

The Paw Print



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Principal Message

Mr. Michael Ota

The month of November brings the start of the holiday seasons. The school year has gone by quickly and we have accomplished many goals for the school year. As we approach November and December holiday vacations, please encourage to have your children read everyday and have meaningful conversations of what they read. Building literacy also means speaking and listening skills. Continue to have conversations with your children as they help around the house. The holiday season means more time together as a family and great opportunity for meaningful conversations.

Community

Thank you to all who came out to the Dia de Los Muertos event on our parking lot. The evening was about family gathering together on the Biola Elementary School campus. Trick or Treat is always a fun time for children, but is also a time for parents to enjoy. We used the event as fond memories of special people in our lives who have passed on. We celebrate by providing for others and making others feel happy. Thank you to all who took part in Trunk or Treat and handing out goodies to our children and providing a safe place to be. Thank you to the PTA for providing the free traditional hot chocolate and sweet bread to celebrate and give back to the community. Our Afterschool program provided a fabulous haunted house for the children.

GATE students

Referral for testing and evaluation for the Gifted and Talented Education is now available for parents, teachers, or staff to refer kids for GATE. Please see your child's teacher for information on GATE assessment.

Title I

Biola-Pershing Elementary is a Title I school, which means we are funded by federal aid program that supports our children. I dedicate this section to continue to partnership with our parents to provide our children to continue to work at high standards of all children, help their child to experience the success at home and school, and continue to communicate with families. Please attend our free workshops for all parents to provide support for your children.

Athletics

We had 76 students participating for Fall Sports this year. Congratulations to Mr. Finocchio and the Biola Cross Country team. They completed the season and finished 3rd in district finals. The football team fell one game from getting to the playoffs. We were one yard of scoring a touchdown and upsetting Roosevelt Elementary School who qualified for the playoffs. Volleyball had a highlight season by beating Saroyan Elementary School at a tournament. Next sport will be wrestling for both boy and girl athletes. Sign up and take part as we defend our championship.

Veteran Day

Please come out on Thursday, November 9, 2017 as our school will honor our Veterans. At 8:00AM breakfast is served in the Parent Engagement Center to all Veterans. 9:00AM we will honor our Veteran's in the cafeteria. If you have any family members who are Veterans please invite them, but RSVP to Lupe Chavez for a head count. If any parents who would like to volunteer in cooking, serving, or cleaning for the event please let Lupe know. We would be honored for your support

Field Trip

It is never too early for our children to think about college and career. I Biola Elementary we make college as a part of their future. On Monday November 20, 2017 we are inviting any students along with their parent or guardian who are interested in attending our free college workshop at Fresno State. Please sign up with Yanet Gallegos. We will depart from Biola on a school bus and return to Biola. This workshop is free and information shared will be about the possibilities to attend college. If you are interested please contact Yanet or myself.

PTA

Thank you to the volunteer parents of the PTA for providing better opportunities to your children. They are constantly working to raise money for your child's classroom. Come to our meetings held every 2nd Thursday of the month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Minimum Day	11/1
State of the District Dinner at Holland Park @ 5:30PM	11/1
Panoramic School Picture @ 10:00AM	11/2
Student of the Month Assembly @ 10:35AM	11/3
Fall Sports Banquet in Cafeteria @ 6:00PM	11/6
Minimum Day	11/8
Commemorative Veteran's Day Event @ 9:00AM	11/9
PTA Meeting in the Parent Room @ 6:00PM	11/9
Veteran's Day no school	11/10
Minimum Day	11/15
Saturday School 8:00AM-12:00PM	11/18
College Field Trip 10:00AM-2:00PM	11/20
Thanksgiving Day No school all week	11/23
FCOE Parent Training at Parent Center @ 6:00PM	11/27
Parent Coffee Hour at Parent Center @ 8:35AM	11/28
Minimum Day	11/29