

# The Burbank Bugle

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Mr. Feinberg’s Advisory – Y22

## 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.



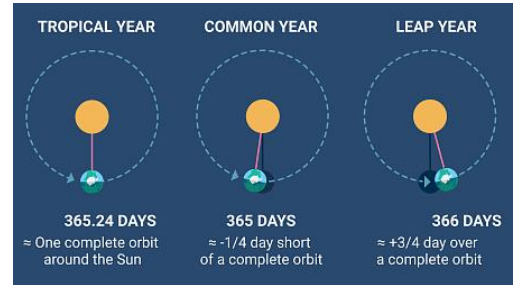
Magnet acceptances will be sent out on March 11. Can you believe that 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be high schoolers in only 12 weeks?!

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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."