

The Burbank Bear Bugle

October 18, 2023 – Issue #01

“The Pride of Highland Park”

Mr. Feinberg’s Advisory – Y22

Themed Advisories Begin!

The Story behind the Podcast Advisory

by Angie Contreras and Melody Diaz

Gather round to hear a story! Mr. Shultice is teaching a Podcasting advisory. He chose to teach this advisory because during

zoom and college, he taught podcasting. What he likes about teaching this advisory is that it gives middle schoolers a chance to tell their own stories. Sophia Corona is in 7th grade and she has been working on reading kids stories for podcasting.



Stop Motion Brings Characters to Life

By Yuliana Fuentes and Lily Dominguez

Stop for some stop motion! We asked Ms. Lomeli why she chose to teach this specific

advisory and she answered by saying, “so kids can be creative by using different

ways to make up characters and make up settings”. She also said, “I really enjoy seeing my students take leadership roles and working together.” Ms. Lomeli also brought up one of her students, Elsa Rose, that she was a good leader. Elsa Rose is in 7th grade and explained



something cool.”



Bears Bike!

By Lucca Nguyen-Perez and Nathan Gamboa

Ever wonder about all those bicycles riding around during advisory time? Mr. Miller wanted



to choose to teach the bike advisory because he enjoys both riding bicycles and fixing them up. He also

enjoys teaching the advisory because the students who are in the advisory are both good people and also have a passion for riding and fixing bikes. Seventh grader, Matthew, has been working on and learning about the bike chain and the tire.



Gardening with Macias

By Guadalupe Martinez and Jayla Padilla



Gardening with Ms. Macias is planting new seeds for students. Ms. Macias says she has

been planting a garden at her house and she wants to show her skills to her students. She said she really enjoys teaching this advisory because she loves to see her students interact and learn new skills. It is an academic class where students are learning new things.

Aaron, an 8th grade student, said his favorite thing about gardening class was the different plants they have been growing in the garden like fruit and vegetables. Something he has been working on is cleaning the paths from weeds and shrubs.



Continued on the back....

Police Academy Students Receive their Rank

By Evelyn Dorado Esquivel and Yaretzi Robles Torres

On October 17th, Police Academy Students were given rank for leadership. Police Officers called the students to the front of the ceremony and gave them a pin on their lapel and declared them a rank.

Officer Aleman and Officer Jimenez did the pinning. Lyla Lopez and Joel



Rodriguez were given the rank of Co-Captains. Herman Gonzalez and Xavier Mentado were given the rank of Lieutenant II. Laniya Debaun was given the rank of Lieutenant I. Ace Ayala, Brandon Bobadilla and Ariel Palo were given



the rank of 7th Grade Sergeants. Jesse Aguilar and Emiliano Zapata were given the rank of 6th Grade Sergeants. Jessie Aguilar, Emiliano Zapata, Sophia Calderon, Armiahdre Franklin, David Fuentes and Maysen Vasquez were given the rank of 6th grade Squad Leaders.

Herman and Lila said they wanted to be come captain to show leadership and prove that they can be a good leader. Congratulations to all of the Police Academy.

8th Grade



7th Grade



6th Grade



Advisories Continued

Marketing Makes Magic!

By Abigail Rodriguez and Sophia Ortega-Abac

Mrs. Cabezas advisory is all about marketing and design. And her advisory is about marketing and design. That means they make posters for



upcoming events and things that are happening around campus. You may have seen some of

their work hanging on the walls. Mrs. Cabezas says she likes teaching this advisory to help students learn problem solving. She was a student counselor in another school and she wanted to bring out the Burbank spirit by hanging posters.

8th Grade Student Guliana has been working on making posters for recycling, student-led conferences and Halloween web grams. This advisory looks very fun.



Get to Know: Mr. Powell

By Mario Sosa and Jacob Sosa

Mr. Powell is a coordinator for Burbank. Mr. Powell started working at LBMS twelve years ago. He was working at another school, but he decided to work at Burbank for the chance to be a dean. We are lucky to have Mr. Powell at our school.



Upcoming Dates

October 19 – Student Led Conferences
October 20 – Minimum Day
October 27 – PSAT
November 10 – No School (Veterans' Day)
November 17 – Magnet Applications Due
November 20 – 24 – Thanksgiving Break

About the Burbank Bear Bugle

This newsletter was published by the students in Mr. Feinberg's 7th grade advisory. Students conducted the interviews themselves and took photos themselves using digital cameras.

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November 16, 2023 – Issue #02 Cafeteria Debuts Fresh Made Coffee Cake

By Lucca Nguyen-Perez and Mario Sosa

Have you ever wondered who is making the fresh coffee cakes? Well, we interviewed the manager of our cafeteria,



Mr. Jhonson. During the interview, we asked Mr. Jhonson about the ingredients used

in making the coffee cakes. He told us that the ingredients include wheat, cinnamon, vinegar, a fresh egg, water, brown sugar, cooking oil, and their secret coffee cake mix.

We also asked Mr. Jhonson how long he and his team have been making these coffee cakes, to which he responded, "I've been making our fresh coffee cakes for about 10 years to perfect our recipe."

Our last question was why his team wanted to make fresh coffee cakes instead of using pre-packaged ones. Mr. Jhonson's response was that he is invested in making fresh food to ensure that the cafeteria serves only the highest quality food.



"The Pride of Highland Park" Student Congress Travels to Pali Institute

By Yarezi Robles and Jayla Padilla

The congress advisory went to the Pali Institute on Monday October 30th. The Pali Institute is a wilderness camp where students can do outdoor activities and learn new skills. They did team building activities and archery.



We asked some congressmembers why they joined congress. Arianna G joined congress because she wanted to see what it was like to help the school. Alison joined congress to work on her leadership skills. Abraham said he wanted to experience Congress and see what it



was about. Jeremy said that he joined congress to help make the school better.

One of Congress's first actions was to bring back the winter dance. The winter dance will be held on December 1st. Students can buy tickets at the student store for three dollars. All grades are invited and there will be a guest DJ! Make sure to get your ticket.

Mr. Feinberg's Advisory – Y22 Get Ready for Exciting New Field Trips

By Melody Diaz and Lily Dominguez

Get ready to go places! Our Magnet coordinator Mrs. Feinberg told us about some of the exciting trips we have planned for this year. The best field trip she had planned so far was to TopGolf. There, students learned physics lessons while practicing their golf swing.



Some other upcoming field trips Mrs. Feinberg is planning are trips to Sofi Stadium, Catalina Island, and to the Pantages Theater where students will see a performance of The Grinch. She is also working on a Saturday day trip to Joshua Tree National Park.

Mrs. Feinberg says she enjoys setting up field trips because they were core memories for her when she was a student. More importantly, she says she likes to plan field trips because one of



the differences between struggle and success is opportunity. She wants

Burbank Bears to have as much opportunity as possible.

Teachers and Students Celebrate Halloween

By Yuli Fuentes, Jocelihn Vega, Sophia Cortez and Sophia Ortega-Abac

The Burbank Bugle was out at lunch on Halloween to interview students about their costumes. First, we met Lilo and Stitch! Yuliana and Lucia picked this specific costume because they wanted to match and attend the costume contest. Yuliana said she said that she likes Halloween because she likes to see everyone's costumes and, of course, she likes the candy.

Inflatable costumes were very popular this year. Evelyn dressed up as an inflatable shark. She chose this costume for fun and entered the costume contest. She said she likes Halloween because she likes to scare people for fun and she likes that we get candy for free.

Teachers also joined in on the fun. 8th grade teachers were dressed as the characters from a 1978 film called Grease. 7th grade teachers dressed as the cards from Loteria. 6th Grade teachers dressed like they were from the 80's (which many of them are).



Bike Club Explores Highland Park

By Jacob Sosa and Nathan Gamboa

Have you ever thought who is that teacher riding a bike around the Luther Burbank campus? Well, it's Ms. Haitkin. She has been writing bikes since



middle school, and she rode around campus in college.

Once she started working for Burbank, she got the opportunity to teach students how to ride bikes. Ms. Haitkin got over \$3000 of supplies donated to help start a bike program. She likes riding bikes because they give you freedom and a good work out. Sometimes people fall while riding bikes, even Ms. Haitkin. Ms. Haitkin fell on her bike because she had a loose gear.

Recently, the bike club attended Arroyofest. The City of Los Angeles shut down the 110 freeway and



allowed people to ride their bikes on the freeway. Bike club

attended and rode their bikes up and down the freeway. It was a blast!



After School Offers Enrichment Opportunities for Students

By Evelyn Dorado and Abigail Rodriguez

Beyond the Bell is an activity after school where students can play sports, do drumline, do homework or other fun activities.

Beyond the Bell is led by Coach Jon. He says he wanted to become a director at LBMS because he wanted to give back to his community that he grew up in. He



likes that in after school he can give a chance to kids to let them be themselves and let them play sports and do their homework.

Burbank Bugle Brings Back Student Journalism

By Angie Contreras and Guadalupe Martinez

This is the second edition of the Burbank Bugle. Our first newsletter went out in the middle of October. We interviewed people around campus to see how they felt about our first edition.

Ms. Gabi is a parent coordinator at LBMS. She thought the newspaper was awesome and something new that brings people together. She would like to

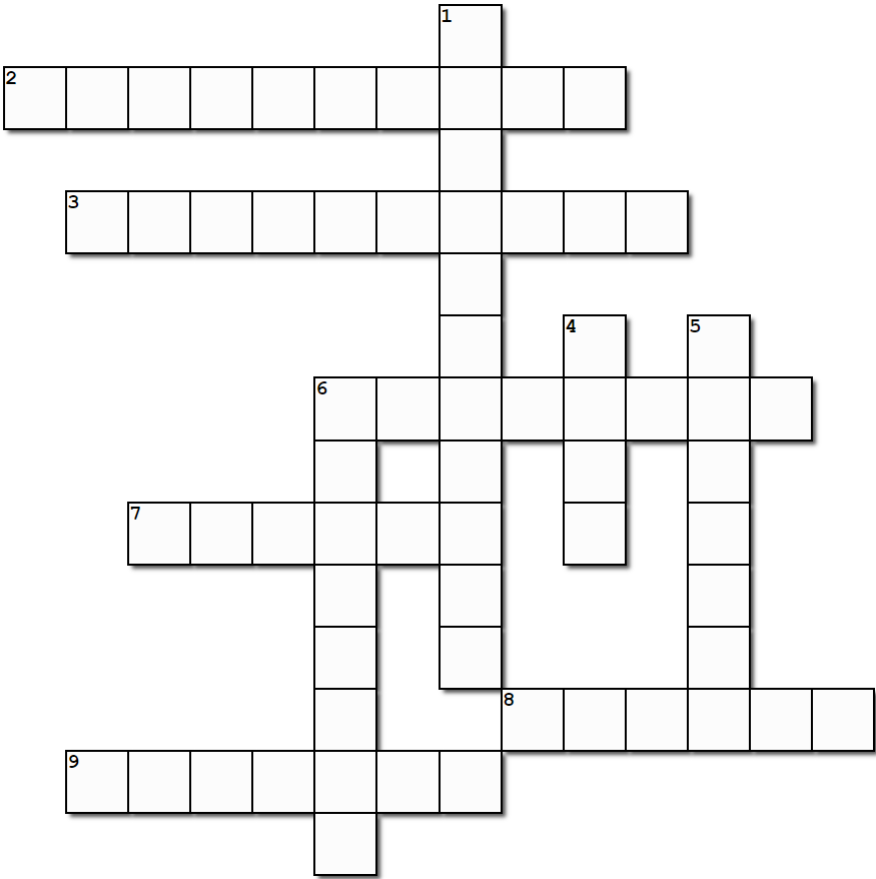


see more community events being covered and clubs after school on the newspaper. She told us that parents were surprised and thought it was nice seeing their kids in the newspaper.

English Teacher Ms. Page-Martinez said, "I thought the newspaper was really impressive, the stories were interesting and well written, and the photography was amazing!"

Crossword

Solve the clues with answers from this edition of the Burbank Bugle



Across

- 2. What national park is Mrs. Feinberg working on a field trip for?
- 3. What was the event that shut down the 110 freeway called?
- 6. What is the second ingredient in the Coffee Cake?
- 7. What movie inspired the 8th grade costumes?
- 8. Who is the LBMS parent coordinator?
- 9. What is Mrs. Feinberg's best field trip so far?

Down

- 1. Who is our Magnet Coordinator?
- 4. What is the name of the place where congress went to do archery?
- 5. What game inspired the 7th grade costumes?
- 6. Who is the leader of Beyond the Bell?

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Winter Dance

By Abigail Rodriguez and Sophia Cortez

For the first time in four years, Burbank Middle School hosted a winter dance. For the last few years, we have been unable to have a winter dance because of the Covid Pandemic.

The teacher in charge of putting together the dance was Ms. Valdivia and the congress elective. Congress passed a law that allowed us to have the dance. They went to each classroom and asked what the theme of the dance should be.

In the end, Ms. Valdivia said that she loved how the school supported it and how many students showed up. She said, “It is always fun to host the winter dance so everybody can celebrate the end of the semester.”

Setting up and planning for the winter dance took them a whole month. It also took them a month to secure the DJ (Mr. Joey) and to make sure to have awesome



decorations and volunteers. Ms. Valdivia has set up dances in fall before, but never for a winter theme. They have always been a Halloween dance. That makes this dance unique and special.

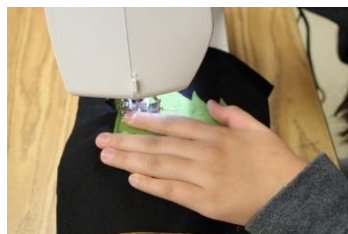
Sewing En Espanol

By Joceliñh Vega and Melody Diaz

This semester, Burbank Middle School is offering a new elective: Sewing in Spanish! We interviewed the teacher of this new elective, Ms. Salinas. She has been teaching at Luther Burbank Middle School for 3 years. Ms. Salinas already teaches a sewing advisory. They use real sewing machines to make crafts and fabrics.

We asked her why she wanted to combine sewing and Spanish. She said, “I wanted to combine my advisory and elective to get more work

done.” Ms. Salinas loves teaching Spanish and she learned how to sew from her mother, grandmother, and her aunt.



“The Pride of Highland Park” Catalina Island Trip

By Yuliana Fuentes and Sophia Ortega

Last month, Mr. Feinberg’s advisory and photography elective took a trip to Catalina Island. Students took photos and explored the island on a tour bus. Students took a tour of the casino building and got to ride a speed ferry to get to the island.

We asked Mr. Feinberg why he decided to take the photojournalism advisory and photography elective to Catalina Island. Mr. Feinberg said he wanted to take us too because when we were 5th graders, many schools has planned to take students to Catalina but couldn’t because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Mr. Feinberg also said that going to Catalina Island was a great way for students to see the rest of California and Ocean Life.

This year, the district provided enough money for schools to have more field trips as long as the field trip lasts beyond the whole school day (which is great for the students).



Meet a New Teacher: Ms. Kropff

By Angie Contreras and Evelyn Dorado

Ms. Kropff is one of our new teachers here at Luther Burbank Middle School. She teaches seventh grade English in the R building. Ms. Kropff decided to start teaching at LBMS this year because she wanted to get back in the community since she grew up in Highland Park.

She became an English teacher because she has a Master’s Degree in creative writing, and a Bachelor’s Degree in English. Ms. Kropff likes teaching English because she gets to interact with students and see how much they grow throughout the year and learn new reading and writing skills.



Mr. Feinberg’s Advisory – Y22 New Attendance Competition

By Lucca Nguyen-Perez and Jacob Sosa

Have you heard about the traveling trophy award during announcements? We interviewed Ms. Lombarski to learn more about this new idea. Ms. Lombarski says, “Attendance is important because when you are at school you get to learn at a steady pace with your peers.”



Another question we asked Ms. Lombarski was what her motivation

was to start the monthly traveling trophy awards. She responded, “I wanted to make a friendly competition for everyone to participate in.”

The first classes to win the award were Mr. Robertson’s, Ms. Bell and Ms. Sotelo’s advisories.

What rewards are in store for these winners? “The reward will be the trophy, a free dress pass, and a donut for breakfast in class.” Come to school on time and every day next month to be the next class to earn the trophy.

Bears Celebrate the Holidays in Different Ways

By Guadalupe Martinez and Yaretti Robles

The holiday season is here, and the Burbank Bugle interviewed people around campus about how they celebrate the holidays in their family.

First, we interviewed Ms. Bilovsky, a sixth-grade teacher in the A building. She is half Jewish, so she celebrates Christmas and Hanukkah. During this time, she eats Yiddish food and the recipes she uses are handed down in her family. On Hanukkah, her family eats latkes, which is a type of potato pancake prepared to celebrate Hanukkah.

My partner and I then interviewed Mr. Garcia, the 7th grade History Teacher, to learn about how his family celebrates the holidays. They celebrate Christmas by having a posada. His family celebrates by eating tamales, pozole and flan. They invite friends and family members. They would also go around the neighborhood and to people’s houses and sing.



A view from 6th Grade: What it is like to be a sixth grader at Burbank

By Mario Sosa and Nathan Gamboa

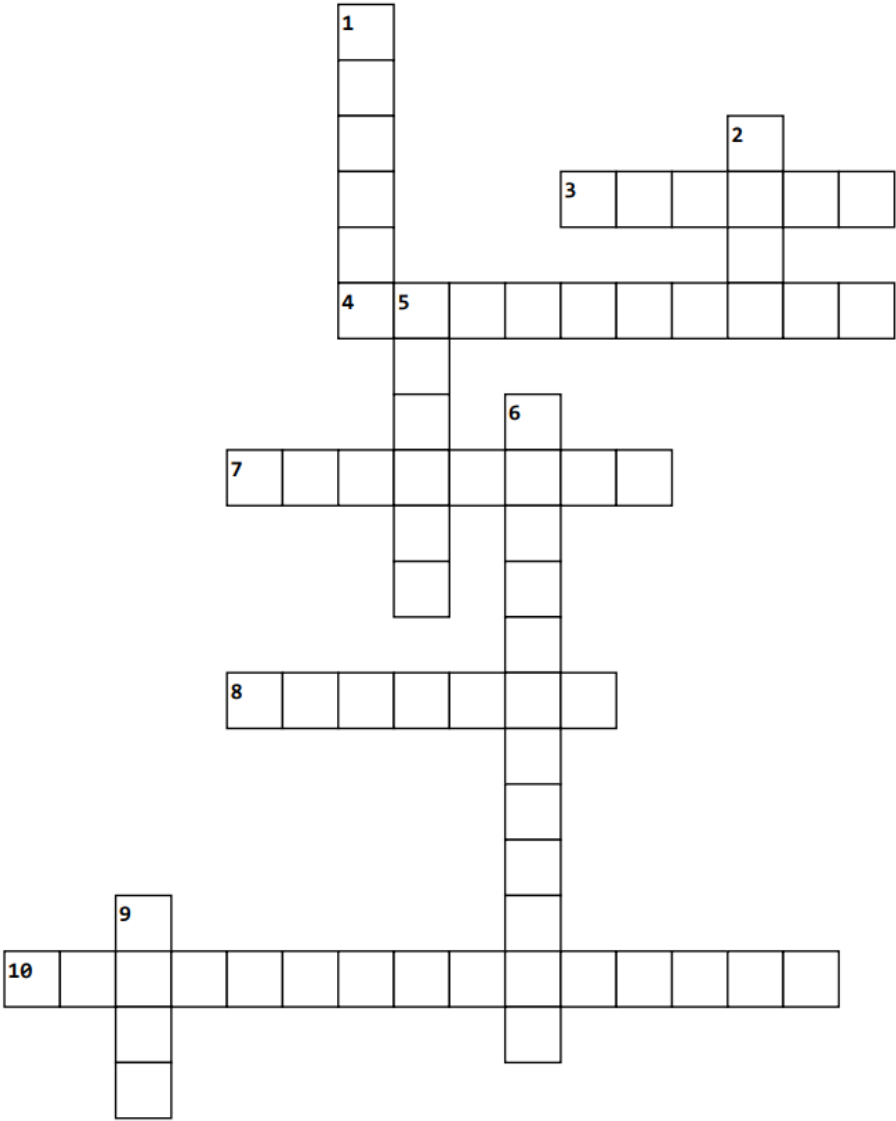
Now that they have been here a semester, we wanted to hear from 6th graders about what they think of our school. We interviewed two sixth graders and they told us a lot about themselves.

First, we asked Brandon what he likes about this school. He responded

that he likes the teachers in this school because they are nice. We also asked him if he liked the school policies. He said he likes the no bullying policy. He said that “In 5th grade I got a tour of this school. I liked it, and he wanted to come here.”

We also interviewed Khloe. She chose Burbank because her older

siblings came here. When we asked her what she likes about this school so far, she said likes the classes.



Across

- 3. The DJ for the winter dance
- 4. The mode of transportation that students traveled on to Catalina Island
- 7. The field trip destination for Mr. Feinberg's Advisory
- 8. The name of the teacher with a Sewing in Spanish elective.
- 10. The subject of Ms. Kropffs Master's Degree

Down

- 1. The potato pancake eaten on Hanukkah
- 2. The number of years since there has been a winter dance.
- 5. The way that Mr. Garcia celebrates the holidays
- 6. The neighborhood that Ms. Kropff is from.
- 9. One of the teachers whose class won the attendance award.

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February 6, 2024 – Issue #04 Drum Line Engages Students

By Evelyn Dorado and Yaretzi Robles

Have you ever wondered who coaches the drumline? Coach Jacob has been coaching drumline for 6 years at Luther Burbank Middle School. He chose to teach at LBMS because he was a student here.



Right now, there are about 20 students in the drumline. They practice 4 days a week.

Coach Jacob chooses captain and co-captains every school year and this year he chose Sofia as a captain and Eddie and Joaquin as co-captains. He chose these people as captains and co-

captains because throughout the year, the three students displayed

good leadership qualities and musicality.

Sofia said that she wanted to become a captain because she was co-captain for 2 years and improved a lot. She likes to teach younger drumline members to understand how to play.



She said that she enjoys being a captain because there are benefits and responsibility.

Drumline will have performances throughout the

second semester. Be sure to check them out.



“The Pride of Highland Park” Students Begin an Intro to Anatomy

By Abigail Rodriguez and Sophia Ortega

Burbank students are getting an opportunity to do real science! In Ms. Wohl’s anatomy elective, students will be dissecting and exploring body parts. It may sound gross, but it is how real scientists work.

Ms. Wohl’s elective is called Anatomy. Anatomy is the form and structure of the body and its parts. The course also teaches physiology, which is the function of the body and its parts.

Ms. Wohl has always been interested in the human body. When she was in middle school, she dissected her first specimen: a sheep heart. She says that was her favorite day of the school year. In college she studied human biology. This is Ms. Wohl’s fifth year teaching science.



Ms. Wohl orders her supplies for anatomy online, mostly from a company called Carolina Science, which is an online store for science teachers. The specimens they will dissect were donated so students can learn from them.

Ms. Wohl says she wanted to teach anatomy as an elective because students can learn more from hands-on activities, especially if a student wants to be a doctor, nurse or scientist. In previous years her class has dissected an earthworm, sheep eye, sheep heart and a starfish.

Ms. Wohl says that students should, “Stay curious about the human body and the world around you.”



Mr. Feinberg’s Advisory – Y22 Spring Semester Brings Many Important Events

By Lucca Nguyen-Perez

The spring semester has just started and there are already some exciting things happening soon.

Some important dates to keep in mind this semester is the 100th day of school on February 5th, Valentine's Day on February 14th, St. Patrick's Day on March 17th, a total solar eclipse on

April 8th, and April 18th, which is an open house on campus.



When interviewing Ms. Alfaro, the 7th-grade counselor, she mentioned some important dates and events happening this semester too. February 22 from 5-7 PM is Student Led Conferences, so make sure to mark it on your calendar! Come with your parent.

Another important date coming up is April 18th when families can come in and see the Luther Burbank Way during an open house. Open House is an opportunity for parents to come see learning in action.

Mrs. Feinberg, the magnet coordinator, also mentioned that on May 17th, there will be an event called the Burbank Bonanza. It will be a live performance of music and art from 5:30-7:30 PM.

There are already fun things on the horizon this semester. Stay tuned to the morning announcements for updates about these important events and dates

February 19 – President’s Day
February 22 – Student Led Conferences from 5 to 7 PM
February 29 – Leap Day
March 25 – March 29 – Spring Break
April 1 – Cesar Chavez Day
April 8 – Solar Eclipse
April 24 – Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day
May 27 – Memorial Day

Why Do Teachers Keep Coming into My Class?!

By Yuliana Fuentes

You might have noticed a group of teachers walking through your classes. Those teachers are doing walkthroughs led by Ms. Gastelum.

Ms. Gastelum has worked at this school since 2007. First, she was a librarian, and then she was an English teacher. Now, she is an assistant principal.

Ms. Gastelum said, “We are trying to get teachers to see other teachers in classes.” This allows teachers to get ideas from each other. This also helps administrators to be able to see their strengths.



Teachers try to do these walkthroughs at least once a year. Walkthroughs last

about 3 days. That means every teacher attends for 2 periods. Every teacher gets a chance to observe other classes depending on their schedule. After walkthroughs, teachers give feedback to the teachers they observed. “Every time we do these walkthroughs, teachers are impressed at the amazing work from other teachers. They are also impressed by the amazing students’ work.”

Winter Break Gives Bears Time with their Families

By Guadalupe Martinez and Sophia Cortez

Welcome back from winter break! Students did a variety of things over break. Here are some of their adventures!

Karina is a 7th grader in Luther Burbank Middle School. She celebrated Christmas in El Triunfo located in El Salvador. She celebrated her Christmas with her dad’s side of the family and with her cousins. In El Salvador, she ate special food like chicken and rice. For New Years, she celebrated with her family.

6th grader, Cynthia, said she celebrated the holidays by hanging out with her family and playing games. They played ping pong and darts for money. One special food she ate was tamales, which is a Mexican food. For New Years Eve, she celebrated with her family and cousins, and she watched the fireworks.



8th grader, BW, said they celebrated by going to Texas to see his grandparents and family that live there. For New Years, he celebrated by staying up until Midnight with his family.

W.E.B. helps students adjust to Middle School

By Leobardo Dorado

Middle school is very different from elementary school and can be very hard to adjust to. That is why Luther Burbank Middle school has WEB. WEB stands for Where Everyone Belongs.

WEB is made up of 8th graders and teachers. If you want to be in WEB in



8th grade, you can apply towards the end of 7th grade.

WEB makes the 6th graders feel welcomed into middle school. Welly, an 8th grade WEB leader said, “We teach them about middle school, and go to their classrooms and we play games with them, we play games like Kahoot and Blooket.”



Math Teacher Joins LBMS Staff

By Mario Sosa and Jacob Sosa

Did you notice that there is a new 8th grade teacher? Her name is Ms. Sheline. She just started at Luther Burbank Middle School teaching 8th grade math.



Ms. Sheline has been teaching for fifteen years. Before teaching at Burbank, she worked at one middle school and one elementary school. At first, she wanted to teach elementary school, but later she changed her mind and now is a middle school teacher.

Ms. Sheline said she came to Burbank because, “I live in Highland Park and enjoy the community”. She said she teaches math because she likes math and wants to help other



kids love math too.

Ms. Sheline has three kids. She

said, “I have one kid that is 7 and in second grade, another one is in kindergarten, and my son is 3 and in preschool.”

Meet a Teacher: Ms. Ceballos

By Liliana Dominguez

Meet Ms. Ceballos! She teaches math. She ensures her students work independently and in groups and assigns delta math for homework.



She teaches math because she loves math and says that it's a good way to get to know new students. She ensures her students work independently and in groups because they need to build confidence in their knowledge.

Ms. Ceballos assigns Delta math for homework because Delta math is a good way to practice a lot of math skills. It has many helpful videos, explanations, and examples of the problems, giving immediate answers.

Ms. Ceballos has been teaching math for 16 years now. She started teaching math because it is a beautiful subject. It helps people see the world in different ways and it's like a puzzle.

Intramural Sports bring competition to Lunchtime

By Jocelihn Vega

Get excited for Intramural Sports! The Los Angeles Unified School District implemented intramural sports to



provide kids with a fun activity during lunch. Mr. Rizo has been a part of Luther Burbank Middle School since 2011, and the intramural sports program started in the same year.

With support from the PE teachers, the teams can practice using the field and sports equipment.

Mr. Rizo said, “Intramural sports are enjoyable and require a lot of dedication.”

He uses his lunchtime to coordinate the teams. He encourages other staff members to help too, as it has a positive influence.



A 7th grader Brandon said, “I wanted to play basketball and hang out with my friends.”

Forensics Helps Police Academy Students Solve Crimes

By Angelie Contreras and Melody Diaz

Have you heard about Mr. Morse’s new forensics elective this semester?

Mr. Morse is offering forensics to 7th grade police academy students. He has been teaching police academy for 10 years. “I decided to start teaching forensics because no one wanted to and



it sounded and it ended up being fun,” Mr. Morse said.

Students will be learning about investigating crime scenes, fingerprints, collecting evidence and things that police officers do in forensics.



Mr. Morse said forensics is important because students will have the opportunity

to learn more about how it is to be a police officer if students decide to pick that as their job in the future. What Mr. Morse likes about forensics is that it is interesting to learn about fingerprints and blood splatter and how they can be used to solve crimes.

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Valentine’s Day at Burbank

Val-o-Grams Spread Some Love

By Guadalupe Martinez and Yaretzi Robles

Val-O-Grams were free this year for Burbank Bears! Mr. Lopez from congress said, “Val-o-Grams are messages to spread to friends on valentines to show them your appreciation.” He then mentioned “It comes with a piece of candy and a message that a friend sent you.”

In order to send a Val-o-Gram to your friends, students turned their messages in to congress, and congress, in turn, sent them to advisories on the morning of Valentine’s Day.

Students got to decorate it and answer some questions on the back of the Val-o-Grams

On Valentines Day, students received the letter that their friends decided to send to them with a treat and a message.

Val-o-Grams have been a part of Burbank Tradition for a long time. This year, the congress made about 500 Val-o-Grams.

Congress didn’t do this alone. They had help from Ms. Wohl, Ms. Martinez, and the parent center. They all worked together to be able to send the grams to advisories. They decided to make it free this year so everyone can get the opportunity to be sent some love.

We interviewed people that received a Val-o-gram. Hazel Navarro, an eighth grader from congress, said she got a Val-o-gram from a friend. Hazel said that the val-o-gram really touched her heart knowing her friend took the time to spread her appreciation to her.

Seventh graders Giselle Aguilar and Janelle Guerra said that one of their best friends sent them a Val-o-Gram and that they had a special message. They said that they appreciated that their friend took their time to make it and that it was very nice of them.



Students Show Spirit

Abigail Rodriguez and Sophia Ortega

Have you ever wondered what spirit week is? Or how they make spirit week.

Spirit week is when students dress up or participate in special activities. The Burbank Congress makes the plans of what to wear during spirit week. This year, on Monday it was heart day, which is when you wear clothes that has hearts on it.

Aubrey was the lead planner of spirit day. She gave ideas to the Congress to see what to do for the spirit week. They took several weeks to put the spirit week together because the Congress members had to agree on the ideas.

The members of Congress loved that the students were enjoying themselves and participated in the spirit week.

Most of the other students said they would rather dress in spirit in the spirit week so they can feel free about what to wear. Some students we interviewed said they rather dress in uniform because they wouldn’t have to be in the trouble of finding clothes.



Policy Academy wins Drill Competition

By Evelyn Dorado

The Burbank Police Academy drill team just won the LAUSD police academy competition! The drill team has 16 students from our police academy and 3 alternates. The team started to practice in December and it took about a month and half to rehearse.

In the drill competition, they compete against other middle

school. They perform a drill and a chant. A drill is a march led by a leader with precision.

Our school police officers, Officer Jimenez and Officer Aleman, coach the drill team.



Victoria, squad leader, said that she joined for fun and to help win the

competition. Lyla, the Captain, said that her parents asked her to try and her siblings were in the drill team.

Xavier, Lieutenant, one of the 7th grade students participating in drill, said that he wanted to join the drill team to clear his student hours.

Beach Day for Bears

By Angelie Contreras and Melody Diaz

Ms. Haitkin’s 8th grade PE class recently went on a water safety field trip to Marina Del Rey. On this field



trip, students learned how to do CPR, kayak, boogie board, and surf. Students did

activities such as learning to balance, put on life jackets, and learned what to do in case a riptide happens.

Ms. Haitkin said, “I think it’s important for students to go on this field trip because some students can have the opportunity to learn how to swim, since not many know how to. It was a chance for students to finally go to the beach.”

This field trip was a great time for students and had a lot of fun.



Rock Out with Mr. Rozsa

By Lucca Nguyen-Perez

Get ready to get loud with live music! Mr. Rozsa is the teacher of the rock band advisory.

Mr. Rozsa first got into music because he has been playing music since he was 5 years old. In middle school and high school he started taking up leadership roles. Eventually Mr. Rozsa found his calling to teaching music.

Mr. Rozsa enjoys teaching music because he likes seeing students make a breakthrough when playing, even if they got a slow start.



When interviewing 8th grader, Logan, he said, “I like playing music because I get to express myself with a musical instrument.” He is working on “Master of Puppets” by Metallica.

Another 8th grader, Dante, said, “I like playing music because I get to show off to people.” He also said he likes playing pop-punk.

Some bands are looking for singers for their bands. If you want to sing for any songs for a performance, let Mr. Rozsa and Mrs. Feinberg know. You might get to perform at the Luther Burbank Bonanza live!



Babies at Burbank

By Yuliana Fuentes and Sophia Cortez

It is almost springtime and there are a lot of babies arriving in the Burbank family.

You may have noticed that last semester, Ms. Wong was pregnant. During her pregnancy, Ms. Wong said her baby would tend to kick a lot, especially when she lay down. She said that one of her “cravings” during pregnancy was In-N-Out. Her daughter Violet was born on September 28th, 2023. She came two weeks early. “It was a special moment, my pregnancy was smooth.”

We also have two teachers who are currently expecting. Ms. Castro, 7th grade English Teacher, is pregnant with a baby boy. She does not know the name yet, and says “If you have any suggestions, please let me know.” Her



baby’s due date is June 9th, 2024. Ms. Castro had also said that she had felt the baby kick a few times. She does not have any cravings, though she said that she misses eating sushi.

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Students Lead Conferences

By Mario Sosa and Jacob Sosa

Have you ever wondered how student-led conferences work? We interviewed our principal, Mrs. Moore, about student-led conferences and how they work.

Mrs. Moore said we hold student led conferences, “so students have an opportunity to share goals with their parents and for parents to see what their kids are learning in class.”

She said, “not all schools have student-led conferences - most have parent conferences”. Parent conferences are just for teachers and parents, but our student-led conferences include the student so they can begin having responsibility for their grades. Mrs. Moore added, “We practice in class so students can be prepared to share with their families.”

On the day of student-led conferences, the school and parents help sell food to raise money. The money the school gets is for a fundraiser for the 8th grade activities at the end of the year.

Thinking about High School

By Jocelihn Vega and Liliana Dominguez

8th graders have been thinking about what high school they would like to attend. Ms. Acosta is the 8th-grade counselor at Luther Burbank Middle School. She has been working here for 15 years! Ms. Acosta said that most students go to Franklin because it's closer to where they live and because it's a magnet school.

Dennise wants to go to Benjamin Franklin High School. She said that her mom wants her to try going to Franklin, and that is why she chose it.

Jordynn wants to go to Eagle Rock High School. She applied for the gifted program so that she can try more challenging classes.



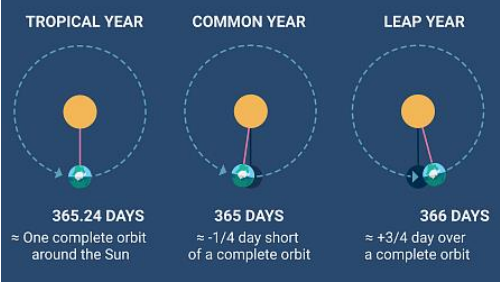
Magnet acceptances will be sent out on March 11. Can you believe that 8th graders will be high schoolers in only 12 weeks?!

Extra Day of February

By Leobardo Dorado

As you probably noticed, there was an extra day in February this year. This day was February 29th. This means that there are 366 days during this year. This is called a “Leap Year”.

Leap years happen every 4 years, so the next leap year after this year will be in 2028, and then another 2032. Why does this happen? Mr. Feinberg, an 8th grade math teacher, explained “A year is about 365.25 days long, and you cannot have a quarter of a day. Instead, we it adds up to 1 day every 4 years.” This is why we have an extra day every four years.



You may be asking, “Why do we need this extra day?” Mr. Feinberg added that if we did not have this extra day, the seasons would drift and over a long period of time, summer would begin in a different time than when it is not supposed to. This is why leap day is so important.

In addition, by adding a day every four years, we actually add a little too much time, because a day isn’t exactly 365.25 days, it is a little bit less. As a result, we occasionally have to skip the leap year. Every 100 years, we skip the leap year unless the year is evenly divisible by 400. So, we skipped the leap in the years 1800 and 1900, but not in 2000.

Babies at Burbank

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8th Grade English Teacher, Ms. Martinez, is also pregnant.



This is her first time being pregnant. Ms. Martinez is having a girl, and is planning to name her baby Isla. Ms. Martinez said that she has been kicking a lot recently in the last month. Her baby is due by April 22nd, 2024. “Apple slices with peanut butter is mostly my go to with cravings.”

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18 Bears Complete the LA Marathon

By Jayla Padilla

Who on earth would want to challenge themselves to run 26 miles?



Students Run Los Angeles, also known as SRLA, is a program for middle school and high school

students to help them train for the LA Marathon. SRLA recently ran a marathon on March 17, 2024. They ran 26.2 miles across Los Angeles.

SRLA practices Monday, Wednesday, Thursday after school, and Saturday at 8 AM. SRLA runs 3-5



miles after school during practices to help them prepare for the LA marathon. SRLA usually practices about 4 times a week. They also do

exercises like yoga to help them strengthen their legs and leg workouts to help them run long distances.

Yuliana, one of the seventh-grade students participating in SRLA, said her friends and family inspired her to join SRLA. She also wanted to earn a medal. She would like to join SRLA again next year because she said it was a wonderful experience that challenged her both physically and mentally. She also made many great memories and had fun. Yuliana said she recommended others to join SRLA because it is a strong challenge for students and makes fun memories.



State CAASPP Testing Begins Soon

By Liliana Dominguez and Jocelihn Vega

Do you ever question why we have to take state tests in Math and English?

Ms. Acosta, our 8th grade counselor, is also our testing coordinator. She said we have to take the tests because it's mandatory by the state government and it shows how each student has improved in math and English.

Testing is starting soon. Assistant Principal, Ms. Gastelum, said that testing for eighth graders is starting on May 1. For seventh and sixth graders, testing begins on May 7.

“The Pride of Highland Park”

Powell Pied at Pi Party

By Guadalupe Martinez and Yarezi Robles

Pi day was irrationally fun! Pi is a symbol that is used in math and is used for calculations that have to do with a circle. Pi is approximately 3.14, so the celebration of Pi day was on March 14 (3-14) during lunch time at the stage near the 7th grade building.

Students who memorized the most digits of Pi got to pie Mr. Powell, Mr. Joe and Mr. Taylor in the face. Safety Coordinator, Mr. Powell, got pied by Katleyn, a sixth grader, who memorized about 80 digits of Pi. Mr. Powell said he participated because it is fun to bring



laughs. Mr. Joey, our school climate advocate, got pied by Ozzy



an 8th grader.

The winner of the competition was Logan Rodriguez who recalled 86 of the digits of pi. He chose to pie Mr. Taylor, an eighth-grade math teacher. Mr. Taylor mentioned that he was pretty used to getting pied because he has done it for so many years.



are some exciting rewards. Students who come every day to take the test will receive a prize!

Even if you are not excited about testing, there

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Bears Watch the Solar Eclipse

By Lucca Nguyen-Perez

Last week, there was a unique astronomical opportunity for

students: a solar eclipse. This was the first total solar eclipse visible in the United States in seven years, which made it a special

event. The next solar eclipse visible in the United States won't occur for another 20 years!

Eighth-grade science teacher, Ms. Alton, explained that solar eclipses happen when the sun, the moon, and the Earth's orbits align, and the moon blocks the sun directly. However, in Los Angeles we only saw a partial solar eclipse since we were not in the direct path of totality.

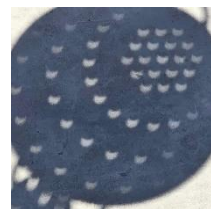
Mr. Gonzalez, another 8th-grade science teacher, mentioned that even



though we could not see the total eclipse, all students were able to view this special event using special glasses that protected their

eyes from damage.

The eclipse was also visible by using something with punctures to see the shadow of the moon covering the sun. many people used colanders, like the one seen at right.



A Visit To the LA River

By Jacob Sosa

Seventh grade recently played in the mud! They went on a field trip to the Los Angeles River. On this interactive field trip, students got to make mud balls with native seeds, looked at birds with binoculars, and built a water filter.

One student said, “My favorite



project was building a water filter with the tools of a coffee

blender, sponge, cotton balls, and tin foil.” All seventh-grade teachers will be going on the FOLAR field trip.

Bears Celebrate Springtime Holidays

The History of April Fools

By Yuliana Fuentes

We all know that April Fools is a day when people might pull pranks on other people, but have you ever wondered about the history behind it?

April Fools is on the first day of April. In the eighth century, April Fool’s Day spread throughout Britain. In Scotland, the tradition became a two-day event. It started with “hunting the gowk,” in which people were sent on phony errands. Gowk is a word for cuckoo bird, a symbol for a fool.

This was followed by Tailie Day, which involved pranks played on people’s derrieres, such as pinning fake tails or “kick me” signs on someone’s back.

Historians have also linked April Fool’s Day to festivals such as Hilaria (The Latin word for joyful). it was celebrated in ancient Rome at the end of March by the followers of the cult of Cybele. This festival involved people dressing up in disguises and mocking fellow citizens and even magistrates.

Historians believe that today’s April Fool’s Day dates to 1582. This was when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar.

We hope you had a fun and foolish April Fool’s Day!

Burbank Bugle Advisory!

An Announcement from Mr. Feinberg

Are you interested in writing for the Burbank Bugle? Make sure to sign up for the Burbank Bugle advisory next year! Burbank Bugle Reporters get to use cameras, conduct interviews, and go on field trips! Journalists grow as writers and leaders. Everything in this paper is student driven, from the topics to the final drafts. I hope to see some of you apply!

Bears Go Green for St.

Patrick’s Day

By Angie Contreras and Melody Diaz

St. Patrick’s Day recently passed so let’s see how students at Luther Burbank Middle School celebrated!

Saint Patrick’s Day is a religious and cultural holiday that is celebrated on March 17 each year following the traditional death of Saint Patrick. It is traditionally celebrated by people from Ireland and people celebrate by going to festivals and wearing green.

Seventh grader, Arianna, said she celebrates St. Patrick’s Day with her family. She celebrates this holiday by throwing a party and inviting close family members. What she likes about this Holiday is that she gets to celebrate with her family, and it is a unique holiday. St. Patrick’s Day can always be fun to celebrate.



A Passover Dinner

By Evelyn Dorado

Passover is a holiday that Jewish people celebrate. Passover is the celebration of the Jewish people escaping Egypt. It is celebrated for 8 days. Mr. Feinberg celebrates by having a special dinner called seder with his family. He has been celebrating Passover since he was young. It is so important because it’s a celebration of the freedom of Jewish people.

Easter Fun

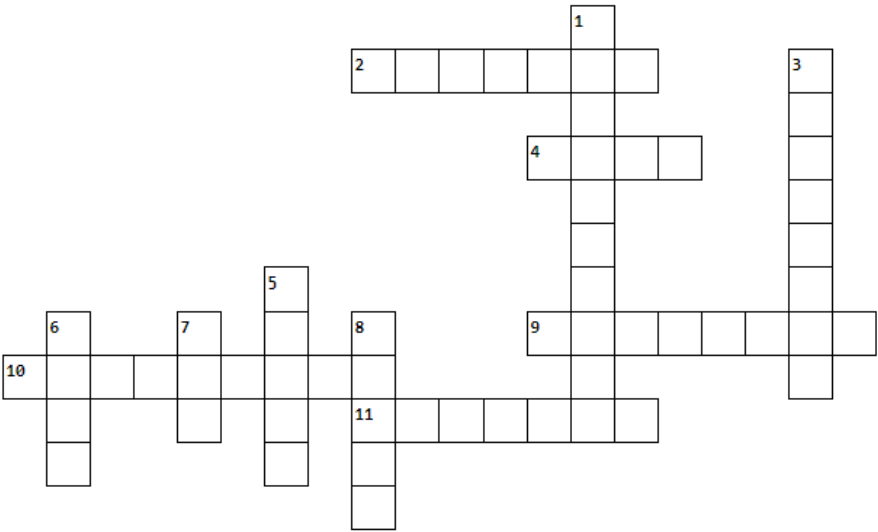
By Abigail Rodriguez and Sophia Ortega

Easter is celebrated by many Christians around the world. Christians celebrate Easter because it marks the Resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after his death of crucifixion. Although Easter is about Jesus, today, we also include a bunny as a symbol of Easter because the bunny represents fertility.

We interviewed a student from LBMS named Yaretzi Robles about how she celebrated Easter. She went to visit her aunt’s house for a feast. After the meal, they went to go hunt for eggs. The part that she likes about easter is that she collects a lot of money. She enjoys spending Easter with her family.

Another student, Lilly Rose Cruz, said she celebrated Easter by going to her aunt's house and having a scavenger hunt. She plays board games and finds the eggs. She also loves to eat the food her family provides. Her favorite memory from Easter was spending time with her family.

Yuliana Fuentes told us that she celebrated Easter by going to the park for two hours. She spent that time hiding and decorating the eggs. Her favorite memory from celebrating Easter was playing with her cousins.



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- 2. The latin word for joyful
- 4. A word meaning cuckoo bird.
- 9. This is the name for a race that lasts 26.2 miles.
- 10. Students used this tool to see the eclipse with shadows.
- 11. When the moon, the earth and the sun align, this occurs.

Down

- 1. Seventh grade students used these to look at birds.
- 3. The student who won the pi memorization contest chose to pie this teacher in the face.
- 5. The traditional dinner on passover.
- 6. One of the exercises that SRLA students do to help strengthen their legs
- 7. CAASPP testing will start in this month.
- 8. The color you wear on St. Patrick’s Day.

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Toughest Cadets

By Jayla Padilla and Liliana Dominguez

Recently, cadets from our Police Academy Magnet participated in the Toughest Cadet Alive. The Toughest Cadet Alive is a competition for all police academy students in all grades.



The Toughest Cadet Alive involves competitions like obstacle courses, a mile run, and an essay. All students that were selected for the toughest cadet competition train every day in the gym. They train by running, doing pushups, sit-ups, and practicing on our obstacle course.

Officer Jimenez said that they select one girl and one boy from each grade. Victoria, one of the sixth-grade students participating in the toughest cadet competition, said that she feels great about it being her first year as a cadet. She has won one medal so far. She said the most challenging part was running the mile. Her favorite part was the obstacle course. She agreed to be a cadet because she wanted to improve her strength.

Laniya, one of the seventh-grade participants in the Toughest Cadet Alive, said the most challenging part was also the mile. Her favorite part was also the obstacle course. She said

she signed up to be a cadet because she can build muscles and it will prepare her physically and mentally for eighth grade.

Xavier, another seventh-grade participant in the Toughest Cadet Alive, said that the most challenging part was the mile but it was also his favorite part. He won two medals. He said that he is a cadet because they selected him,



and he didn't have a choice.

“The Pride of Highland Park”

Burbank Bonanza Aims to Showcase LBMS Students

By Lucca Nguyen-Perez

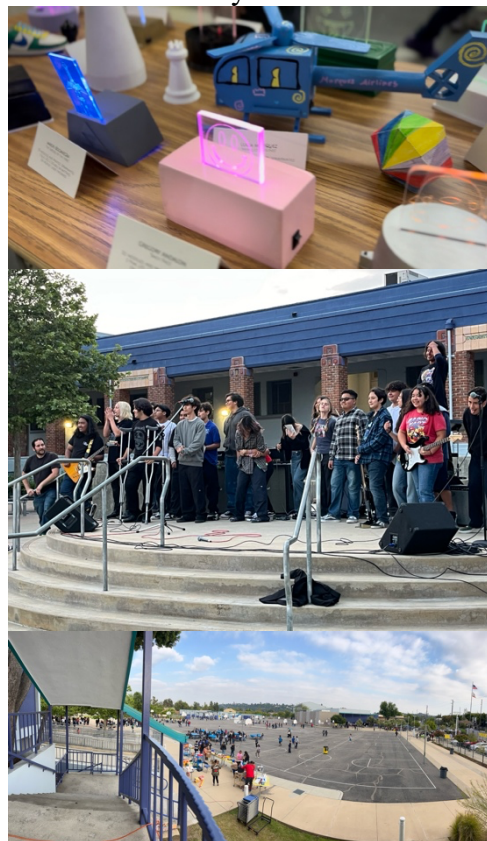
This year, Burbank held its first ever Burbank Bonanza with live performance of art and music. The Burbank Bonanza was a school-wide event but who is behind coordinating it?

Mrs. Feinberg is our magnet coordinator, one of many helping coordinate events for our school. Mrs. Feinberg, Mr. Rozsa, Ms. Roberts, Ms. Lopez, and Ms. Lombarski are just some of the amazing people who helped coordinate with setting up our school events.

Mrs. Feinberg said, “We held The Burbank Bonanza because we want to show off all of the hard work students have been working for.” Mrs. Feinberg also said, “The Burbank Bonanza is a way to give back to the community with our school.”

Rock band teacher, Mr. Rozsa, said this event will have live music played by our bears. Mr. Rozsa said that this event was an opportunity to show off student-made art, projects from maker space, and live music.

There were many other exhibits as well, including fine art, photography, and maker space projects. There were also many community resources and bicycle lessons.



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WEB Leaders Selected

By Yuliana Fuentes and Abigail Rodriguez

Recently LBMS students have been choosing some 7th grade students who will be participating and will be accepted for WEB next year. In order to be in WEB next year, the students have to submit an application and they have to be interviewed.

Ms. Alfaro said that the meaning of WEB is “Where Everyone belongs.” It is a program to help students that come to middle school. It also helps the 8th graders by having leadership and having a leadership role. The reason why you need to come to school for 2 days in the summer is because you would have to do 2 days of training and you would also have to be prepared for the 6th grade orientation.

Ms. Alfaro has been participating in WEB for 2 years, but WEB has been at our school for 6 years. To get into the WEB program, there was a three-part process. First, students had an interview. Second, WEB leaders had to use a rubric to choose the response and to see who was more enthusiastic and more committed to the program. Third, students needed a teacher recommendation. The teachers of the students would give recommendations to WEB about the students.

The number of students allowed to do WEB depends on how many students our school gets for 6th grade. This school year we can only have 58 web leaders.

Masquerade Ball

By Evelyn Dorado

The 8th graders had a formal dance on May 3, 2024. The tickets were \$15, but if students paid their dues, they got their tickets for free.

The dance started at 6:00 PM and ended at 9:00. At the dance, a caterer served tacos with a side of rice and beans. There were drinks and ice cream as well.

The theme was Masquerade Ball. There was a photo booth, and the DJ was Mr. Joey's friend.

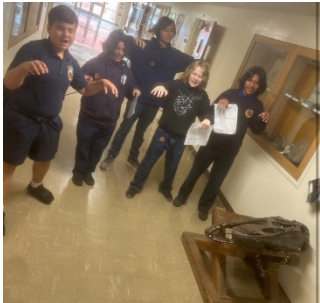


Eighth Graders Visit Colleges

By Yaretzi Robles and Guadalupe Martinez

Have you chosen what college to go to? Last month, the 8th graders visited multiple colleges to get an idea of where they want to go when they are older. Students visited 5 different colleges, some of which were private or public. Many students participated in a scavenger hunt and a tour around the college.

Zoey, who participated in the field, said she visited Cal State university Northridge. She mentioned how she had a lot of fun visiting a college and seeing a lot of people. Zoey said they “walked around looking at many buildings/tour and did a scavenger hunt around the college and almost got lost.” She also mentioned how she got to see ducks and saw a beautiful garden. Her favorite part of the field trip was being on campus with all her friends.



Glee Club Lifts Voices

By Sophia Cortez and Sophia Ortega-Abac

Calling all singers! We are here to announce a new club, Glee Club. You may wonder what Glee club is about - Glee club is a show choir where club members learn vocal techniques. In this club, no singing experience is needed to join! Glee club is weekly on Wednesday and Friday in room A106 from 3:30-5:30.



Ms. Aversano, the club advisor, says that she decided to create this club because she participated in a musical theater her whole life. Ms. Aversano also says that the thing she liked the most about this club was helping the kids find their voices. Ms. Aversano admits she's very passionate and confident about singing, but at times she still gets nervous. She wanted to add more art to our community by adding a singing club.

Million Bazillion visits Burbank

By Mario Sosa and Jacob Sosa

On May 6, all students at Burbank learned about financial literacy in a fun assembly called Million Bazillion. In the Million Bazillion assembly, teachers and students were chosen to play the game show.

Winners got pizza parties or the opportunity to pie Mr. Powell. During the assembly, students learned lessons by doing fun activities like popping a balloon with their bottom, trying to get money plushies in a sack, and trivia questions. Teachers also dressed up like piggy banks and played a game to teach students about saving money.



Calendar for 2024-2025 School Year Released

By Jocelihn Vega and Nathan Gamboa

Next year's calendar will be different so get ready for next year by updating your calendar!

8/12/24 - First Day of Instruction

8/30/24 - Admission Day (No School)

9/02/24 - Labor Day (No School)

11/11/24 -Veterans Day (No School)

11/25-29/24 - Thanksgiving Holiday

12/16/24 - 01/03/25 - Winter Break

1/20/25 - MLK Jr Day (No School)

2/17/25 – Prez Day (No School)

3/31/25 - Cesar Chavez Day (No School)

4/14-18/25 - Spring Break

4/24/25 - Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day (No School)

5/26/25 - Memorial Day

6/10/25 - Last Day of Instruction

Crossword Puzzle:

Find all the words featured in this issue of the Burbank Bugle

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Glee
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