



# Edgewater News



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## NEW YEAR

Welcome to the New Year, 2026! We are looking forward to a great year with you and your children. We want to wish all our families a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year!

Thank you for all the cards and gifts you have given us! It feels so good to be loved and appreciated!

## BOOK EXCHANGE

The book exchange went well! The children seemed excited to show their books to one another after the exchange!

## JANUARY CURRICULUM

This month we will be discussing the Human Body, How We Grow, and Foods that Help Us Grow. We will also discuss what makes us the same and how we are different.



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

### Kindergarten Information

Children who will be 5 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> are eligible for kindergarten this fall. Registration opens Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>! If you decide not to send your child to your home school, you will need to fill out a transfer request form.

The website for Long Beach Unified School District is <http://www.lbschools.net>. You can find plenty of information on the site. We will post any kindergarten information on our parent board as soon as it becomes available.

### School Closing Early

School will be **closing at 4:00pm on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>** for staff development. Please allow ample time prior to 4:00pm for parking and to take care of your and your child's personal needs, gathering of personal items, etc.



### MLK Jr. Day

School will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

### Pixies & Muskrats Parent-Teacher Conferences

Optional Pixies and Muskrats parent/teacher conferences will be available **Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> (Muskrats) and Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> (Pixies)**. If interested, we would like to give you the opportunity to schedule a conference with your child's teacher to discuss your child's development. Muskrats conferences are in-person only, and Pixies' can be in-person, phone or FaceTime.

**If interested, please email the school by Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> to schedule a conference time.**

## REMINDERS

\*Pick up hours should be used for a quick check-in with your child's teacher and to gather your child's belongings. Per DSS requirements, parents or guardians who would like to stay for a longer period of time or who would like to engage with other children in our program, must see the office for volunteer requirements and must have their immunizations on record.  
\*Children go outside each day. Please, send your child with weather appropriate clothes. Borrowed jackets and clothes must be washed and returned back to school promptly. If you would like to take your child's belongings home, you may check their cubby box during pick up hours.

### Scholastic Book Orders

Scholastic books can be ordered online all year long to boost your kid's reading fandom and maybe even create moments of quality time you can share together!

<https://orders.scholastic.com/GZX8D>



## PROGRAM HOURS

We are governed by the Department of Social Services (DSS), and we are required to follow strict guidelines regarding ratio. We staff teachers according to our enrollment to meet these ratios.

### **Core Program 8:30am - 3:00pm**

Children may not arrive before or stay after their program's scheduled times without prior arrangement with the office. Extra hours are available on request and based on availability. Please see office staff for more information and the Family Handbook for fees related to late pick-ups or early drop-offs.

Each program includes a 15-minute grace period before the final pick-up time, by which all children, including siblings, must be signed out and physically in the parent/guardian's care: 3pm for Core Day and 6pm for Full Day. For Full Day families, this means being completely off the premises by 6pm.

The grace period is not the expected pickup time; it is the latest allowable time. All children must be fully picked up from their classrooms by the end of the grace period.

**\* Core - 8:30am to 3:00pm  
(Grace period 2:45pm to 3:00pm)  
\* Extended - 7:00am to 6:00pm  
(Grace period 5:45pm to 6:00pm)**

In addition, we ask that you create a routine for your children. This includes getting children up, feeding them a nutritious breakfast, and getting to school by 9:00am. The children transition from the yard to the classroom at 9:00am. Once they arrive in the classroom, children wash their hands for snack, which is served promptly after. To make the transition smoother for your child, please avoid dropping them off during the 9:00am transition time. Arriving a little earlier will help ensure that teachers can greet and settle your child in. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

## LOOKING INTO FEBRUARY

**\* Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** - Parent Appreciation Days  
**\* Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** - Kids' Night Out  
**\* Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** - School Closed in observance of President's Day  
**\* Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** - School Closed for Staff Continuing Education Day