

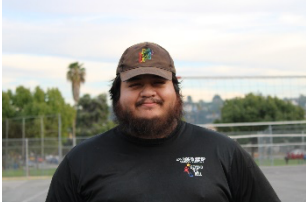
The Burbank Bugle

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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.

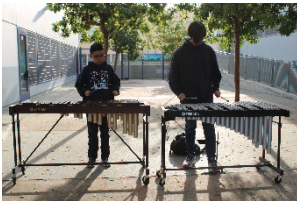
Coach Jacob chooses captain and co-captains every school year and this year he chose Sofia as a captain and Eddie and Joaquin as co-captains. He chose these people as captains and co-

captains because throughout the year, the three students displayed



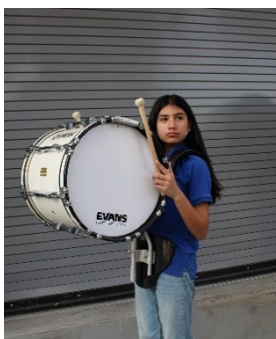
good leadership qualities and musicality.

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

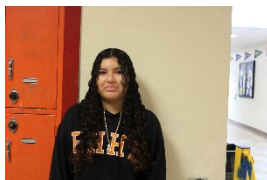
By *Guadalupe*

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.



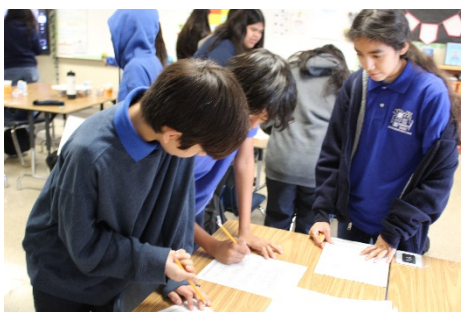
8th grader, BW, said they celebrated by going to Texas to see his grandparents and family that live there. For New Years, he celebrated by staying up until Midnight with his family.

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.