

# The Paw Print



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## Principal Message Mr. Michael Ota

My passion for Biola-Pershing Elementary School stems from my own experience growing up and attending schools in Central Unified School District. I come from a generation of field workers and my parents worked hard for my family. The similar family values are here in Biola. My focus is to provide school events at 6:00PM to allow working families to take part in their child's education. With our collective efforts we must provide our children with supports for success. Our goal is to increase success in English Language Arts and Mathematics while preparing our children to be 21st Century learners. I encourage you to work alongside of our wonderful teaching and learning staff as we together strengthen the home to school connection for our students to be successful and continue the excellence of contributing to our community of Biola. I value your input and concerns regarding our students and school. Please feel free to keep our communications open. You may contact me by phone, email, or in person.

## LCAP Meeting

I want to personally thank the parents who took part in our parent input meeting for Local Control and Accountability Plan. Parent input is very valuable especially when it comes to academic achievement. Your input from previous years has increased student supports in the classroom to help our school to meet academic goals in Mathematics and English Language Arts.

## Dr Seuss Week

Thank you to our librarian Mrs. Tanya Efseaff for promoting literacy at our school and celebrating "Reading Across America" She coordinated the whole week with activities based around Dr. Seuss. Biola Pershing had a busy week with guests from outside of the school came to read. Our biggest highlight was our students featured on KMPH 26. Thank you to our librarian.

## Character

Congratulations to our school and community for being awarded the 2018 Bonner Center for Character Education and Citizenship. We are very honored to be awarded this prestigious title. This community wide effort took place because Students, Parents, Teachers, and Support Staff were allowed to provide their input of how character is built within our academic environment at school, at home, and during activities that take place in our community. Thank you parents for supporting and raising your children with high expectations and family values.

## PTA

The Parent Teacher Association has been working many hours to raise funds for your child's classrooms. The PTA is taking nominations for new officers on their cabinet. They hold general membership meetings every first Thursday of the Month. Parent input is valued and we are looking for more involvement with the PTA to support both your child and other children in our community of Biola.

## Welcome

We are very excited to welcome Mr. Pedro Martinez Gomez to Biola Pershing Elementary School as our new Physical Education teacher. He comes from Firebaugh Unified School District and is very excited to working with our students in PE. He implements strong value for fitness and enjoyment of physical activity. PE will take place on Monday and Wednesday. I encourage parents to have your children wear clothing for outside activity and to bring their water bottles especially on PE days. We encourage important hydration practices on those days.

## Title I

Biola-Pershing Elementary is a Title I school. We will continue to follow the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) to provide services for our families. We along with the 56,000 schools across the nation provide services for our children. Currently, we service our children with Reading and Math tutorials, Afterschool enrichment programs, and District Summer programs. Enroll your child in our Reading Intervention at 3:10PM to 4:00PM or Math Interventions at 5:00PM to 5:45PM. We are here for all of our children.

## Student Recognition

Congratulations to the following Student of the Month for outstanding Character:

### UPCOMING EVENTS

PBS Parent Workshop @ 6:00PM 4/04

UC Merced Campus Tour @ 8:00AM 4/11

Elementary Band Festival @ 9:00AM 4/12

PTA General Meeting @ 6:00PM 4/12

Student of the Month @ 10:35AM 4/13

Area Qualifier Track Meet @TBA 4/14

Perfect Attendance Trip @ Chuckchansi 4/16

Winter Sports Banquet @ 6:00PM 4/16

Saturday School @ 8:00AM 4/21

Janessa Ramirez Dinner 4/21

ELAC Meeting @ 2:00PM 3/15

SSC Meeting @ 3:30PM 3/15

PTA Fun Friday Snack Shack 3/16

No Basketball 3/16

Saturday School at 8:00AM 3/17

Parent Coffee Hour @ 8:35AM 3/20

Minimum Day 3/21

Choir Festival at Central East @ 9:00 3/22

Girl's Basketball Championship TBA 3/22

Boy's Basketball Championship TBA 2/23

Spring Recess No School 3/26-4/6