

The Paw Print



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Principal Message

Mr. Michael Ota

Our community is extremely active and supportive by very caring and committed members. We are proud of the efforts made by our children, staff, and parents. Our staff will continue to provide a Five Star learning environment for our students. Parents are crucial part of positive school climate. Please continue to take an active role in providing an atmosphere that promotes continuous learning and growth. I strongly encourage you to be an active part of your child's education by making sure they get to school on time and attend school regularly. Please ensure that your child reads each night. I hope you continue to build positive relationships and use your child's teacher as a resource to improve on the learning for your child. I look forward to the school year and want to continue to provide the leadership for all families. Please feel free to contact me in person, email, or personal conversation. I value the time spent with you and your family. Proud to be your principal.

800 78-CRIME

Let's keep Biola community safe! WeTip's School Safety Program offers a hotline to our students and families. No one will ask your name, you will remain anonymous. WeTip will immediately contact the police, fire or sheriff agencies. If you request a reward, a code name and number will be given to you. Cash awards up to \$1,000 are given after verified reports from law enforcement. 1-800-782-7463 is available 24 hours a day.

Parent/Child Reading

Biola-Pershing Elementary children love reading books. The Parent/Child Reading program will be held every Thursday mornings. We welcome our future Jaguar students at 8:45am in the school's library. This program is funded from the Birth to Three grant that allows parents to build reading to their children before they start preschool. This program has allowed early childhood education for every child. This program is free to all our families to prepare their children for early reading and social interaction with other children in the community. We provide story time, playtime, and nutritious snack for parents and their children.

Co Curricular

Parents please allow your child to get involved in school activities to enhance their education at Biola. We allow our students to take part in Band, Choir, Ballet Dance, GATE, Science Olympiad, Robotics, Leadership, Agriculture, Music, and Folkloric Dance to make learning enjoyable for all students at Biola

In the last two years our athletic participation for sport season has increased by 26 students and each of our athletes have to meet the expectations of a 2.0GPA and no F's. The students must be in good behavior to wear the Purple and Gold.

Title I

Biola Elementary will be hosting their Title I meeting on Tuesday September 12 at 6:00PM. We will discuss the important aspects of a being a Title I school and the benefits it has for our students in Biola. We want to open our invitations to all families and to discuss the important information for our parents.

SSC/ELAC

Voting ballots for School Site Council (SSC) and/or our English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) were sent home and the results of our votes are final. Please attend our meeting on Thursday September 21st at 2:30PM ELAC and 3:30PM SSC.

Tablets

Android tablets are available for qualified students to check-out and take home for the school year. Parents must complete an application at Biola Elementary, then attend a 2 hour training before devices can be checked out. The training will take place from 5:00PM - 7:00PM at Glacier Point Middle School Cafeteria.

Afterschool

Parents we need you support and have your child join our Afterschool Program. Please sign up and join academic & activity.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Football, XC, Volleyball, and Cheer Postponed	9/01
Labor Day	9/04
Minimum Day	9/06
Picture Day by Pre-	9/07
Student of the Month at 10:30AM	9/08
Football, XC, Volleyball, and Cheer @ Steinbeck Elem	9/08
Elementary Spirit Night @ Collegian Stadium	9/08
Biola Community Car Show	9/09
Football vs. Tilley at Central West and fall sports at Biola	9/12
Annual Title I Parent Meeting @ Parent Engagement Center	9/12
Biola PTA Meeting	9/14
Football, XC, Cheer Volleyball @	9/15
Biola ELAC meeting in Parent Engagement Center @ 2:30PM	9/21
Biola School Site Council Meeting in Parent Engagement Center @ 3:30PM	9/21
Football, Volleyball, and Cross Country	9/22
Parent Coffee Hour in Parent Engagement Center @ 8:35	9/26

