



Important Dates: December 2017

- 5—HSO Mtg @2:45
 - 6—ELAC Mtg @9:00
 - 7—DLAC Mtg DO @9:00
 - 8—Movie Night @5:00
 - 15—Santa/Buddy Pictures
 - 15—6th Gr Ancient World Walkthrough
 - 19-20—K-1st Holiday Program @ 8:30 in the Cafeteria (Wear your best Holiday Clothing)
 - 20th—K-1st Holiday Program @ 1:30 in the Cafeteria (Wear your best Holiday Clothing)
 - 22—\$1 Dollar Dress Day
- 12/25/2017-1/5/2018
Winter Break**

Dollar Dress Day-Friday, 12/22

Pay a dollar to get out of wearing uniform. The money raised will go towards student activities. Dollar dress day will always be the last Friday of the month.

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 POWER³ -Respectful, Responsible, Ready to Learn

Principal's Message:

**2 Absences Per Month x 9 Months of School
= Less Likely to Graduate from High School**

Your child's daily, on-time attendance is critical to their success in school. And while some challenges to your child's school attendance are unavoidable, it's important to understand the impact of each absence.

A student is considered chronically absent if they miss only **two days of school per month** (18 days in a year), whether the absences are excused or unexcused. This is true for children as early as elementary school, when they are at a higher risk of falling behind in reading. Even one year of chronic absence can cause a child to fall behind academically and decrease a child's chances of graduating from high school, which can have long-term consequences on their financial independence, physical well-being and mental health.

The good news? Attending school every day increases a child's chances of success in school and in life.

Special thank you too all of the students who participated in this years BPSD Spelling bee. Congratulations to our very own 6th grade student Sophia Solorzano for being Buena Park School Districts Spelling Bee Champion!

Volunteer Opportunities

- Movie Night (December 8)
 - Holiday Pictures (December 14)
 - Holiday Program (December 19-20)
 - 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

Student council is selling holiday grams for 25¢ at recess until Friday, December 22. Parents/guardians can purchase holiday grams with their students teacher.

Student store is open every Friday during recess in front of the office.

Box Tops for Education

Our first box top contest has ended. Congratulations to 2nd grade for being box top winner. Way to go 2nd Grade. Remember box tops help to earn money for our school and students; please keep turning them in.



HSO News

HSO Meeting

The next upcoming event will be Friday, December 8. Movie night will start at 5:00. Snacks and drinks will be sold prior to the movie. We hope to see everyone there.

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 shoppingpartner-ship.com/buenapark and review the Brain Power Flyer that goes home monthly.

Wear your Whitaker shirts/sweatshirts everyday!