



Lion's Roar

Long Beach Parent Newsletter

September 2019

#EveryStudentMatters

Students of the Month for August

I am happy to announce the August Students of the Month: Early Childhood ~ **Savanna Araque**, Kindergarten ~ **Buchanan Schultz**, 1st Grade ~ **Aspiring Fisher**, 2nd Grade ~ **Sophia Sotelo**, 3rd Grade ~ **Shanayea Schaible**, 4th Grade ~ **Confidence Fisher**, 5th Grade ~ **Abigail Tinajero**. These students will receive recognition at the September 12th Home & School Meeting.

New Staff Members to Long Beach

We welcome the following new faces to Long Beach for the 2019-2020 school year: **Alyssa Ahlstrom** ~ EL teacher shared with Southbury, **Alli Anderson** ~ Literacy Specialist, **Peg Deist** ~ Special Education Teacher Assistant, **Kathy Mayer** ~ 1:1 Teacher Assistant, **Iliana Ochoa** ~ Social Work Intern, **Emily Thompson** ~ LMS Director.

Additionally, we welcome the Early Childhood Team: **Jackie Garcia** ~ Teacher, **Dar Howell** ~ Teacher, **Edgar Ramos** ~ Teacher, **Ellen Sherer** ~ Teacher, **Michelle Earley** ~ Parent Educator, **Katy Dudzinski** ~ Speech Pathologist, **Mary Engmark** ~ Teacher Assistant, **Judith Landeros** ~ Teacher Assistant, **Jane Schaefflein** ~ Teacher Assistant

Long Beach in the Spotlight

I am thrilled to share with all of you some recent recognition that Long Beach has received! Long Beach was selected as a "**Featured School**" by the State Regional Offices of Education, and we will be presenting the journey that we have been on over the past 5 years. We will share all the wonderful things that have been put into place to support students, families and the community. Our program, entitled "Effective SEL Structures that Lead to Success" will be presented at the **Raising Student Achievement Conference** in December in Schaumburg. Additionally, we have also been selected to share our story at the **Creating Trauma Sensitive Schools 3rd Annual Conference** in Atlanta, GA, in February. We will share Long Beach's approach in working to implement a trauma informed approach that yields results. So many of our staff have played a vital role in developing a culture here at Long Beach - our staff is incredible, and both of these recognitions are a tribute to all the hard work put in by so many over the last several years!!

Family & Community Night

SAVE THE DATE - Thursday, September 26th

2nd Annual Family & Community Night, sponsored by our Resiliency Team

- 5:30-6:30 Spaghetti Dinner will be served
- 5:30-7:00 Open House in gym with a dozen local resources here to share information. Raffle baskets!
- 6:30-8:00 Adult and Student Sessions - 25 minutes each session, informative and engaging, parents sign up for preferred - sign up early before sessions close.

Please plan on joining us - forms sent home with students on Monday, September 9th, also on Peachjar - RSVP required.

Home & School News

The September Home & School meeting is Thursday, September 12th. There will be an informational session from 6:15-6:45 to share the various aspects of what Home & School is all about. We encourage any new families or those who would like to learn more about Home & School to attend. The regular monthly meeting will begin at 7:00. At this meeting, we will honor the August Students of the Month. The meeting will be held in the LRC - we hope to see many of you there!! Please enter through door #5, light refreshments and child care will be provided.

Upcoming Long Beach Events

Thursday, September 12th	6:15-6:45 Home & School Information Night 7:00 Home & School Monthly Meeting
Friday, September 13th	6:30-7:30 H&S Gym Night for K-2nd Grades
Friday, September 20th	Teacher Institute Day - No Student Attendance
Thursday, September 26th	Family & Community Night 5:30 Spaghetti Dinner, 6:30 Sessions
Wednesday, October 2nd	Culver's Night - 1st Grade Team Serving
Friday, October 4th	Parent Volunteer Lunch with Students - during student lunch times