

# Spectrum Long Beach Campus News

December 2020

## Message from the Director

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As COVID cases are rising in Los Angeles County it brings additional anxiety and concern for the safety, and well being of our students, families and staff. I understand these have not been easy months, but I thank you again for entrusting Spectrum with the care and education of your child.

Our staff are committed to supporting the needs of every student while still finding holiday cheer to spread throughout our virtual classrooms. Many times the holidays become increasingly challenging for our students due to past trauma, therefore I encourage parents to stay connected and utilize our behavior specialists and counselors if needed. I would like our students to end their first semester strong as it is only six weeks away.

I wish you all a safe and happy *Holiday Season and New Year!*

*Brenda Donabedian*

Interim Director  
Curriculum & Instruction Specialist



## Public Health Announcement

If you have a child in **Kinder** or **7<sup>th</sup> grade**, they will need updated vaccination records in January.

\*It may be helpful to book their appointment now\*



## Counselor Corner

Please join me in welcoming our new licensed counselor Amy Tanner- Neely. She is a fabulous addition to Spectrum Long Beach and Lindbergh Middle School. We are thrilled to have her!

## ABA Empowering Families

Mr. Josh, our SBA wanted to take a minute to share some basic strategies to use with your children during this time. A comprehensive list has been included for your review.

- *Create a schedule*
- *Have rules established*
- *Use simple teaching strategies*
- *Motivate your child*
- *Practice life skills*



# *Holiday Fun is Everywhere!*



## *MacArthur Elementary*

Holiday excitement is in the air. Both classrooms have created an advent calendar spectacular. Each day a name will be drawn, and a very special student will receive a gift if they have participated in all their lessons for the day. Gifts will be delivered on 12/17.

Room 26 will be hosting a breakfast club on 12/3, 12/10 & 12/17. Students can log in to start your day out right and enjoy some socialization.

Don't miss out on learning how candy canes are made. Students will be making their very own crystal candy canes in science.

## *Lakewood High School*

**Our high school students are busy building personalized gifts to share with their families. There is nothing better than to learn the art of giving. They will be joining their "Spectrum Buddies" to other countries as they also learn about holiday traditions.**

**They will also be going back in time as they study American history and how traditions began in their own country.**

**Don't miss out on any holiday fun on 12/18. Make sure to wear your "Ugly Christmas Sweater" .**

## *Lindbergh Middle School*

It's hard to keep up with the students at Lindbergh. They will be participating in festive activities to develop their geometry skills in room 56 by building their very own gingerbread house. They will be putting their math skills to the test and probably their patience too.

Room 55 is spreading holiday cheer beginning next week when the students will be making a holiday wreath to spread hope to their own household. They will be studying a very famous storyteller, Charles Dickens and developing their own story to present to the class. The last week.

Don't forget on 12/18 there is an ugly sweater contest with more holiday cheer for students with good attendance!

## *Hoover Middle School*

Hoover students are jet setting around the globe as they study holiday traditions around the world. They may even stop in Germany and Mexico.

They will participate in more holiday excitement while playing games and working on their math skills.

Don't forget good attendance allows students to watch a very special movie with their classmates. And participate with their "Spectrum Buddies"



# School resumes online on 1/4/2021

*At the close of another year, we gratefully pause to wish you a warm and happy Holiday Season.*

*-Spectrum Long Beach*

