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SCHOOL DISTRICT

Your **Best Choice** for **Academic Success!**

Barstow Junior High School has many student-participation choices!

Barstow Junior High School has plenty of activities our students enjoy, including our award-winning marching band and color guard. Other students enjoy choir class, and for budding pianists we have a piano lab.

Our three AVID classes will soon expand to four. AVID stands for Advancement Via Independent Determination and helps prepare our students for college and careers. Our staff is guiding BJHS into becoming a school-wide AVID campus. We started with each student receiving a binder with subject dividers and planners for use with the AVID program.

We are introducing an engineering course second semester this year. We are working with the Girls Scouts of America who take our female students on field trips we call "From Classroom to Careers." On one field trip our students visited Cal State San Bernardino and had hands-on experience with the college's new simulation medical equipment. In the spring, our 8th graders will complete a unit on careers with a job interview as the final activity. Civic leaders, including the mayor, will interview and grade the students.



Jordan Len at the CSUSB field trip

In athletics, our students participate in wrestling, volleyball, basketball and soccer. Last year, our boys' basketball team finished 2nd in the league. This year our girls' volleyball team tied for 3rd in the league— our highest placement in years.

The BJHS wrestling team has produced wrestlers who achieve success on the high school wrestling team. One student is currently ranked 8th in the State and the USA State wrestling tournaments. Last summer one of our promoting 8th graders placed 2nd at Greco State.

Our students competed and won awards in the District's spelling bee and the science fair. We had many students submit entries and win awards in the Desert Heritage Writing Contest sponsored by the Barstow Chamber of Commerce.

BJHS students participate in many community service projects, such as Desert Manna's annual Holiday Cans and Coats Drive, and another clothing drive for the needy.

Our staff and students participated in the "Jeans for Troops," a national fundraiser.

Opportunities for success and achievement abound at Barstow Junior High School!



8th graders dressed for success

Our English Language Development (ELD) classes are advancing English language skills for many of our students. Three levels of ELD classes are offered.

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Montara Elementary School takes the lead with The Leader in Me™

The Leader in Me™ is a whole-school transformation model that works like the operating system of a computer by improving the performance of all the other programs.

The Leader in Me™ is based on the book by Stephen Covey, "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People ®." We are looking forward to learning how this process transforms our students and school.

Our plan is to use our PBIS and The Leader in Me™ processes to create transformational results such as higher academic achievement, fewer discipline problems and increased communication between teachers and parents.

We are excited about equipping our students with the self-confidence and academic skills they need to thrive in the 21st century!

We are very thankful to the Panda Restaurant Group, and the Panda Foundation for providing a grant to fund The Leader in Me™ program at our school. Through their grant, the staff is able to participate in many staff development days. This grant has also provided The Leader in Me™ and 7 Habits materials, such as workbooks, posters and lanyards, to begin transforming our school.

Recently our students wrote thank you letters to the Panda Foundation. Our staff and students wanted to show our appreciation for all that the foundation has already done for our school. We look forward to our future years of involvement with Panda and The Leader in Me™, and are grateful for the transforming power of our partnership with them.

