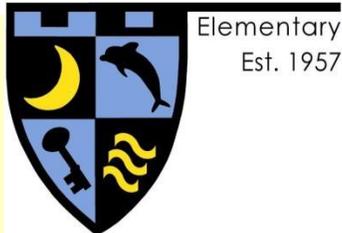


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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 5/24 - Science Field Day, 9-11am
- ◆ 5/24 - Minimum Day, Dismissal 12:00 pm
- ◆ 5/30 & 5/31 - Variety Show, 6:00 pm
- ◆ 5/27 - No School, Memorial Day
- ◆ 5/31 - Flag Salute
- ◆ 6/6 - Last Day of School
- ◆ 6/6 - Minimum Day, Dismissal 12:00 pm

Principal's Message

As we approach the close of the 2018-2019 school year, I would like to reflect on what a wonderful and productive year we have had. I would like to thank everyone for your countless hours of volunteering in the classroom and on campus, chaperoning field trips, reading and working with students, and organizing materials. Thanks for the many donations and for simply doing whatever was necessary to support our students, both at school and at home. It is through our combined efforts that we enjoy the growth and success of all our students.

A special thanks to our PTA, which went above and beyond to provide whatever was necessary to add to our students' already rich school experience. We are grateful for your work with everything - Family Fun Night, Teachers' Luncheons, Hosted Coffees, Variety Show, Science Filled Day, Reflections, Earth Week, Disaster Preparedness Drills, Fun Run, Book Fair, International Day, Parent Social, and everything else that makes Lunada Bay such a special school. These efforts create memorable experiences that our children

will talk about for years to come.

The teachers and staff at Lunada Bay Elementary have worked tirelessly all year creating memorable learning experiences for our students. In addition to our fine arts and musical performances, our students engaged in a variety of learning opportunities. Some of the great experience our students enjoyed this year included, for kindergarten, the Fashion Show and Vowel Surgery. First grade students turned 100, and "traveled" to different parts of the globe while studying habitats. They took their passports with them and recorded the different animals and plants (and their adaptations) they saw in the polar, dessert, rainforest, and ocean habitats, all before their visit to the California Science Center. Our second grade students shared and explained creations during their inventions celebration and celebrated writing accomplishments during publishing parties. Third grade students learned about the beauty and outdoor life of Lunada Bay, with help from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy.

Principal's Message (cont.)



Our fourth grade students were struck with Gold Fever and had to compete to earn gold nuggets so they could keep their claims, while reading *By the Great Horn Spoon!* Finally, our fifth grade students experienced an amazing week of outdoor science at Colby Ranch with rain and even snow!

asking everyone not to forget that learning is really a yearlong, even lifelong, process. Take a moment during the summer to reflect on what we have learned this year, to reach for educational opportunities during the summer, and to plan to return in the fall re-energized and excited about the great things we have in store at Lunada Bay for the 2019-2020 school year!



These experiences could not have occurred without the endless energy, skills and devotion of the Lunada Bay staff. Thank you, and bravo to an incredible team of professionals.

Thanks to all!

Let me close by not only wishing all in the LBES community a happy and healthy summer, but also by



Attendance

Below is a 3-year comparison of our monthly attendance.

With only a few weeks left in this school year, let's all strive for 100% attendance!

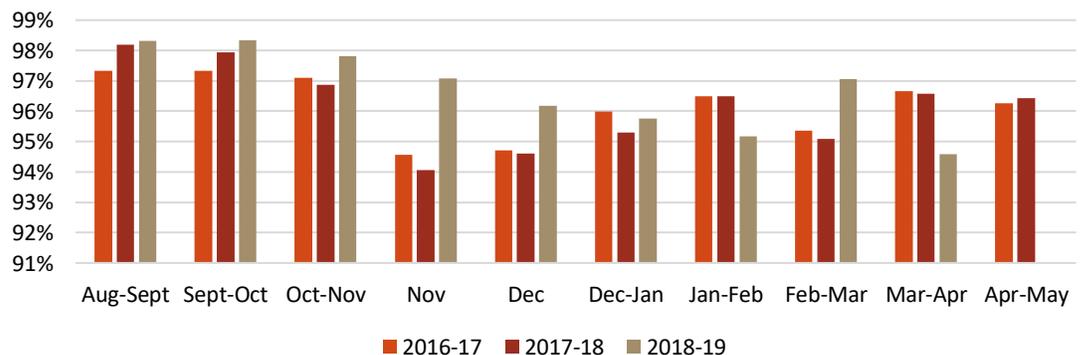
Thank you for all your efforts in getting your children to school on time every day!

We can do it!



Please note that previous years Nov was combined with Dec, this year Nov is separate.

Monthly Attendance Rate



Upcoming Events



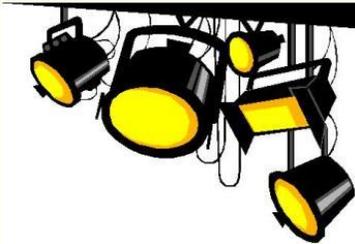
Science Field Day is Friday, May 24th. This is an amazing day of all things Science with many stations of science experiments, hands-on exploration, displays and animals, culminating in an All-School Science Assembly. It's really a Science field-trip at school!

Limiting attendance to one night only and/or limiting guests (siblings, grandparents etc.) to ONLY one night is strongly encouraged.

***We must remain within our Fire Safety limits!**
The show will be shut down if these guidelines are not enforced.

Variety Show ticket sales will begin Monday May 13th. Tickets will ONLY be available for purchase online. A link will be sent out in the school happenings report from your room parent.

Everyone must have a ticket, that includes children participating in the show and all parents. Family tickets will be limited.



Traffic

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.

Please adhere to all traffic laws, including parking or waiting in front of fire hydrants and red zones.

PVEPD will continue issuing parking citations and moving violations for illegal U-Turns.

Your cooperation following all traffic laws will help ensure the safety of all our students. Thank you for your assistance.



The area in front of the kindergarten classrooms on Paseo Lunado is a loading and unloading zone. Please take note of the loading zone times and adhere to the restrictions.

Staff Spotlight

Q: How long have you worked in this field?

A: I've wanted to be a teacher since my 6th grade teacher suggested that this would be my calling. I've worked in schools and Parks and Recreation all through my schooling. I interviewed with PV after I graduated and I've been here ever since.

Q: What makes a 'good day' at school?

A: Some of my favorite days at school are ones in which the students look relaxed and happy. When I'm teaching a new concept and I see the students light up with understanding.

Q: What accomplishment fills you with pride during the school year?

A: The greatest accomplishment that I see year to year is how the students in our grade begin to take responsibility for their own academic success. The growth that they show in organization and responsibility fills us with great pride.

Q: What is your job at Lunada Bay?

A: I have been a teacher at Lunada Bay for 27 years.

Q: How do you spend your summer breaks?

A: I am gone most of the summer traveling. Every year I spin the globe and plan at least a month trip.

Q: What would the students be surprised to find out about you?

A: My students would be surprised to find that I'm actually a very reserved person. I can be awkward and uncomfortable speaking in big groups. I fake it well.

Q: What's the best thing about working at Lunada Bay?

A: The best part of working at Lunada Bay has always been all the alumni that come back to visit me. I enjoy reconnecting with past students and hearing their accomplishments.

Q: If you could pass on any wisdom to students, what would you share?

A: I tell the students that the words that come out of my mouth are "diamonds and gems". I try to guide them every day to be the best version of themselves.

Q: What's a school sport or activity you enjoy watching?

A: I love school spirit of any kind. I enjoy watching pep rallies and spirit activities.

Q: If you could take students on a field trip to anywhere in the world, where would you take them? Why?

A: I have been all over the world - several times over. Choosing one place would be very difficult. My philosophy is that it's not the destination but the journey. Seeing other places and emerging in their culture builds character and compassion. It's not about the sights but the feeling behind seeing new places and people.

Q: What is your first memory from Lunada Bay?

A: I was hired to teach a 3/4 combination class 2 weeks after the school year had begun. I was allowed to take a week to set up my class (Room 17) and get ready before the students would begin. That first day the principal walked me around and introduced me to the teachers and students.

Q: What is your dream vacation?

A: I don't dream - I'd do.

Q: How do you think (or hope) students will remember you?

A: I hope that I will be remembered for making learning interesting and fun. I try to make genuine connections with the students and I hope that they feel that after they have moved on.

Q: What is one of your hidden talents?

A: I think my greatest hidden talent is that I am a left-handed person. I see this as a talent as I've spent my whole life trying to navigate in a right-handed world.

Q: What are some pets you've had or would like to own?

A: I had a dog growing up. His name was Fluffy purely because he was fluffy. No creativity in naming my pet. I have an ornate box turtle that I've owned for over 20 years. Her name is Myrtle and she is very high maintenance. She ran away a few years back and I found her in Newport Beach. She likes to travel also.

Q: What is your spirit animal?

A: My spirit animal is a monkey. I channel the playful and lighthearted version of myself at every opportunity. I also believe myself resourceful. Most importantly, monkeys are communal creatures and bond deeply.

Q: What song do you know all the lyrics to?

A: I know the lyrics to a lot of songs from every music genre. I sing loudly in the car when I'm by myself. In my mind, I have a beautiful voice.

Ms. Watson
4th Grade

