



186th Street Elementary School

A Hoot of News September 2019



Owl Pride: "On the Hunt for Wisdom through Education"

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Message from the Principal...

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are off to a great start for our new school year. The students and teachers are happily engaged in the learning process. While visiting classrooms, I have observed the magical moments of teaching and learning. Our students are eager to learn new concepts, and our staff is enthusiastic about bringing learning to life. We are shaping America's future by upholding high standards of discipline, clear expectations, and a rigorous curriculum that challenges our students to think, solve, and reflect.

This month we will make classroom adjustments based on the guidelines of the Master Plan for ELLs and the Voluntary Agreement between LAUSD and the Office of Civil Rights. An investigation by the Office for Civil Rights in 2011-2012 found that the LAUSD did not properly follow Federal and State law mandates that require the District to provide services which include daily English language development (ELD) and access to the core curriculum for all English Language Learners (ELLs). Therefore, we seek your patience and understanding as we go through a reorganization period that will affect several of our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or your classroom teacher at (310) 324-1153. Here's to a happy, hootin' successful school year!

Hoot! Hoot! Hooray!!!

Antonio Aguilar
Principal



Parent Involvement Opportunities...

- Sept. 2 Labor Day – School Closed
- Sept. 5 9:00 am-11:00 am Owl Parent Institute
- Sept. 9 – 20 Kids Are First Fundraiser
- Sept. 10 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Grades 3rd-5th **Back-to-School Night**
- Sept. 11 9:00 am Grandparents' Tea
- Sept. 13 Ident-a-Kid Program
- Sept. 13 8:30 am ELAC Meeting/Orientation and Elections
- Sept. 23 6:00 pm Tea Time to Talk to the Principal / SSC / Title I Parents' Meeting
- Sept. 24 10:00 am – 11:00 am PTA Board Meeting
- Sept. 26 3:00 pm Owl Peace Leadership Team
- Sept. 30 Rosh Hashanah – School Closed



Professional Development Calendar

Every Tuesday from now until April 28, 2020, students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. Dismissal will be an hour earlier on those days. This time will be utilized by the teachers as part of a Professional Development Program implemented throughout the Los Angeles Unified School District. The following dates will be 1:30 pm dismissal:

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| September 3, 10, 17, 24 | October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 |
| November 5, 12, 19 | December 3, 10, 17 |
| January 14, 21, 28 | February 4, 11, 18, 25 |
| March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | April 14, 21, 28 |

Please make a record of these dates and arrange for early pick up or childcare for your child. **The after-school playground will be open until 6:00 p.m. daily.**

Peace First

We are happy to welcome back Cara Pfeiffer as our Peace First Coordinator, to help our teachers lead the Peace First curriculum and program.

Ms. Cara will assist in helping teachers work with our students to learn conflict resolution and civic engagement to help prevent bullying and violence. This program is a win-win for our school, students, parents, and our community.



Check us out on Facebook...

186th Street School has a Facebook page featuring many of our fun-filled activities. Please like us on Facebook at 186th Street School.



Wise Owl Academic Play: Please read 15-30 minutes every evening. Readers are leaders!

Students of the Month

We are happy to salute our outstanding citizens for the month of August. These students are being recognized for being excellent role models for citizenship, sportsmanship, and leadership.

Pre-Kindergarten: Marco Rojas, Mabel Martinez, Jacob Rojas, Nicole Urtez, David Mendez, Andrea Moreno, Bryan Haywood, and Luna Fierros.

Kindergarten: Aaron Nunez, Genesis Miramontes, Manuel Gutierrez, Allison Gutierrez, Steven Jung, Jaylee Alanis, Arturo Santiago Lira, Zoey Osorio, Cecil Brooks, Kennedy Pruitt, Diego Lopez, and Aliya Hastings.

First Grade: Michael Fuentes, Zaira Diaz, Christopher Ramos, Nalayah Montes, Carmen Agüero, Laupepa Pulu, Nathalie Castilla, Logan Gountag, Bianca Smillin, Kayxai Anthony, and Camari Williams.

Second Grade: Mark Cao, Ty Augustus, A'aliyah Hill, Juan Pablo Mendez, Shiloh Mascardo, Kelsey Haynie, Sandra Silva, Sophia Moran, Vicente Castellanos, Cain Azanza, and Adamaris Arambula.

Third Grade: Efrain Machuca, Itzi Gutierrez, Matthew Valles, Ashley Gonzalez, Xavier Collins, Daisy Rojas, Joshua Itzali, Jorge Cervantes, Camila Ramos, Kalenie Cristomo-Davis, and Allison Borboa.

Fourth Grade: Anthony Sanchez, Lucy Vazquez, Angel Bravo, Ayah Alyafeai, Cain Claudio, Andrea Baez, Jahir Castilla, and Ifeomachukwu Okalue.

Fifth Grade: Destinee Lumapas, Franky Albarran, Kayloe Bumgarner, Harmony Turner, Daniel Gonzalez, Lailah Zeno, Kaysen Anthony, Maria Fernanda Aguilar, Ivan Espinoza, and Rackell Hernandez.

Character Word of the Month

Each month, the school community will focus on a word for the month. The word for this month is cooperation. Cooperation, simply put, is people working together to achieve common goals. Parents, teachers, and students must all cooperate to get the most out of what education has to offer. Work with your children this month to teach them the meaning of cooperation and the benefits of being cooperative. Possible activities: point out examples of cooperation, for instance, cooperation of players on a team.

Book of the Month

We will continue our tradition of all classrooms reading the same book each month to build our students' vocabulary and academic language. Our book-of-the-month will be **Ellie Engineer** written by Jackson Pierce. Ellie is an engineer. With a tool belt strapped over her favorite skirt (who says you can't wear a dress and have two kinds of screwdrivers handy, just in case?), she invents and builds amazing creations in her backyard workshop. Together with her best friend Kit, Ellie can make anything. As Kit's birthday nears, Ellie doesn't know what gift to make until the girls overhear Kit's mom talking about her present—the dog Kit always wanted! Ellie plans to make an amazing doghouse, but her plans grow so elaborate that she has to enlist help from the neighbor boys and crafty girls, even though the two groups don't get along. Will Ellie be able to pull off her biggest project yet?

cooperation



Poem of the Month

September – by Boni Fulgham
School,
Effort, and
Play.
Trying your best
Each hour of the day,
Making new friends,
Being good as you can
Exciting discoveries,
Reading books with a friend.



Safety First at All Times!

Please refrain from stopping your cars in the middle of the street to drop off and pick up your children, and please do not use the teacher's parking lot for drop off and pick up. These are both very dangerous practices, and we are very concerned with some parents putting their children in harm's way. Have your children cross the street at the crosswalks and please pull your cars over to the curb to pick





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up your children. Parents who continue these unsafe practices will receive expensive tickets from the Harbor Police Department. Let's work to do a better job so that our school year will proceed with great success and continuous safety.