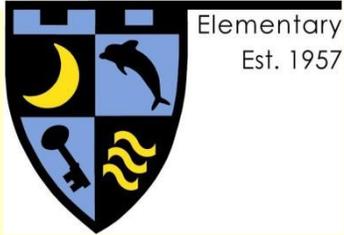


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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 9/10 - PTA Meeting
- ◆ 9/12 - Back-to-School Night
- ◆ 9/13 - Minimum Day
TK, Dismissal 11:40 am
K-5, Dismissal 12:00 pm
- ◆ 9/27 - Family Fun Night
- ◆ 9/30 - Student Free Day, Staff Development Day

Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year!

This year Lunada Bay Elementary has a Transitional Kindergarten class, and we have two amazing new teachers who will contribute towards our new 5th grade team. Please welcome Ms. Kika (TK), Ms. Dillion (5th) and Mr. Perkins (5th) to our Lunada Bay family.

I would also like to welcome our new families to Lunada Bay Elementary. Our community of families, learners and teachers is very special. The sincerity and thoughtfulness of our community makes us unique. I truly value the opportunity to serve Lunada Bay Elementary by providing the greatest learning experience for our students.

In the coming weeks we will be unveiling our new state-of-the-art STEM lab. All classes, grades TK through fifth, will have scheduled weekly sessions to visit the STEM lab to explore, collaborate and problem solve as they learn in this fun and engaging environment. If you have

experience in the STEM field, I encourage you to volunteer in our lab this year.

A word about attendance: School attendance is critical to academic success. It establishes a foundation of accountability and commitment to one's academic and social responsibilities. Punctuality, in addition to daily attendance, is a habit that successful students practice. When students are tardy, they miss important morning announcements that set the tenor of the day. Tardiness can also disrupt the work of others who did arrive on time! In general, I cannot emphasize enough that when students are absent from class they miss valuable instruction in the variety of learning experiences that take place daily - hourly - at LBES.

Parents are the greatest influence on a child's attendance and punctuality. Please send your children to school on time unless there is a valid reason for absence or tardiness. I am always available to discuss any

Principal's Message (cont.)

Potential concerns with attendance or tardiness.

Again, I look forward to the beginning of the year, to welcoming our new students and welcoming back our continuing learners.

I also look forward to meeting all of you and to being responsive to your questions and concerns about your students' education.

Thank you for your support!

Thank you,
Rafael Bernal
Principal

Family Fun Night

Mark your calendars for Friday 9/27/19, to attend Lunada Bay's annual Fall Family Fun Night. Event begins at 6:00 p.m., movie will start at sundown. Don't forget your picnic chairs and blankets to get cozy under the stars. Look for more info on picnic dinners available for pre-order from Lunada Bay Market. Also, the 5th grade fundraising committee will be selling pizza, popcorn, candy and sodas.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Back-to-School Night

This year our Back-to-School Night will be on Thursday, September 12.

TK-2 teachers will be presenting in their classrooms from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

All parents are invited to the MPR to hear a brief message from the principal, PTA president and a PEF representative from 5:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

3rd - 5th grade teachers will be presenting in their classrooms from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

This is an important opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher and learn more about what they are going to experience this year. Your child's

teacher will share information about how their classroom operates as well as teaching, learning and behavioral expectations.

This is a great opportunity to find out how you can become more involved in your child's education.

Don't forget to go to the MPR at 5:45 to hear a message from the principal as well as learn how you can become involved with our supportive PTA and what you can do to support the Palos Verdes Unified School District through the Peninsula Education Foundation!

See you all on September 12th!



If your child is a kinder, 1st or 2nd grade pick-up, and you are waiting for 3rd - 5th dismissal, please wait outside the MPR as other classes are still in session.

Mr. Perkins- Lunada Bay Writing Tips- September 2019

Welcome back to school! I'm looking forward to meeting all the great families of Lunada Bay, it's going to be an exciting year! As the school year begins, I like to target specific areas in writing that can help our students get a great start to the year.

The State of California requires all students in grades 3-12 to take the state exam, the CAASPP, in the spring each year. The 4th grade language assessment rubric (scoring guide) states- "Vocabulary used is clearly appropriate for audience and purpose. The writing includes precise vocabulary."

Writing tip #1-How can I help my student develop an awareness of precise vocabulary?

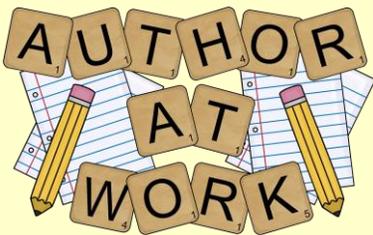
Be specific and guide your student to using specific words. I am a big proponent of breaking strategies into small pieces. I particularly like to use the two "kid friendly" news websites- timeforkids.com and scholasticnews.com, both have many articles and resources that are free. Take a moment to read an article of interest with your student. After reading, ask your student to summarize the main idea in 1 or 2 verbal sentences, i.e. - Tortoises are endangered in the Galapagos. Next, ask them to scan the article again and highlight 3-5 words that lets the reader know tortoises are in danger. Example- diminishing, under attack, struggling. Challenge them again by asking them to write 1-2 sentences using those words to describe why the tortoises are endangered. By doing this small practice you've guided your student to:

- Finding key words
- Examine precise vocabulary
- Writing summary sentences

Writing tip #2- Play the appropriate vocabulary in the appropriate place game?

We all love games, they offer us a sense of low pressure, fun, and enjoyment. Playing "word" games with your student will strengthen their vocabulary and help them become better writers. The next time you read a book, watch a TV show or see a movie, challenge your student to give you 3-5 words about that specific topic. Example- Students have heard me ask them in class, If I was writing about a Soccer game, would these be appropriate words? Pencil, eraser, teacher. Of course, the students know these are all not appropriate. The students then are asked- What would be appropriate words for a Soccer game? - Their answers- ball, kick, goalie, coach, etc. So, the next time you're watching Star Wars ask them what would be 3 appropriate words about the Empire? Or Princess Leia? Etc.

When you challenge your student's vocabulary in these simple ways, you'll find their writing will improve. I'm looking forward to working with and empowering all our families and young writers at Lunada Bay this year!



Traffic Safety



Traffic flows in a clockwise, one-way pattern around the perimeter of the school.

Please do not park in the loading zone located on Via Alvarado. This is where the **school bus** drops off students and access to the gate is important for student safety.

The area in front of the kindergarten classrooms on Paseo Lunado is designated by PV Estates as a Loading and Unloading Zone between 8:15 am and 3:30 pm.

NO LEFT TURNS into any parking lot entrance.

NO U-TURNS anywhere around the campus.



PVEPD will issue parking citations and moving violations for illegal U-Turns

