



# Lion's Roar

## Long Beach Parent Newsletter

*November 2019*

*#EveryoneMatters*

### **Students of the Month for October**

I am happy to announce the October Students of the Month: Early Childhood ~ **Daniel Steele**, Kindergarten ~ **Jack Walk**, 1st Grade ~ **Gabriel Ramirez**, 2nd Grade ~ **Mia Valladares**, 3rd Grade ~ **Samantha Elias**, 4th Grade ~ **Isabela Ramirez**, 5th Grade ~ **Mikayla Glover**. These students will receive recognition at the November 21st Home & School Meeting.

### **Long Beach State Report Card Information**

On Wednesday, October 30th the Illinois State Board of Education released school report cards, district report cards, and data associated with the Illinois Assessment of Readiness and the 5 Essentials Survey that were administered last year during the second semester. I am extremely pleased to share with all of you that Long Beach has earned the second highest rating, a “Commendable” designation for the 2018-2019 school year! There are several factors that are considered in these designations, including English Language Arts and Math growth, as well as proficiency in both, English Learners progress to proficiency, Science proficiency, chronic absenteeism and a climate survey. Please know that through the continued efforts of every staff member; creating, evaluating and revising of our school improvement efforts to increase our English Language Arts and Math scores, we strive to show annual improvement in all areas. You can view our school’s report card by visiting the following link:

<https://www.illinoisreportcard.com/School.aspx?schoolid=240473080262005>

The following link will bring you to the district information:

<https://www.illinoisreportcard.com/district.aspx?source=schoolsindistrict&Districtid=24047308026>

### **Importance of Student Attendance**

School attendance is important for student development in all areas: social, emotional, physical and academic, for both growth and learning. Research shows a direct relationship between regular attendance and punctuality, and a student’s success at school.

Illinois’ School Code includes compulsory school attendance, which is more easily explained as the lawful requirement of school-aged children to be in school, and students must be present all day whenever possible. Students may be absent and excused for valid reasons per state law. Absences from school (even for partial days, late arrivals or early dismissals) will be recorded accurately, and minutes missed designated as excused or unexcused per state attendance

requirements. As there is no substitute for school attendance and classroom instructional activities, your support for student learning and success by planning trips/vacations during school vacation periods, scheduling sports/activities outside the school day, and taking responsibility (with your student) for make-up work is appreciated. Additionally, 20% of our state designation is associated with chronic absenteeism, so timely attendance is appreciated.

A couple thoughts.... Missing a couple days does not seem like much, but if your child misses 1 day every two weeks, that is equal to 20 days a school year, which is 4 weeks missed per school year, and over the 13 years of schooling, is nearly 1 ½ years if school missed. Additionally, if your child is late/missing school for 10 minutes a day, that is equal to 50 minutes per week, which is nearly 1½ weeks per school year, and over the 13 years of schooling, is nearly ½ a year of missed school. **Every Day Counts, Every Minute Counts!**

### **Long Beach's Fall Book Fair**

Mrs. Thompson, our LMS Director has scheduled our fall book fair - we are so fortunate to have such a great variety of books brought right here to us so that our students have the opportunity to purchase. The following are the hours for the fall book fair:

Nov. 6th ~ 8:45-12:00, 1:05-3:00	Nov. 12th ~ 8:45-12:00, 1:05-3:00
Nov. 7th ~ 8:45-12:00, 4:00-8:00	Nov. 13th ~ 8:45-12:00, 1:05-3:00
Nov. 8th ~ 8:00-11:00	Nov. 14th ~ 8:45-12:00, 1:05-3:00, 4:00-6:15
Nov. 11th ~ 8:45-12:00, 1:05-2:30	Nov. 15th ~ 8:45-12:00

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Parent/Teacher Conferences are quickly approaching! Our P/T Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, November 7th and Friday, November 8th. Additionally, each teacher has some flex time to hold conferences. If you have not scheduled your conference yet, please contact your student's teacher to schedule one. We certainly hope that you will take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to solidify the partnership between home and school. When parents and teachers are working together for the benefit of our students, great things can happen.

**Thursday, November 7th our students will be dismissed early, at 2:00, to allow staff to be prepared for conferences. Additionally, there is no student attendance on Friday, November 8th.**

### **5 Essentials Survey**

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey provides a comprehensive picture of a school's organizational culture in an individualized report measuring five "essentials" critical for school success: Effective Leaders, Collaborative Teachers, Involved Families, Supportive Environment and Ambitious Instruction.

The parent survey will be open from **November 4, 2019** through **February 14, 2020**. Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept

completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child. These surveys will serve as an opportunity for schools to reflect on progress since the last statewide implementation. If at least twenty percent of parents from each individual school complete this survey, a parent supplement report will also be generated.

To participate as a parent, please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin.

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, or to view previous years' reports, please visit <https://www.5-essentials.org/illinois>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 5Essentials Client Services at 1-866-440-1874 for technical support or Danielle Lee at [dlee@sd308.org](mailto:dlee@sd308.org) for questions related to our District use.

In order for us to receive a report of parent input, we will need 20% of our parents to participate in the survey. Last year was the first year that we were able to receive the report as over 40% of our families participated. I would love if we could surpass that percentage this year. Thanks in advance for your willingness to participate!

### **Home & School News**

The November Home & School meeting is Thursday, November 21st. We encourage all families to attend and become active members. The regular monthly meeting will begin at 7:00. At this meeting, we will honor the October 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, child care will be provided as a movie will be shown, or students may bring an enjoyable book to read.

### **Upcoming Long Beach Events**

Wednesday, November 6th	Fall Book Fair Begins Culver's Night - Office Team Serving from 5:00-7:00
Thursday, November 7th	<b>Early Release Day - Students dismissed at 2:00</b> Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, November 8th	<b>No Student Attendance</b> Parent/Teacher Conferences
Monday, November 11th	Veteran's Day Assembly
Thursday, November 14th	Grandparents Night, 4:30-6:00
Thursday, November 21st	Home & School Meeting, 7:00 LRC
Friday, November 22nd	Home & School Gym Night for 3rd-5th Graders, 6:30-7:30
Wednesday, November 27th	<b>No School District Closed</b>
Thursday, November 28th	Thanksgiving - <b>No School District Closed</b>
Friday, November 29th	<b>No School District Closed</b>
Wednesday, December 4th	3rd Grade Musical
Friday, December 6th	Parent Volunteer Lunch with Students - during student lunch times

*Long Beach Mission ~ Work together to inspire learning and  
creativity within a caring and positive environment*