



The Lynn Legend

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A message from our PTSA President...

As we begin our second semester, I'd like to thank everyone who donated to our Direct Donation Fundraiser. We exceeded our goal of \$24,000! We've been able to provide much support and needed supplies with your generous donations. If you'd like to donate or join the Bert Lynn PTSA, it's never too late! The forms are in the office.

I would also like to thank all the Bert Lynn volunteers! Bert Lynn is able to offer great programs such as Adventures in Art, Student Recognition (Honor Roll Parties), 6th Grade Science Day, 7th Grade Renaissance Day and 8th Grade Promotion Activities because of our wonderful volunteers. The PTSA will be honoring a few of our wonderful volunteers and teachers at our next PTSA Association Meeting on February 26th beginning at 6:00. We will also be honoring our Reflections winners and listening to the Jazz Band performance.

Our annual paper drive is going on now! A raffle ticket will be given for each ream brought in. If a case (10 reams) is brought in, 12 raffle tickets will be given. Maybe your student will be one of the winners of a new tablet! There are ways to sabotage certain classes with reams of colored paper and pizza party prizes as well. Join in the fun and donate paper today!

Our 8th Grade vs. Faculty & Staff Volleyball Game will be March 18th at West High School. The event is a great family night out with raffle items to win and a snack bar full of delicious pizza and treats! Come cheer on your favorite BLMS staff member or student team! More information will be sent out as we get closer to the event.

Continue reading our newsletter for more Bert Lynn happenings.

Cheri Lowe
President, Bert Lynn PTSA

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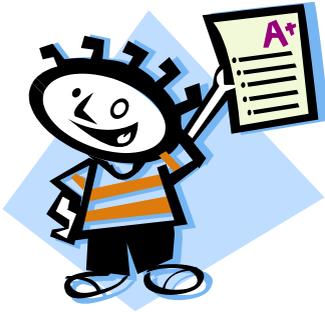
Important Dates

Principal: LeRoy Jackson
Asst. Principal: Lynn Bedrosian

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Principal's Message...



Second Quarter Grades Reviewed

With less than 80 instructional days to go, we have crossed the halfway mark for this academic year. As our journey progresses we pause to reflect on our successes and identify additional areas for improvement.

We are pleased to report this quarter's honor roll list represents 51% of our students! This is a major accomplishment when one considers these students received a 3.5 or better with satisfactory citizenship. Congratulations to all our students on this quarter's Honor Roll List.



Second Quarter Grade Distribution

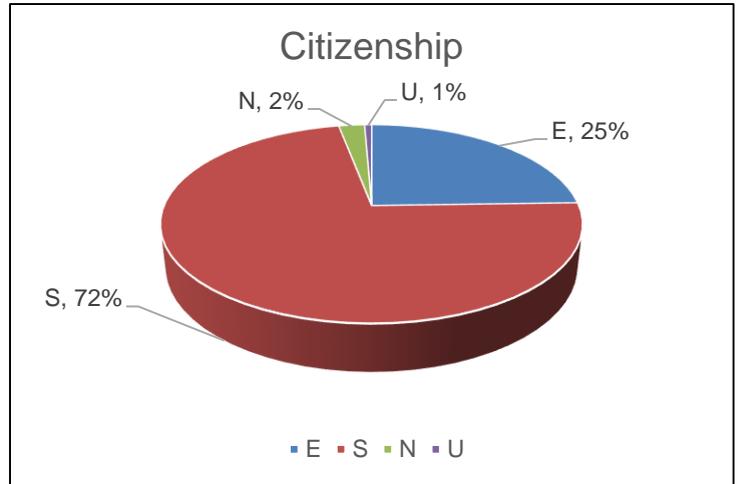
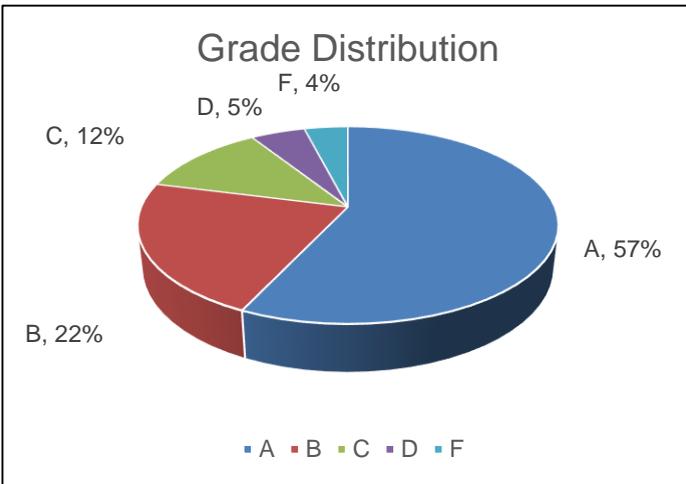
Wondering how many A's or B's are issued? Upon completion of every grading period we evaluate a number of performance indicators, including Grade Point Average (GPA) Distribution, and our Course Grade Distribution. These conversations help us identify struggling students and adjust classroom instruction.

While we celebrate student success we recognize an ongoing need to work with students who are struggling academically. Current analysis of grades indicates a simple link between homework completion and student achievement. Simply put students who completed their homework performed well vs. students who did not complete homework. This quarter we have increased our intervention efforts for students struggling with "Learning Targets."

Grade Distribution 2nd Quarter 2017-2018

A	B	C	D	F
57%	22%	12%	5%	4%

E	S	N	U
25%	72%	2%	1%



2018-2019 2nd Quarter Honor Roll List

Congratulations to our Honor Roll recipients. Students listed received a minimum GPA of 3.50 and they maintained "Satisfactory" citizenship. Again behalf of our staff at Bert Lynn, congratulations!!!

Did you know we have policies and procedures for resolving issues?

Complaint Procedures (*cf. 1312.3 – Significantly Abridged*)

In order to promote fair and constructive communication, the following procedures shall govern the resolution of complaints against District employees:

1. Every effort should be made to resolve a complaint at the earliest possible stage.
2. If a complainant is unable or unwilling to resolve the complaint directly with the person involved, he/she may submit an oral or written complaint to the employee's immediate supervisor or the principal.

Resolving Student Conflict

Asking to Stop unwanted behaviors.

Although Bert Lynn experiences few behavioral issues we recognize a developmental need to provide effective strategies for managing situations involving bullying, teasing, and anger. Students are reminded to seek adult assistance before a situation “gets out of hand.” Frequently the following four-step process breaks the victim cycle, and continued conflict is avoided.

Step 1 Tell what behavior you don't like.

Step 2 Tell how the behavior makes you feel.

Step 3 Tell what behavior you want instead.

Step 4 If you don't get agreement, state your intention to report the situation if you can't work things out.

Once you have given a person a choice to stop the behavior, and if they continue this behavior, it is not considered tattling, but reporting to administration so that we can facilitate a resolution.

Administration cannot resolve problems/conflicts unless administration is aware of them.

Fairness

We encourage students to develop self-advocacy skills, however we also recognize our students may encounter situations where they feel ill- equipped to address alone. In these situations we strongly encourage students to comply with reasonable requests and then speak directly with their parents, teachers, counselors, administrators, or other trusted adult to help facilitate a safe/respectful resolution.

Policy for Bullying Prevention

Bert Lynn Middle School believes that all students have a right to a safe and healthy school environment. The district, schools, and community have an obligation to promote mutual respect, tolerance, and acceptance.

Our Learning community will not tolerate behavior that infringes on the safety of any student. A student shall not intimidate or harass another student through words or actions. Such behavior includes direct physical contact, such as hitting or shoving; verbal assaults, such as teasing or name-calling; and social isolation or manipulation.

Bert Lynn Middle School expects students and/or staff to immediately report incidents of bullying to the principal or designee. Staff members are expected to immediately intervene when they see a bullying incident. Each complaint of bullying should be promptly investigated. This policy applies to students on school grounds, while they are traveling to and from school or a school-sponsored activity off-site, during the lunch period whether on or off campus, and during a school-sponsored activity.

Continued...

To ensure bullying does not occur on school campuses, Bert Lynn Middle School will provide staff development training in prevention of bullying and cultivate acceptance and understanding in all students and staff to develop each school's ability to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment.

Teachers should discuss this policy with students in ways appropriate to their ages and should assure them that they need not endure any form of bullying. Students who bully are in violation of this policy and are subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

Each school will adopt a Student Code of Conduct to be followed by every student while he or she is on school grounds, when traveling to and from school or a school-sponsored activity, and during lunch period, whether on or off campus of being oppressed on the part of the target.

Traffic Safety

Please remember an increase in traffic enforcement means tickets will also be issued for: double-parking (dropping a student off without pulling up to a curb), parking in a private driveway (pulling into a driveway to drop-off a student), parking in a crosswalk (dropping-off a student while in a cross walk), parking/stopping in a red-zone (dropping-off a student in a red-zone), illegal U-turns and unsafe student drop-off in staff parking lots.

Recently Torrance Police officers received a directive to ticket jaywalkers after three deaths this year attributed to jaywalking. (Jaywalking tickets can cost up to \$197.)



Questions/Concerns

Our success relies on our effective communication. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to drop us a line. Our staff is committed to returning your call within 24 hours. If you do not receive a call back please call again, or contact our office.

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Honorary Service Award Recipients 2019

Silvia Herrera
Carlos Espinoza
Cheri Lowe
Lucy Doty
Katie Banim
Ana Koliander
Midori Mercieca
Torrance Boys Scout Troop 851



Congratulations, Mrs. Doty!



Mrs. Lucy Doty reflects the best of education. Perseverance and dedication to support ALL students, are key attributes that make Mrs. Doty an unstoppable force at Bert Lynn Middle school.

Mrs. Doty has repeatedly stepped up to the challenges of leadership as demonstrated by the various roles she has performed: Intervention Teacher Leader (ITL), Teacher Leader for the Science CMAST instruction model, Teacher Leader for Next Generation Science Standards, District-Teacher Leader for Health Education, and Mrs. Doty is first to provide Spanish II instruction to eighth grade students for high school credit.

Mrs. Doty is also our Student Council Advisor in which she has focused on building a more welcoming and engaging school culture. Under her supervision, she has increased monthly student activities. A strong presence at our school, Mrs. Doty can be found volunteering at school dances, getting involved in noon activities, working with struggling students, supporting instructional practices, and attending student soccer games.

Simply put, Mrs. Doty seems to be everywhere promoting and supporting our school's learning community. We are pleased to recognize Mrs. Lucy Doty for outstanding service to children and youth with an Honorary Service Award.

Congratulations, Mrs. Banim!



Every day for the past thirteen years, Katie Banim brings the joy of music and a passion for teaching to our students at Bert Lynn Middle School through choir and band.

Over the years Mrs. Banim's music program has established itself as a safe place where everyone is welcomed, students are supported and lifelong friendships are formed.

She has created an unofficial school sound track that changes as the year marches towards summertime. In September, she guides the beginning band into producing some interesting sounds from squeaking wood winds and honking horns. Within a few short weeks, Mrs. Banim transforms these random honks and squeaks with actual notes and music. This is such an amazing transformation that involves students learning the importance of perseverance and collaboration.

Under her direction, both choir and bands have received numerous accolades performing at Forum Festivals. Mrs. Banim has also shared the students' talents with the community through concerts and appearances at local charity events.

Mrs. Banim is also an important part of our community, especially through our music program. A music program this large cannot sustain itself and Mrs. Banim silently manages a dedicated crew of parents who serve as chaperons and serves as the faculty advisor to our very successful Music Alliance. Our alliance has been responsible for repairing and replacing school instruments so that students have access some large and expensive instruments.

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2019 BLMS 8th Grade vs. Faculty

Monday, March 18th, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

West High School Gym



Come join us as the 8th graders show their talent and skill against the competitive staff and teachers of Bert Lynn Middle School!!

Admission Tickets \$5.00

Raffle Tickets \$1.00 each or 25 for \$20.00

Pre-Sale Family Pack: \$20.00 (4 admission and 10 raffle tickets)

Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.

Snack Bar: Pizza, Nachos, Hot Dogs, Spam Musubi, Drinks, Treats and more!

Bake Sale: Cupcakes, Cookies and lots of other treats!

Raffle: Sports Items, Gift Baskets, Gift Cards, Teacher Prizes, and More!

All proceeds go toward the expenses of the 8th grade promotion, picnic and promotion dance.

We would like to thank our sponsors and donors:



Bert Lynn ~ Class of 2019 ~ Order Form

8TH GRADERS VS. FACULTY

VOLLEYBALL GAME



Monday, MARCH 18TH - 5:00PM
(games start @ 5:30)

Come join us on March 18th at the West High Gym for the 8th grade Volleyball game! It will be a fun event with the students showing their talent and skill against the competitive teachers and staff of Bert Lynn. The students are putting together their teams and we will have music, a snack bar, a bake sale and several raffles of great prizes. The gym opens at 5:00 p.m. with games starting at 5:30 p.m.. Tickets will be \$5 each and raffle tickets will be sold and all raffle items will be on display before and during the games. You can pre-purchase your tickets by filling out the order form and having your student take it to the office. You will be notified when your tickets are ready for pick up at the school office. All ticket and raffle sales will support the 8th grade promotion dance, picnic, and events.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Cyndy Alatorre at cyndyalatorre@earthlink.net. Thank you for your support!

_____ FAMILY PACK: \$20 (4 TICKETS + 10 RAFFLE TICKETS)
PRE-ORDER ONLY

_____ TICKETS = \$5 EA

_____ RAFFLE = \$1 EA

_____ RAFFLE PACK = \$20 FOR 25 TIX

_____ Total Money enclosed

Method of Pickup:

_____ Send home with your child –

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Homeroom: _____

_____ Pick up night of event (Will Call) at ticket sales desk

Parent Name: _____

Contact Info: _____

Cash and checks are acceptable. If paying by check please make check payable to “Bert Lynn PTSA” and indicate “8th grade” in memo section. *8th graders participating in the games will need to purchase an admission ticket (it is a fundraiser ☺) Order forms can be turned in at the office.

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Bert Lynn Middle School – Dates to Remember March 2019 – April 2019

March

5	West Area Choral Festival
12	Progress Reports go home
13	8 th graders visit WHS 11:15-12:15
18	8 th Gr. Vs. Faculty Volleyball Game @WHS 5:30
21	8 th Gr. Panoramic Picture
26	WHS Counselor Visit – 10:30 Cafe
27	WHS Parent/Student Night – 6:00

April

5	End of 3 rd Quarter Last day to pre-order yearbooks @jostens.com
8-12	Spring Break
18	8 th Gr Promotion Pictures during S/S classes