



NEWS YOU CAN USE

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Upcoming events:

- ◆ Feb 7 K-6 Minimum Day
- ◆ Feb 11 District Grades 4-6 Debate Program @ BPJH
- ◆ Feb 13 Lincoln Day—no school
- ◆ Feb 14 Ready Frenzy Assembly @ Whitaker
- ◆ Feb 20 Washington Day—no school
- ◆ Feb 23 DELAC/Parent Meeting



BPSD Kinder Faire Wows!

On January 26, 2017, BPSD offered the first Kinder Faire for our incoming Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten families. Educational Services, Administrative services, and all six Buena Park elementary schools welcomed nearly 200 families to learn more about the services the District provides as well as opportunities to speak with community resource partners. School Staff were able to meet and greet incoming families along with sharing information regarding what to expect during the student's first year enrolled. Some highlights from the evening included families learning more about our Footsteps2Brilliance app, helping to build home libraries by giving free books to the families, and opportunities to learn more about nutrition choices. A terrific event. Congratulations to all that coordinated and participated.



BPSD Counselors Recognized

In anticipation of National School Counseling Week February 6-10, 2017, the BPSD Governing Board recognized the District's school counselors at its meeting on January 23. School counselors help develop well-rounded students by guiding them through their academic, personal, social, and career development, and play a vital role to prepare them for college majors, helping them cope with serious and common challenges of growing up. Present at the meeting to receive certificates of appreciation were Ashley Rifsdal, Ivonne Mena, Esther Park, Jodie Reddingius and Yvette Cuara.



2017-18 Budget and LCAP Work Begins

At its January 23 meeting the Governing Board approved plans for preparation and development of the District's 2017-18 Budget and Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). Now in its third year, the LCAP documents the plan for District expenditures under specific goals and State requirements. Both the budget and the LCAP are prepared in parallel with each other beginning in February and ending with Governing Board review and adoption in June. As a part of LCAP/Budget development, this year the District will conduct a survey of parents, students and staff to receive input on our goal progress and student needs. Notification of the survey window will be forthcoming. In the meantime, you may review the District 2016-17 LCAP at: <http://www.bpsd.k12.ca.us/pdf/LCAPBPSD.pdf>

BPSD Hosts Teacher NGSS Academy

The Next Generation Science Standards are here and BPSD is leading the way in assisting teachers to make this important shift for students. On Saturday, January 21st, over 50 teachers from Buena Park School District and several neighboring school districts gathered at Gordon H. Beatty Elementary School for a full day of science standards and resource discovery.



Attendees, representing grades K-12, spent the day diving into the NGSS and were able to leave with new knowledge and resources designed to improve their teaching and impact student outcomes. It was an incredible day of learning and collaboration!

Beatty/BPJHS Debate Teams Featured

Students from Beatty School and Buena Park Junior High School students attended the Southern California School Nutrition Association meeting January 20th at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel. For two hours, students provided a debate exhibition for an audience of approximately 250 people on topics: *Schools Should Stop Serving Free Breakfasts* and *School Provided Lunches Should be All Organic*. Buena Park TV was present to film the showcase and is featuring it on BPTV.



Congratulations Jennifer Ferrara, OC Top 25 Teacher

We are pleased to announce that Jennifer Ferrara, 6th grade teacher at Charles G. Emery School, has been chosen as one of OC Parenting Magazine's Top 25 teachers. As her principal Ms. Linnecke explains, not only does Ms. Ferrara give her best to her students, she give her all to our entire school. As the Student Council Advisor, she works tirelessly to plan special events, create opportunities for students to learn life lessons, and to make Emery School an all-around special place. She embodies school spirit and wants nothing more than to improve children's lives.



Thought for the day:

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today." **H. Jackson Brown, Jr.**



The Orange County Debate League will hold their January Tournament on January 28, 2017 at Buena Park Junior High School from 8:00-5:00 pm. Come out and support our teams from Beatty and BPJH.

Board Highlights

RESOLUTION #16-11: NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

The House of Representatives has recognized the importance of school counseling through the inclusion of elementary and secondary school counseling programs in the last reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. National School Counseling Week is always celebrated the first full week in February and, as such, the Buena Park School District does hereby support February 6-10, 2017, as National School Counseling Week and encourages the recognition of school counselors and the impact they have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

2015-16 SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARDS

With the passage of Proposition 98 in 1998, all public schools in California are required annually to prepare School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) and disseminate them to the public. SARCs are intended to provide the public with important information about each public school and communicate a school's progress in achieving its goal. The Governing Board of each school district maintaining an elementary or secondary school is required on or before February 1 of each year to issue a School Accountability Report Card for each school in the district, publicize those reports, and notify parents or guardians that a hard copy will be provided upon request. Education Code Section 35256 further requires LEAs to provide the California Department of Education with an accurate link to the website address where the LEA's SARCs are posted.

2017-18 STATE BUDGET PROPOSAL UPDATE

Mr. Tsunozumi presented a brief overview of the 2017-18 Governor's Proposal and multi-year projection considerations moving forward. As a result of lower than expected State revenues, the Governor's Proposal lowered revenue projections substantially, \$5.8 billion over a three-year period. The Governor proposes a Prop 98 guarantee of \$73.5 billion, an increase of \$2.1 billion from 2016-17 but \$953 million less than November projections. For BPSD the proposed 2017-18 LCFF funding is significantly less than at First Interim. Other key elements to the proposal include: an estimated 1.48% COLA, proposed changes to the special education funding model, reestablishment of cash deferrals, one-time discretionary dollars (\$48/ADA), proposed Mandate Block Grant funding to \$29.40/ADA, no contribution to the Prop 98 Reserve Fund. CalSTRS and CalPERS costs are expected to increase significantly over the next several years with no additional funding provided in the Budget, and assume Federal funding is to remain at same level as this year. Assuming the Governor's lower LCFF Funding Rate, Mr. Tsunozumi presented estimated revenues and reserve levels for 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 at 3.13%, 1.26%, and 0.75% respectively.

GOVERNING BOARD POLICIES

The Governing Board approved the adoption/review/revision/deletion of the following board policies: BP0450 Comprehensive Safety Plan, BP1230 School-Connected Organizations, BP1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures, BP2121 Superintendent's Contract, BP4112.2 Certification, BP4113 Assignment, BP4121 Temporary/Substitute Personnel, BP5111.1 District Residency, BP5116.1 Intradistrict Open Enrollment, BP5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment, BP5145.7 Sexual Harassment, BB9222 Resignation, BB9240 Board Training, BB 9270 Conflict of Interest and BB9323 Meeting Conduct.

CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENT(S)

The Governing Board approved the following contracts:

- ◆ Rosetta Stone Ltd., will provide 120 licenses for BPSD students for two years
- ◆ Contract with Pali Institute was increased due to number of six grade students attending Outdoor Science School.

RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT

For more than 13 years, the American Cancer Society has utilized Buena Park Junior High for their Relay for Life event raising more than \$1.1 million dollars to benefit cancer research. The Governing Board previously approved the use of Buena Park Junior High School for the 2017 Relay for Life event on June 3-4, 2017. However, due to schedule conflicts with the junior high, the American Cancer Society has rescheduled the 2017 Relay for Life event on April 8, 2017.