

The Paw Print



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Principal Message Mr. Michael Ota

At one of our recent Parent Workshop the presenters provided information for our parents regarding the differences between Opinion and Fact. Having evidence to back up factual statement is very vital to use as helpful data. I use data to determine driven decisions to better our school. Opinion is valued, but I really focus on facts to make decisions that better student achievement. Thank you for your participation with our parent survey. The most alarming data result that caught my attention is the low amount of homes that have access to technology devices to support student achievement. Only 43.9% of families have devices for homework. My goal is to get 100% of students to have equal access to devices. I want to have a family technology night that allows parents to checkout and be responsible for students to have access to tablets to support student achievement. Please look for further information for this event for all of our families.

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.

Parent Workshop Welcome

Parent Engagement and involvement with Biola-Pershing Elementary School is valued and research shows that parents involved with their children's school promotes student achievement. We focus on parent workshops that assist families to provide academic and social emotional support for their families. Family and community is valued for raising our children to become career ready graduates.

Fresno Compact

The Fresno Compact is a coalition of business and community leader work together with area schools committed to improve achievement for students. This year our business coalition with NutriAg Ltd. has provided positive working and learning relationships to build our Biola Agriculture program. The relationship with NutriAg and Biola-Pershing Elementary allows our students to research plant agriculture and develop products that are consumable for healthy eating.

Parent Survey

Thank you parents who participated in the 2018 LCAP Parent Survey. We are very pleased with the results that many parents are satisfied with our school's performance of our teaching and learning staff. We are not satisfied with our findings. Our staff will continue to improve on meeting the needs of our families and students. As the principal of this school, I am always looking for ways to improve our school. Please feel free to contact me with any of your concerns. Your input is very much valued.

We are very excited to welcome Miss Adriana Cervantes. She joins our staff as the Technology Aide for Biola Pershing Elementary School. She has background experience working with technology systems. She is eager to working with our staff and students with their technology needs.

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.

Athletics

Congratulations to both the Boy's and Girl's Basketball teams. This year both teams for the first time in school history completed the season with playoff contentions. Coach Gaytan's girls beat Tilley head to head but did not qualify due to their name was not drawn. Overall great season. As for the boy's congrats to Coach Mendez who turned our boy's into contenders and qualifying for Championship tournament for the first time ever for our school. More important the kids built character, academic achievement, and competed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PBS Parent Workshop @ 6:00PM	4/04
Return to school from Spring Break	4/09
Minimum Day	4/11
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 @ Chukchansi	4/16
Winter Sports Banquet @ 6:00PM	4/16
Minimum Day	4/18
PBS Parent Workshop @ 6:00PM	4/18
Saturday School @ 8:00AM	4/21
Janessa Ramirez Dinner @ 6:00PM	4/21
Parent Coffee Hour @ 8:35	4/24
CUSD Board Meeting @ 7:00PM	4/24
PTA Yard Sale @ Community Center	4/28



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