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Survey, Meetings On Facilities Needs

The Long Beach Unified School District will conduct a survey and hold several community meetings in the coming weeks to help finalize school facilities priorities.

The latest outreach effort comes as the school district works to update its Facility Master Plan, a long-term blueprint for meeting the changing needs of schools. The original plan was developed in 2008 with input from dozens of community meetings over a period of more than two years, and it has undergone updates since then.

An online feedback form is now accessible at lbschools.net, and the public is invited to attend these community meetings:

- March 7, 6 p.m., Lakewood High School Auditorium
- March 8, 6 p.m., Poly High School Cafeteria
- March 9, 5 p.m., Avalon School Auditorium

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Black History Month

Employees at the Long Beach Unified School District's Administration Building are celebrating Black History Month with displays in the building lobby and at elevator stops, and they have scheduled a Black History Celebration for noon to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23 in the Community Room. RSVP to Diane Nealy-Ryals at 997-8258.

A separate event titled "Importance of Education" is planned for 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 at the Long Beach City College Liberal Arts Campus, Building P, Room 110. Tickets are \$15 and available at the door. The event will feature trailblazing African American women from the local community. The women were featured as part of a recent "Breaking Through, Lighting the Way" exhibit at Long Beach's Main Library.

AP Summer Institute For Teachers in June

The Long Beach Unified School District will host an Advanced Placement Summer Institute for teachers June 20 to 23 at Millikan High School. The institute, which is endorsed by the College Board and is open to teachers throughout the nation, provides 30 hours of learning and thought provoking conversation with highly experienced instructors and AP colleagues.

For more details and online registration, go to AP Summer Institute in the A-Z index at lbschools.net.

BIOTECH SAVVY – CAMS students Kaetlyn Rodriguez, Alexandra Rusczyk and Antony Alvarado earned national awards pairing them with a scientist on a cancer research project. Global biotech firms gave the awards to only 13 students statewide and 100 nationwide.



CAMS Students Win Cancer Research Awards

Three students from the California Academy of Mathematics and Science have won highly selective national awards that encourage the pursuit of careers in science and cancer research.

CAMS students Kaetlyn Rodriguez, Alexandra Rusczyk and Antony Alvarado are among only 13 recipients statewide and 100 nationwide selected from nearly 1,200 applicants for the inaugural year of the Emperor Science Awards, which include a unique mentoring opportunity.

Award recipients will work alongside an esteemed scientist on a rewarding multi-week cancer research project, and they'll receive a Google Chrome Notebook to support their studies, plus a \$1,500 stipend for expenses.

The opening of applications was announced in September by partners Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C), a program of the nonprofit Entertainment Industry Foundation, and PBS LearningMedia, a media-on-demand service

designed for K-12 classrooms. Biotech and healthcare firms Bristol-Myers Squibb, Genentech and Novartis have provided funding to award 100 students every year for three years.

The winning students demonstrated awareness of emerging developments in cancer treatment including precision medicine, immunotherapy and epigenetics, or the study of chemical modification of genes or gene-associated proteins of an organism. They are interested in nanotechnology, basic cellular biology, gene mapping, toxicology, DNA splicing, development of biomarkers and computational sciences.

From laboratory studies and mouse models to exploring marine organisms and their potential to provide "natural" cytotoxins for cancer research, students' research interests were impressive, the award announcement stated.

"Our hope is to inspire more students to
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Magazine Features '15 Amazing Teachers'

The local LB 908 magazine and website includes cover stories on "15 amazing middle school teachers" and "the changing landscape of high school education in East Long Beach."

The winter 2016 edition features teachers from local public and private schools. The featured Long Beach Unified School District teachers and their schools include Alyson Al-Mulla of Newcomb, Kevin Hamilton of Rogers, Paula Riley of Stanford, Elizabeth Grace of Marshall, David Thompson of Tincher, Kristine Dassero of Cubberley, Russell Canup of Hill, Linda Cargile of Bancroft, and James Orithuela of Keller.

"Teachers are so often under-recognized for the massive, positive impact they have on all of us," Publisher John Grossi writes. "They go above and beyond for their students, and as you

and I know, will in the end have an impact on their students that reaches far beyond one year. These amazing people are worth reading about because they are inspiring and encouraging."

The winter edition also includes an article about high school choice, complete with a glossary explaining terms often used by educators, like "linked learning" and "pathways." Several students and staff members are quoted regarding their experiences in various high school programs.

The publisher, Grossi, attended Gant Elementary School and Stanford Middle School before graduating from Wilson Classical High School as a class valedictorian. He earned a degree from Cal State Long Beach with a major in English and a minor in math.

Read the full winter edition at lb908.com.

Cabrillo Plans Events On STEM, Climate

Cabrillo High School Engineering and Design will host its Women in STEM event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25. Industry partners from nearby companies will have lunch with students as they motivate, inform and challenge them to pursue careers in science, engineering, math and technology. A vice president from Honda will be the keynote speaker.

On the same day, Cabrillo Academy of Law and Justice, in collaboration with the Cabrillo Civic Learning Initiative, will host the Cabrillo Climate Change Summit from 8 a.m. to noon. The question for students is, "What can we do to move our community toward carbon neutrality." This event will include multiple breakout sessions for student discussion and presentations, student action planning and closing statements. Representatives from Sacramento, San Diego and the City of Long Beach will participate.

Youth Art Show Now to March 4

The Long Beach Unified School District Visual Arts Department, in collaboration with the Alpert Jewish Community Center, has opened the 32nd Annual Norman Gottlieb Youth Art Exhibition. The exhibit continues through Friday, March 4 at the center.

An awards reception for the student artists is set for 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25 at the center, located at 3801 E. Willow St., Long Beach.

The reception and exhibit are free and open to the community.

The exhibit features 94 masterpieces, including two-dimensional and three-dimensional work in a variety of media, from high school and middle school students.

JCC building hours and directions are available at alpertsjcc.org.

• CAMS Students

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explore careers that may lead to future innovation in cancer care," said Laura Bessen, vice president and head of U.S. Medical for Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Emperorscienceaward.com lists all of the award recipients and provides links to **pbslearningmedia.org's** cancer-related resources for teachers and students.

CAMS earned a spot on Newsweek's most recent list of America's top 500 high schools. Newsweek provides two lists, each with 500 schools. The "Absolute" ranking is based solely upon performance, while a "Beating the Odds" ranking controls for student poverty rates. CAMS made both lists. The high school, run by the Long Beach Unified School District on the campus of Cal State Dominguez Hills, has earned numerous national honors, including recognition by U.S. News and World Report, the Washington Post, USA Today and the U.S. Department of Education. CAMS is being replicated as the Sato Academy of Math and Science in East Long Beach, where the school's first freshman class started last fall.

Dates to Remember

March

	Music in Our Schools Month
	National Nutrition Month
	Women's History Month
	Youth Art Month
	National Middle Level Education Month
	American Red Cross Month
	Great American Cleanup
	Social Work Month
2	NEA's Read Across America
3	Adoption of U.S. National Anthem
3	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "The Struggle for Women's Rights," Grades 9-12, ed.tv 8
4	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Benjamin Franklin," Grades 2-8, ed.tv 8
5	Black American Day
5	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "School Bus and the Exceptional Child," Grades K-12, ed.tv 8
6	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Indian Artists of the Southwest," Grades 6-8, ed.tv 8
7	Conservation, Bird and Arbor Day
8	International Women's Day
8-9	Conference Days — Elementary Schools
10	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Ask For It," Grades 1-2, ed.tv 8
11	Johnny Appleseed Day
11	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00; 12 - 8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30; 17 - 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00; 18 - 8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00; 19 - 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30; 26 - 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Adventures in Poetry I," Grades 3-6, ed.tv 8
13	Daylight Saving Time Day
13	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "School Bus Safety," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
16	First Black Newspaper in U.S. Published
17	St. Patrick's Day
20	First Day of Spring
20	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "The Velveteen Rabbit," Grades K-5, ed.tv 8
23	Anniversary of Patrick Henry's Speech
24	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Cesar Chavez," Grades 3-12, ed.tv 8
25	LBUSD Observance of Admission Day
25	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Florence Nightingale," Grades 4-8, ed.tv 8
27	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "No Time to Waste!" Grades 4-12, ed.tv 8
28-April 1	Spring Recess
31	Cesar Chavez Day
31	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Operation School Bus Safety: Be Cool, Follow the Rules," Grades K-2, ed.tv 8

In Memoriam

Linda Whyte
former teacher
Jan. 25, 2016

Kathleen McDonald
senior accounting assistant,
Transportation
Feb. 4, 2016

Frances Middlebrooks
former principal
Feb. 14, 2016

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A Trove of History On School Libraries

A newly released book, "The 100 Year History of the California School Library Association," was co-edited by Long Beach Board of Education Member John McGinnis. The full-color, professionally designed book's 110 pages recount the history of the association, school librarianship, audio visual education and educational technology in California. The book will be distributed to all CSLA members, state legislators and office holders, and state and national library associations.

Among the book's many references to Long Beach is this passage called "An Earthquake Library" from the association's May 1933 bulletin:

"Mother Earth shakes her Long Beach child. The air rains brick, the buildings rock, the telegraph poles dance a jig and cracks appear everywhere, cracks which are so perplexing. Is this building safe or no? Faith in material things is shattered. Human values are all that count. Yesterday Roosevelt Elementary School had a fine library. A large spacious room, well lighted, attractive furniture and pictures, many splendid books, an atmosphere of joy and quiet, a place of beauty. Today it still stands but the building is so badly damaged and cracked no one but heavily insured salvagers is allowed to enter. However, the work still carries on. The real spirit of a library is something which cannot be destroyed..."

"Today the Roosevelt Library has hung out its sign 'Open for Business' on a garage on the playground. There are no windows in this abode, but the California sunshine pours in thru the large front door and out thru the small back door. The books, all salvaged and in good condition except for about one hundred which were water soaked, stand on the shelves in their new rustic setting... The library has lost its material grandeur, but it still has that which is most priceless: its children."

Book sponsors included the McGinnis family, the California Teachers Association, retired Long Beach teacher librarian Pam Oehlman and co-editor Barbara Jeffus.

Learn more at archives.csla.net.

Names in the News

Long Beach educators earned high honors at the California School Library Association State Conference held this month in San Diego. Teacher and Title VII Coordinator **Katherine Chee Leonard** of Lincoln Elementary School won the Leadership for Diversity Scholarship. Teacher librarian **Cynthia Melara**, also of Lincoln, earned the Earlene Billing First-Timer Scholarship. Retired teacher librarian and former CSLA President **Pam Oehlman** earned the Honorary Membership Award.

• Survey, Meetings

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- March 10, 6 p.m., Jordan High School Media Center
- March 14, 6 p.m., Cabrillo High School Auditorium
- March 16, 6 p.m., Millikan High School Cafeteria
- March 17, 6 p.m., Wilson Classical High School Media Center