TV**

## Burroughs *High School*

1920 Clark St., Burbank, CA 91506 • 818/558-4777



**Deborah Madrigal**  
*Principal*

### Growth Mindset

At John Burroughs High School, we believe that skills are built, not born. That's why we dedicated a week in November to work with growth mindset trainer Trevor Ragan from Train Ugly, LLC. Mr. Ragan led workshops with students, teachers, staff members, and parents on how to approach learning with a growth mindset.

In late November more than 600 Algebra 1 students participated in a growth mindset workshop to learn strategies for overcoming their fear of failure and the beliefs or stories that prevent them from taking risks in the learning process. Additionally, students from the JBHS volleyball programs and VMA Powerhouse group participated in workshops where they learned that

challenges can be viewed as either threats or opportunities.

This event was followed the next evening with a Growth Mindset Parent and Student Night, which saw the library at full capacity. Mr. Ragan presented to an enthusiastic crowd of over 150 JBHS family members. The evening workshop was so well received that most of the participants stayed for an impromptu extended session.

Lastly, JBHS faculty and staff members participated in three days of trainings focused on creating and fostering a growth mindset culture. This is the second year that Trevor Ragan has worked with the JBHS team, which allowed the work in this year's workshops to go deeper and focus on new topics such as strategies for providing feedback to students. Overall, the week was a great success and we hope this work will have a lasting impact on the culture at JBHS.



## Monterey *High School*

1915 Monterey Ave., Burbank, CA 91506 • 818/558-5455



**Ann Brooks**  
*Principal*

### Senior Portfolio: A High School Reflection

A requirement for seniors at Monterey High School is their portfolio project. This is an opportunity for students to reflect upon themselves—where they have come from and what they have accomplished and to take some steps toward their

future. The portfolio project was adapted by a Monterey teacher from a presentation he saw at Luther Burbank Middle School.

Students research a quotation which they feel best reflects something about themselves. They complete an essay explaining the quote and how it applies to them. They also reflect on the individuals who have helped them while in high school and the impact these individuals have had on their lives.

A compilation of work samples, a resume, a sample of a job application, and a college application are included as practice and reference. Students are also expected to obtain at least one letter of reference.



A portfolio session is then scheduled and parents, significant others, and Monterey staff are invited to see the student present his or her portfolio.

The portfolio project is an activity that students and staff look forward to and one which leaves parents feeling satisfied and proud of their student's growth.



# Community Day School

223 E. Santa Anita Ave., Burbank, CA 91502 • 818/558-4693



**Chris Krohn**  
*Administrator*

## New Mural

Several students at Community Day School recently had the opportunity of a lifetime when they got a chance to display their artistic talents. Students teamed up with interns from Nickelodeon Studios to create a mural that is now proudly displayed in front of the school. The students expressed their creativity as they collaborated with the studio interns to design and paint the mural. Students positively and uniquely expressed their artistic talents and abilities. They really enjoyed the experience. As one student described the experience, "Finally, a fun, cool project we can look at and say, 'Yes, I did some of that!'".



## Burbank Adult School

3811 W. Allen Ave, Burbank, CA 91505 • 818/558-4611



**Emilio Urioste**  
*Director*

## Workforce Readiness Institute

Burbank Adult School is going to launch the Workforce Readiness Institute this spring. The 12-week program is designed to assist individuals in: generating strong resumes and cover letters, conducting job searches, preparing for interviews, and strengthening technological literacy. The program will also feature guest speakers from business and community-based partners who will share their expertise with the students in the areas of generating strong applications, and powerful

interviews. Another key feature for students participating in the institute is the incorporation of social media in their digital portfolio. This will allow students to promote their skills to potential employers and generate a strong, eye-catching profiles. Students successfully completing the Workforce Readiness Institute will receive a certificate of completion which will certify the competencies the students can demonstrate as a result of graduating from the program. In order to meet the needs of interested students, the institute will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. and also on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.





**Kay Coop**  
Founder/Publisher



*Netragrednik*

## Happy New Year!

The new year is well underway with students focused on their academic goals.

Have you listened to our podcasts? On our web site simply listen to our Contest podcast for the “word of the month” for a chance to win a GAZUMP

card/dice game. Email the “word” to kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com. From the current entries each month one winning name will be drawn. The winner will be notified by email, name posted on FB, TW and Instagram.

**www.schoolnewsrollcall.com**

Good luck!

Our next issue is April 18.



## Keira's Book Nook



**Keira**

### Best Night Ever or a Catastrophe?

Best. Night. Ever. By Rachele Alpine, Ronni Arno, Alison Cherry, Stephanie Faris, Jen Malone, Gail Nall and Dee Romito

This book is about school dance preparations at Lynnfield Middle School, which include a televised performance by Heart Grenade, the all-girl band recognized

for winning a Battle of the Bands contest. The lead singer Carmen is stuck at a cousin's wedding while Genevieve, the backup singer, is about to faint from stage fright. Tess, Ryan and Ellie can't wait to attend, and another girl is determined to ruin it all. Finally Ashlyn, who is being forced to babysit two little girls, drags her charges to the dance. This could all lead up to the best night ever or a catastrophe!

I loved this book, because the seven authors tell their points of view based on each of their “middle grade” experience. No single story teller tells the entire story. I rate this book 4 out of 5 apples, because it does get a little confusing being written from seven points of view.



Keira F. is a sixth grader. In addition to her love of books, she enjoys art, crafts, traveling and playing with her cats. She rates books from 1 to 5 apples with 5 being the highest.

## Jenna's Review

### It is Owlsome!



**Jenna C.**

*Owl Diaries-Baxter is Missing*

Author: Rebecca Elliot

Do you have a diary?

Do you like writing in the diary? There is an owl named Eva. She has a diary and writes in it every day. This story is about Eva's pet bat going

missing. When Eva was at school, her teacher Mrs. Featherbottom told the class about a story contest. Whoever wins gets owl Ninja books signed by the author! Some kids in Eva's class had stories already. But Eva had no idea what to write about. Then Eva went back home. The next morning, she found that her pet bat, Baxter, was missing! Eva started a new club called Baxter Bunch to find Baxter. Her club friends started helping Eva to search for Baxter. Can Eva find Baxter after all?

I like this book because Eva talks about her daily life with flaptastic illustrations.



Jenna is a second grader. She likes reading books and her parents reading books to her. Besides reading, she also likes art, dance and soccer.

# School News

Education + Communication = A Better Nation

**www.schoolnewsrollcall.com**

Covering the

**BURBANK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**FOUNDER/PUBLISHER:** Kay Coop

562/493-3193 • kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com

**ADVERTISING SALES:**

562/493-3193 • Fax: 562/430-8063

**CONTENT COORDINATOR:** Barbra Longiny

**GRAPHIC DESIGNER/PRODUCTION:** Charlene Erb

**COPY EDITORS:**

Lisa Brock, Kate Karp & Anna Zappia

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Nancy Lueder

**Netragrednik** by Neta Madison



@SchoolNewsRC



SchoolNewsRollCall



SchoolNewsRollCall



**SCHOOL NEWS ROLL CALL, LLC**

P.O. Box 728, Seal Beach, CA 90740

562/493-3193

**www.schoolnewsrollcall.com**

Copyright © 2006, School News Roll Call, LLC

Reproduction in whole or in part without written

permission is strictly prohibited unless otherwise stated.

Opinions expressed by contributing writers and guest

columnists are their views and not necessarily those of

*School News Roll Call*. This publication is privately

owned and the right is reserved to select and edit content.

The Burbank Unified School District does not endorse the

advertisers in this publication.



**Allegretto Music School**



- ✓ Piano
- ✓ Voice
- ✓ Violin
- ✓ Guitar
- ✓ Drums
- ✓ Music Theory

**Music is a Treasure,  
Gift of life, for Life**

**(323)309-1603**

**Locations:**  
**Hollywood & Burbank**

[allegrettoms@yahoo.com](mailto:allegrettoms@yahoo.com)  
[allegrettoms.weebly.com](http://allegrettoms.weebly.com)

## Book Review By Katrina



**Katrina D.**

### **A Virtual World**

*Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline is all about the OASIS, a virtual world where you can be anyone, do anything and enjoy life to the fullest.

And that's pretty important, seeing as the world is currently dirt poor. Creator James Halliday however, leaves his players one last surprise on his deathbed. Located within the game are three hidden keys, and whoever can find them and unlock all three gates, will inherit both his wealth and the OASIS itself. Though for five years, no one has any luck. Only for teenager Wade Watts to find the first key. Now the world is scrambling to find the keys, especially the IOI, an internet company intent on turning the free OASIS into a playground for the rich and powerful alone. Despite the dangers, Wade and his friends continue to search for the keys, and won't stop until its GAME OVER for everyone. Thrilling and fast paced, this book is a shocking theory of what our own future as a society could look like in a few decades. A great read for lovers of 80s pop culture and gaming in general. I give this book 4 out of 5 crescent moons.



Katrina is a tenth grader who loves reading books as much as writing her own stories and enjoys watching Anime. Katrina hopes to be an author one day very soon. Katrina will rate her book reviews from 1 to 5 crescent moons with 5 being the best.



**Don't go brain-dead this summer!**



**Instead: Have fun and get smarter at**

**Success Tutoring**

**Review or advance in math or language arts**

**(818) 557-7379**

**(Ask about our Early Bird special.)**



**Sign Up for a World-Class Math Education**



The Russian School of Mathematics is an award-winning, afterschool math enrichment program for K-12 students. We help children of all levels build a solid math foundation and develop critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.

**We offer year-round enrollment  
Call to schedule a free math evaluation**



**RSM - IRVINE**  
[admin@rsmirvine.com](mailto:admin@rsmirvine.com)  
(949) 551-1777

**RSM-SAN DIEGO**  
[sandiego@russianschool.com](mailto:sandiego@russianschool.com)  
(858) 609-9215

**RSM - MISSION VIEJO**  
[missionviejo@russianschool.com](mailto:missionviejo@russianschool.com)  
(949) 864-6592

**RSM-SAN FERNANDO VALLEY**  
[sanfernandovalley@russianschool.com](mailto:sanfernandovalley@russianschool.com)  
(818) 925-8211



## Join the Burbank Unified School District's Secondary Instrumental Music Campaign!

The Burbank Unified School District has identified a need of \$1.2 million for the repair and purchase of new instruments for secondary instrumental music programs. The District has set a goal to raise 10% of that need by the end of this school year, naming the campaign "Music Is Instrumental." 100% of all donated funds will be used to repair and replace musical instruments for students in all middle and high schools.

"Music is Instrumental" is a coordinated effort involving non-profit organizations, local business partners, the Burbank Arts for All Foundation, parents, booster organizations, community members, and District staff. The campaign ends on May 11, 2018.

You can make a tax-deductible donation by writing a check and noting in the memo line "Music Is Instrumental." Please mail your check to:

**Burbank Unified School District  
c/o Peggy Flynn  
1900 W. Olive Avenue  
Burbank, CA 91506**

Alternatively, you can donate online at [www.burbankusd.org/afa](http://www.burbankusd.org/afa)

