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By Madison Adams and Celeste Marroquin

Since the passing of our former nurse, Nurse Elizabeth, we have had several temporary nurses. But now, there is a new permanent nurse here at LBMS! Our new permanent nurse would like students to call her either Nurse Chia or Ms. Chia.



When asked why she likes being a nurse, she said, “[It’s] never a dull day.” and “I get to help people before they get really sick.” Nurse Chia also said, “I’m like a tough mom...but it is all for the students.”

Ms. Chia studied nursing in Los Angeles City College, as well as studying nursing online at Chamberlain University. Nurse Chia has also worked at many other Los Angeles schools before coming here to Burbank. Those schools include Franklin High School, Cortines High School, and Irving Middle School.

You may be wondering if Ms. Chia plans to do anything differently now that she is the new nurse at LBMS. She said that she does not plan to make any big changes nor plan to do anything different. We hope that she stays with us as our nurse for a long time.

Meet a Teacher: Ms. Kennedy

By Scarlett Rodriguez and Natalie Robles

Meet Ms. Kennedy. She is a Physical Education teacher at Luther Burbank Middle School. She has been a PE teacher for 2 years now. Before teaching she was assistant coach at Highland Park recreation center. She wanted to become a PE teacher to help students live a healthier life and to be introduced to new sports and activities.”

Ms. Kennedy has a life outside of teaching PE too. Something she enjoys is playing softball. She said, “I only got into softball because I would watch baseball with my family all the time. I wanted to pass down the tradition of playing softball and baseball.”



Ms. Kennedy also has a sister named Cristina. Her younger sister was a volleyball coach. “I think she just wanted to try to copy me because I’m...
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“The Pride of Highland Park” New Session of LBMS Congress Begins

By Juliana Badua and Jayla Diaz

Congress is a place for everybody! Every year congress holds an election. Students nominate themselves or are nominated by their peers. Then, every advisory votes. The election winners are placed into a special congress advisory. This is a place where you can share your opinions and thoughts on how to make the school better.



This year, congress has several new representatives and senators. Ridley Haitkin, a sixth-grade representative said, “I joined congress because of my big personality.” Another sixth-grade representative, Sloane Tam, said, “I joined because I wanted to be on the committees for dances, and make decisions.”

There are also two students in congress who are serving their third term in congress. Aubrey Gomez, 8th grade senator, and Kyle Faeldonea, 8th grade representative. Senator



Aubrey said, “I joined congress my third year being here at Burbank because it’s a good way to impact everybody positively.” Representative Kyle said, “I joined again for the third time to pursue my goals and personal ideals.”

Congress is in charge of organizing school events and writing bills on how the school can improve. Students can learn leadership skills, make big decisions, and be creative. They organize student dances, val-o-grams and hall-o-grams, teacher gifts, and spirit days.



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...her older sister and she wants to be like me because I’m awesome.” Her sister stopped coaching volleyball because she has a baby on the way!

Ms. Kennedy is so excited to have a baby nephew. “I plan to get him into baseball immediately just to continue the tradition.”

Some other hobbies Ms. Kennedy has are taking long naps, listening to music and hanging out with her friends.

Mr. Feinberg’s Advisory – Y22 Police Academy Hold Annual Iron Cadet

By Dominick Reyes and Sophia Ramirez

The Iron Cadet is a contest that the Police Academy does every year. The Iron Cadet is a challenging race that cadets do to prove to themselves and their leaders that they are ready for the future. If you’re in the Police Academy, you have the option to participate in the race. The Iron Cadet contest tests cadet’s mental and physical strength.



“This is a tradition that started at our school,” said Officer Jimenez. Laura, a 7th grade cadet, explained some of the activities. “One of the activities is a relay



race where we stack cones. We take the little cones and put them on the big cones. Then, we have to jump over

bars and lift weights to continue the race.”

You cannot pass or fail the race, it’s only timed. They also check your heart rate throughout the race. Some of the other activities include, sit ups, pushups, cariocas, pulling a giant foam dummy, and jumping over a foam cube. At the finish line, they call time to finish the race. There is also a part where they have to answer academic questions.

The students that got first, second, and third for the fastest run time from the boys and girls groups get a medal.



Teachers Team Up for Halloween

By Mia Saldana and Kaylye Lopez

Every year we have a Halloween costume contest, but how do the teachers come up with new costumes every year? They dress up in groups; every grade gets their theme. This year, the 6th grade teachers were Harry Potter characters, the 7th grade teachers were Beetlejuice characters, and the 8th grade teachers were Disney villains. The PSWs and PSA dressed up as the characters from Inside Out.



The counselors, Ms. Acosta, Ms. Harper, and Ms. Alfaro get together with their grade each year and decide what they want to be for Halloween. They are not in charge of the costumes, but Ms. Acosta said, “We like working with the team we’re with that year.” They start to decide their costumes



before school even starts! This is so they don’t have to worry about deciding at the last second. There were a few suggestions for 8th grade teachers like Shrek and the Minions, but they chose the Disney villains instead.

But how did they decide on this



idea? This year Ms. Acosta is with the 6th grade teachers, and she said that they used a google poll to decide which



costume they would choose. There are also no repeat costumes. Ms. Acosta also told us that when a teacher doesn’t know what to do for their costume, all the other teachers in their grade help them out in any way they can.



Students Enjoy Halloween Festivities

By Yamilet Lopez-Zavala and Lexie Cobarrubias

Every year on Halloween we have a costume contest during lunch. The categories are Scariest Costume, Cutest Costume, Most Creative Costume, Group Costume, Literary Character, Best Make-Up, Funniest Costume, and Punniest Costume. The winners of the contest won a Free Dress Pass for Friday, November 1st. The costume rules were that costumes should not demean any person or group based on age, sex, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation. There are no weapons or replicas of weapons allowed.

A sixth grader named Charlotte was dressed as Shohei Ohtani. She said, “I dressed up as Ohtani because I love the Dodgers. He’s also my favorite player. I’m glad they won the World Series.” Another sixth grader, Rebecca Nieto, dressed as My Melody, a Sanrio character. She said, “I am My Melody this year because I love Sanrio. Me and my trio decided to be My Melody, Hello Kitty, and Kuromi.”



Looking for More Lunch Time Fun

By Bryden Landberg

During lunch right now, there are some fun activities such as basketball, soccer, flag football and GSA. But what if there were even more activities!? Mrs. Feinberg is thinking of adding some lunchtime activities to the agenda. So far, the school is thinking of adding “Giant Jenga, bean bag toss, and maybe even a Turkey Trot versus a robot!” According to Mrs. Feinberg, “We hope to have these activities in play by Thanksgiving, but it’s up to Congress.”

Seventh grader Janelle suggested, “We could do a Lego club during lunch.” She also said that a Theater Club would be a good activity during lunch. Seventh grader Melissa said that she had no ideas for lunchtime activities, and that she didn’t know what activities that she would want to see more often during lunch.

What activities do you think we should have at lunch? If you have ideas, tell Mrs. Feinberg at Lunch. You can find her by the Music Classroom.

New After School Activities

By Miranda Lopez Moya and Jocelyn Diaz

Are you bored after school? You should join our new after-school activities! Burbank Middle School is offering new and different activities for students like Mock Trial and Hip-Hop dance. There are also other new activities coming.

Mrs. Feinberg, our magnet coordinator, is asking for opinions on the after-school program. Thanks to recommendations, there is a new activity to learn sewing.

Eighth grader Yuliana Segura said, “In Mock Trial we pick a topic, and have two sides of topics, then we pick lawyers for both sides to argue for their clients.” She enjoys Mock Trial because, “I like arguing and it’s funny.”

Mrs. Feinberg said, “We offer a great variety in Beyond the Bell and I think we can always do more.” Mrs. Feinberg also said, “According to a survey, students wanted more dance and art.” She said, “we used the Cultural Arts Passport funding to bring more and new after school programming to our school.”