

The Paw Print



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Principal Message

The month of May has approached us and summer is just around the corner. During May is our SBAC assessments for the student in grades 3-6. What is the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium? It is a Computer Adaptive Test that provide unique information of knowledge and ability to answer questions. This format allows students to display their understanding of context by answering open ended questions when writing short essays. Students have been working on standards based lessons and tasks that address the SBAC. As parents we ask that you support this process by having your students review class assignments, get plenty of sleep the night before, and attend school on the testing days. The SBAC data is a good indicator whether students are on track to pursue College and Career during their path of getting a high school diploma.

Open House

On Wednesday May 1, 2019 our Biola Community is invited to Open House. Classrooms will be open at 5:30PM—6:30PM to view the various academic curriculum and activity that your children are learning for the year. At 6:00PM we are showcasing our Performing Arts. Our students will perform with Choir, Band, String Orchestra, Folklorico, and Music pieces. This year we have an exhibit in the cafeteria that highlight all the student participation in school activity outside of the classroom. Come out and join in on the fun. We will also have food trucks available for the duration of the evening event. See you on Wednesday.

Perfect Attendance

Thank you parents for having your child to be in their seats at 8:30AM ready to learn. We are honoring our students who have perfect attendance for the 2018-19 school year. The students will take part in “Making the Grade” at Chukchansi Park on Thursday May 2nd. They will attend the Celebration for Academics, watch a baseball game, and enjoy a luncheon by the Grizzlies Organization on Thursday May 2nd were we celebrate students for Perfect Attendance.

PTA

On May 1st the PTA will be sponsoring engagement at this years Open House. For each child who comes with their adult to visit the classrooms the student will receive a ticket to redeem a refreshing drink from Kona Ice truck at the food court. Our PTA is here to promote student and family engagement with the

Title I

Biola-Pershing Elementary is assisted with funding by the U.S. Department of Education. The purpose of Title I funding is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high quality education and reach minimum proficiency on challenging state academic standards. We can assist parents with family night, parent meetings, and communication about school event. Our ELPAC Parent Workshop was such a success we want to offer a four week student workshop to prepare for the ELPAC test in May.

Saturday May 4th

Biola-Pershing has a busy day on Saturday May 4th. Last year Biola-Pershing Elementary School teamed up with Biola University from Los Angeles. Both schools came together to build Elementary to College relationships. The athletes met and lunch with our athletes.

Our Performing Arts string quartet teamed up with the Biola University String quartet and played together at the Biola Church. For the first time two groups of musicians came together to play.

Now it is time for our Visual Arts . The Biola University will host an Art Camp for our students. Sign up for drawing, painting, and sculpture classes for free. The camp will be held at Biola cafeteria.

9:00AM to 12:00AM will be slotted for student grades 1-3 and student grades 4-6 will be held at 1:00PM to 4:00PM. Sign up in the office.

Ms. Turner will lead the Boy’s and Girl’s track team competition at the Valley Youth Championships at Buchanan High School. Returning medalist are Jorja Hernandez and Jesus Carbajal. Both placed high in 2018 at the Valley Championships

At Sunnyside High School Mr. Finocchio and Miss Orellana will be competing two teams at The Fresno County Science Olympiad. Biola is considered the smaller teams, but comes out in the top of the competition against much larger schools throughout Fresno County Schools. The competition promotes 23 events that pertain to the science disciplines. Many opportunities for our students at Biola this weekend

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parent ESL Class Session 2/Parent Coffee @8:35AM	4/30
Open House classrooms open @5:30PM –6:30PM	5/1
Performing Arts Spring Concert @ 6:00PM-7:30PM	5/1
Making the Grade at Chukchansi Park @ 9:00AM	5/2
Student of the Month Assembly @10:35AM	5/3
Baseball/Softball vs Roosevelt at Biola @ 2:45PM	5/3
Science Olympiad at Sunnyside High @9:00AM	5/4
Valley Youth Track Championships at Buchanan High	5/4
Biola University Art Camp at Biola-Pershing @9:00AM	5/4
Teacher Appreciation Week	5/6-10
Parent ESL Classes session 3 @ 8:45AM - 9:45AM	5/7
Family Literacy Night @ 6:00PM	5/9
PTA Pastries with Parents @7:00AM	5/10
Softball/Baseball at Tilley @2:45PM	5/10
ASP Community Paint Night @5:30PM—7:00PM	5/10
Parent ESL Classes session 4 @ 8:45AM - 9:45AM	5/14
Parent ELAC Meeting @ 9:30AM	5/16
Parent SSC Meeting @ 3:30PM	5/16
Softball/Baseball vs Steinbeck @ 2:45PM	5/17
Family Fitness Night @ 5:45PM– 7:15PM	5/17
GATE Family Night at Glacier Point @6:00PM	5/20
PTA General Meeting @ 6:00PM - 7:00PM	5/20
Parent ESL class session 4 @ 8:45AM—9:45AM	5/21
Softball/Baseball vs Herndon Barstow at Biola @2:45PM	5/21
3rd grade Music at Fresno Philharmonic @ 9:00AM	5/23
Biola Memorial Day Commemoration @ 9:00AM	5/24
PTA Testing Incentive Party	5/24
Memorial Day No School	5/27
ESL Class/Parent Coffee with Principal @8:35	5/28