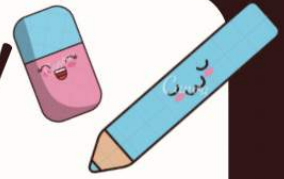


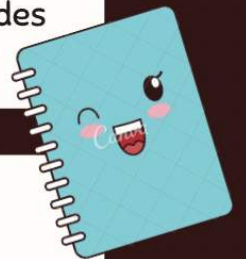


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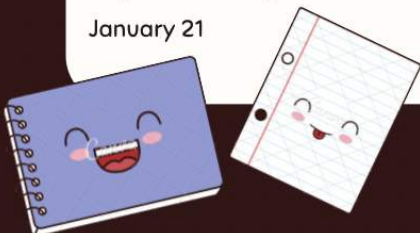
Word From Your Coordinator ...

Happy New Year Baldwin Family! I pray that your holidays were blessed with good health and good tidings. As we move into the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year, there is much concern around COVID and its impact on us all notwithstanding your scholar's education. The staff at Baldwin work diligently to provide the highest quality of education so that scholars continue to make reasonable, academic strides despite the pandemic.



Upcoming Events

- OLSAT Student Scores Available
- January 18
- School Site Council Meeting (SSC)
- January 20
- Governing School Council Meeting
(GSC) - January 20
- Verification of Eligibility for Gifted
Magnet/SAS Programs Due -
January 21



Reminder

Stay on top of your scholar's education by ensuring that your scholar is on the waiting list of their middle school of choice by visiting EChoices @ <https://echoices.lausd.net>.



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Baldwin's January Hot Topics

This month we transition back into our school routines which have been highly interrupted by COVID. The OLSAT, SSC, GSC, and Online Verification for Gifted/Magnet Programs are topics up for discussion in our January newsletter.

OLSAT Update

The Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT) is a multiple-choice K-12 assessment that measures reasoning skills with several different types of verbal, non-verbal, figural, and quantitative reasoning questions. It is designed to assess a child's performance across a wide variety of reasoning skillsets. Schools commonly administer the OLSAT for admissions into gifted and talented programs.

Third and fourth grade scholars who missed taking the OLSAT in second grade were given the test last fall. The scores are expected to be available to the coordinator by the end of this month. Once the scores are uploaded and imported on MiSiS and confirmed by the Gifted/Talented Programs, I will run a report to cross-check for accuracy. Afterwards, notification of eligibility letters will be securely mailed to families of newly identified scholars using an encryption process.

Please email me with any questions you may have.

School Site Council (SSC)/English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)

School Site Council (SSC) and English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) established by the Superintendent to advise on matters pertaining to the programs and use of funds for specific student populations. The purpose and operations of the committees and councils described in this Bulletin are aligned with the goals of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and meet all federal and state requirements for the operation of school committees and councils. Any changes to the District's allocation of federal or state categorical funds may result in additional policy modifications.

The SSC meet on the third Thursday of each month at 3:30. Please check our school calendar for zoom link information and the agenda. Come out and let your voice be heard.

Please email me with any questions you may have.

Governing School Council (GSC)

Baldwin Hills Elementary Gifted & High Ability Magnet Center is a pilot school. The Pilot Schools are a network of public schools that have autonomy over budget, staffing, governance, curriculum & assessment, and the school calendar. These autonomies allow them to operate with greater flexibility in order to meet their students' needs. Pilot Schools were created to be models of educational innovation and to serve as research and development sites for effective urban public schools.

Pilot Schools have a governing board called the Governing School Council (GSC) which has increased authority over traditional school councils. The GSC sets the school's vision, selects and annually evaluates the principal (with the ISIC (Intensive Support & Innovation Center) Superintendent having the final authority), determines the annual EWA (Election-to-Work-Agreement) terms for the teaching staff, and approves the annual budget.

The GSC must have the state mandated membership composition of the School Site Council (SSC) for budget decisions concerning categorical funds, in alignment with the school's Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA).

The GSC meets every third Thursday of the month at 4:30. Please check our school calendar for zoom link information and the agenda. Come out and let your voice be heard.

Please email me with any questions you may have.

Online Verification for Gifted Magnet & Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS)

Applicants

An electronic process is used to verify the eligibility of students who have applied to Gifted Magnet Schools/Centers or Schools for Advanced Studies for 2022-2023. These applicants have not been previously identified or verified based on District records. Scholars who demonstrate the ability or strong potential to work two years above grade level in all academic subjects will be verified.

The deadline for submission of the online Verification of Eligibility is Friday, January 21, 2022.

Please email me with any questions you may have.

Links

<https://achieve.lausd.net>

