

# The Paw Print



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## Principal Message

Mr. Michael Ota

It is February already and we are continuing to prepare our students to be 21st century learners. Our staff has completed the second benchmarks for their students. What are Benchmark Assessments? A Benchmark is a series of test questions administered throughout the school year that provide teachers immediate feedback for student mastery of academic standards. Teachers use the student assessment results to measure student growth and design their grade level curriculum to meet the individual learning needs for their students. Our Benchmark assessments are aligned with the California State Standards to assure our students at Biola-Pershing Elementary School students are provided an equitable and viable teaching and learning environment. We use assessment data to increase the teaching and learning environment for all our students. Thank you parents for supporting your children to become a school to career ready

## School 2 Home

Last year we looked at the results from our Parent Survey. Biola reported a low amount of technology use at home. Central Unified School District recognized the number and has designed to offer "School 2 Home" program on Feb 20th. This will allow families to have technology at home. The 2 hour training for parents on how to use technology at home. This will allow parents to checkout a chrome book for home use. The training will be at Glacier Point.

## Character

At Biola-Pershing Elementary School each student is provided standard based instruction in the classroom. Learning does not stop with ABC and 123. Our teaching and learning staff promote the whole child by students receiving lesson on becoming a community citizen. Thank you for providing the continuous examples of character building at home, in school, and in our community. We continue to value Positive Behavior that promote a caring, respectful, and responsible

## Attendance

Regular school attendance is necessary for student learning. Biola-Pershing Elementary School we have the highest attendance rate in Central Unified School District. We believe in "When you miss out in School you miss out in learning" All Central Unified Schools follow state guidelines and education codes for student attendance. Perfect Attendance Awards are incentives for children to attend without any absent days or no more than 3 tardies. We understand that children get sick, but truancy is described as 3 days from school without any notice. Thank you for your child's attendance.

## Principal Award

Congratulations to the following for receiving straight A's (4.0 GPA) in the 1st semester:

- Miriam Diaz
- Briceidy M. Lopez
- Adam Trillo
- Brianna Diaz
- Isabel Silva

## 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 who are at risk of failing. Our focus for the children is English Language Arts and Math. Our children are enrolled in Reading Intervention at 3:30PM to 4:00PM. Our children receive additional tutoring from 5:00PM-6:00PM with our Afterschool Program. All children are provided guided reading in the classroom daily.

## LCAP Meeting

On Thursday February 28, 2019 we are inviting all parents to attend our LCAP Parent Input meeting at 6:00PM in the cafeteria. What is LCAP? It stands for Local Control Accountability Plan. The district includes all community member to be a part of developing a 3 year plan to spend funding for student achievement. Our school goals are aligned with the Central Unified School District Goals:

- GOAL 1 Student Achievement
- GOAL 2 Opportunity and Support Systems
- GOAL 3 Parent Engagement
- GOAL 4 Support for English Learners

As the Principal, I value parent and community involvement. Please attend and contribute to plan for student success. Our LCAP goals and your input is important.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Purple/Gold Basketball Game	2/01
Minimum Day	2/06
Children Story time @ 8:45AM	2/07
District Spelling Bee @ 9:00AM	2/07
Student of the Month @ 10:35AM	2/08
Basketball at Roosevelt @ 2:45PM	2/08
Basketball Gambooree @ 9:00AM	2/10
Lincoln's Birthday no school	2/11
Minimum Day	2/13
Pancakes with Love at 7:00AM	2/14
Basketball Scrim at Teague @ 2:45PM	2/15
President's Day No School	2/18
Minimum Day	2/20
School 2 Home Training at Glacier Point @ 5:30PM	2/20
Basketball vs Madison @ 2:45PM	2/22
PTA Movie Night @ 6:00PM	2/22
Saturday School @ 8:00AM	2/23
Parent Coffee Hours @ 8:35AM	2/26
Minimum Day	2/27
LCAP Parent Input Meeting @ 6:00PM	2/28