



Lion's Roar

Long Beach Parent Newsletter

October 2019

#EveryoneMatters

Students of the Month for September

I am happy to announce the August Students of the Month: Early Childhood ~ **Karol Vital-Vazquez**, Kindergarten ~ **Skyelar Milaro**, 1st Grade ~ **Kyndall Burns**, 2nd Grade ~ **Adrianna Hill**, 3rd Grade ~ **Lilyanna Avitia**, 4th Grade ~ **Josue Medina**, 5th Grade ~ **Bayleigh Hickman**. These students will receive recognition at the October 10th Home & School Meeting.

Long Beach Mission & Vision Statements

Recently the Long Beach Building Leadership Team began the process of updating our mission and vision statements. Work started with the BLT, was shared with the entire staff in August where input was gathered. After some more work, the entire staff came to consensus on the updated Long Beach Mission and Vision Statements. The following is our mission statement: **Work together to inspire learning and creativity within a caring and positive environment.** The following is our vision statement: **Inspire learning, creativity, and empathy ~ Everyone Matters.**

Halloween is Coming...

Mrs. Thompson, our LMS Director, will continue the annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest to celebrate students' love of books by asking them to decorate a pumpkin to represent a book or book character!

Rules: One entry per family--work together to create something cool! Pumpkins may be real or fake (but fake is preferred!) Real pumpkins cannot be carved or punctured in any way Pumpkins must represent a book or book character.

The top vote-getter in each of the following categories will receive a prize: **Teacher's Choice, Picture Book, Fiction/Nonfiction.**

The following is the timeline:

October 21-23: Bring your decorated pumpkin to the Long Beach LRC

October 24-30: Students and teachers will vote during LRC time

October 31-November 1: Pumpkins must be taken home

Winners will be announced during the class parties on Thursday, October 31st.

On Thursday, October 31st, we will have our annual student costume parade beginning at 2:20 p.m. followed by classroom parties beginning at approximately 2:50 p.m. Parents will have an opportunity to view our parade of students, as they circle the building (weather permitting). Only those parents who have signed up and been selected to participate in the class parties will be permitted into the classrooms. Those who have been selected, we do not allow other siblings to accompany you as you are helping with the party.

The parade will exit door #12 on the far back side of the school, and follow the sidewalk around to the playground blacktop, then follow the sidewalk near the bus drive, and finally arriving in the front of the school, following the sidewalk and will re-enter at door #5. Parents may view the parade along the sidewalks near the front parking lot, back parking lot, and on the black top area near the playground.

If weather prevents an outdoor parade, the students will parade through the gym. Parents will need to enter and exit the building through door #17, remain in the center of the gym, and the students will parade along the outer walls of the gym before returning to their classrooms.

Please review the following costume guidelines with your students. Students with inappropriate costumes will not be permitted to wear them at school. The following costume guidelines must be followed for safety reasons, time constraints, and appropriateness.

- Students may NOT wear roller skates, roller blades or use skateboards.
- Absolutely NO toy or pretend weapons of any kind, such as guns, knives, swords, spears, etc. will be allowed.
- Absolutely NO costumes depicting violence, including fake blood.
- Please have your child bring his/her costume to school in a bag. Students may NOT wear their costume to school.
- Students may not bring aerosol sprays, such as hair sprays or colorings.
- Students should be able to put on their costumes with minimal help. There will be adults available to provide assistance, but NOT to apply make-up or style hair, etc.

Watch DOGS for 2019-2020

Calling all Fathers and Father-figures ~ we are looking for those interested in volunteering to be a Watch DOG for a day at Long Beach. Your day will consist of shadowing your child(ren) for several periods, along with working with other classrooms and lunch and recess supervision. If you are able to volunteer from 8:45-4:00 on either a Tuesday or Friday, please follow these steps to sign up for a date:

1. Go to this link to get to our invitation page on SignUp.com: <https://signup.com/go/RpdKuEQ>

2. Enter your email address: you will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com
3. Sign up! Choose your spot - we are asking that you only sign up for 1 day, to allow all interested fathers/father-figures an opportunity - SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy! SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Family & Community Night

Thank you very much to all those who attended our 2nd Annual Family & Community Night!! Special thanks to the following who provided our spaghetti dinner, assisting in the cooking, serving and clean-up, donated items, and provided financial support: The 311 Project - Amy Lawler, Wheatland Salem Church, Big Life Community Church, Illinois Education Association, Olive Garden, Long Beach Home & School, and Home Depot. Thank you to all of our wonderful presenters and outstanding staff who lead adult and student sessions! We appreciate everyone's efforts in bringing this outstanding resource to Long Beach!!

Home & School News

The October Home & School meeting is Thursday, October 10th. 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 September 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.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

We will be holding Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, November 7th and Friday, November 8th, in addition to some flex time that each individual teacher has established. 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.

Upcoming Long Beach Events

Thursday, October 10th	Home & School Meeting, 7:00 LRC
Friday, October 11th	Home & School Open Gym for K-2nd Grade, 6:30-7:30 Gym
Monday, October 14th	No School - Columbus Day, District Closed

Wednesday, October 16th	Fall Picture Retakes
Thursday, October 17th	McTeacher Night @ McDonalds 5:00-8:00
Friday, October 18th	School Improvement Day, 12:30 student dismissal Home & School Open Gym for 3rd-5th Grade, 6:30-7:30 Gym
Friday, October 25th	Home & School Trunk or Treat
Thursday, October 31st	Halloween Parade 2:20, Class Parties 2:50
Friday, November 1st	Parent Volunteer Lunch with Students - during student lunch times Home & School Open Gym for K-2nd Grade, 6:30-7:30 Gym
Tuesday, November 5th	Fall Book Fair Begins
Wednesday, November 6th	Culver's Night - Kindergarten Team Serving
Thursday, November 7th	Early Release Day - 2:00 student dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00
Friday, November 8th	No Student Attendance, Parent/Teacher Conferences - Flex Time