

Long Beach Parent Newsletter

The Mid-Month Lion's Roar

Student & Staff Highlights Edition

March 15, 2023

Welcome to the middle of March! As we have recently turned the clocks ahead, we are seeing more sunlight at the end of our days. We are also hoping that our temperatures will warm up, and we will happily welcome Spring to the area. A friendly reminder that our students will have Spring Break the week of March 27th - 31st, with students returning on Monday, April 3rd. We also have a few days off the week we return - Tuesday, April 4th - Institute Day (no student attendance), Friday, April 7th & Monday, April 10th - No School, District Closed.

Here are some fun things that are coming up or have taken place here at Long Beach over the past few weeks.

After School Reading Club - Long Beach's Reading Club for fourth and fifth graders will meet from 4:00-5:00 p.m. beginning March 21st and ending May 24th. We will be reading and discussing a selection of Bluestem Award-winning books. You may ask Mrs. Albrecht or your child's classroom teacher for a permission slip. Permission slips are due on Friday, March 17. Mrs. Albrecht can be reached at malbrecht@sd308.org with any questions you may have.

Are You Smarter Than a Long Beach Lion? - We are hosting a family event on Tuesday, March 21st - Team Trivia! Doors will open at 5:30 pm, the trivia will start promptly at 6:00, so make sure you and your team are here ready to go by 6:00. A few reminders:

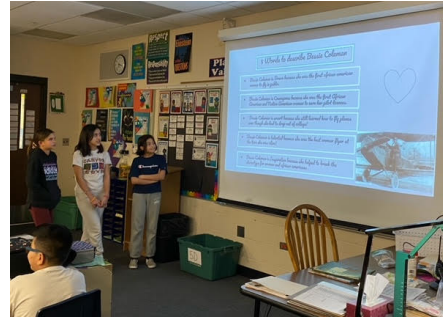
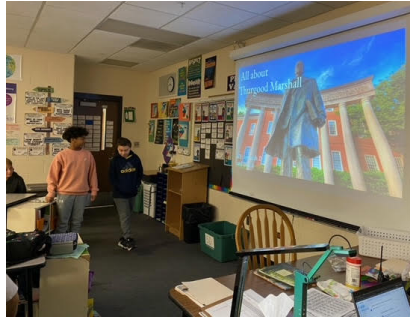
- Enter in the back of the building, door #17 by the gym
- When you arrive, please have your team name ready so we can add you to the list
- Concessions will be available for purchase

Kindergarten Registration - If you missed the Kindergarten Registration that was previously offered, the district has scheduled a "make-up" date - April 12th from 9:30-11:30 and 3:30-6:00. Additional information regarding kindergarten registration can be found at <https://www.sd308.org/Page/26707>

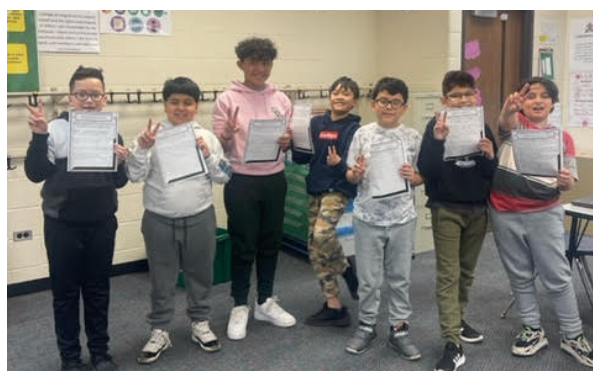
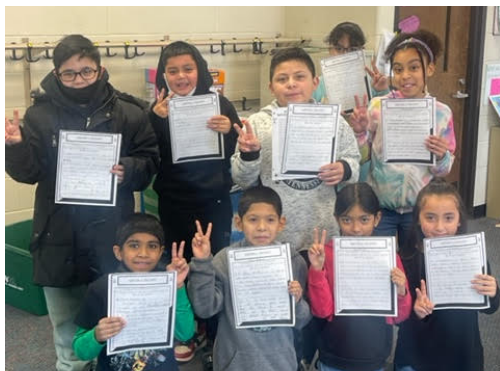
After School Sports ~ 4th Quarter is in the planning stages, and information just recently went out. Due to space constraints the first 60 to return will be accepted. Thanks to Mr. Carstensen and Mr. Cavello for supporting this awesome opportunity for our 4th & 5th grade students. We just finished our 3rd Quarter sport - Matball!

Students in Action ~ The following pictures show Long Beach students in action.

5th Grade students sharing Black History Month slide presentations on a person that each group would like to learn more about. Students also created a “display card” for each person, including 5 adjectives to describe them.



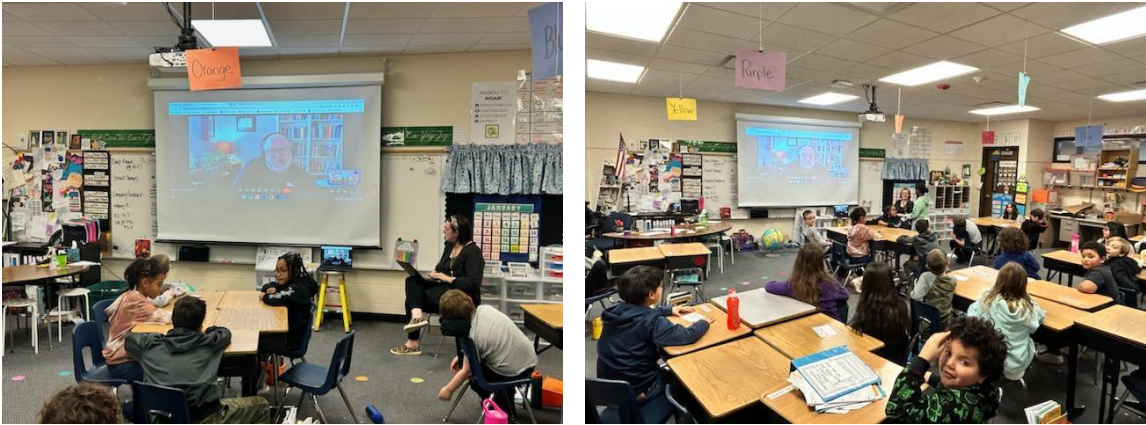
EL students shared their “Peacemakers” projects as part of Black History Month after reading “Smoky Night” and writing about how they can be peacemakers in our community.



Our 1st & 4th Grade Reading Buddies - sharing stories with each other



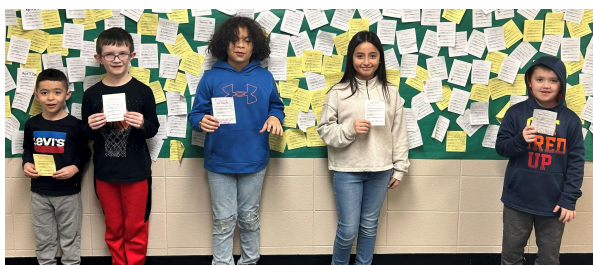
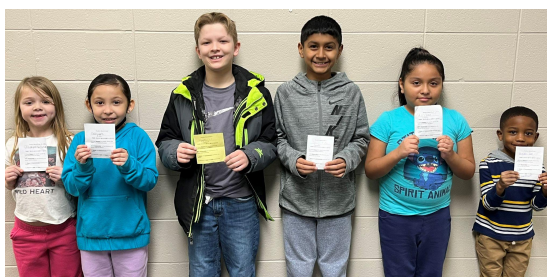
Our 3rd grade students doing a virtual interview with Mrs. Basic's dad on "moving"



A few of our GE Math students shared their DIY foaming soap, made with Math.



PAWS Winners - PAWS is a program that we started at Long Beach several years ago. PAWS stands for Positive Actions While in School. As students are observed following one of our 4 behavior expectations - Showing **Respect** for myself, and for the rights and property of others; Being **Responsible** for my behaviors, my words and my choices; **Sharing** and **Communicating** positively with others; and Maintaining a **Safe** and **Clean** environment - they are awarded a PAW from a staff members, and names are drawn weekly to receive recognition over the morning announcements. Here are our last 4 weeks worth of winners ~



February Students of the Month ~ Congratulations to the following students who were selected as our February Students of the Month:

5th Grade - Daniela Anemone

4th Grade - Rylie DeKnight

3rd Grade - Aliyan Khan

2nd Grade - Gio Catizone

1st Grade - Randy Del Rio

Kindergarten - Juan Lucio

Early Childhood - Katerina Neal



These students were honored at our March 9th Home & School Meeting, as well as received a pizza lunch on Friday, March 10th with the teacher that nominated them. During the Home & School meeting students receive a certificate with the message written from their nominating teacher, as well as a Student of the Month special pin.

Share a Smile ~ We have so many staff that are doing amazing things for our Long Beach students! Everyone needs a smile from time to time, or a pat on the back, or just a note to feel they are seen or recognized for the work they are doing. I would encourage you to fill out this "Share A Smile" form to give a positive boost to a staff member that you feel has been doing a great job - it only takes a minute. Here is the link ~ [Share A Smile](#)

Long Beach Mission ~ *Work together to inspire learning and creativity within a caring and positive environment*