

# James A. Whitaker Elementary School

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# The Whitaker Wave



<http://www.bpsd.k12.ca.us/schools/Whitaker.aspx>

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## Important Dates: February 2018

- 01—BPSD 5th Grade Speech Contest @ Beatty 6:00 PM
- 06—HSO Meeting @2:45 in Room 12
- 07—Global School Play Day
- 08—BPSD 6th Grade Speech Contest @Beatty 6:00 PM
- 12—Lincoln's Birthday —No School
- 15—Vocal Music Showcase @ 6:00 at Thanksgiving Church
- 16—2nd Grade Field Trip @Davey's Locker —3rd Grade Field Trip @Shipley
- 19—Washington's Birthday —No School
- 20—Minimum Day Dismissal @12:20
- 21—PSP Meeting @8:15
- 23—\$1 Dress Day  
—End Of Trimester  
—Father Daughter Dance @5:00
- 02/26-03/02—Read Across America Week
- 28—GRIP Meeting @ 11:00 at



**Buena Park School District**

### Strategic Plan

- ◆ Maximize student achievement through standards-based instruction and assessment.
- ◆ Provide a safe and positive learning environment
- ◆ Build trust, clear communications, and positive human relations.
- ◆ Promote parent involvement
- ◆ Create community partnerships
- ◆ Enhance staff effectiveness

## Whitaker POWER<sup>3</sup> -Respectful, Responsible, Ready to Learn

### Principal's Message:

Go Whitaker! Congratulations to Mia Gomez, our 1st Place Whitaker Speech Contest Winner and 2nd Place Winner for the Buena Park School District. Mia did an excellent job presenting her speech on bullying. We are all very proud.

As our second trimester comes to a close at the end of this month (2/23), I want to remind our students to continue to do their best and work hard in their classes. When you work hard and try your best, great rewards follow. This month is important to guarantee that grades are where you want them to be for the semester. I know you can do it! Parents, as always, I know that you will do your best to support your child. Making sure they arrive to school on time and are ready to learn is critical for their daily success. Let's all do our best to make sure we are setting up the kids for success.

### Global School Play Day

February 7th, 2018 is Global School Play Day! Play is how children develop social, emotional and physical skills. They are creators and innovators. On this day, for one hour, children will play **without** electronics.

For more information on the importance of play, please visit [www.globalschoolplayday.com](http://www.globalschoolplayday.com)

### Volunteer Opportunities

- HSO Meeting (2/06 @ 2:45 room 12)
  - Grip PSP Meeting (2/21 8:15 in the Cafeteria)
  - Father Daughter Dance (2/23 @ 5:00)
  - Grip Greeters (Daily, morning and after school)
- Please call (714-521-9770 or visit the front office if you are available/interested in volunteering.

### Student Council

Starting February 05, Student Council will be selling Valentine's Day Conversation Hearts for \$0.50 during Upper Grade recess. TK-2 grade may purchase Conversation Hearts from their teachers. Beginning February 9th all students may purchase Candy Heart's next to the Student Store.

### Box Tops for Education

Remember box tops help to earn money for our school and students. Start saving now, a contest will be coming up soon!



## HSO News

### HSO Meeting

Our February meeting is on Tuesday, February 06th at 2:45 in the Parent Room—Room 12.

### Brain Power News: Buena Park Mall

Save your receipts when you shop at Buena Park Mall. Please turn them in to Ms. Maria at the front office. Visit [shoppingpartnership.com/buenapark](http://shoppingpartnership.com/buenapark) and review the Brain Power Flyer.

**Wear your Whitaker shirts/sweatshirts everyday!**