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Upcoming events:

- ◆ Dec 2 Whitaker Holiday Program
- ◆ Dec 8 Beatty Kinder Music Show
- ◆ Dec 8 BPJH Band Winter Concert @ Thanksgiving Church
- ◆ Dec 13 Grades 7-8 Minimum Day
- ◆ Dec 15 Emery Holiday Program
- ◆ Dec 16 Corey Holiday Program
- ◆ Dec 16 Gilbert Holiday Program



Schools and GRIP Support Thanksgiving

Approximately 80 students at Gilbert, Pendleton, Whitaker, and Buena Park Junior High had an opportunity to “earn” a full turkey dinner for their families by performing various positive and responsible acts. Site administrators and our GRIP partners awarded certificates, turkeys and shopping bags with all the trimmings to these enthused families. Special thanks go out to all BPSD GRIP mentors.



Governing Board OK's BPJH 6th Grade Academy

For the 2017-18 school year, Buena Park Junior High will offer 6th grade students the opportunity to attend the junior high to take advantage of Music, STEM, Fine Arts, Honors Prep, athletics, and a vast array of electives. 60-120 sixth grade students will be combined together into sixth grade ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies courses to provide a 3-year BPJH experience. Notice to 5th grade parents and site meetings are scheduled for December.

Governing Board Approves SERP Offering

At its meeting on Nov. 28, the Governing Board approved a retirement incentive plan to be offered to certificated staff through a tax-sheltered annuity program compliant with Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b). To be eligible, certificated employees must be either (1) age 55, with five years of District service or (2) age 50, with 30 years of District service as of June 30, 2017. Qualified employees who elect this plan are eligible to receive 70% of their final pay, payable via an annuity ranging in term from five years to the life of the employee or his/her beneficiary. Information packets will be mailed to eligible staff by Dec. 8.

BPJHS Teachers Certified for STEM Sailing

Buena Park School District has formed a special alliance with the Long Beach Sailing and the U.S. Sailing foundations. BPJH science teachers Emily Bruhns, Collin Woodward, and Brian Travis, along with Superintendent Magnuson, Board members Michel and Jensen, and Debbie Clark TOSA, attended a training for U.S. Sailing's STEM curriculum on November 19. The goal of this program is to help our students connect their in-class STEM NGSS learning to real-life experience. The Long Beach Sailing Foundation has offered to provide this fantastic sailing experience. Students will investigate and apply their learning in ocean exploration, ocean conservation, and principals of sailing involving buoyancy, wind power, and simple machines. Students will engage in inquiry and enjoy sailing experiences at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

We are excited by the opportunities we can offer our students through this partnership and look forward to empowering students to make a change in their world!



Science Camp in the Snow

Sixth grade students from Corey School traveled to Camp High Trails located on Big Bear Mountain for Outdoor Science Camp on Monday morning. The excited students and teachers arrived to find a foot of fresh snow on the ground. Students will participate in adventure classes such as archery, climbing and orienteering, study the impact the environment has on animals, birds, plants and the world, in addition to night classes on astronomy and nocturnal animals. A big thanks goes out to our Transportation Dept. for transporting our students safely.



Thought for the day:

Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose. *Helen Keller*



Welcome to George Masters our newest member to the BPSD Team! He is our newest Technology Coach TOSA. George comes to us with 8 years of classroom and educational technology experience, and has worked in Santa Ana and Long Beach School Districts, and for North Orange County ROP. He is bringing his knowledge of STMath, Illuminate, and Accelerated Reader with him. George also has 6 years of video editing experience and will be working to help teachers, sites, and students to take on their own video editing projects. We are excited to have him join our Ed Tech Team!

Board Highlights

GANG REDUCTION INTERVENTION PARTNERSHIP (GRIP) REPORT

The Orange County Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership (GRIP) partners include the Orange County District Attorney's office, investigators, Buena Park police and probation officers, community partners, teachers and parents who work together to help deter at-risk students between fourth and eighth grade from joining gangs. GRIP partners with local agencies to provide families with counseling, parenting classes, after-school education and many other services. Students from Gilbert, Whitaker and Buena Park Junior High schools participated in the 2016-17 GRIP program. Principals' Bagger (BPJH), Harrison (Gilbert) and Perron (Whitaker) shared highlights of the program at their sites and discussed some of the incentive program rewards students earn for good behavior such as Soccer Camp, combined with Fullerton School District, Angels baseball game, the Ford Motor Company Design Center field trip and the turkey dinner giveaways.

2016-19 BUENA PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT MASTER PLAN FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS

The Master Plan for English Learners provides guidance and direction to administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, parents, and students regarding the options available to parents and the expectations the District holds for each school and classroom in the District. It offers a practical guide for all staff to ensure that consistent, coherent services are provided to every English learner in our district. The Master Plan contains all of the district's English learner programs, procedures, policies and practices in one place.

EARLY MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMY AT BUENA PARK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL (EMSA)

Some sixth grade students are more mature and ready for the middle school environment, whereby students enrolled in a three-year middle school program benefit both academically and in non-academic programs. The EMSA at Buena Park Junior High offers sixth grade students the opportunity to attend the junior high to take advantage of Music, STEM, Fine Arts, Honors Prep, athletics, and to explore the vast array of electives. 60-120 sixth grade students will be combined together into sixth grade ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies courses taught by multiple subject teachers.

PROPOSAL/QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROPOSITION 39 HVAC BUILDING & EXTERIOR LIGHTING CONTROL SYSTEMS

The California Clean Energy (CCE) Jobs Acts was established with the passage of Proposition 39 in November 2012, allocating approximately \$550 million annually to improve energy efficiency and expand clean energy generation. The District has completed an energy audit and developed an energy expenditure plan compliant with CCE requirements and is now ready to solicit Requests for Proposals/Qualifications (RFP/Q) for the design and construction of HVAC Building and Exterior Lighting Control Systems at our seven school sites and the District Office.

RESOLUTION 16-10: ADOPT PUBLIC AGENCY RETIREMENT SERVICES (PARS) SUPPLEMENTARY RETIREMENT PLAN FOR CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

The proposed retirement incentive plan will be offered to certificated non-management and certificated management staff through a tax-sheltered annuity program compliant with Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b). To be eligible, certificated employees must be either (1) age 55, with five years of District service or (2) age 50, with 30 years of District service as of June 30, 2017. Qualified employees who elect this plan are eligible to receive 70% of their final pay, payable via an annuity ranging in term from five years to the life of the employee or his/her beneficiary.

2016-2017 STUDENT TEACHING ASSIGNMENT(S)

The Governing Board approved the placement of one student teacher from CalState TEACH at Pendleton School. Amy Biesiada will serve as the master teacher.

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 to provide architectural services for the Beatty and Corey modernization projects.
- Contract #17-16 with Momentum in Teaching, LLC increased an additional six days of training in the Implementation of Reading Workshop and Writing Workshop
- Contract #17-32 with Discovery Education increased access to digital textbook platform , including professional development.
- Contract 17-48 with The New England Academy to provide alternative supports for grades 4-6 at-risk students.
- Contract #17-49 with TELACU to provide program and construction management services.