



Lion's Roar

Long Beach Parent Newsletter

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#EveryStudentMatters

2019-2020 School Year: It is hard to believe that we are about a month away from the start of the 2019-2020 school year. We certainly hope that you and your family are having a wonderful summer break. As we prepare for the start of the school year, we are putting the final touches on several projects around the building, the custodial crew is working hard to ensure that all classrooms, hallways, and other parts of the building are ready for our students!

As I begin my 7th year as Principal at Long Beach, 16th year in District #308, and 25th year in education, I cannot tell you how excited I get for the start of a new school year! We have spent the majority of this summer planning out how we can build upon our progress last year and strive to make this coming year the best ever. I am excited that many of our staff members have participated in planning these changes, they have been instrumental in building the solid base we have and demonstrated a vested interest in continuing to move Long Beach forward!

I wanted to share some updates with all of you about the upcoming school year. We have several changes, and it will be extremely important that everyone is aware of these changes as well as any ways that these changes may impact how we have done things the past few years.

Early Childhood has been added to Long Beach! We will have three classrooms for our District's Early Childhood program. We welcome the teachers, the teacher assistant's and the students and families to Long Beach. Additionally, our District's Family Support program returns to Long Beach to help support our future Long Beach and District #308 learners.

We have made some adjustments to our teacher assignments at each grade level. These changes were made to enhance the learning experiences for our students, develop strong, cohesive teams with various experiences that strive to do everything they can to develop our students. Our grade level teachers for the 2019-2020 school year are as follows:

5th Grade Team

Mrs. Brandwein
Mrs. Daleiden
Mrs. Ewalt
Mr. Zerfas

4th Grade Team

Mr. Cavello
Mrs. Johnson
Mrs. Reuter

3rd Grade Team

Mrs. Basic (Garrabrant)
Mrs. Brummel
Mrs. Tomter

2nd Grade Team

Ms. Pulsa
Mrs. Schmidt
Mrs. Simmons

1st Grade Team

Mrs. Day
Mrs. Harrison
*Mrs. Rogers/Mrs. Wilson

Kindergarten Team

Mrs. Mederich
Mrs. Stukel
*Mrs. Palatine/Mrs. Zalud

*Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Wilson will be job-sharing this year - each will be here for full days, and will alternate days here. Parents with students in this class will receive a schedule and contact information for both teachers.

*Mrs. Palatine and Mrs. Zalud will be supporting Kindergarten classes - Mrs. Palatine in the morning and Mrs. Zalud in the afternoon. This was a recent change due to lower enrollment in Kindergarten and reducing from 3 sections to 2.

Early Childhood Team

Mrs. Howell
Mrs. Garcia
*Ms. Sherer/Mr. Ramos
Miss Dudzinski - Speech
Mrs. Earley - Parent Educator

Specials Team

Mrs. Boozell - P.E.
Mr. Carstensen - P.E.
Mrs. Jurgensen - Music
Mrs. Kearns - Art
*Mrs. Thompson - LMS

Student Support Team

Miss Hermann, Mrs. Olson - Speech
Ms. Parpart, Dr. Lockhart - Reading
Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Anderson - Literacy
Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Tynan - Social Work
Mrs. Brilliant - Psychologist
Mrs. Zalud - Gifted Education
Mrs. French - EL Support
Mrs. Lesko - Math Interventionist

*Ms. Sherer and Mr. Ramos co-teach a bilingual Early Childhood class.

*Mrs. Thompson is our newly hired Library Media Specialist, replacing Mrs. Gallery who has retired.

Mrs. Boozell, Mrs. Jurgensen and Mrs. Kearns are shared with other elementary schools in the district and will be spending parts of some days at these additional buildings.

As always, there may be changes out of our control that would cause grade level teams to be adjusted. Please be advised that these teacher assignments do have the ability to be changed before the start of the school year. However, at this time we are not anticipating the need to move staff.

As mentioned above, our Kindergarten enrollment is lower than anticipated. If you know a neighbor or friend that has a student that will be attending Kindergarten in the fall, please check with them to make sure they have completed the enrollment process. It is extremely difficult to add another section after school has started. Thank you for reaching out on our behalf!

Parent drop-off and pick-up procedures will be altered a bit, as the Early Childhood classes start and end at different times than our Kindergarten-5th Grade students do.

The Early Childhood times are as follows:

Morning Classes - 8:00-10:30

Afternoon Classes - 11:45-2:15

Students in Kindergarten-5th Grade times are as follows:

Doors Open at 8:30 for BREAKFAST ONLY - walkers, parent drop-off, bike riders

Doors Open at 8:45 for everyone else, Classes Start at 9:00

Student Dismissal is 3:50

Parent drop-off and pick-up for both Early Childhood and students in K-5 will take place in the front of the building, and buses will drop-off and pick-up in the back. Parents who are dropping off and picking up students in Kindergarten through 5th grade should take note of these times, as our parking lot may be quite busy. As always, everyone's patience and understanding is appreciated!

Additionally, our procedures for morning breakfast will also be changing. Beginning on the first day of school, walkers and parent drop-off students ***THAT WILL BE COMING INTO SCHOOL FOR BREAKFAST*** will be allowed to enter the building at 8:30, purchase breakfast, and eat in the cafeteria. Students who ride the bus, and will be eating breakfast will be able to do so at 8:45. All other walkers and parent drop-off students that are ***NOT EATING BREAKFAST***, will be allowed to enter the building at 8:45 and proceed directly to their classroom hallways. Staff supervision at the crosswalks will begin at 8:30, and supervision within the building will begin at 8:45. Please consider planning your morning routine to prevent students from hanging around outside in the morning, as they will not be directly supervised. Our bell will ring at 9:00 to start the day - all students will need to be in their classrooms at this time.

This year we are starting something new and exciting at Long Beach called a Makerspace! A Makerspace is a place inside the school designated to inspire learning, creativity, exploration, and collaboration in the areas of science, technology, art, engineering, and math. Some of the exciting themes we have in store this year are electronic circuits, coding, robotics, physics, Lego challenges, and much more! If you have any of the following laying around the house and would be willing to donate, these items can always be used in the Makerspace:

Tape (all kinds), Pipe cleaners, Twist ties, Lego pieces, K'nex pieces, Solo cups, Coffee filters, AA and AAA batteries, Dominoes, Short PVC pipe pieces and connectors, Paper towel and toilet paper cardboard tubes, Straws

Please drop off at Main Office in a bag/box labeled "Makerspace". Thank You for considering!

New Student Information System

On July 17th, the district sent out information to all parents with information on Tyler Technologies SIS, which is our new Student Information System (SIS) replacing Home Access. Tyler is where you as parents will have access to numerous pieces of information on your students, including classroom teacher assignments, updating contact information - phone numbers and email addresses. It is important to note that you will need an email address in order to access the Parent Portal of this system. If you have an updated email address in the last two months, please contact our main office immediately so that we can update the records and you will be able to receive necessary information.

Home & School News

We welcome our new Home & School Board for the 2019-2020 school year! Our President is Michelle Scheibe, Vice-President is Jen Powell, Secretary is Aindrea Gerber, and Treasurer is Antoinette Struck. Thank you to these four ladies for volunteering to lead our Home & School this year. We are always looking for parents to join in on the fun - please consider helping out with a committee and/or attending our monthly meetings.

The first Home & School meeting of the 2019-2020 school year is scheduled for Thursday, August 8th at 7:00 in the Long Beach LRC - we hope to see many of you there!! Please enter through door #5, child care will be provided.

Upcoming Long Beach Events

Thursday, August 8th ~ **Home & School Monthly Meeting** 7:00 in the LRC. Child care will be available.

Monday, August 12th ~ **Long Beach Preview Night** 5:00-7:00. This is a great opportunity for your student to drop off school supplies, meet your teacher other students/families from your homeroom. There will be several opportunities for information in our cafeteria, including our Home & School Association. This evening is an open house format, as there are no formal presentations this evening.

Wednesday, August 14th ~ **First Day of School for Grades K-5**

Students that are walkers, bike riders or parent drop-off coming for breakfast, doors open at 8:30

Students that are walkers, bike riders, parent drop-off, bus riders doors open at 8:45

Please plan to take all pictures at home or as you get to school, as parents will not be allowed in the building - we thank you for your understanding!

Monday, August 19th ~ **First Day of School for Early Childhood Students**

Thursday, September 5th ~ **Curriculum Night** 6:00-7:30. There will be a presentation from Administration from 5:30-5:55, and repeated at 6:30-6:55, followed by three identical presentations by teachers: 6:00-6:25, 6:30-6:55, 7:00-7:25. This format allows parents with multiple students at Long Beach to attend each teacher's presentations. We hope you will mark your calendar and plan on attending!