

# **Beechwood Weekly**



Friday, September 16th, 2022

### Upcoming Events, Deadlines & Notices

# Standardized MAP Testing 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Monday Sept. 19th- Friday, Sept. 23rd

#### **Re-Take Picture Day**

Thursday, Sept. 29th

#### **Parent Volunteer Opportunities**

Recess/Lunch Supervision
To register please use the following link:
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#### **Covid Vaccine Clinics**

Dates and Locations for September. See flyer attached.



#### Reminders/Announcements

#### Sign-In/Out Required for All Parents/Visitors Starting next Monday Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>

We are asking all parents and visitors to stop by the office upon first entering campus to sign-in, and make sure to stop by to sign-out when leaving. This will help us in our efforts to keep our community safe and be prepared in case of an emergency.

## Parents Walking Students onto Campus in the Morning

It is a pleasure in the mornings to see parents walk their children onto campus and spend quality time with our students. This gives time for the parents to see their child's teacher and connect with other parents and students as well. We definitely want to encourage you to continue this practice whenever possible. In an effort to help your child settle down and get ready for the morning class, we would like to ask all parents to leave campus promptly after the morning bell. This will help us minimize any distractions. If you are still in conversations with other parents, we kindly ask you to do it outside the school grounds.

#### Facemasks Will be Optional Indoors Starting Monday Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>

We are updating our policy regarding facemask use indoors. As of this coming Monday, wearing facemasks will be optional indoors for everyone. Please stay tuned for an upcoming letter sent by Mrs. Taylor with more details regarding this change.

Thank you all for your support in these matters and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school's office.

## Spotlight of the Meek!

We are so excited to welcome Mr. Sepuloni Lolohea to the Beechwood community as our Middle School Science Teacher. Originally from Tonga, an island nation in the southwestern Pacific Ocean, he grew up in a small village called Tuanuku. He describes his upbringing as very traditional and religious but also very active.

Mr. Lolohea began his teaching career in Tonga but he moved to Fiji to continue his education and his work as a teacher. He has taught at all levels - elementary, middle, high school and college.

Mr. Lolohea smiles with pride as he describes his family - his wife (Sela) and four kids (Tonga, Siosifa, Sam and Amelia). Although the last year has been an exciting one with their move from Fiji to California, they have embraced the changes and the challenges of learning new things. In their free time, they love to sit around, talk and tease each other.

When asked about Beechwood, Mr. Lolohea said, "From the very first day, you feel like you are part of the family. There is so much help and support."

3 cool facts about Mr. Lolohea:

- 1. As a kid, he loved racing horses.
- 2. He is a BIG rugby fan and has even coached it.
- 3. He tried a burrito for the FIRST time last Friday.



The Lolohea family celebrate the high school graduation of their oldest son, Tonga (from left to right: Amelia, Sela, Tonga, Sepuloni, Sam and Siosifa).

We also want to welcome Mina Arostigui to our community!

Miss Mina is our new Kindergarten/KinderPrep Aide. We will feature her in next week's newsletter.



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