

# The Paw Print



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## Principal Message

Mr. Michael Ota

Biola-Pershing Elementary School is innovating new strategies for our students to be prepared for the global workforce that will pave the way for individual success. Our teaching staff is constantly researching multiple ways to integrate technology in fulfilling curriculum requirements. I would like to invite you into our classrooms to experience the learning that takes place with your child, the teacher, and technology. An open invitation to all parents to come into the classroom to view how education has changed to prepare our children for the future. At Biola Elementary we want to change the look of teaching and learning for the entire community.

## Parent Center

I would like to welcome all parents to visit our Parent Engagement Center next to the cafeteria. The Parent Engagement Center allows all parents to use technology to access their children's curriculum, gather information regarding our schools in Central Unified School District, and access the progress of their child's performance in school by using Parent Portal.

## Career Ready

Thank you parents for having your children in their seats when the bell rings. We are open for breakfast at 7:55AM to 8:20AM to allow your children to take their time to eat and get to class by 8:25AM. We are preparing your child.

## GATE students

Referral for testing and evaluation for the Gifted and Talented Education is now available for parents, teachers, or staff to refer kids for GATE. Please see Lupe Chavez at the front desk. We will be screening all First Grade students at Biola on December 1st.

## Say No to Drugs

Last Friday we kicked off Red Ribbon Week for our students. Mrs. Efseaff planned out a beautiful rally with Sherriff Smith and a Company where dogs can detect drugs. The students got involved with Dress up week to fight drugs and took part in the Jog a Thon to run away from drugs. Fresno Sherriff Department and Mr. Klein donated bikes for incentive give away. We will put a drawing for the winners on Friday at our Award Assembly for Student of the Month.

## New Eligibility

Biola students love athletic events. But we want to stress that being a scholar in classrooms valued much more for our students. We are implementing an eligibility program for our entire extracurricular programs. Parents if you receive a letter in the mailbox that explain that your child is ineligible due to not meeting the 2.0 GPA requirement the student will be placed on academic probation but has a chance to build their grade up. We value sports, orchestra, music choir and dance yet their academic performance is much more valuable.



## District Champ

Congratulations to 4th grade Cross Country Runner Juan Vargas. He is Biola Elementary only District II Champion. Juan has tremendous potential to become Biola's first three time Champion.

## Athletics

Biola had a great turnout for Fall Sports in 2016. We increased our number by 25% participation. Mr. Finocchio had a great turnout with his team. Volleyball missed qualifying for the playoffs by one game. The girls had a great season under Coach Koop. Football took place at Biola for the first time in a decade. Coach Ponce led 19 football players and recorded two wins for the first year.

This year we started our first evening award ceremony for our parents. We had a great turnout in honor of our athletes. This year we started a Jaguar Award where the 6th grade athlete is recognized for Athletics, Academics, and Attitude. Congratulations to the following Student/Athlete:

Sofia Escandon -Girls XC

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wrestling Season begins at the Center	11/1
Minimum Day	11/2
Student of the Month Assembly	11/4
Election Day	11/8
Minimum Day	11/9
Veteran's Day Celebration @ Biola Cafeteria	11/10
Veteran's Day No School	11/11
Minimum Day	11/16
Wrestling at Tilley Elementary @2:45	11/18
Saturday School	11/19
Robotics Competition @ Glacier	11/19
Thanksgiving Break	11/21-27
Parent Coffee Hour @ 8:45	11/29

## BIOLA'S COMMUNITY CORNER

*Thank you to all the families who took part in our first annual Trunk or Treat held with the ASP Haunted House. We wanted to bring school to community. Hope you will join in the festivities for our children in the community for next year's Halloween.*