

# The Paw Print



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## Principal Message

Mr. Michael Ota

Biola-Pershing Elementary School will be receiving their Bronze Award for Alliance for Healthier Generations School. We are very proud to be the second school in Central Unified School District to receive this honor for 2016. Biola has set up positive factors to be an award winning school such as providing students with Local Wellness Policies, Increase in Active School recess acknowledged by Michelle Obama. Free access to refrigerated water faucets (thank you Board member Mr. Dawar), Nutritional Dietary Requirement for cafeteria, and eliminating classroom parties with sugary and salty dietary intake, and increase in student participation in extra-curricular activity. I am proud of accepting this National Award for Biola Pershing Elementary School.



## Parent Center

I would like to welcome all parents to visit our Parent Engagement Center next to the cafeteria. The Center allows all parents to join our staff every last Tuesday of the Month. During this meeting it is our goal to have parents join us in engaging conversation regarding your child's education.



## Biola Robotics

Biola Elementary School competed in the CUSD Lego Robotics qualifier held at Glacier Point Middle School. Our team members programed robots, did an oral presentation, but most important they competed against schools throughout California.

## New Eligibility

Biola Elementary introduced our new academic eligibility program out for the 1st quarter and our students performed well academically. We only had 6 students who were ineligible to take part in extra-curricular activity. Of the six students, four have raised their grades back above the 2.0 GPA. We are making sure our students are making the grade.

## Winter Program

Our Children are practicing for our evening Winter Holiday Program on Thursday December 15th. Our Biola Band and Choir will be performing along with K-6 classes. This evening will be exciting for all the students, parents, and family members. 5:30PM for Kindergarten through Third Grade. 6:30PM for Band, Choir, Fourth through Sixth Grade class performance.

## Award Assembly

Congratulations to the following students for being awarded for Citizenship:

Ty Jackson

Leah Gonzalez

Briceidy Mendez Lopez

Jayleen Arreguin

Isidro Cruz

Isabel Silva

Aliyah Medina

Victoria Flores

Raquel Colmenares



## Fresno State

Biola Elementary School attends Fresno State during Thanksgiving Break. The students and their parents took advantage of a college/family day at the university. They attended a class, tour the Ag department, tour the dorms, lunch at dinning hall, and even went bowling with their parents. It was an educational and fun activity.



Congratulations to Ms. Turner and our 2016 Spirit Squad for their performance in front of over 200 spectators at the Central Unified School Cheerleading Showcase.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Biola Sting Orch performance	12/1
Wrestling at Steinbeck Elementary	12/2
Wrestling Tourney at Rio Vista	12/3
Central Cheer Spirit Night	12/5
Minimum Day	12/7
Wrestling vs. Hern- don Barstow	12/9
Minimum Day	12/14
Winter Performance @ 5:30PM	12/15
Breakfast with Santa Claus 7:45am	12/16
Winter Performance for classrooms	12/16
Wrestling vs. Madison Elementary	12/16
Holiday Joy @ God's Church	12/17
Winter Break	12/19 -1/9

## BIOLA'S COMMUNITY CORNER

*Thank you to Yanet Gallegos and Mr. Phillip Cervantes for coordination of Toys for Tot's. This event is a great way of giving for our children at Biola.*