

The Paw Print



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Principal Message

Mr. Michael Ota

Each CUSD school site held the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) meeting in February. Our Parent meeting was held in the cafeteria with great involvement and input from our parents. Our school goals are aligned with the Central Unified District goals. At Biola, we focus on Student Achievement (Goal 1) with intervention in place for all children who are in need of the support. Student Engagement (Goal 2) provide activity to create a positive learning environment for all children. Parent involvement (Goal 3) to support the children to learn. EL students (Goal 4) to provide equity for all children to receive the same instruction. Our parents look at school data to provide input for our school to build success for our students. As we prepare for end of the year assessments please help support your children with opportunities to speak, listen, read, and write.

Attendance

Students who have 98% of attendance or above are being treated to an educational program and baseball game at Chukchansi Park. The students will have the opportunity to attend "Making the Grade," The Fresno Grizzlies are teaming up with an educational program that reward children for achieving in school, attendance, graduation, and preparing for their future. Students who have 98% attendance will load the bus on April 8 to attend the program, eat lunch, and watch a game. Congratu-

ELPAC Night

On Thursday April 4, we are hosting an evening for parents and students regarding the ELPAC Test. The English Language Proficient Assessment California is a test that is taken by students who enter school as English Learners. This assessment is to measure our students who are proficient in English. The event will start at 6:00PM on Thursday April 4. We want to provide parents support and understanding of the test.

School2Home

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, but we are not satisfied with our findings. Last year's survey stated that Biola students have low number of internet and technology devices at home. On Wednesday April 10 at 8:45AM parents are provided a free chrome book and hotspot to checkout for their child to use as a tool for home.

Parent Night

Question 1 on the parent survey response 99% of parents state that there are ways for me to be involved with Biola school. Our staff has really supported parents. We have STEM night led by Mr. Finocchio and Miss Orellana to work with parent and student on Science Olympiad activity. Our GATE teacher will lead Family Literacy Night in May. Biola University from Los Angeles will have an Art Camp on May 4. Mrs. Ocegueda along with FCOE will sponsor our first ever ELPAC Night. Mrs Jackson will have a Fitness Night.

Intervention

Our Goal 1 is to increase student achievement. Our staff is providing Tier I standards based instruction for all students, but are heavily providing Tier 2 interventions to support students with differentiated instruction. Our Tier 3 students led by iSchool intervention Teacher Mrs. Escandon who pulls out students for added support in

Title I

Biola-Pershing Elementary is a Title I school. We will continue to offer added support for our children to succeed. Currently our staff Mrs. Gonzales, Miss Perez, Mrs. Ocegueda, Miss Herrera, Miss Orellana, and Mrs. Lopez offer extra reading support for our children outside of the school hours. Our after school provides support for the first part of the program for homework. Our ASP also provides small group tutoring to students from 5:00PM to 6:00PM. Please take advantage of this program to support your children's academic success.

Athletics

Congratulations to our Athletic Director Ms. Turner for leading the success for our Winter sports teams. This year all three teams completed the season by earning a third place trophy in the Central Unified School District II Championships. The boys who qualified for the championships for the second year upset Madison Elementary. The girls upset Roosevelt Elementary led by first year Coach Sidhu. Our Cheerleaders placed third in small school led by Coach Turner and Coach Suzzy. Congratulations to our student/athlete for competing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Sports begin 4/01

Track Meet at Koligian @ 11:00A 4/02

GATE Field Trip 4/03

Minimum Day 4/03

Tri-County Fitness Comp @ 9:00AM 4/04

ELPAC Parent Evening @ 6:00PM 4/04

Student of the Month @ 10:35AM 4/05

Area Track Meet at Koligian @ 9:00AM 4/06

Making the Grade at Chukchansi @ 8:30 4/08

GATE Class @ 10:30AM 4/09

4th Grade Learning Activity @ 1:00PM 4/09

School2Home Technology @ 8:45AM 4/10

Biola Bicycle Repair Day @ 12:30PM 4/10

Spring Pictures and Panarama Picture 4/11

3rd Grade Field Trip to CHS @ 9:00AM 4/12

Spring Recess no school 4/13-4/28

Dance Recital Practice @ 12:00PM 4/25

PTA General Meeting @ 6:00PM 4/29

Parent Coffee Hour @ 8:35AM 4/30

Open House 5:30PM 5/1
Spring Concert 6:00