



186th Street Elementary School

A Hoot of News January 2019



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

Antonio Aguilar, Principal ❖ Carlos Gonzalez, Assistant Principal

Message from the Principal...

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the second half of the 2018-2019 school year. We hope your winter vacation time was a special period filled with magical moments of quality time with family and friends. We are excited about the upcoming months of new learning, new determination, and continued success. As we move into this new year, it is a good time to reflect upon our goals, our vision, and our mission for all of our students. We reaffirm to you that we believe in the equal worth and dignity of all students and we are committed to educating all of our students to their maximum potential.

This year, we are experiencing some uncertainty with a potential work stoppage. Our teachers work hard every day to help our students reach their full potential. However, because L.A. Unified has not yet reached an agreement on a new contract, members of United Teachers Los Angeles may take strike action. In the event of a strike, my goal is to make sure the school remains open and that all students will be kept safe. We have plans in place to make sure that students will not miss the opportunity to learn. And we will be receiving support from Central Office staff. As a school we must prepare and prevail. The work action will come to an end once both parties reach an agreement. We will then return to providing the high quality education you've come to expect from 186th Street Elementary the home of America's Best Educators and Students!

Let's continue to work together to make a difference in the lives of our children by keeping our expectations high, holding each other accountable, and providing a safe and nurturing learning environment at home and at school. As always, 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' new year filled with health and prosperity. Hoot! Hoot! Hooray!

Sincerely,

Antonio Aguilar
Principal



Parent Involvement Opportunities...

- Jan. 9, 16, 23, & 30 9:00 am – Madres Activas Meeting
- Jan. 10 9:00 am - 11:00 am – Owl Parent Institute
- Jan. 11 10:00 am – ELAC Meeting
- Jan. 12 8:30 am – City of Gardena MLK Jr. Parade
- Jan. 16 UNSAT Notices go home
- Jan. 18 8:30 am – 14th Annual Peace March
- Jan. 21 Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Holiday – School Closed
- Jan. 28 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm – PTA Meeting
- Jan. 28 6:00 pm – Tea Time to Talk to the Principal / SSC

13th Annual Peace March, "Stepping Out for Peace"

On Friday, January 18th, 2019, the students, staff, and community will take a walk around the school for peace. Each class will wear their Peace First T-shirts, carry a banner to show their commitment to living peaceably with all people, and encourage the community to stand for peace with our school. This event will launch the second semester of Peace Games with a focus on Community Service. The walk will begin at 8:30 a.m. Come and walk with our children for peace.



Good Attendance Promotes Achievement

Last month, we reached our 75th day of school. Students that achieved 96% attendance up to that point are now part of Club 96 and will be part of the Club 96 Exclusive event this month! Our Club 96 counts are:

<u>ETK/TK/K:</u>	125 students	<u>Third Grade:</u>	86 students
<u>First Grade:</u>	98 students	<u>Fourth Grade:</u>	102 students
<u>Second Grade:</u>	83 students	<u>Fifth Grade:</u>	84 students

Parents, please send your children to school everyday ready to soar. We lose funds when your child does not come to school. Last year we lost \$398,400 dollars for poor student attendance. We can buy all kinds of school supplies, field trips, classroom resources, and technology with the lost funds. Please help us soar with improved school attendance!



A Tardy Owl Hinders Student Achievement

Parents please bring your children to school on time. We are having too many students late to school. This is slowing down our academic progress. Please have your children go to bed earlier so they can come to school well rested and prepared to learn. We need your help to wipe out the tardies so we can SOAR!!!



Student of the Month

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

Pre-Kindergarten: Anthony Morgan, Kelly Marshawn, Ayla Palacios, Journey Larkin, Caleb Perez, Kai Koa Lee, Miguel Gasca, and Kenya Garcia

Kindergarten: Oscar Rojas, Teresa Povv, Rocco Navarro, Lacey Williams, Honorio Bautista, Samantha Zapata, Michael Ovalle, Jaylinn Ramon, Arturo "Santiago" Lira, Aubrey Andrade, Cruz Nuñez, Emma Razo, Beautiful Black, and Eric Williams.

First Grade: Mark Cao, Mark Bizarron, Valeria Moroyoqui, Edward Jung, Kaelyn Rodríguez, Luis Vera, Katherine Nickell, Juan Pablo Mendez, Julie Chan, Andrew Askins, and Alicia Roa

Second Grade: Olaf Castro, Lily Wyatt, Adam Duarte, Brianna Mendoza, Alenia Gonzalez, Ashley Gonzalez, Efrain Machuca, Israel Mendoza, Joshua Villareal, and Zoe Gonzalez,

Third Grade: Marisol Juarez, Dylan Holmes, Vanessa Rivas, Sosaia Katoa, Samantha Gonzalez, Michael Andrade, Kawaiolani Ayoso, Yenfer Lara, Geraldine Guzman, and Brendan Chavez.

Fourth Grade: Manuel Reynoso, Valeria Bravo, Braylan Perez, Sharol Alonso, Kamsiyochukwu Ezeudu, Olivia Zimmerman, Jamir Glenister, Angel Carabantes, and Jaiylene Hernandez.

Fifth Grade: Biana Toscano, Vili Katoa, Taya Richard, Leilani "Mercy" Barrios, Ruby Garza, Braylon Haggerty, and Gianna Quezada.

Character Word of the Month

The word for this month is altruism. Altruism is unselfish concern for the welfare of others; selflessness. Parents, teachers, and students can show altruism by helping others who are in need. Work with your children this month to teach them the meaning of altruism and the benefits of being altruistic. This month we can use Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as an example of an altruistic person. He worked unselfishly for brotherhood, equality, and civil rights for all mankind and made numerous sacrifices for the cause of peace.

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Book of the Month

In our quest to build our students' vocabulary and academic language, we are continuing our tradition of all classrooms reading the same book each month. The books that we select celebrate everyday heroes and offer children age-level role models, insights, encouragement, and hope. Our book-of-the month for January is A Chair for My Mother, written and illustrated by Vera B. Williams. In this story we come across a family that is collecting coins to meet a goal. This family has suffered a tragedy and has lost all of their belongings and possessions. The community has come in to support and helped the family recover some of their losses. However, our main character and her family work hard to save coins to be able to buy a chair. But just not any ordinary chair! This story will teach our little owls that with the right amount of dedication, planning, and actions everyone can accomplish their goals!

Poem of the Month

Happy New Year - William Arthur Ward
This bright New Year is given me to live each day with zest...
To daily grow and try to be my highest and my best!
I have the opportunity once more to right some wrongs,
To pray for peace, to plant a tree, and sing more joyful songs!



"Pennies of Love to Help Those in Need"

We would like to continue raising funds to help those in need. We are asking all of our students to save a penny a day for 186 days to help make the world a better place for us to live. Our acts of kindness will go a long way to let others know we care. So start saving your pennies and...Let's soar!!!



Dress for the Weather

During the winter months it gets very cold, but many students are coming to school without sweaters or jackets. Before children leave the house please make sure that they have a sweater or jacket.



Safety First

Parents, please stop dropping your children off in the middle of the street. Take a few extra minutes to pull to the curb and cross at the crosswalks. Safety is all of our responsibility. Let's be wise and careful drivers!