

Torrance Plans No Observance Of School Week

"Since parents are welcome to visit Torrance schools at any time, there will be no district-wide observance of Public Schools Week next week," according to Assistant Superintendent Albert N. Posner.

Major efforts during the week will be devoted to individual conferences between parents and teachers to discuss the child's progress in school, he said. Each parent is invited to school twice a year to confer with his child's teacher, discussing the youngster's work and making plans for the future.

Los Angeles Schools to Observe 41st Annual Public Schools Week

More than 600,000 students in the Los Angeles City Schools will join with their teachers, parents, and friends in the 41st annual observance of Public Schools Week in California, April 24 through 30, it was announced yesterday by Superintendent of Schools Ellis A. Jarvis.

Held continuously since its inception in 1920, Public Schools Week is staged for the purpose of bringing all citizens of the community into closer working relationship with the public schools.

THE ANNUAL week in honor of public schools is co-sponsored by the Masonic Lodges of California. This year's slogan is "Our Public Schools — Know Them, Support Them, Strengthen Them."

The programs in schools throughout the Los Angeles System will consist of such activities as open houses, pageants, and classroom visitations where parents and other citizens may learn more about the education program and services provided by the schools.

PUBLIC Schools Week also provides an opportunity for all persons to observe the work of the public schools, develop a common understanding of the schools, build an understanding of the problems and needs of the fast-growing Los Angeles City School System, develop appreciation of the many benefits of education, and honor the great contribution made by the public schools of this city and state.

In celebration of the week, nearly all Los Angeles City Schools will feature exhibits of students' work and many thousands of teachers will meet with many thousands of parents to discuss mutual interests — children. However, some schools have found it necessary to schedule programs at times other than the week of April 24-30, Jarvis said.

THREE MAIN objectives of this year's Public Schools Week observance are a better understanding of how schools teach fundamentals and citizenship, increased confidence by the public in the teaching profession, and the recognition of the need for more teachers.

The Public Schools Week was launched in 1920 in San Francisco by Attorney Charles Albert Adams. Adams was a Past Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge of California and for many years served as a member of the California State Board of Education.

During that period there was a great shortage of teachers and classrooms and many schools were closed. Adams' statewide movement was designed to call attention to the needs of schools. Since then Public Schools Week has been annually observed as a period of re-dedication to the principle of the public school.

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