



# Berendo Middle School

## Parent Newsletter



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## Principal's Message

Hello to all the members of the Beautiful Berendo Family!

Chivalrous in conduct, Industrious in learning, Valiant in service!

What a great motto we have to remind us daily of the work we have before us. The more I get to know our community, our staff, our students, the more I appreciate the opportunity to lead Berendo on this journey. There are a lot of good people at our school who work hard on a daily basis to provide your child the best education possible. The task of raising student achievement is and must always be recognized as a team effort. It is the contribution of many that will allow us to reach our next goal of 700 API.

The Pin and Ribbon Ceremony was held this past month for all matriculating 8th graders who have reached a benchmark of grade C or better in English and Math with no Fails. Congratulations to all 8th grade students and their families who were recognized during this ceremonial event. Great job Crusaders!

For students and their families who were not eligible for Pin and Ribbon, matriculation is still within reach. We have students who are in danger of not qualifying for the culmination ceremony at the end of the year, and families can be supportive by having conversation with your Berendo student. Keep in mind we do offer assistance after school and on Saturdays in many subject areas. Students need to know they can be successful and that they have adults around them that can assist and support them in qualifying for culmination in June!

We are currently exploring ways to increase access to technology for students and will be applying for a matching grant to train all incoming 6th graders and their parents with educational software, while also providing families with a home desktop computer.

Additionally, we received news from the District that Berendo was chosen for a Categorical Program Monitoring (CPM) audit. The State will send a team of representatives to visit our school and review our categorical budgets and programs. They will examine paperwork, speak with staff members, students, and parents. While this is a time consuming process involving long hours for staff, we do welcome the opportunity to show that at Berendo, we are fiscally responsible and focused on improving student achievement.

As we enter this month of February, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day! It is an opportunity to show all in our Berendo Community the love and respect everyone deserves!

As always, I can be reached at 213-739-5600 or by email [rmt6363@lausd.net](mailto:rmt6363@lausd.net) and look forward to sharing in your ideas.

Sincerely,

Rosa Trujillo  
Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES

February 7 NAEP Testing  
 February 10 LA Galaxy - Aud. (1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.)  
 February 11 Fall Semester Ends • Minimum Day  
 February 12 Parent Meeting (7:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.)  
 February 14 Spring Semester Begins  
 February 15 Book Fair at the Library (2/15 - 2/22)  
 February 17 Literacy Night (5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)  
 February 19 No Saturday Academy  
 February 21 President's Day - No School  
 February 23 Audiometric Testing (2/23 - 3/3)  
 February 26 CAG Conference

### Family Literacy Night & Book Fair

#### Fair

Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011  
 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Please join the Berendo community in our 3rd annual Family Literacy Night & Book Fair. It will be a night full of fun for the whole family. A \$1.00 deposit per student is required to secure your family's place for the event, and to reserve a free book.

Please see Ms. Shelton for more details.

### RANDOM METAL DETECTOR SEARCHES

In accordance with LAUSD policy, at Berendo Middle School, we conduct daily random metal detector searches. The purpose of the searches is to:

- Detect the possession of weapons
- Deter bringing weapons onto school grounds
- Reduce the potential for violent incidents

If your child participates in a search, he/she will be given a letter to share with you regarding his/her participation.

If you have any further questions about this process, please contact Roger Negroe or Michelle Ortiz, Deans at 213-739-5663. You may also contact, Irene Hyland, Assistant Principal at 213-739-5608.

### Parent Workshops (7:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.)

- 2/2 - Domestic Violence
- 2/8 - Tobacco & Alcohol
- 2/16 - Minor Abuse
- 2/22 - Drug Prevention

### California Physical Fitness Test

California Education Code Section 60800 requires each school district in California to administer a physical fitness test annually to all students in grades five, seven, and nine. The State Board of Education designated the FITNESSGRAM® as the required Physical Fitness Test (PFT) to be administered to California students.

Berendo Middle School will be administering the FITNESS GRAM TO ALL 7th grade students beginning February 1, 2011-April 15, 2011.

The FITNESSGRAM® tests the following six fitness areas: Aerobic Capacity, Body Composition, Abdominal Strength & Endurance, Trunk Extensor Strength & Flexibility, Upper Body Strength & Endurance and Flexibility.



### MONTHLY MEETINGS

- **SSC, ELAC/CEAC ELECTIONS**  
Feb. 9, '11 (7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.)
- **CEAC/ELAC AGENDA PLANNING**  
Feb. 18, '11 (8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.)
- **ELAC/CEAC MEETING**  
Feb. 24, '11 (7:45 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.)
- **SSC MEETING**  
Feb. 24, '11 (1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.)