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UPCOMING EVENTS

Principal Message

Mr. Michael Ota

The month of December has approached us and the holiday season is here. The holiday season is the perfect time to reflect and relax with family and loved ones. I would like to wish all the families to enjoy a safe and wonderful holiday. During the holiday please encourage your children to continue read and practice their math facts. One hour in the evening for the three weeks of vacation is helpful for your children to maintain their thinking skills. Learning still continues until December 15th the last day of the semester. If you have any questions or need any suggestions for your children, please feel free to contact me at the school or email me at Michaelota@centralusd.k12.ca.us.

Have a Happy Holiday!

Biola PTA

This year the Biola Parent Teacher Association will sponsor the Biola Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. The event will take place on Friday December 1. The ceremony will begin at 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Come out and enjoy the festivities at Biola and G Street. The Biola Elementary students spent time decorating the tree with handmade ornaments, tree lighting will take place at 6:15PM, the Biola String Orchestra will perform, caroling at people's homes on Biola Avenue, and hot chocolate and pan bread will be served. See you there!

GATE students

Referral for testing and evaluation for the Gifted and Talented Education is still 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. We will continue to provide services for parents and families to provide academic support and learning opportunities to help our children to master curricula and meet common Core State Standards. Currently, we offer after school reading tutorial on Mondays through Thursdays from 3:15PM to 4:45PM. We are also going to start a math tutorial on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:00PM to 6:00PM. Please contact Mr. Ota for further questions on our tutorials

Athletics

Cheerleading and Wrestling are the current sports taking place at Biola. The Jaguars are currently defending their Divisional Championship Title. Come on out and cheer our wrestlers on. We are very fortunate to wrestle at the Biola Community Center.

PTA Meeting

Due to the Winter Performance our scheduled PTA meeting had to be rescheduled on Wednesday December 13th at 6:00PM. Thank you for understanding.

Holiday Joy

On Monday November 27th we kicked off our annual Holiday Joy canned food drive. Each class will take in canned food to help with needy families. Biola students will also take a bus to God's Family Church on Shaw. We will depart from Biola at 7:30AM and return to Biola at 11:30AM on Saturday December 16th. If you are interested in having your 4th to 6th grade child take part in this activity please contact the school.

Field Trip

We apologize for having to postponed our College and Career Family trip to Fresno State. Unfortunately the University sent us a bill that had a wrong date. It was too late for an adjustment so we had to cancel. Yanet Gallegos and myself are planning to schedule during the winter break. Please stand by.

Music Perform

Our Performing Arts and students have been preparing for the Winter Music Performance on Thursday December 14th.

Kindergarten-3rd grade will perform at 6:00PM-6:30PM

Band, 4th Grade to 6th Grade, Choir will perform 6:45PM-7:30PM. Classroom teachers will send out final notices home with your child

Academic Award

Mark your calendar for the First Semester Academic Achievement Award Assembly on January 19, 2018.

Student of the month Assembly @ 10:30AM	12/1
Wrestling vs Steinbeck @ 2:45PM	12/1
Biola Tree Lighting Ceremony @ 6:00PM	12/1
Wrestling Tournament at Glacier Point @ 9:00AM	12/2
Student Body Election in the library @ 10:00AM	12/8
Wrestling at H.B. @ 2:45PM	12/8
Robotics Competition at Glacier Point @ 9:00AM	12/9
PTA Meeting moved to Wednesday @ 6:00PM	12/13
ELAC Meeting @ 2:30PM	12/14
School Site Council Meeting @ 3:30PM	12/14
Winter Music Performance @ 6:00PM	12/14
Breakfast with Santa @ 7:45AM	12/15
Wrestling vs Madison @ 2:45PM	TBA
Holiday Joy at God's Family 7:30AM-12:00PM	12/16
Winter Holiday no school return on January 8, 2018	12/18
Parent Coffee Hour cancelled due to no school.	12/26