

Upcoming events:

- ◆ Nov 21-22 Classified Staff Development Days
- ◆ Nov 21-23 Non-School Days
- ◆ Nov 24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday
- ◆ Dec 1 BPJH Chorus Concert @ Thanksgiving Church
- ◆ Dec 8 BPJH Band Winter Concert @ Thanksgiving Church
- ◆ Dec 13 Grades 7-8 Minimum Day
- ◆ Dec 16 Classified Employee of the Year Nominations Due
- ◆ Dec 19-30 Winter Recess



Expanded EL Support Planned

The Office of Student Programs will be adding a new English Learners Unit comprised of two positions: Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) - English Learners and Family Services Specialist - English Learners. The TOSA will provide professional development to teachers, coordinate resources for staff, facilitate English learners committee meetings, and help monitor programs. The Family Services Specialist, a classified position, will work closely with parents of English learners by providing trainings, recruiting students for early and extended learning programs, registering students for Foot-steps2Brilliance, and serving as a resource for families. This new unit will provide the much needed support that our English learners and families need to achieve academically and narrow the achievement gap. Application deadline for these positions is Nov. 30, 2016.

New Signage Recognizes School Successes

Have you noticed? We are proud of the recognitions our students and staff have received and are showing them off. Last week installation began for new signs to recognize awards for California Title I High Achievement, California Gold Ribbon and Positive Behavior Intervention Systems (PBIS) for each BPSD school. Additionally, murals and signage are scheduled to be updated or replaced at schools in the coming weeks. Thanks go out to District Maintenance staff for this project!



Congratulations!

Transportation Dept. passes CHP Inspection



Congratulations to the BPSD Transportation Department, for the 17th year in a row they have received the highest rating on their annual Terminal Inspection! Thank you to our mechanics Francisco Hernandez and Sergio Villalobos, our Drivers Michelle Hehn, Gladys Cervantes, Gwyn McReynolds, Lavonne Lopez, Yolanda Diaz, Daisy Jaramillo, Chris Aviles, Carmen Padilla, Tung Pham, Choung Khong and Phillip Zelaya and our Dispatcher Julie Valenzuela for a job well done.

BPSD Foundation News

The Buena Park School District Education Foundation recently conducted its Second Annual Student Art Contest. The theme of the contest was "America the Beautiful." The top four winning students received a \$25 Target gift card at the November 14 Governing Board meeting. Awards were presented to students by Ms. Leslie Milch, Foundation Director, and framed art was presented to the Foundation's Gold and Platinum sponsors.



New Grants for BPSD

- ◆ BPJHS Music—\$8,000 from the Philharmonic Society for new instruments. Congratulations Mr. Penaloza!
- ◆ State Preschool—classes serving 88 PreK students at Pendleton & Whitaker beginning January 2017
- ◆ Science@OC—\$15,000 to support inquiry-based science
- ◆ Visual & Performing Arts—\$10,000 from Boeing to support teacher training & student activities.

Thought for the day:
Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.
 ...John R. Wooden



Best wishes for a safe and joyous Thanksgiving week to all of our BPSD Team.

Board Highlights

BUENA PARK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD REPORT

Principal Erik Bagger, Assistant Principals' Tyler Morgan and Polyn Spirtos, and teachers' Joanne Vu, Jill Buchanan, Lisa Whyte, Vanessa Gomez and Fernando Penaloza reported on four accomplishments at Buena Park Junior High School during the 2016-2017 school year. 1. Staff has access to several formative assessment tools, i.e., Formative, Dashboard, Quizlet, and Illuminate Education to provide ongoing feedback that can be used to improve teaching strategies and student learning. 2. Success in Academics and Deepening Learning (S.A.D.L. Up!) is targeted intervention time scheduled on Tuesday and Wednesday for students that need additional time for learning. 3. Students have access to digital tools to increase engagement in learning. 4. BPJH has built successful instructional programs in Science, History, and English language arts; expanded the music program to include percussion, and choir in addition to festivals and off campus performances; continued growth in the Speech and Debate program including hosting the 2016-17 events at BPJH; and engaging parents and students on Hero, a cloud-based behavior management program and SchoolGo Connections, a mobile app offering teachers their own website to keep parents informed of classroom and school activities. Mr. Bagger engaged the Governing Board and the audience in a formative assessment quiz via their electronic devices to demonstrate how technology is being used by teachers and students in the classroom.

2016-17 SINGLE SCHOOL PLANS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Pursuant to California Education Code Section 64001 and the federal Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA), schools that receive state and federal funds through the Consolidated Application Reporting Systems (CARS) and ESEA Program Improvement funds consolidate all school plans into the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). The School Plans are collaboratively developed with input from all stakeholders and approved by the School Site Council first and then approved by the district Governing Board.

REVISED SELECTED SALARY SCHEDULES

The full set of District salary schedules were last-approved at the December 14, 2015 Governing Board meeting. Revisions were approved for the following schedules:

- Certificated Administrator salary schedule includes the addition of the Administrative Intern classification
- Stipends salary schedule includes the addition of a notation for Step 02, the monthly administrative intern stipend
- Mileage salary schedule includes the addition of a step for school psychologists to receive a \$125 monthly stipend in lieu of mileage reimbursement.

2016 SCIENCE@OC GRANT AGREEMENT

BPSD has worked collaboratively with Science@OC to bring inquiry-based science instruction, Next Generation Science Standards transition, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics trainings, and Project-Based Learning to the District. Science@OC has also supported BPJHS by providing food and materials for Science Night, replenishing science curriculum kits, and providing field trip opportunities to students. Science@OC has offered a \$15,000 grant agreement to fund inquiry-based science materials and professional development for the 2016 school year.

REVISED 2016-2017 ST. JUDE MEDICAL CENTER MOVE MORE, EAT HEALTHY GRANT

In June 2016, the Governing Board approved the 2016-17 St. Jude Medical Center grant, however, the allocation for the hydration stations did not cover the cost of installation based on the estimates that were received. Therefore, due to insufficient funds, hydration stations could not be installed at every elementary school without staff reallocating funding accordingly. BPSD and St. Jude Medical Center were able to reallocate funding from the grant to ensure that all elementary schools receive a hydration station. BPSD will now support the Wellness Committee and the hourly pay for the Wellness Coordinator and Site Wellness Liaisons.

CONTRACT/SERVICE AGREEMENT(S)

The Governing Board approved the following contracts on behalf of the Buena Park School District:

- Contract 15-59 with BCA Architects increased to cover remaining fees associated with seismic upgrade projects
- Contract #16-59 with Knowland Construction Services increased to cover Inspector of Records services to complete BPJH modernization project
- BPSD participation in the OCDE Consortium in order to support qualifying teachers through the Education Specialist Induction Program (5 teachers).
- Piggyback bid awarded by Placentia-Yorba Linda USD with Southwest School and Office Supply for the purchase of instructional and office supplies.