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BURBANK ELEMENTARY STAFF AND STUDENTS BID FAREWELL TO CAMPUS

A bittersweet farewell to **Burbank Elementary School** will be held on Thursday, May 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. as staff and students bid goodbye to the 75-year-old campus and prepare to break-in their brand new school.

Built in 1937, Burbank Elementary will close its doors on Wednesday, May 23, the last day of the 2011-2012 school year. Teachers, staff, and students will begin the new school year on Wednesday, August 1 at their new school, **Captain Leland F. Norton Elementary School**.

Former Burbank students and staff are invited to the farewell celebration and are encouraged to bring photos or other school mementos. Please RSVP to **Pat Brandstetter** at (909) 388-6324. Photos for a slide show can be emailed to martin.ruiz@sbcusd.com.

Norton Elementary School will serve students from kindergarten through sixth grade. The school will have a science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) environmental focus. STEM environmental learning is an innovative and creative approach of integrating cross-disciplinary literacy skills through critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and student-centered inquiry and project-based learning.

Located at 747 North Mt. View Avenue, between Victoria and Eighth Streets, the $15 million Norton Elementary School has 36 classrooms and includes a multipurpose room, library, soccer and baseball fields, outdoor basketball courts, and dedicated student drop-off lanes that make it easier and safer for parents and students.

The 13-acre Norton Elementary School is named for San Bernardino native and World War II hero Capt. Leland Francis Norton. State capital construction funding covered the $14.9 million construction cost. Norton's principal is **Elizabeth Cochrane-Benoit**, who has served as Burbank's principal for the last two years.

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