

The Paw Print



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Principal Message

Mr. Michael Ota

We are already into the second month of the school year. To start the year off on a positive direction with your children, take time to have conversation at home regarding school. Parent involvement at school is crucial for student success, but being involved with your children's school at home is just as important. Look at your children's work in their backpack. Show interest and let them share with you what they are learning for the day. Provide a quiet time where you sit with your child as they complete daily assignments. Take time to set 20 minutes each evening to read to or with your children. Speaking and listening are very important activities for your children.

Contact me with any suggestions or concerns at 276-5235, email michaelota@centralusd.k12.ca.us or schedule a meeting. Thank you and have a safe and enjoyable summer break!

Title I

We are a Title I funded school and receive financial assistance for our school to ensure that all of our students at Biola meet state academic standards and be proficient in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Joining our School Site Council and our English Learner Advisory Committee is a great way to help channel our success for all of our students. Currently, we have two open positions for our SSC and one open position for our ELAC. Thank you to the parents who nominated people for these positions. We are sending home ballots for the voting. Please take time to vote for the right individual who you believe would be a great candidate for the committee.

Biola PTA

YOU asked, and WE listened! Biola PTA is going bilingual! We encourage you to join Biola PTA for only \$5 a person! Each month, you will be given an opportunity to vote on important matters concerning Biola Elementary at our monthly PTA General Membership Meeting, 5:30-7:00pm in the Parent Engagement Center, held the 3rd Monday of each month! Attend and hear about upcoming events and fundraisers. We encourage you to offer suggestions and ask questions during the meeting!

NEW THIS YEAR: FREE daycare will be provided at the monthly meetings by Mrs. Escandon's daughters. All meeting minutes, treasurer reports, promotional flyers, etc. will be typed in bilingual! A Spanish translator will be standing next to the PTA President translating each sentence for all attendees!

We hope to see you at our 1st PTA General Membership Meeting, Monday, September 17th at 5:30pm! Light refreshments will be served. Membership envelopes will be available at the meeting. See you there!

800 78-CRIME

Let's keep Biola community safe! WeTip's School Safety Program offers a hotline. No one will ask your name. WeTip will contact the police, fire or sheriff agencies. If you request a reward, a code name and number will be given. Cash awards up to \$1,000 are given after verified reports from law enforcement. 1-800-782-7463 hotline available 24 hours a day.

Appreciation

We would like to thank Jessica Elorza, Marisela Cruz, and Erika Garcia for volunteering in our cafeteria to assist with our students during lunch time. Getting 235 students in and out of the cafeteria to eat lunch so they could have enough time to play at recess is very helpful for our school. We appreciate parents who go out of their way to not only support their own child, but all the children in our school.

Character Award

Congratulations to the following students for receiving acknowledgement by their classroom teacher for being Responsible:

Christopher Aleman
 Mariah Garcia
 Sarai Garcia
 Ellery Yang
 Baldomero Mendoza-Luna
 Miriam Diaz
 Brianna Diaz
 Marcos Antunez
 Ulices Dolores

School Activities

Parents please allow your child to get involved in school activities to enhance their education at Biola. We allow our students to take part in Band, Choir, Ballet Dance, GATE, Science Olympiad, Robotics, Leadership, Interscholastic Athletics, Agriculture, Music, and Folkloric Dance to make learning enjoyable for all students at Biola. If your child is interested in these activities, please allow them to join our Afterschool Program to take part in the extended learning activities at Biola

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Labor Day no school	9/3
Minimum Day	9/5
ELAC/SSC voting Ballot due @ 3:00PM	9/7
Athletics at Roosevelt Elementary @ 2:45PM	9/7
VFW Car Show at Community Center	9/8
GATE Teacher Recognition at Central PAC @ 7:00PM	9/11
Minimum Day	9/12
College Night at Fresno Convention Center @ 6:00PM	9/12
Athletics vs. Tilley Elementary @ 2:45	9/14
Minimum Day	9/19
ELAC Meeting at 8:45AM	9/20
School Site Council at 3:30PM	9/20
Athletics vs. Steinbeck Elementary @ 2:45PM	9/21
PE Assembly for grades 1-5 Community Center @ 1:00PM	9/24
Town Hall Meeting at Rio Vista M.S. @ 6:00PM	9/24
Parent Coffee Hour @ 8:35AM	9/25
Minimum Day	9/26
Parent Title I meeting @ 6:00PM	9/27
Athletics vs. Herndon Barstow @ 2:45PM	9/28
Saturday School @ 8:00AM	9/29