

The Burbank Bugle

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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 Jocelihn 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

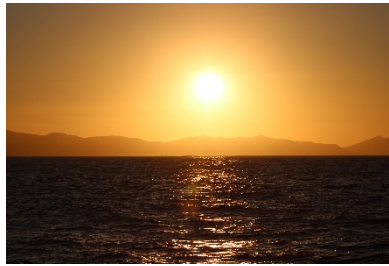
By Yuliana Fuentes and Sophia Ortega

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 had 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).

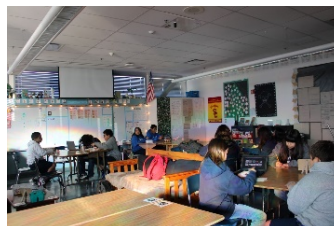


Meet a New Teacher: Ms. Kropff

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 Yarezi 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

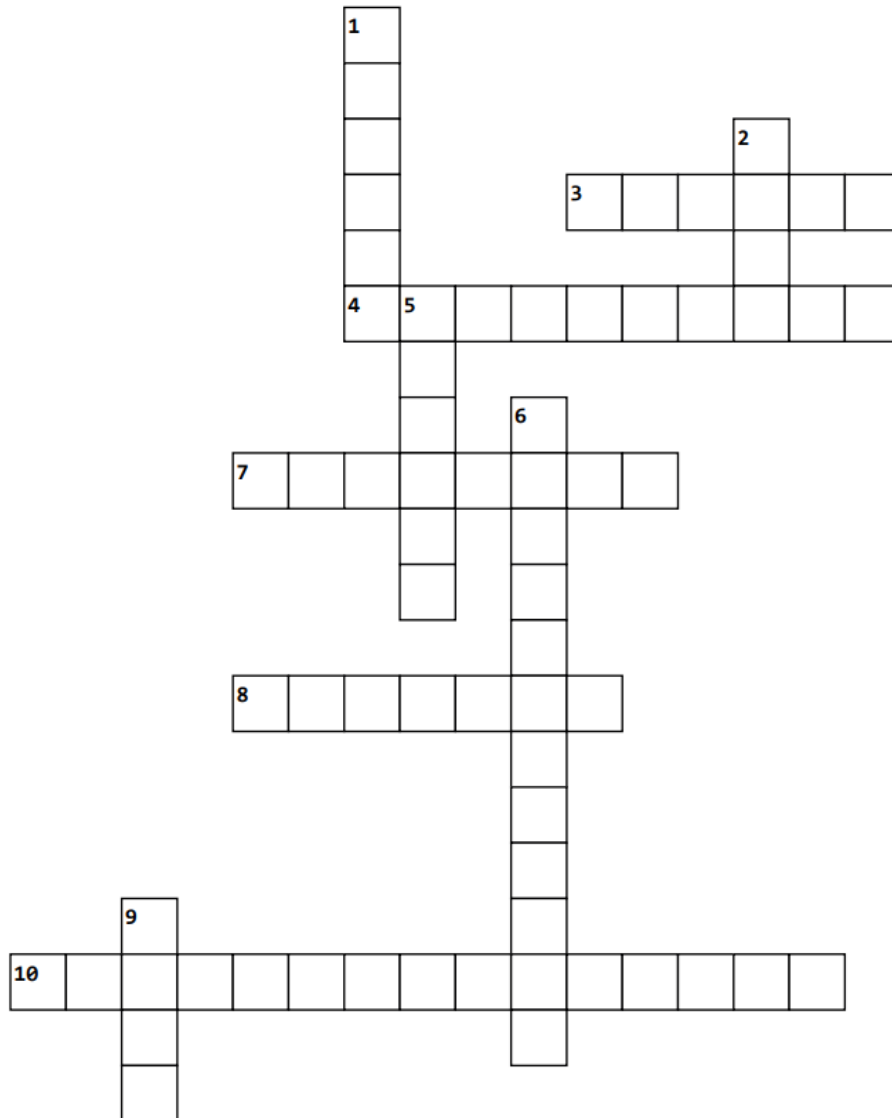
Now that they have been here a semester, we wanted to hear from 6th graders about what they think of our school. We interviewed two sixth graders and they told us a lot about themselves.

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.