



# 186<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary School

## A Hoot of News October 2011



**Owl Pride: "On the Hunt for Wisdom through Education"**

Marcia Sidney-Reed, Principal ❖ Traci Kanemitsu, Assistant Principal, EIS

### Message from the Principal...

Dear Parents,

We are off to a great start for our new school year. The students and teachers are happily engaged in the learning process. While visiting classrooms, I have observed the magical moments of teaching and learning. Our students are eager to learn new concepts, and our staff is enthusiastic about bringing learning to life. We are shaping America's future by upholding high standards of discipline, clear expectations, and a rigorous curriculum that challenges our students to think, solve, and reflect.

We made our Academic Performance Index (API); It increased to 852. We are celebrating the satisfaction of making progress in all of our sub groups, and we are strategically planning how to increase our achievement above and beyond our present score to reach the 900 Club. With an intentional and deliberate focus on teaching the standards, we will reach the AMAO goals for next year of 78.4 percent of our students scoring proficient in ELA and 79 percent of our students scoring proficient in Math. It's climb, but we can do it!!! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or your classroom teacher at (310) 324-1153. Here's to a happy, hootin' successful school year!

Hoot! Hoot! Hooray!!!

Marcia Sidney-Reed  
Principal



### Parent Involvement Opportunities...

- Oct. 3 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Family Arts-n-Crafts
- Oct. 4, 11, 18, and 25 8:30 a.m. Madres activas Meeting
- Oct. 5 7:00 a.m. Walk to School Day
- Oct. 6 6:00 p.m. Advisory Councils' Election
- Oct. 7 8:30 a.m. ELAC Meeting
- Oct. 10 8:00 a.m. Million Father March
- Oct. 14 12:00 noon PTA Board Meeting
- Oct. 18 Schoolwide Picture Day
- Oct. 24 6:00 p.m. Tea Time to Talk to the Principal
- Oct. 27 3:30 p.m. Owl Peace Leadership Team
- Oct. 28 Ident-a-Kid Make-up Pictures
- Oct. 31 1:30 p.m. Halloween Parade
- Oct. 31 2:30 p.m. PTA Trunk-o-Treat

### Professional Development Calendar

Every Tuesday, through May 1, 2012, students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. Dismissal will be an hour earlier on those days. This time will be utilized by the teachers as part of a Professional Development Program implemented throughout the Los Angeles Unified School District. The following dates will be 1:30 p.m. dismissal:

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| October 4, 11, 18, 25 | November 1, 8, 15, 29  |
| December 6, 13        | January 10, 17, 22, 31 |
| February 7, 14, 21    | March 6, 13, 20, 27    |
| April 10, 17, 24      | May 1                  |

Please make a record of these dates and arrange for early pick up or childcare for your child. **The after-school playground will be open until 6:00 p.m. daily.**

### Peace First

We are happy to welcome four AmeriCorp teachers to our family to teach the Peace First curriculum, formerly Peace Games, in all of our classrooms, once a week. These teachers will help our students learn conflict resolution and civic engagement to help prevent bullying and violence. This program is a win-win for our school, students, parents, and our community. Please stop by and meet Kenn Campa, Alex Sevett, Cara Pfeiffer, and Jesse Durkin. They are a group of America's finest young people.



**Congratulations 186<sup>th</sup> Street Team:**

**We remained in the 800 Club – 852 API!!!**

### Student of the Month

We are happy to salute our outstanding citizens for the month of September. These students are being recognized for being excellent role models for citizenship, sportsmanship, and leadership.

**Pre-Kindergarten:** Yusef Harrison, Kristi Le, David Posada, Viviana Avina, Enzo Arakaki, Jelani Hawes, Miranda Mercado, Melody Garcia, Eddie Sanchez, Gabriela Chagoya, Acxe Cipriano, and Yasmin Perez

**Kindergarten:** Folaranmi Adebayo, Angela Perez, Christopher Perez, Kaitlynn Brammer, Malachi Garcia, Savana Prudhomme, Jesus Gonzalez, Zoe Ezeudu, Collin Towery, Jacob Towery, Koby Hill, Giovanni Marmolejo, and Neida Castañeda

**First Grade:** Aaron Guerrero, Jocelyn Hernandez Muniz, Giovanni Romo, Citali Lopez, Angel Mesta, Yalitz Saldana, Toby Ezeudu, Gabby Hansen, Caleb Davis, and Chloe Ezeudu

**Second Grade:** Deven Ponce, Kohana Johnson, John Haynes, Lao Estrada. Fabiola Villanueva, Angel Washington, Evelyn Zarate, Erik Brooks, Jacob Fuentes, Dana Do, Robert Micklo, America Cabrera, and Melanie Gonzalez

**Third Grade:** Jesus Rodriguez, German Mendez Amanda Cabatay, Michael Igarashi, Yessica Ramirez, Ricardo Rocha, Abigail Romero, Philip Diaz, America Lopez, Alfredo Lopez, and Mia Hongpanich

**Fourth Grade:** Jose Veliz, Shirley Ronquillo, Benjamin Villasana, Amber Soriano, Anthony Echeverria, Alyssa Marie Mirabal, Ricardo Lozada, and Anna Manalo

**Fifth Grade:** Isaac Ramirez, Nyia McCoy, Bryan Mena, Elizabeth Mendez, Christopher Seals, Vanessa Chaidez, Aniece Bullock, Jose Rodriguez, and Madison Mejia

### Character Word of the Month

Each month, the school community will focus on a word for the month. The word for this month is cooperation. Cooperation, simply put, is people working together to achieve common goals. Parents, teachers, and students must all cooperate to get the most out of what education has to offer. Work with your children this month to teach them the meaning of cooperation and the benefits of being cooperative. Possible activities: point out examples of cooperation, for instance, cooperation of players on a team.



### Book of the Month

We will continue our tradition of all classrooms reading the same book each month to build our students' vocabulary and academic language. Our book this month will be Bully B.E.A.N.S. written by Julia Cook and illustrated by Anita DuFalla. The book is a fun story that teaches people of all ages to become proactive when it comes to bullying. This book will help our students understand why bullying happens and what they can do to stop it. This book will also help the bystander learn ways to stand up to a bully. We are excited to share this story as we continue to promote a bully-free zone at 186<sup>th</sup> Street School.



### Poem of the Month

#### October's Song

October's the month when the smallest breeze  
Gives us a shower of autumn leaves.  
Bonfires and pumpkins, leaves sailing down  
October is red and golden and brown.



### Celebrate Red Ribbon Week,

#### October 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

Red Ribbon Week is an ideal way for people and communities to take a visible stand against drugs and to show their personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle through the symbol of the Red Ribbon.

