

# The Paw Print



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## Principal Message

Mr. Michael Ota

Four more months to the end of school and summer will soon approach us. Please use each evening to set up quality time for your children to designate for homework and set little goals for their reading by June. Take time and spend each evening with your child to improve on Math, ELA, and Reading

Have your child work on their math facts. Kindergarten could count by ones, twos, fives, and tens. First and Second graders should work on their adding and subtracting. Third through Sixth should master multiplication and division. By practicing math facts at home allows children to solve word problems at school and apply critical thinking skills in all subject areas. Please feel free to contact me for further support for your children's learning. You are always welcome to come and visit, telephone, or email me.

## Campus Safety

When parents drop children off for school every day, we want to assure them that they will be safe. Each month we practice our mandated fire drills at each time of the day so we practice procedures for various situation. Two times a semester we practice our Run, Hide, and Fight school lockdowns so our students are safe during a crisis that takes place from the neighborhood. We practice earthquake drills once every semester because we live in California close to the fault line. Every day we practice Jag Four and that is to be safe and responsible. If an emergency occurs on campus, we will keep parents updated by phone and text, so please keep all phone lines free from calling the school.

## Science Fair

Congratulations to all the Biola Elementary participants in the 35th Annual Central Unified School District Science and Engineer Fair. Biola Elementary School was well represented and has once again competed among the best among the district. Out of 14 elementary schools, only 4 schools received awards. Congratulations to Victoria Flores for earning 3rd place medal in the Elementary School Division. Thank you Ms. Turner for coordinating the Science Fair exhibits for Biola Elementary School.

## Athletic Dept.

Athletics is not always about wins and losses. Yes that is the goal of each athlete to compete for victory, but being engaged with school through extracurricular activity makes school relevant. Currently boy's and girls basketball, Cheerleading, and Track we have 63 students participating in athletics. The students have to meet academic requirement by the Athletic Director before being cleared to participate

## Science Olympiad

Please stay current with our Science Olympiad Event on our website for Biola Elementary. Mr. Finocchio and Mrs. Escandon are preparing our students for high level competition in April. We encourage parents to take part and assist your child. Our goal is to fulfill two teams from Biola. It is not to late to join please contact Mr. Finocchio at the school.

## Curriculum

**Smarter Balanced Testing** will take place in April when we return from Spring Break. We are arranging a positive environment with breakfast snacks offered to the students in the classroom for all 3-6 grades

**Physical Fitness Testing** will take place after SBAC testing. The students are preparing for the test in PE classes for K-6 grade. The students will be assessed on Cardiovascular, Strength, and Flexibility. Our 5th grade class is preparing for the assessments daily in Ms. Turners class.

**Literacy** takes place in all classes as our students are focusing on Guided Reading and writing using "Thinking Maps" in all classrooms

## Parent Calls

At school our students follow the JAG four. They follow a code of Respectful, Responsibility, Safety, and Always strive for excellence. Our goal is to carry these four traits at home, to and from school, and at school, to prepare our children to be career ready graduates in the Biola Community. Our mindset on campus is to correct incidents rather than rely on punishment. Our staff will continue to update parents with phone calls to communicate what negative actions took place with your child. The call is not to tell parents that their child is bad, but the negative action took place in class that day and how it was corrected. Providing parents with feedback is important to provide a positive and safe learning environment.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Read Across America Activity "Wocket in Pocket" 3/1

Kopi will be on campus to read and video our students 3/1

Read Across America Activity "Crazy Hat" 3/2

Guest readers will visit the classrooms to read 3/2

Read Across America Activity "Twin Day" 3/3

Boy's & Girl's BBall and track at Herndon Barstow 3/3

ELAC/SSC meeting at 3:15PM in Parent Engagement Center 3/9

Student of the Month Assembly @ 10:40AM 3/10

Parent Conference Week. Minimum Day all week 3/13-3/17

Farm and Nutrition Day 3rd Grade learning trip. 3/17

Basketball @ Sa-royan Elem 2:45PM 3/21

CUSD Basketball Championships TBA 3/24

Saturday School at 8:00AM - 12:00PM 3/25

Biola Winter Sports Banquet at 6:00PM 3/27

Parent Coffee Hour @8:35AM in Parent Engagement Center 3/28