Balboa Spirit Club

General Meeting

Wednesday, September 2nd @ 8:30am in the PTR

Join us for the first meeting of the school year.
Meet the 2015-2016 Board.

Get informed! Get involved! Share your ideas!

Find out about the BSC events that support Balboa's students and teachers.

Fall Event Planning:

Earthquake Preparedness Kits
Fall Picnic
COMPASS Fund Campaign
Math Family Game Night
Jog-A-Thon

Principal's Report

The following positions are still open.
All parents welcome to join!

SDR (Co-chair)
TAP (Co-chair)
Green Team (Co-chair)
Balboa Beat editor
Holiday Teacher Potluck
FOA Teacher Event Auction
5th Grade Culmination (4th Grade Parent)
BSC Election Chairperson

New Balboa spirit wear is here!

www.balboaparents.org

The Balboa Beat

The bimonthly newsletter of the Balboa Spirit Club

Balboa Magnet Spirit Store Order Form

ORDERS DUE NO LATER THAN 09/15/2015

BALBOA MAGNET

Balboa MAGNET SCHOOL

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G540 Gildan Heavy Cotton™ Long-Sleeve T-Shirt. 100% pre-shrunk with white Balboa Compass logo on front chest. Available in royal, purple or black. Youth sizes XS, S, M, L and XL. Adult sizes S, M, L, XL and 2XL*

Youth $15 ea.
Adult $20 ea.
(*add $3 for 2XL)

- Black
- Royal
- Purple

G186 Gildan Heavy Blend™ Full-Zip Hoody. 50% cotton / 50% poylester with white Balboa Magnet logo on front chest. Available in royal, pink and black. Youth sizes XS, S, M, L and XL. Adult sizes S, M, L, XL and 2XL*

Youth $25 ea.
Adult $30 ea.
(*add $4 for 2XL)

- Black
- Royal
- Pink

G185 Gildan Heavy Blend™ Hoody. 50% cotton / 50% poylester with white Balboa Magnet logo on front chest. Available in royal, pink and black. Youth sizes XS, S, M, L and XL. Adult sizes S, M, L. XL and 2XL*

Youth $25 ea.
Adult $30 ea.
(*add $4 for 2XL)

- Black
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- Purple

G200 Gildan Ultra Cotton T-Shirt. 100% pre-shrunk with white Balboa Magnet School logo on front chest. Available in purple, pink, royal or black. Youth sizes XS, S, M, L and XL. Adult sizes S, M, L, XL and 2XL*.

Youth $10 ea.
Adult $15 ea.
(*add $3 for 2XL)

- Black
- Royal
- Purple
- Pink

G182 Gildan Heavy Blend™ Sweatpants. 50% cotton / 50% poylester with white Balboa Magnet logo printed on one leg. Available in royal and black. Youth sizes S, M, L and XL. Adult sizes S, M, L, XL and 2XL*

Youth $20 ea.
Adult $25 ea.
(*add $4 for 2XL)

- Black
- Royal

G728 Gildan DryBlend® Double Piqué Sport Shirt. 65% polyester, 35% pre-shrunk cotton . White Balboa Compass logo on left breast area. Available in royal, purple and black. Youth sizes XS, S, M, L and XL. Adult sizes S, M, L, XL and 2XL*.

Youth $20 ea.
Adult $25 ea.
(*add $3 for 2XL)

- Black
- Royal
- Pink

Fleece/Nylon Picnic Blanket. Perfect for Family Movie Night! Features white Balboa Magnet School logo with attached carry handles, velcro pockets and easy-fold design. Measures 48”w X 60”h X 1/8”d when open.

$30 ea.

BadEdge 12 oz White Canvas Tote. Black handles and Balboa Compass logo on one side. Great size to pack your snacks for Family Movie night!

$10 ea.

Microfiber String Backpack with black Balboa Magnet School logo. Features roomy main comportment with drawstring closure, inside hanging zippered pocket and earphone cord port.

$10 ea.

Rubik's® 9-Panel Full Size Cube. Emphasizes strength in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Includes repeated blue Balboa Compass logo on white panel. Great for after school play!

$10 ea.

Neon Sunglasses with black Balboa Magnet logo on temple. Fun-in-the-sun style, floats in water and features ultraviolet-protective lenses. Available in pink, blue, green and purple.

$5 ea.

ITEM	YOUTH XS	YOUTH S	YOUTH M	YOUTH L	YOUTH XL	ADULT S	ADULT M	ADULT L	ADULT XL	ADULT 2XL	TOTAL PIECES	TOTAL
Long-Sleeve T-Shirt*												
Full-Zip Hoody*												
Hoody (No Zipper)*												
Short-Sleeve T-Shirt*												
Sweatpants*												
Sport Shirt*												
Blanket	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX		
Tote	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX		
Backpack	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX		
Rubiks Cube	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX		
Sunglasses*	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX		
										Grand Total		
* PLEASE SPECIFY QTY AND/OR COLOR IN SIZE BOX (EXAMPLE: IF ORDERING ONE BLACK MEDIUM SIZE YOUTH T-SHIRT WRITE IN YOUTH M BOX "1 PCS/BLACK")												
MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO "**BALBOA SPIRIT CLUB**" (PLEASE **DO NOT** MAKE IT OUT TO BALBOA MAGNET).												
ALL ORDERS WILL BE DELIVERED TO STUDENTS APPROXIMATLY 3 WEEKS AFTER ORDER DEADLINE. PARENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED VIA EMAIL.												
IF INTERESTED IN SEEING SAMPLES OF APPAREL FOR SIZING, PLEASE STOP BY OFFICE.												
FULL COLOR FLYER IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.BALBOAPARENTS.ORG.												
Student Name		Room #	Parent Email									

We welcome your input! Do you have any questions, comments, concerns or ideas with regard to the Balboa Spirit Store? Please email ismaipena@gmail.com. We want to hear from you!

Giggles N' Hugs

Family Restaurant & Playspace

Balboa gets 10% of parties booked in September!

Giggles N'Hugs in Woodland Hills is going to donate 10% of profits from any party booked by a Balboa family in September.

The party can be for anytime in the future.

Events needs to be booked in September.

Contact:
Laura Seguin
Event Sales Manager
at 818-610-4847

Giggles N' Hugs is located at:
6600 Topanga Blvd., Woodland Hills, CA

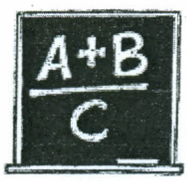
Join a Code Club! (Free)

To help young girls and boys explore, investigate and develop an interest in technology and science Computerwise Education is setting up a Code Club at your school. The code club will encourage collaborative learning, will be youth centric and offer a stimulating learning environment. Students will explore emerging technologies and they it is student-led with a project based learning. Students would learn to develop coding skills in many languages, and design, build and program robots. The "coding club" led by the students and will be supervised by a teacher. It is meant to be an environment for kids to come learn, ask questions and solve or work on the coding tasks they want to explore. No prior knowledge of coding needed. Open to beginners and experts.

- It is set up to promote S.T.E.M education among elementary kids
- Open to students in Grades 4 & 5
- It is FREE for students.
- There will be a $20 charge for team t-shirts on first day of the meet.
- The Code Club runs all year long, except some days when lab shuts down for maintenance.
- First come first basis sign-ups
- Kids can join anytime during the year (as the list allows) or drop out.
- If a student is absent for 2 meetings in a row, they will be automatically dropped and the next student on the wait list joins in. NO EXCEPTIONS
- The students will take part in a Code Competition in April 2016 to represent their school against other area code clubs.

Where: Balboa Computer Lab
Day: Tuesday's. First Class starts ***September 22, 2015***
Cost: Free – Every student must purchase a code club t-shirt $20.00 first day of class
Sign up at http://www.computerwiseedu.org/events

Nobel Charter Middle School
Nobel Science Technology Math (STeM)
Magnet Center



BALBOA GIFTED/HIGH ABILITY MAGNET 5th GRADE TOUR

Thursday, September 10, 2015
Time: 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. – MPR

Please call for reservations!

9950 Tampa Avenue
Northridge, CA 91324

Phone: (818) 773-4730
Choices Application Deadline Nov. 13th

Los Angeles Unified School District
Parent/Guardian Publicity Authorization and Release

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Los Angeles Unified School District requests your permission to reproduce through printed, audio, visual, or electronic means activities in which your pupil has participated in his/her education program. Your authorization will enable us to use specially prepared materials to (1) train teachers and/or (2) increase public awareness and promote continuation and improvement of education programs through the use of mass media, displays, brochures, websites, etc.

1. Name of Pupil (please print)

2. Birthdate (please print)

3. Name of Parent (please print)

a. I, as a parent of guardian, of the above named pupil fully authorize and grant the Los Angeles Unified School District and its authorized representatives, the right to print, photograph, record, and edit as desired, the biographical information, name, image, likeness, and/or voice of the above named pupil on audio, video, film, slide, or any other electronic and printed formats, currently developed, (known as "Recordings"), for the purposes stated or related to the above.

b. I understand and agree that use of such Recordings will be without any compensation to the pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian.

c. I understand and agree that the Los Angeles Unified School District and/or its authorized representatives shall have the exclusive right, title, and interest, including copyright, in the Recordings.

d. I understand and agree that the Los Angeles Unified School District and/or its authorized representatives shall have the unlimited right to use the Recordings for any purposes stated or related to the above.

e. I hereby release and hold harmless the Los Angeles Unified School District and its authorized representatives from any and all actions, claims, damages, costs, or expenses, including attorney's fees, brought by the pupil and/or parent or guardian which relate to or arise out of any use of these Recordings as specified above.

My signature shows that I have read and understand the release and I agree to accept its provisions.

4. Signature of Parent/Guardian

5. Date Signed

6. Address (Number, Street, Apartment Number)

7. City

8. State

9. Zip Code

10. Telephone

Granting of permission is voluntary. Please return completed form to school.

11. Principal

12. School

Approved as to form by the Office of the General Counsel.

This form shall not be amended without written approval of both the Office of the General Counsel and the Office of Communications/Public Information

Los Angeles Unified School District

Responsible Use Policy (RUP) for District Computer Systems

Information for Students and Families

Purpose

The purpose of the District's Responsible Use Policy ("RUP") is to prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful activities by users online, prevent unauthorized disclosure of or access to sensitive information, and to comply with legislation including, but not limited to, the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Furthermore, the RUP clarifies the educational purpose of District technology. As used in this policy, "user" includes anyone using computers, Internet, email, and all other forms of electronic communication or equipment provided by the District (the "network") regardless of the physical location of the user. The RUP applies even when District-provided equipment (laptops, tablets, etc.) is used off District property. Additionally, the RUP applies when non-District devices access the District network.

The District uses technology protection measures to block or filter access, as much as reasonably possible, to visual and written depictions that are obscene, pornographic, or harmful to minors over the network. The District can and will monitor users' online activities and access, review, copy, and store or delete any communications or files and share them with adults as necessary. Users should have no expectation of privacy regarding their use of District equipment, network, and/or Internet access or files, including email.

The District will take all necessary measures to secure the network against potential cyber security threats. This may include blocking access to District applications, including, but not limited to, email, data management and reporting tools, and other web applications outside the United States and Canada.

Student Responsibility

By initialing and signing this policy, you acknowledge that you understand the following:

___I am responsible for practicing positive digital citizenship.

☐ I will practice positive digital citizenship, including appropriate behavior and contributions on websites, social media, discussion boards, media sharing sites, and all other electronic communications, including new technology.

☐ I will be honest in all digital communication.

☐ I understand that what I do and post online must not disrupt school activities or compromise school safety and security.

___I am responsible for keeping personal information private.

☐ I will not share personal information about myself or others including, but not limited to, names, home addresses, telephone numbers, birth dates, or visuals such as pictures, videos, and drawings.

☐ I will not meet anyone in person that I have met only on the Internet.

☐ I will be aware of privacy settings on websites that I visit.

☐ I will abide by all laws, this Responsible Use Policy and all District security policies.

___I am responsible for my passwords and my actions on District accounts.

☐ I will not share any school or District usernames and passwords with anyone.

☐ I will not access the account information of others.

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☐ I will log out of unattended equipment and accounts in order to maintain privacy and security.

___I am responsible for my verbal, written, and artistic expression.

☐ I will use school appropriate language in all electronic communications, including email, social media posts, audio recordings, video conferencing, and artistic works.

___I am responsible for treating others with respect and dignity.

☐ I will not send and/or distribute hateful, discriminatory, or harassing digital communications, or engage in sexting.

☐ I understand that bullying in any form, including cyberbullying, is unacceptable.

___I am responsible for accessing only educational content when using District technology.

☐ I will not seek out, display, or circulate material that is hate speech, sexually explicit, or violent.

☐ I understand that any exceptions must be approved by a teacher or administrator as part of a school assignment.

☐ I understand that the use of the District network for illegal, political, or commercial purposes is strictly forbidden.

___I am responsible for respecting and maintaining the security of District electronic resources and networks.

☐ I will not try to get around security settings and filters, including through the use of proxy servers to access websites blocked by the District.

☐ I will not install or use illegal software or files, including copyright protected materials, unauthorized software, or apps on any District computers, tablets, smartphones, or other new technologies.

☐ I know that I am not to use the Internet using a personal data plan at school, including personal mobile hotspots that enable access on District equipment.

☐ I will not use the District network or equipment to obtain unauthorized information, attempt to access information protected by privacy laws, or impersonate other users.

___I am responsible for taking all reasonable care when handling District equipment.

☐ I understand that vandalism in any form is prohibited.

☐ I will report any known or suspected acts of vandalism to the appropriate authority.

☐ I will respect my and others' use and access to District equipment.

___I am responsible for respecting the works of others.

☐ I will follow all copyright (http://copyright.gov/title17/) guidelines.

☐ I will not copy the work of another person and represent it as my own and I will properly cite all sources.

☐ I will not download illegally obtained music, software, apps, and other works.

Consequences for Irresponsible Use

Misuse of District devices and networks may result in restricted access. Failure to uphold the responsibilities listed above is misuse. Such misuse may also lead to disciplinary and/or legal action against students, including suspension, expulsion, or criminal prosecution by government authorities. The District will attempt to tailor any disciplinary action to the specific issues related to each violation. (For more information, see BUL-6399.0, *Social Media Policy for Students*.)

Disclaimer

The District makes no guarantees about the quality of the services provided and is not liable for any claims, losses, damages, costs, or other obligations arising from use of the network or District accounts.

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Users are responsible for any charges incurred while using District devices and/or network. The District also denies any liability for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through user access. Any statement accessible online is understood to be the author's individual point of view and not that of the District, its affiliates, or employees. Students under the age of 18 should only access District network accounts outside of school if a parent or legal guardian supervises their usage at all times. The student's parent or guardian is responsible for monitoring the minor's use outside of school.

Summary:

All users are responsible for practicing positive digital citizenship. Positive digital citizenship includes appropriate behavior and contributions on websites, social media, discussion boards, media sharing sites and all other electronic communications, including new technology. It is important to be honest in all digital communications without disclosing sensitive personal information. What District community members do and post online must not disrupt school activities or otherwise compromise individual and school community safety and security.

Instructions:

Read and initial each section above and sign below. Be sure to review each section with a parent or guardian and get their signature below. Return to your teacher or other designated school site personnel.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the provisions of the Responsible Use Policy of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Date:_____ School:_____

Student Name:_____ Student Signature:_____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name:_____ Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:_____

Teacher Name:_____ Room Number:_____

Please return this form to the school where it will be kept on file. It is required for all students that will be using a computer network and/or Internet access.

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PARENT and STUDENT NOTIFICATION

Rules Concerning Use of Loaned Computing Devices (i.e., Tablets, Laptops) and Related Accessories Assigned to Students

Student Last Name (PRINT)	Student First Name (PRINT)	Grade	Student ID Number	Date

Parent/Guardian Last Name (PRINT)	Parent/Guardian First Name (PRINT)

I am being issued a Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) computing Device and related accessories. I agree to keep it safe and well maintained. I will follow the guidelines for care of the Device as explained below.

SECURITY

1. I will know where my assigned Device is at all times.
2. I will never leave my assigned Device unattended.
3. I will secure my assigned Device when I am participating in PE by putting it in my locker or other secure location, unless instructed to bring the Device to PE class by the teacher.
4. I will never loan my assigned Device to anyone.
5. I realize that security devices have been installed on the assigned Device that permit tracking and that usage will be monitored.
6. I will, at all times, keep myself safe and will use the Device only in areas where I can keep myself and the Device safe.

(Student and Parent initial here) _____ _____

CARE

7. I understand that the Device assigned may include a protective case that is to remain on the Device at all times. This case may not be removed or replaced.
8. I will protect the screen from scratches.
9. I will keep food and beverages away from my assigned Device since they may cause damage to it.
10. I will not mark, draw, write or place unapproved stickers on the Device or case.
11. I will not disassemble or attempt any repairs on any part of my assigned Device (this will void the Device's warranty).
12. If damage occurs, including, but not limited to, scratches, cracks or dents, I will report the damage to the school administration within 24 hours or as soon as possible thereafter.
13. In the case of theft or vandalism, I will file a police report and notify school administration within 24 hours or as soon as possible thereafter.

(Student and Parent initial here) _____ _____

USAGE

14. I will follow the LAUSD Responsible & Acceptable Use Policy (RAUP) for use of LAUSD computers and network systems.
15. I will not reformat the Device, tamper with its security settings, or change its operating system (e.g., iOS for Apple Devices).
16. I will adhere to all applicable copyright and software license agreements that forbid downloading of media and software that has not been legally acquired.
17. I will not engage in any harassment or acts of intimidation (cyber-bullying) in an attempt to harm other people using my assigned Device or any other electronic device.

(Student and Parent initial here) _____ _____

RESPONSIBILITY

18. I understand that my assigned Device is subject to inspection by any staff member, teacher or administrator at the school, at any time and without notice. I further understand that the Device remains the property of LAUSD.
19. I agree to return the Device, related accessories and Device case in good working condition (with the exception of normal wear and tear) immediately upon request by LAUSD.
20. I will return the assigned Device to my school administrator (or designee) at the end of each school year. If I withdraw, am expelled, or terminate enrollment at my school for any reason, I will return the assigned Device and accessories on the date of termination to the school's administrator.
21. I have completed the Digital Citizenship lessons.

(Student and Parent initial here) _____ _____

PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
(Devices Stay at School)
Responsibility for Loaned Computing Devices Assigned to Students

This informs you of your legal responsibility with regard to the Device and its related accessories, which may include case, keyboard cable and battery charger ("Loaned Equipment") described below, that the Los Angeles Unified School District ("LAUSD") is loaning to your child.

LAUSD may hold liable a parent or guardian of any minor who willfully cuts, defaces, or otherwise injures any property of LAUSD, or fails to return any property of LAUSD upon demand of LAUSD, for all damages caused by the minor. (See, District Bulletin BUL-5509.1, Restitution Procedures for the Loss or Damage of School Property, dated July 21, 2014 California Education Code §48904.) LAUSD property includes the Loaned Equipment, which may have a value of up to $700 for tablets and $1,300 for laptops.

- I agree to the **Security, Care, Usage and Responsibility** conditions listed in the "Rules Concerning Use of Loaned Devices (i.e., Tablets or Laptops) Assigned to Students" ("Rules"), on the previous page. My child's failure to abide by the Rules, thereby resulting in damage to or loss of the Device, may be considered a willful act for which I am liable, subject to the following due process procedures set forth in Bulletin BUL-5509:
    - LAUSD shall inform parent or guardian immediately in writing after any alleged loss which gives rise to an obligation under Section 48904 of the Education Code.
    - The parent or guardian may present information on behalf of the student, during a conference at the school, as to the reasons why a fee should not be imposed.
    - The principal/designee shall, after reviewing any information presented during this meeting, decide whether or not to withhold the marks, diploma, or transcripts and/or impose the fee for damages. The parent/guardian and student shall be notified in writing of the decision. The decision of the principal is final, and there is no appeal beyond the school level.
    - Upon receiving notification of the school's decision, the parent or guardian may, if necessary, pay the outstanding obligation, or the student may complete a voluntary work assignment determined by the school.
- The Loaned Equipment is, and will remain, the property of the Los Angeles Unified School District with the sole intended use for the student to whom it has been assigned.
- I further agree to abide by LAUSD's Responsible & Acceptable Use Policy for use of computer equipment and LAUSD's compute network (see attached).

THE SCHOOL WILL NOT BE SENDING ANY DEVICES HOME AT THIS TIME.

The school has made the decision for devices to remain on campus and will be used throughout the instructional school day. I understand that should the Device be needed to complete assignments outside of school, the school will provide hardcopy materials to my child to take home and/or may provide access to Devices on campus outside of regular classroom hours.

Print Student Name (Last, First):_____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Print Parent (Guardian) Name: _____

Parent (Guardian) Signature: _____ **Date**: _____

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Proudly Announcing the Launch of STAR S.T.E.A.M. Makers at All Our Sites! – An Investment in Innovation for Our Children's Future

We are proud to announce the launch of **S.T.E.A.M. Makers**, an innovative program designed to immerse our students in the exciting multidisciplinary world of **S.T.E.A.M.** consisting of experimenters, makers, tinkerers, and creators! STAR Education believes learning is a **life long experience** that is most influential at the elementary level. In a future demanding innovation and creativity, as well as high-level collaboration skills, STAR fully believes a strong background in **S.T.E.A.M.** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) will build a foundational skillset for the jobs of tomorrow. Out-of-the-box thinking and critical reasoning are built-in components to our programming that help shape the framework of the initiative. Our goal is to ensure all students have access to these tools today for their careers tomorrow, regardless of economic circumstances.

We are proud to have been chosen by the **Los Angeles County Office of Education as a partner for S.T.E.A.M. education**. We are also honored that Los Angeles Unified School District's Beyond the Bell Program has chosen STAR as a partner for **S.T.E.A.M.** Education as well. Through our participation as a member on the advisory board of the Los Angeles Regional STEMhub advisory council and the above agencies, STAR shares a common vision to develop our children's curiosity and motivation through nurturing their inner tinkerer and maker with process-oriented investigation and quality learning experiences.

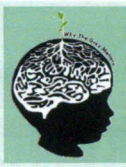
Expanding STAR Education's Neuroscience Professional Development Program

STAR's Expands the Neuroscience Professional Development Program- "Why the Grey Matters"!

STAR Education is thrilled to be expanding the reach of its comprehensive **Neuroscience Professional Development Program Why the Grey Matters**, launching the school year with two STAR all-staff neuroscience trainings.

Why the Grey Matters is a dynamic, hands-on neuro-based education program that focuses on the foundational elements of early brain development and equips parents and educators with a toolbox of skills for applying that knowledge to their classrooms, parenting and personal lives.

Approved by the **University of Southern California** to provide Continuing Education Units this program has been rated by some teacher participants as one of the best professional development program they've attended in 15 years (LAUSD Elementary Teacher). **Why the Grey Matters empowers people as "Neurosculptors"** and gives them the skills to work with the developing brains of tomorrow.



For more information contact the SRS Department at SRS@starinc.org

STAR BALBOA STAR NOVA 1 · SEPTEMBER 8, 2015- OCTOBER 30, 2015

Welcome to the STAR NOVA Program! STAR NOVA invites ALL students to enroll in NOVA classes that are taught by experienced instructors who are specialists in their field.

HOW TO REGISTER
You can REGISTER ONLINE! **http://balboa.starinc.org**

If you are unable to register online, please contact your site director to obtain a registration form. Please note, NO PHONE CALLS will be made to let you know you are enrolled, unless classes are canceled or full.

NOVA MEETING PLACE: LUNCH TABLES BY THE AUDITORIUM/CAFETERIA

GETTING TO YOUR STAR NOVA CLASS
1st - 5th Grade: Students will walk to the lunch tables by the auditorium/cafeteria.

AFTER YOUR STAR NOVA CLASS
Students will need to be picked up at the lunch tables by the auditorium/cafeteria. Please be on time to pick up your child because STAR is not responsible for your child before and after class.

1st Grade: Students who are not in an after school childcare program MUST be checked out by a parent, legal guardian, or person authorized by their parent.

2nd-5th Grade: Students will be released to the yard.

REGISTRATION FEE
A $10 fee is required for each student PER SESSION to cover insurance and registration costs. This fee is non-refundable and is not applicable toward the cost of the classes.

Students CURRENTLY enrolled in the STAR Galaxy Program DO NOT pay the $10 registration fee.

ABSENCES
Please contact your STAR NOVA Director if your child will be absent.

REFUND POLICY
1. No refunds of any kind will be given after the first week of attendance.
2. We reserve the right to cancel any class due to insufficient enrollment. Should such an event occur your money will be credited.
3. Tuition will not be refunded if your child misses a class, quits, or is asked to leave due to disruptive behavior.

BEHAVIOR POLICY
STAR NOVA reserves the right to dismiss students whose behavior proves disruptive to other participants. In such cases a consultation will be held with all relevant parties before any action is taken. No refund will be offered in such cases.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Scholarships are available on a sliding scale basis. Scholarship paperwork MUST be submitted by August 31, 2015 along with a check for 50% of the total fee INCLUDING REGISTRATION FEE. Please see your STAR NOVA director to inquire for more information.

If you have any questions, or for information about school closures and minimum days contact your STAR NOVA Director, Cynthia Lemus at (310) 386-6359 or email balboa@starinc.org

STAR MONDAYS

LIFE /PHYSICAL SCIENCE: MAGICAL MONSTER LABORATORY
Join us on a science adventure into the world of mythical monsters! Dragons, vampires and mermaids may just be in stories, but we can explore real science when we investigate their attributes and world! Unlock the mysteries of the zombie brain, dissect a giant squid, and learn how to electrically power your own Frankenstein. See why two eyes are better than a cyclops one! This is one monster mash you won't want to miss!

A part of the STAR S.T.E.A.M. Initiative, this class utilizes multiple disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) to convey crosscutting concepts.

Day: Monday
Time: 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM (1-5) 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM (1-5)
Fee: $108
Date: 9/21/2015 - 10/26/2015

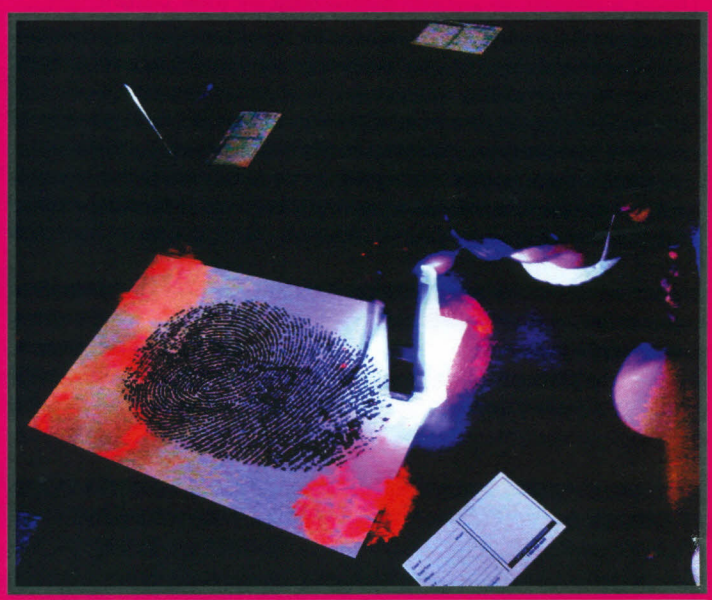
STAR TUESDAYS

ROCKSTAR: LOS ANGELES
Pick up the guitars and grab your friends because the band is getting together! Now is your time to sign up for the most popular after-school rock and roll program in Los Angeles and get your chance to perform live on a real rock and roll stage! Learn your favorite songs with REAL professional working musicians. Hone your skills with friends your own age, and turn your dreams of being a rockstar into reality! This two-session class will equip students with real knowledge of the guitar, bass, drums, keyboards and so much more! RockSTAR teaches students how to compose their own songs, and perform everything from today's popular songs, to classic Rock 'n' Roll hits! Come be a part of our Fifth Annual Winter RockFest and perform with your RockSTAR band on stage at one of Los Angeles' most famous music venues. ***This is a 2-session commitment. Instruments provided. Limited to 7 students maximum.***

STAR Education's RockSTAR program harnesses the cognitive, social and creative benefits of music education in a fun and exciting format. A one of a kind experience, this program is for all levels and no previous experience is required! This is the most established, effective and entertaining program for any young person who is ready to rock!

****ONLY STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ROCKSTAR NOVA 1 AND 2 WILL BE ABLE TO PERFORM AT OUR FIFTH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S WINTER ROCKFEST.***
Day: Tuesday
Time: 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM (1-5) 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM (1-5)
Fee: $304 (2 session fee)
Date: 9/8/2015 - 1/19/2016
No Class: 11/24/2015 12/22/2015 12/29/2015 1/5/2016

Pick up the guitars and grab your friends because the band is getting together at a famous Los Angeles Venue!



Investigate the world of magical monsters! Get your science on!

Online Registration Now Available at http://balboa.starinc.org

Build your own versions of tools used throughout history in this year's Woodworking Class!

Perfect your skills in the most popular board game of all time!

WOODWORKING: TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Venture into the history of "Makers", as we explore and recreate significant tools that have helped or changed the way global cultures thrive. From Tortilladoras, the Abacus, sundials, wagon wheels and more, we will learn about the purpose and history of these long-lasting tools as we build our own versions of them. This class is perfect for enhancing hand-eye coordination, focus and creativity. Come make a part of history! Family and friends will be invited to come by the class on the last day for a special exhibit.

A part of the STAR S.T.E.A.M. Initiative, this class utilizes multiple disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) to convey crosscutting concepts.

Day: Tuesday
Time: 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM (1-5) 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM (1-5)
Fee: $145
Date: 9/8/2015 - 10/27/2015

STAR THURSDAYS

CHESS: FROM A PAWN TO A KING

Come grow with us as we work on mastering one of the most popular games on Earth! The game of chess teaches essential life skills such as discipline, concentration, critical thinking, planning ahead and sportsmanship. Students will learn the fundamentals of the game, its amazing history, and key tips and tricks that provide an awesome edge. This session we will work on everything from basic piece movement all the way up to checkmate! Come move your way to the next level!

NOTE: Suggested for beginner and intermediate level players. Chess players may be moved to/from this class at teacher's discretion based on skill level.
Day: Thursday
Time: 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM (1-5) 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM (1-5)
Fee: $120
Date: 9/10/2015 - 10/29/2015

THEATRE - POPSTAR

A... 5-6-7-8! Which PopSTAR to emulate? Your little PopSTAR will learn vocal technique, choreography and the importance of teamwork while having a blast in this 8 week session that concludes in a final epic performance. After a quick physical and vocal warm-up (safety first), the REAL fun begins when PopSTARs choose their repertoire, learn the moves, sing and dance! Get ready for the performance of a lifetime… but please don't leak the details to the paparazzi!
Day: Thursday
Time: 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM (1-5) 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM (1-5)
Fee: $136
Date: 9/10/2015 - 10/29/2015

Online Registration Now Available at http://balboa.starinc.org

Wow it's the 16th Annual!

Creepy Crawly Creature Feature!

It's Gross! It's Fun! Entomology Festival for Kids!

Featuring a Butterfly Garden!

Bunches of Butterflies! Tons of Tarantulas! Outrageous Edible Insects!

Join us for our 16th annual bug-filled adventure at the STAR Eco Station

Walls that crawl! Winged wonders! Frightening fangs! It's time to **BUG OUT** at the STAR Eco Station! Don't miss this zany entomology expo that showcases **hundreds of bugs, from terrifying tarantulas to beautiful butterflies!** Test your bug bravery with **Fear Factor inspired games**, **robotic bugs, fun crafts and yummy food**, including incredible edible insects at the **bug buffet!** Join a tour to see all the creepy crawlies and the rest of **STAR Eco Station's rescued exotic wildlife.**

Sunday, September 20th, 2015 • 11am-3pm

Eco Station tours only $6 for kids & $8 for adults! Only $5 for STAR kids!

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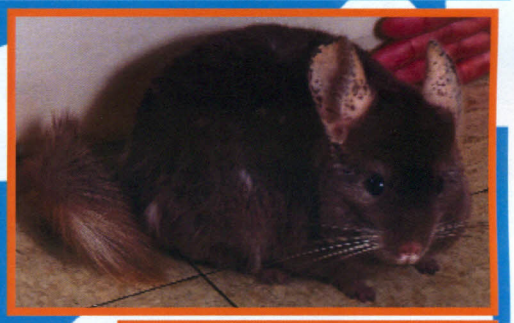
Attention: Sweet Baby Animal Alert! -Sugar Gliders-

5 MONTH OLD BABY SUGAR GLIDERS

About three months ago the Eco Station took in two baby sugar gliders from Thailand that were only 6 weeks old! Normally these marsupials would stay in their mom's pouch until they are at least 8 weeks old, but since they were unfortunately separated from their mom, it became the Eco staff's job to care for and nourish them and make them feel safe and at home. Now at almost 5 months old, these boys have grown into spunky, friendly, healthy and adorable gliders!

As cute as they are, sugar gliders are illegal to have as a pet in California as they are an invasive species that would eat ALL the bugs they could possibly find. These guys are nocturnal so they tend to spend mos of the day sleeping, but when they do poke their heads out, it is quite a treat to our visitors. The best chance to get a glimpse of these cute babies is through our Eco Summer Camp Program where kids get an up close and personal experience with all of our exciting animals!

The Softest of Them All! Rescued Chinchilla!



Meet Minccino, one of two chinchillas currently living at the Eco Station. Minccino was recently rescued after someone had her as a pet, but their landlord did not allow pets so they brought her to the Eco Station for us to care for her. Many people get chinchillas as pets because they are so fluffy and adorable, and later realize that they don't always make the greatest pets because they typically aren't used to people, they are nocturnal, and can be very loud and messy.

While chinchillas are commonly seen as pets, they are not so commonly seen in the wild. Chinchillas in the wild are endangered because people will hunt them for their super soft fur. Chinchillas are believed to have the softest coat of all the land mammals,(it is very dense and has 50-80 hairs growing out of a single follicle, verses humans who have 1-3 hairs per follicle) this soft coat would keep them nice and warm in their natural home in the snowy Andes mountains!

Minccino's favorite things are running on her wheel, eating hay, and getting cuddles! You may be able to get a feel of her fluff on your next visit to the Eco Station.

Chinchillas are native to the Andes mountains in South America at high elevations of up to 4,270 meters.

Email us at ecostation@starinc.org to find out how you can help us!

Nova Session 1: Sept. 8 - Oct. 30, 2015

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STAR Nova

Sign up for classes online!

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August 19, 2015

Dear Parents,

Balboa Magnet Governing Board/School Site Council currently has openings for **two parents**. Fifty percent of the Governing Board/School Site Council shall be comprised of parents and fifty percent shall be comprised of the principal, certificated staff members, and an elected non-certificated employee representative. The Governing Board/School Site Council should consist of a total of twelve members.

The parent representatives are to be elected by the other parents of the school. The Governing Board/School Site Council meets approximately once a month, and is responsible for making various local school policy decisions as outlined in Article XXVII, of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, between the Los Angeles Unified District and UTLA.

We encourage each of you to nominate either yourself or another interested person to serve on the new councils. In order for a nomination to be pre-printed on the school ballot, the nomination form must be completed and returned to the school office by **4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 31, 2015.** The election of members to the Governing Board/School Site Council will be held on **Tuesday, September 1, 2015** in Balboa Magnet's Auditorium.

All parents and community members are urged to attend the meeting and vote for these important leadership positions. We look forward to working with all of you in this important cooperative effort.

Sincerely,

Jana Davenport
Principal

GOVERNING BOARD/SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL
NOMINATION FORM

Candidate's Name _____

Address: _____

_____

Home Phone: _____

<u>If Candidate is a Parent</u>

Child's Name: _____

Room Number: _____

<u>If a Candidate is a Community Member</u>

Address of Employment: _____

_____

Business Phone: _____

Candidate's Signature: _____

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF YOUR QUALIFICATIONS (25 WORDS OR LESS)

To be returned to the school office by August 31, 2015

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August 19, 2015

Back-to-School Night will be held on **Tuesday, September 1, 2015.** This is an opportunity to learn about the educational program in your child's classroom. Teachers will be making presentations and answering questions so please make every effort to attend.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT IS FOR PARENTS ONLY

Children are NOT allowed on campus during Back-to-School Night as classroom seating is for parents and there is no supervision available.
We urge you to please cooperate with this request. ADULTS ONLY. No exceptions.

The schedule will be as follows:

5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. – Grades 2 & 4
6:50 p.m. - 7:50 p.m. – Grades 1, 3, & 5

The Balboa "Spirit Store" will be open.
Balboa t-shirts, sweatshirts and other merchandise will be on sale.

Reminder: **Tuesday, September 1st is a Banked Day.**

The school hours will be:

Gates Open	7:45a.m.
School Begins	8:15 a.m.
School Ends	1:38 p.m.
Playground Hours	1:38 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

BALBOA SPIRIT CLUB

Earthquake Preparedness Program for 2015-2016

Dear Parents,

Experts have determined that in the event of a major earthquake, schools may be responsible for their staff and students for up to three days. Thankfully, our school has an **Earthquake Preparedness Program** in place that we feel adequately protects our children both during and after a major earthquake, should the need arise. One component of this program is the onsite storage of food, water, first aid supplies, etc.

We strongly recommend each family provide additional personal items for their child, as listed below.

*******BAG COLLECTION DATES: SEPTEMBER 2-SEPTEMBER 17*******

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY – DO NOT PROVIDE EXTRA ITEMS

LABEL each bag with your child's name, teacher name, and room number. The label **MUST** be placed **INSIDE** the bag and facing **OUT** so it can be read easily.

1. FOOD & PERSONAL ITEM BAG (one gallon size Ziploc bag) containing ONLY:

- **One (1) emergency Solar Blanket.** They look like a small package of aluminum foil and are available at most sporting goods stores, Target, or Walmart.
- **Six (6) small, non-perishable snacks that do not need a can opener.** Granola bars, gummy snacks, fruit roll-ups, etc. DO NOT SEND CHOCOLATE, CRACKERS OR CHIPS.
- **A note of encouragement and a family photo.**
- **Any prescription medication your child might require.** It must be in its original container/package.
- **The name and telephone number of an out-of-state relative or friend** (many times local phones are down, but long-distance calls can be made).
- **A label placed on the INSIDE of the bag, facing OUT, with your child's name, teacher's name, and room number.**

**********DO NOT SEND** CHOCOLATE, CRACKERS, CHIPS OR OTHER CRUSHABLE OR PERISHABLE ITEMS.

**********DO NOT SEND** WATER OR ANY OTHER LIQUID.

**********DO NOT SEND** BLANKETS OTHER THAN THE SOLAR BLANKET.

2. EXTRA CLOTHING BAG (one gallon size Ziploc bag) containing ONLY:

- **One (1) pair of underpants.**
- **One (1) pair of long pants.**
- **One (1) pair of shorts.**
- **One (1) long-sleeved shirt.**
- **One (1) short-sleeved shirt.**
- **One (1) pair of socks.**
- **A label on the INSIDE of the bag, facing OUT, with your child's name, teacher's name, and the room number.**

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY

- Turn the bags in by the deadline. Late bags may not be accepted.
- Use one gallon Ziploc bags. Do not use larger bags. Do not use grocery bags. Note: If you have trouble fitting the clothes into the bag try rolling them rather than folding them. If you are still experiencing problems closing the bag, try condensing it by wrapping it with electrical tape. If absolutely necessary, place clothing into a 2 gallon Ziploc bag.
- Do not provide additional items that have not been requested.
- Label your child's bag correctly. A lost bag will not help your child.
- Do not tape the bags together. Food and clothing bags will be stored separately.
- DO NOT SEND CHOCOLATE, CRACKERS, CHIPS OR OTHER CRUSHABLE OR PERISHABLE ITEMS.
- DO NOT SEND WATER OR ANY OTHER LIQUID.

If you need additional help, our former chairs have put together an instructional slideshow at

http://www.balboaparents.org/earthquake-kits.html

Please know you are not required to provide these bags, but we STRONGLY RECOMMEND that you do so. In an event they are needed, these additional supplies will help keep your child warm, fed, and as comfortable as possible.

BAG COLLECTION DATES: SEPTEMBER 2-SEPTEMBER 17

PLEASE SEND THE BAGS IN DURING THE ABOVE DATES.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH IS THE FINAL DATE!

At Balboa Magnet, we are secure in the knowledge our children have been instructed in the procedures to follow during and after an earthquake. Here are some of the things you can do at home to help ensure your family's safety:

- ✓ Make sure more than one person in your home knows when and how to shut off the water, power, and gas.
- ✓ Have a source of fresh water. If possible, store bottled water and replace it every 6 months. Swimming pool water should be considered contaminated. You may also fill up bathtubs immediately following a disaster because the water pipes have yet to be potentially contaminated.
- ✓ Have a first aid kit available. Have as many family members take first aid classes through the Red Cross, YMCA, or a local hospital.
- ✓ If you wear high heeled shoes often, keep a pair of tennis shoes in the trunk of your car. You might also want to keep a first aid kit, toilet paper, and some non-perishable snacks and water in your trunk as well. A small backpack can keep everything tidy and handy.

Thank you for helping to ensure the safety, comfort, and well being of your child. These supplies will hopefully not be seen again until we return them back to you in June.

Respectfully,

Danielle Muller and Maiko Nishimura

Earthquake Preparedness Committee Chairs

mad4usc@yahoo.com

BALBOA MAGNET DIRECTORY

Welcome parents and students to a great new year at Balboa Magnet! Each year, the Balboa Spirit Club (Parents Group) puts together a School Directory with a class-by-class contact list, as well as other useful information. It's a great resource for parents who want to send out party invitations, arrange a get-together with friends, or just check on a homework assignment with a classmate.

This year, we are using an online form to collect the information to put into the School Directory, as well as the Classroom Contact lists. Please go to our Spirit Club's website **http://www.balboaparents.org/directory.html** or go to this secure link **http://bit.ly/1GXc1YC** and follow the instructions to fill out a short online form not later than September 21, 2015.

IMPORTANT

- Please fill out the online form even if you DO NOT want your contact information displayed in the Printed Directories or in the Online Directory, you will have the option to HIDE IT from either one or both, also you can select not to display your e-mail, physical address, or phone number.

- Please do not miss out on participating in this valuable resource, it will definitely come in handy throughout the year and for years to come as lifelong friendships develop among our children.

- You will have a chance to review and confirm your information before it is published.

- All data is stored behind secure firewalls and can only be accessed by authorized users with a validated username and encrypted password. All data is viewed and passed using SSL encryption.

If you do not have access to a computer or the Internet, please contact your room parent or the Directory Chair, Maureen Cohen at 818-477-0704 for assistance, as well as if you have any questions.

Have a great school year!