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Orange County Teachers of the Year



Beckman teacher David Goldenberg displays his award with wife, Theresa, and daughter, Haley.



Peters Canyon teacher Jennifer Sandland celebrates her award with son, Kale.

By Mark Eliot

Director of Communications

For the first time in TUSD history two Tustin Teachers of the Year have been named Orange County Teachers of the Year at the same time

Peters Canyon Elementary School third-grade teacher Jennifer Sandland and Beckman High School history/social science teacher David Goldenberg have been selected as two of five Orange County Teachers of the Year by the Orange County Department of Education.

Sandland and Goldenberg are the fifth and sixth Tustin Unified teachers, respectively, in over 10 years to be named Orange County Teachers of the Year. They will represent the county in the 2012-13 California Teachers of the Year program. They will also be recognized at the annual Orange County Teachers of the Year dinner in the fall and featured in a documentary about the Teacher of the Year program, which will air on PBS SoCal and other local cable channels.

SUPERINTENDENT



In Touch with TUSD

As I complete my first year with TUSD, I want to thank and congratulate the school board, teachers, administrators, staff, students and parents for making this a very

successful year. The District continues to shine in academic excellence and I would like to share the following good news with you...

U.S. News & World Report's 2012 Best High Schools Rankings

U.S. News & World Report released the 2012 U.S. News Best High Schools rankings. The magazine profiled nearly 22,000 public high schools and provided rankings of

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California Distinguished School

Hicks Canyon Elementary School has been named a 2012 California Distinguished School by the California Department of Education. This is the second time Hicks Canyon has received Distinguished School honors since it opened in 2004. The school won the award in 2008.

Hicks Canyon won the award based upon the quality of its programs and other criteria such as school leadership, student achievement/test scores, curriculum and instruction, technology, school environment, and parent and community support.

"I am extremely proud of our staff and students," Principal Cindy Agopian said. "Teachers working hand-in-hand, with a supportive parent community and hardworking children, create a world class environment where students thrive."

Over the past six years, Tustin Unified has been honored with three National Blue Ribbon School awards, 15 California Distinguished School awards and three Title I Academic Achievement School awards.



TUSD Classified Employee of the Year



Ladera special education paraeducator Margie Bowker spends some time with Alvaro and Leilani.

Margie Bowker, a special education paraeducator (instructional aide) at Ladera Elementary School, has been selected as the 2012 Classified Employee of the Year by the Tustin Unified School District. She was chosen based on her significant contributions to the District and community.

"What a great honor to receive this award and represent all the classified employees who work hard every day for our students and schools," Bowker said. "It's all about the children."

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As this school year comes to a close I would like to thank you for being loyal readers. I appreciate you including *School News* among your reading choices.

Congratulations to the teachers and administrators retiring this year. We appreciate their years of dedication to education.

I hope you have a wonderful summer. Our Camps/Activities section pages 9-11 offer lots of choices for your children to enjoy their summer days both academically and physically. Don't forget to include the library in your summer plans.

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The Tustin Summer Academy



Carol Burby Garrett
Executive Director

The Tustin Public Schools Foundation is launching the new Tustin Summer Academy. It is specially designed to offer a variety of courses for our elementary-age students.

The Academy's "Fast Forward" program will offer a sneak-peek into the concepts that will be found in the upcoming school year. This fun enrichment course is not remedial, but will instead give a head-start to incoming K-5 students. The STEAM program will offer a hands-on, project-based approach to learning science, technology, engineering, art, and math for our incoming third- to sixth-grade scholars.

This year's theme is transportation, and so its projects will include designing, building and testing such things as aluminum foil boats, hot air

balloons, hovercraft, balloon-powered race cars and rockets.

The Tustin Public Schools Foundation will also offer a one-week performing arts camp with the "Young Americans." It is designed for fourth- to twelfth-grade students.

Participants will learn songs and dances, and will even perform at a live show at the end of camp.

For more information and registration for these programs, please go to www.tpsf.net.



Tustin Summer Academy Co-Director Ryan Bollenbach demonstrating one of the projects included in this summer's S.T.E.A.M. program.







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True Blue

Sissy Oberlin is the face and voice of Beckman High School. She is our receptionist and answers the school's main phone line, directing calls, and answering questions. She cheerfully greets all visitors and helps students when they have questions.

In addition, Sissy works as the athletic secretary and works with the athletic director, coaches, trainer, and the athletes and their parents. She receives and organizes all athletic clearance forms, coordinates athletic transportation, and makes sure the officials are paid.

In the summer, Sissy works with the summer recreation program, again coordinating sign ups and answering hundreds of questions, always with a helpful and positive demeanor.



Beckman receptionist Sissy Oberlin in "Tru Blu" action.

Sissy is one of Beckman's biggest fans and sells tickets at football, volleyball, and basketball games. When she's not selling tickets, she can be found at Beckman events as a spectator, always cheering on the Patriots, whether it is a school dance, athletic contest, talent show, music program, or any other event.

Sissy volunteers for the Tustin Public Schools Foundation and works with Dino Dash and Teacher of the Year program. Sissy Oberlin is true blue!

Arroyo *Elementary School*

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Maggie Villegas
Principal

Honoring Mrs. Kelly

Arroyo Elementary is proud to be honoring Suzanne Kelly as our 2012 Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Kelly has been teaching in the TUSD for 12 years, and is a dedicated, enthusiastic, joyful, thoughtful and engaging educator.

She is also GATE-trained, has served on our School Site Council, is our Illuminate Lead Teacher, and is always eager to assist a student or colleague in need.

Every year Mrs. Kelly also serves as the coordinator of our Invention Convention. She has served as a Cotsen Fellow, dedicating herself to continuous professional development and growth as an educator. She truly lives her life according to the belief that there is not a one-size-fits-all curriculum for her students.

Mrs. Kelly consistently does whatever it takes to inspire her students to achieve and succeed. She is an amazing asset to the Arroyo community of learners and is an exemplary educator. We are proud that she is a Mustang!



Mrs. Kelly and her wonderful class of fourth graders.



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Norma Lemus
Principal

Never-ending Enthusiasm

On behalf of the entire Benson Elementary School staff, it is my pleasure to announce our Benson School Classified Employee of the Year for 2012, Mrs. Marsha Bajorek.

Mrs. Bajorek has been a Tustin Unified School District employee for 20 years. Benson is very lucky to have Mrs. Bajorek as our library media technician. Mrs. Bajorek is responsible for running the school library and organizing the yearly book fair and our Birthday Club. Mrs. Bajorek also reads to students in the library and reads in the classroom for our Special Day Class (SDC) students.

Mrs. Bajorek has always been the first one to step in where help is needed, whether it be in the library or not, and has never been afraid to spend extra time at school. Marsha always has a smile on her face for everyone and has a bright cheerful personality to match! The students and staff love her for her patience and never-ending enthusiasm.

Mrs. Bajorek knows each of our students by name and shows concern about their well being. Mrs. Bajorek demonstrates her dedication and caring each day. She works with teachers to pull appropriate books to match lessons, pulls special books for holidays, researches teacher requests, and manages the library budget to cover all teacher needs.

It is a genuine pleasure to have Mrs. Marsha Bajorek as a member of the Benson team and to recognize her as our Benson Classified Employee of the Year for 2012! Congratulations, Marsha!

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Erick Fineberg
Principal

Lots to Celebrate

Beswick Elementary School is proud to recognize Renie Miller as our Classified Employee of the Year. Mrs. Miller is an instructional aide working with students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Her busy schedule does not stop Mrs. Miller from making strong connections with both students and teachers. The staff and students appreciate her positive attitude and 20 years of service to Beswick and the Tustin Unified School District. Students are always excited to see this Tustin resident in the community and receive a warm welcome from her at the store, a local restaurant, or wherever they may see her.



Students in Mrs. Egan's 1st Grade class celebrate the announcement of Mrs. Miller as Classified Employee of the Year.

Beswick is also celebrating the incredible reading success of our students. This year, the bar was set high, with the lofty goal of 100 points for upper-graders, 75 points for second- and third-graders, and 50 points for first-graders in order to earn their way to the Reading Wall of Fame. By April, over 120 students had already reached their goals and had their names posted on the wall.

Columbus Tustin

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Middle School



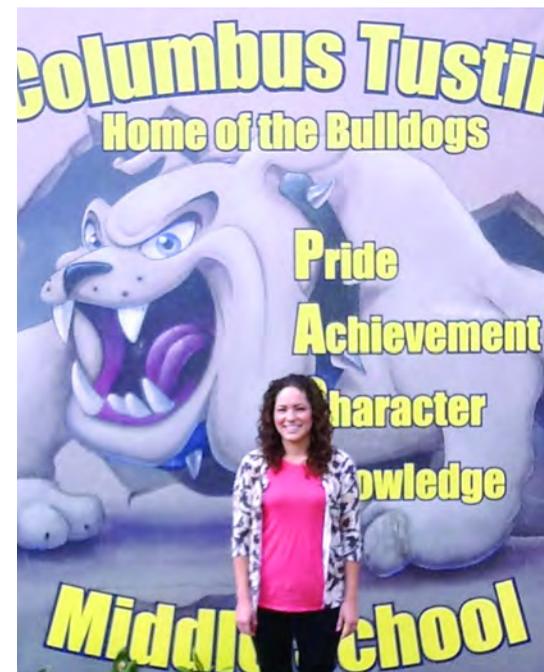
Dean Crow
Principal

Congratulations Selem Victoria!

Congratulations to Columbus Tustin Middle School's Classified Employee of the Year, Selem Victoria! She has worked as a Para Educator in our Special Education department for the past 5 years.

She has a unique ability to inspire students to maximize their learning.

She is kind, polite and smart. Her empathy for students creates a strong bond that communicates; "I believe in you and know you are capable". Her support of students extends their resiliency and ability to overcome challenges in learning. She even runs the mile with her students in PE to encourage them. Selem volunteers in the community to encourage parental involvement and is working towards a degree in Mathematics. She aspires to become a Math teacher. Great work Selem, you are truly a leader of the PACK!



Special Education paraeducator Selem Victoria has a lot of pride at Columbus Tustin School

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Middle School



Christine Matos
Principal

Extraordinary Events at Currie

By Anastasia Earles, Currie Journalism Student

Recently, Currie's Teacher of the Year recognition was awarded to Zachariah Samarin for his magnificent dedication to students and his phenomenal performance as a teacher. He also recently represented Currie as coach of the girls basketball team.

In March, a basketball scrimmage was held at Currie where the girls played with astonishing skills and a confident attitude.

Stupendously, Team One, Currie's seventh-grade girls team, won all four scrimmage games, and which foreshadowed a possible victory at the finals. Mr. Samarin's all-star girls basketball team was able to challenge all of Tustin's middle schools at the finals held at Orchard Hills Middle School.

Currie's boys basketball team also played with excellence and astounding sportsmanship. Coach William Yarrington made a major impact on his students. Ahmed Musa, a seventh-grade basketball player, said recently that, "Coach Yarrington's basketball practices are very exhausting, but he has helped me greatly on my basketball skills, and that is why I admire him."



Currie teacher Zachariah Samarin, back row, serves as coach of the all-star girls basketball team.

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Helen Estock *Elementary School*

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Nancy Jenkins
Principal

Eagles Reached New Heights

The Estock Eagles have reached new heights this school year. The students and staff continue “soaring on the wings of knowledge” learning new information and applying their skills in the classroom and in the community. A special thank you to the Estock PTA and ELAC who continue to support our wonderful school. These parent groups have hosted Parent Classes, Teacher Appreciation Week, International Fair and a variety of other activities for our students, their families and our staff. An Estock Eagle always values respect, responsibility, honesty and doing their personal best. As we wave goodbye to a great year, we say hello to a wonderful summer. Go Eagles!



Estock Eagles end school year on a high note.

Foothill *High School*

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Al Marzilli
Principal

One in a Million

Foothill High School secretary Lindy Werner Deehan has been named Classified Employee of the Year. She is the epitome of professionalism, and her warmth and generosity pervade the front office. She is kind and greets staff members and students with a warm smile each day.

Lindy deals with students and parents regarding discipline issues, and she does so in a courteous, friendly, and gracious way.

She has such an amazing and positive attitude for someone who works with so many negative issues. Lindy has even been seen handing out diplomas at graduation, with true emotion, to students she knows well because of their discipline and attendance problems. Her actions speak louder than words; a true indication of a generous heart.

Thank you, Lindy, for helping to make Foothill High School the special place that it is. You care so much about our staff and students—caring above and beyond! You are truly one in a million!



Lindy Werner Deehan has a positive attitude.

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Kelly Fresch
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We Honor Our Night Custodian

Guin Foss is recognizing Richard Walker, our night custodian, as Classified Employee of the Year. We are lucky to have him at Guin Foss!

Mr. Walker maintains a safe and secure campus in addition to keeping it clean and preparing staff for success on a daily basis. He follows a strict schedule, attending to the needs of the classrooms and the entire school campus. He supports the school community by helping with family night events from setup and teardown to cleanup and whatever needs to be done at a moment's notice. He is a respectful and caring individual.

Mr. Walker takes his job very seriously and looks out for student safety when they are still on campus. He communicates with security, site administration and M & O regarding concerns he witnesses in the evening hours. We are proud to call him part of the family!



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Elementary School



Eric Kilian
Principal

Star Test: May the Force Be With You

In a galaxy, not far from where you are reading this article, during a time not so long ago...students and teachers at Heideman Elementary School sought to increase school-wide focus during testing by incorporating a Star Wars theme.

Before testing, a kick-off assembly created motivation for students as they watched a customized video of the "Star Wars" rolling script with words of wisdom. Then a motivational speech by Mr. Kilian Skywalker incorporated Jedi test-taking tips from Yoda. Students were taught to beware of the Dark Side, which says, "Don't do your best" or "You can't figure this out." The assembly culminated with teacher Jedidus battling Darth Vader on the stage to protect the mission of Heideman Roadrunners to use the Force on the test.

As seen in the photo, teachers wore thematic shirts and posters were hung around campus to remind students to do their best on the test and to "Use the Force!"



Jedi Teachers Use the Force

Hewes Middle School

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Michele Boudreaux
Principal

Congratulations, Mrs. Boyd!

Mrs. Barbara Boyd is the Hewes Middle School Classified Employee of the Year. For 22 years, Mrs. Boyd has managed our cafeteria. She oversees a staff of four, services a school of over 1,000 students and employees, caters special events on campus, prepares special food items for students and staff, does all food ordering, runs the cafeteria accounting system, and makes the whole cafeteria run smoothly.

Mrs. Boyd takes tremendous pride in what she does with her cafeteria and her staff. She works tirelessly to make sure the cafeteria is ready to serve students and staff at all times. One of the most notable things she does is go out of her way to help students with special needs. She always greets everyone with a smile.

Hewes is fortunate to have such a dedicated staff member.



Mrs. Barbara Boyd
Hewes Classified Employee of the Year.

Hicks Canyon Elementary School

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Cindy Agopian
Principal

iPads in the Classroom

Hicks Canyon Elementary School is leading the way in technology with our use of iPads in the classroom. Third-grade teachers and students are piloting a variety of ways iPads can be used as instructional and learning tools.

Teachers have visited other model iPad demonstration schools and attended conferences and training to learn about the most effective ways to enhance instruction through this revolutionary technology tool. The Hicks Canyon PTO has been extremely supportive and has funded the iPads. We are also looking at ways we can continue to expand the number of iPads in the third grade and at other grade levels.



Hicks Canyon students show the variety of ways to use iPads in the classroom.

On May 15, Hicks Canyon students highlighted the use of iPads at our first Technology Showcase. Tustin Unified School District (TUSD) Superintendent Dr. Gregory Franklin shared his presentation on enhancing technology in TUSD schools.

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Tim O'Donoghue
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Students Helping With Special Olympics

Each year the Special Olympics brings out the best in everyone! This is the sixth consecutive year that the entire Hillview High School senior class has volunteered their time assisting special needs children. This marks the 25th year the event has been held on the California State University, Fullerton campus.

Hillview students and other volunteers were paired up with special needs students, who they escorted around to participate in various athletic events, such as running the 50-yard dash and shooting basketballs. After participating in the events, the students eat lunch together and hang out.

This annual event is a "win-win" situation. The athletes have a fun time, and the Hillview students learn the importance of community service work, along with gaining experience with special needs children. It is truly a great day each year.



Hillview student Jasmin Ramos helping with the Special Olympics.

Ladera *Elementary School*

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Derek Pinto
Principal

Two Special Staff Members

Ladera Elementary School stakeholders would like to pay tribute to two very special staff members, teacher Sheri Gray and paraeducator Margie Bowker. These two educational professionals were recognized by their peers for their outstanding work with the students we serve.

Sheri began at Ladera in 2005, and she is well known for her enthusiasm and willingness to collaborate with colleagues. Margie has been a Tustin employee for the better part of 19 years, the vast majority spent with special needs students. Margie is known for being dependable, kind, and nurturing with the students. Margie has talked about her work as "the place she's meant to be."

The majority of the time most children spend outside the house is spent at school, with teachers who care for them, nurture them, and seek to create meaningful experiences to optimize student learning. We know that Sheri and Margie are exceeding these lofty expectations, and we're proud of them.

Go, Leopards!



TUSD Classified Employee of the Year Margie Bowker is congratulated by school board member Lynn Davis, Ladera Elementary School Principal Derek Pinto and TUSD Superintendent Dr. Gregory Franklin.

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Deanna Parks
Principal

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Parents have come to do many activities, including art projects, a reading picnic lunch, learning how to practice math facts with their children and reading to students. This year, we also had over 60 families take part in our six-session parenting classes. We are so happy to have so many parents involved with our school and the learning process!



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From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift certificate redeemable at Barnes & Noble.

A special thank you to Tristan Luedee, 7 years old, for suggesting this Pokemon Word Search and emailing the words.

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Katy Sheyka
Principal

You Can't Help But Smile Back!

Loma Vista Elementary School proudly recognizes Robert McMurtrey, our head custodian, as our Classified Employee of the Year. Mr. M goes above and beyond in all he does: organizing and participating in daily football games with students; decorating his work space in December with music, lights, a tree, and wrapped gifts; and setting up and acting as disc jockey for our weekly Friday flag ceremonies.

Mr. M is always eager to help the teachers and staff, no matter how busy he is. Robert is completely devoted to keeping our



Head Custodian Robert McMurtrey participates in football game with students.

campus beautiful and safe, as he believes that a clean and inviting campus fosters learning and promotes a high work ethic.

What is most endearing about Mr. M, however, is his contagious smile! While his daily tasks can be unpleasant at times, you would never know it. Mr. M is always smiling, and you can't help but smile back!

Myford *Elementary School*

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Amy Fedderly
Principal

Myford School Salutes Yvonne Fontana

We are excited to announce that Myford Elementary School's Classified Employee of the Year for 2011–2012 is Yvonne Fontana, a Resource Specialist Program (RSP) paraeducator.

Mrs. Fontana works tirelessly to provide our students with instructional support each and every day. She always has a smile on her face and a willingness to take on any task assigned to her.

She works closely with Brenda Nur, our RSP teacher, and Ms. Nur can't imagine handling her caseload without the expertise of Mrs. Fontana.

Mrs. Fontana is well loved by students, staff, and parents. She not only does her job as an instructional assistant, but she also volunteers to help out on the playground as a noon-duty supervisor when we are short-staffed.

We are so fortunate to have Mrs. Fontana at Myford. She's extremely deserving of this honor, and we are proud to have her as a part of the Myford community.



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John Laurich
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A Salute to a Teacher and a Paraeducator

As the year was coming to an end at Nelson, we paused to recognize our Teacher of the Year and Classified Employee of the Year. Our Teacher of the Year for 2011–12 is Lori Boyer. Ms. Boyer teaches second grade and has been at Nelson for all 11 years of her teaching career. She believes that it is her job in second grade to instill a love of learning in her students, and she does it year after year at Nelson. Ms. Boyer completed her administrative credential in 2009 and served as elementary teaching assistant principal at Nelson for two years. Ms. Boyer truly believes that she has a responsibility to give back to her profession. Over the years, she has served as a master teacher for student teachers three times. It was with great pride that Nelson School recognized Lori Boyer as our 2011–12 Teacher of the Year.

This year, Nelson recognized special education paraeducator Abla Yacoub as our 2011–12 Classified Employee of the Year. Ms. Yacoub is assigned to support one student, but she supports all students at Nelson. Don't be surprised to see here leading a study group preparing for a test or lending a hand at all our many school functions. She is studying to be a lab technician and recently applied those skills in the classroom by helping to teach a lesson on cells in the human body. We proudly honor her as our 2011–12 Classified Employee of the Year.

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Orchard Hills *School*

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Rich Montgomery
Principal

Krista Andreae: 2012 Classified Employee of the Year!

As the office assistant of a start-up school, Krista Andreae has played many more roles than she will ever be given credit for. With one of our top district goals being to “recruit and retain people who exhibit positive attitudes, genuine caring and exceptional enthusiasm,”

we have a gem in Mrs. Andreae. She epitomizes what is right with Tustin Unified and Orchard Hills School.

As the “face and voice” of Orchard Hills, Mrs. Andreae greets parents and students in person as well as answering the phones with what we have come to refer to as “Nordstrom-level customer service.”

In addition to managing the processing needs for the Aeries database for both the elementary and middle school sides of our campus, Mrs. Andreae successfully works with students, teachers, classified employees, district office representatives, administrators and vendors to ensure that all students and parents have what they need in order to receive a world-class education.



Office assistant Krista Andreae is the “face and voice” of Orchard Hills.

Peters Canyon *Elementary School*

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Molly Murphy
Principal

Trailblazers of the Year

Ms. Jennifer Sandland is the school site and elementary district Teacher of the Year for the 2011–2012 school year. Jen is a team player and an ardent advocate for children. She is the founder and leader of the Green Team and the Lego lunch bunch and an innovative leader of technology in the classroom. Jen’s professionalism and genuine concern for all set her apart and make her a truly amazing teacher and person. She is also a finalist for the California Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Robin Noble is our Classified Employee of the Year.

Robin is a special circumstance aide for a fifth-grade boy for the past several years. Robin is a dedicated worker and her focus is always on the students. She is patient, kind, and loving and truly adores her students.

We are lucky to have both Jen and Robin on the Peters Canyon Elementary School team.



Congratulations to Jennifer Sandland our Teacher of the Year and Robin Noble our Classified Employee of the Year.

Pioneer *Middle School*

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Tracey Vander Hayden
Principal

Pioneer Honors its Outstanding Parents and Staff

Pioneer Middle School recently honored Jane Joe Wong, the vice president, volunteer coordinator and historian, at the Tustin School Management Association’s 2012 Community Service Awards event.

Mrs. Joe Wong has recruited hundreds of parents to support Pioneer Middle School in over 33 different committees. Mrs. Nancy Aynehchi was also recognized as the PTA-PTO Coordinating Council’s Community Service Award recipient for her extraordinary work and active involvement with the Pioneer community.

Her recent organizing and leadership efforts as the vice president of our spring fund-raiser, An Evening Under the Stars, raised over \$23,000.

Pioneer also recognized Ms. Phuong Pham. Ms. Pham is an energetic and passionate individual who has been Pioneer’s counseling technician for the past two years. During her time here, Phuong has set up grading periods as well as worked with every teacher to ensure that all grades, AERIES, parent portals, attendance, pyramids of intervention and teacher grade books have reflected accurate and current data input. Ms. Phuong is Pioneer’s very own data wizard!



Counseling technician Phuong Pham is a data wizard at Pioneer

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Time to Celebrate

We want to start by celebrating with Mrs. Karen Dillon, as she was named Red Hill School's 2012 Classified Employee of the Year! Mrs. Dillon has been a member of the staff for the past four years. She is currently our kindergarten aide, but she has also assisted many of the classes and has been a noon duty supervisor as well.

Mrs. Dillon is an individual who is committed to making Red Hill a great school! She is known to go out and hunt for those much-needed supplies for the great projects that our kindergarten students create, as well as keeping everyone safe on the kindergarten playground. Congratulations again to Mrs. Dillon for being selected as Red Hill's Classified Employee of the Year!

We also want to celebrate our Muzeo Trash Artist Challenge entry, "Ewe Are What Ewe Eat." Red Hill's entry was selected as the 2012 Sustainability Award winner for third through fifth grades.



Red Hill's Trash Artist Sustainability Award Winner, "Ewe Are What Ewe Eat"

Tustin High School

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Jonathan Blackmore
Principal

Key Club Makes a Difference

The Tustin High School Key Club hosted an Autism Benefit Concert to raise funds for the Aid or Autistic Children Foundation (AACF). The event raised over \$1,900 for the AACF.

The Autism Benefit Concert was a huge success in raising awareness. The greater Tustin community was also involved in this event, as they generously sponsored the show, provided the Key Club with gift vouchers to give away as prizes, and advertised it to their customers.

The Key Club was then contacted by Michael Buckholtz, the founder of the AACF, and who also produces M.C. Hammer. He wanted to personally thank them for their efforts.

While in Los Angeles on business, Mr. Buckholtz also personally visited the THS Key Club. He told the members about the creation and mission behind AACF, and, simply put, that the THS Key Club's work to help his foundation also impacted other organizations around the globe.

He said that the AACF was created to eliminate the financial burden on the families of autistic children. It also helps autistic children reach their full potential. Mr. Buckholtz's nephew was diagnosed with autism, and so he personally witnessed his brother's financial struggle.

Mr. Buckholtz was surprised and pleased to discover that the THS Key Club is a group of motivated teenagers who care about the global community. He stated that the Key Club's example and effort to help local children with autism spawned other organizations into existence. Our Key Club's fund-raising efforts are proof that you must think globally, but act locally.

Jeane Thorman *Elementary School*

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Tracy Barquer
Principal

A Spoon Full of Sweetness!

Our "practically perfect" Michael-Ann Pevehouse is Thorman Elementary School's Classified Employee of the Year. Mrs. Pevehouse is the school health clerk, and her sweet demeanor definitely helps the medicine go down!

She is so gentle and kind when assisting students in the health office that many of them do not want to leave it once they are feeling better. Her cheerful disposition never fades while she answers the phones, handles questions at the office counter, tends to bumps and bruises, and enters health information into the school's computer system.



Mrs. Pevehouse and her patient Judith Zambrano

Mrs. Pevehouse is also the first to add to our school spirit by decorating her office for each holiday season, always bringing in stickers for the children and treats for the staff. She attends school functions, and was even found making cotton candy at the Fall Festival booth.

Her caring attitude helps all our Thorman community members feel safe and cared for. We are truly grateful for all that she does.

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Wendy Hudson
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Congratulations, Mrs. Staller!

We are proud to announce that Mrs. Devra Staller is the Tustin Memorial Academy (TMA) 2012 Teacher of the Year. We crowned Mrs. Staller with a beautiful tiara and sash, in front of her adoring fans!

Mrs. Staller has taught fifth grade for seven years, all of them here at TMA. In addition to her regular assigned teaching duties, Mrs. Staller is co-leader of our student council. She also serves as an advisor for our annual Talent Show.



Mrs. Staller with her "Princess" sash and tiara.

Last year, Mrs. Staller helped organize a school-wide fund-raising drive for the Maddie James Foundation, which was established to memorialize a young girl and her love of the ocean. With help from our TMA students, the foundation succeeded in raising \$1 million to have the Seaside Learning Center at the Ocean Institute named after Maddie.

We are grateful for all Mrs. Staller does for our students and for others!

Tustin Ranch *Elementary School*

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Dean Jennings
Principal

Brittney Crawford Knows the Art of Teaching!

Congratulations to Brittney Crawford, the Tustin Ranch Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Crawford thrives on seeing her students continually achieving at higher levels. As a result, our kinder students are entering first grade at high levels in reading, writing and math.

A big part of Mrs. Crawford's success in the classroom is attributed to the extensive amount spent learning about teaching.

Last school year, Mrs. Crawford completed a two-year fellowship with the Cotsen Art of Teaching program. Through professional development, peer coaching, and focused planning and implementation, Mrs. Crawford continues to improve her program. She and her students are truly proud of how hard they work and how successful they have been.

When I walk through the classroom, the children and Mrs. Crawford cannot wait to show me their excellent reading and writing. Mrs. Crawford's enthusiasm about teaching is inspiring for her students and her colleagues. We couldn't be more proud of her!



Tustin Ranch teacher Brittney Crawford inspires her students and colleagues.

C.E. Utt *Middle School*

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Tom Giebe
Principal

Congratulations, Alicia Smalley!

Congratulations to Alicia Smalley, Utt Middle School's 2012 Classified Employee of the Year! Mrs. Smalley demonstrates understanding, caring and compassion on a daily basis. In working to assist and support all students in Mr. Boyce's SDC class, she is a stable, calm and patient presence in their school lives.

Mrs. Smalley is insightful, perceptive and quick to recognize when a student may be in need of additional support. She has consulted with the school counselor on a number of occasions about student concerns to ensure that she is doing whatever she can as a paraeducator to meet their needs. Mrs. Smalley works closely not only with Mr. Boyce but with students' elective and PE teachers as well to facilitate student learning.

Mrs. Smalley takes her job very seriously and strives to be the best possible paraeducator she can be. That attitude, combined with her warmth, kindness and sense of humor, make her a tremendous asset and a true gift, to CE Utt Middle School. She meets with students during her own breaks to support their academic, social and emotional needs. She stays late almost every day to talk with Mr. Boyce about the classroom program and plan for the next day.

Mrs. Smalley just recently completed a huge charitable project: making dozens of handmade full-size quilts for an orphanage in Africa. Once again, congratulations and thank you for all you do for the students at Utt Middle School!

Have a fun summer!



Our next issue is September 20

Marjorie Veeh *Elementary School*

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Ryan Bollenbach
Principal

An Outstanding Employee

It is with great enthusiasm that Veeh Elementary School honors head custodian Mario Vega as our Classified Employee of the Year. Since Mario first arrived on our campus last year, the school has never looked better.

Mario takes tremendous pride in his work, and it shows in the immaculate appearance of our campus.

Each morning Mario comes to the office for our morning briefing to make sure that everything is in order for the events of the day. In addition to completing all of his job duties, Mario can usually be found on the playground during recess and lunch. At the end of the day, Mario is once again in the office to see if anything needs to be done in the morning before the staff and students arrive.

I cannot think of a more deserving employee to receive this recognition. Thank you, Mario, for all you do!



Mario during one of our daily morning briefings.

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Transitional Kindergarten Program



Kathie Nielsen
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The Kindergarten Readiness Act of 2010 is recent legislation that changes the kindergarten entry date from December 2 to September 1, so children begin kindergarten at age five. The roll-back will be implemented over a three-year period, rolling back one month per year beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. For the 2012-2013 school year, students must turn five by November 1; for the 2013-2014 school year, students must turn five by October 1; and for the 2014-2015 school year, students must turn 5 by September 1.

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) was created to provide a program for those students displaced due to the change in kindergarten eligibility. TK is a bridge between preschool and kindergarten for children turning five years old between November 2 and December 2 of the 2012-2013 school year. It is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program, designed to build a solid foundation for success in school for “young” five year olds. It promotes a child’s progress in three domains of growth: intellectual, physical, and social-emotional. The TK program offers the young child “the gift of time”—an additional year to grow and learn in an environment which supports differences in growth and maturity rates.

TK will be held at three elementary school sites: Heideman, Hicks Canyon and Red Hill Elementary Schools. Registration packets are now being accepted for enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year. Interested families can pick up registration and enrollment information at their home school of residence.

For more information about the Transitional Kindergarten Program, please contact Lauralee Cabibi, School Readiness Coordinator, at (714) 730-7592.

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Well-Earned Nominations/Awards



Teresa Squibb
Director

Barbara Boyd, Hewes’ satellite cafeteria manager, has been selected as the 2012 Hewes’ Classified Employee of the Year. Ms. Boyd has worked in the district for over 24 years, spending most of her time at Hewes. She and her staff are responsible for serving breakfast and lunch to the students at Hewes. In addition to serving the student meals, Ms. Boyd supports the campus by sitting on the Site Wellness Committee and helping out wherever she’s needed. Barbara was chosen for her dedication to the students and staff at Hewes Middle School.

The Environmental Health Division of Orange County has awarded Columbus Tustin, Beckman, UTT, Pioneer and Orchard Hill cafeterias the Award of Excellence. This award is given to establishments in recognition of consistently protecting the residents and visitors of Orange County through excellence in food safety and sanitation at the food establishment.



Cafeteria Manager Barbara Boyd serves with a smile at Hewes



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The TUSD Technology Fair was a big hit with attendees and vendors.

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In the past decade, the achievement gap of English Learners (ELs) in the United States has received considerable attention. The achievement gap refers to the disparity measured by test scores or graduation rates between different groups of students. Under the Federal No Child Left Behind Act, these groups are based on racial or ethnic backgrounds, socioeconomic status, student disability, or English language proficiency. In Orange County, the test scores for non-native English speakers continue to rise and be above state averages, a gap persists between ELs and monolingual English speakers.

While shining a light on the achievement gap has drawn resources and attention to disparities in performance, one downside is a tendency for stakeholders to point fingers in search of causes. Attention on who is to blame hinders efforts to ensure that all students achieve equal outcomes. Instead, educators, parents, and community members must work locally and collaboratively with a focus on promising practices that serve all of our children. These practices range from knowing our students and examining data to professional development and leadership.

In terms of knowing our students, ELs are a diverse and often misunderstood group. Data shows that 75% of ELs are born in the United States, and while three-quarters of ELs speak Spanish at home, ELs speak more than 150 different languages. This diversity requires targeted solutions. According to prominent researcher Laurie Olsen, newcomers have different instructional needs than Long-Term English Learners (LTELs), students who are typically born in the United States but speak a language other than English at home, and have been struggling academically for a number of years.

School News



Congratulations Class of 2012



Fortunately, certain best practices have demonstrated effectiveness for ELs. The California Department of Education's recent publication, "Improving Education for English Learners: Research-Based Approaches", details such promising practices as bilingual and dual language immersion programs, English Language Development (ELD), and sheltered content instruction to name a few.

Comprehensive professional development is necessary to meet the specific needs of ELs. For instance, Orange County Department of Education's "Leadership for EL Success" program consists of five modules ranging from knowing our EL students to leadership and infrastructure. Such models of professional development move beyond simply addressing classroom strategies to weaving research and practice in a facilitated series that provides local leaders the opportunity to support their schools in the area of English language development.

Shared leadership is critical if we are to improve outcomes for ELs. Teachers and principals, students and parents, county and state educators, and business and community members with the courage and discipline to work together will ultimately shine the light on solutions that best serve our children.

For more information, visit www.ocde.us/SSI/Pages/Secondary-School-Leadership-for-English-Learner-Success.aspx or contact Val Callet, Services for English Learners Coordinator, at 714-966-4159.

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the nation's 4,877 highest-scoring schools. A number of factors are considered, including Advanced Placement pass rates, class sizes and performance on state measures.

Beckman High received a gold medal, is ranked #63 in the state's 2,000 public high schools, and #341 in the nation. Foothill High is a Silver medalist, and ranked #189 in the state and #975 in the nation. Tustin High is also a Silver medalist and is ranked #342 in the state and #1641 in the nation.

CBEE Honor Roll Schools

Arroyo, Guin Foss, Hicks Canyon, Ladera, Myford, Peters Canyon and Red Hill elementary schools; Tustin Memorial Academy; Pioneer Middle School; and Beckman and Foothill high schools have been selected by the California Business for Education Excellence (CBEE) Foundation as 2011 Honor Roll schools. All eleven schools were recognized for demonstrating consistent high student academic achievement.

The CBEE Foundation annually identifies and honors the highest performing public schools in California – approximately 1,614 this year. The Honor Roll schools are consistently raising student achievement and have made significant progress toward closing the achievement gap among all students.

Foothill Girls CIF Basketball Team

Foothill High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team won the CIF-Southern Section Division 2A Championship and advanced to the CIF Southern California 2 Regional Finals. Foothill went into the regional finals for the first time in school history. In addition, Molly Greubel was named the CIF-Southern Section 2A Player of the Year and Coach Namba was named the Orange County Register's Girls Basketball Coach of the Year.

Administrators of the Year

Beckman High School Principal Adele Heuer, Tustin High School Principal Jonathan Blackmore, Director of Elementary Education Nancy Lev, and retired school principal and President of the Tustin Public Schools Foundation Gerry Aust have been named 2012 Orange County Administrators of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), Region 17.

ACSA annually recognizes outstanding administrators for their leadership skills, professionalism, creativity, innovation, and commitment to a quality education.

Jonathan Blackmore was named Secondary Principal of the Year. Nancy Lev was selected as Curriculum & Instruction Administrator of the Year. Adele Heuer received the Valuing Diversity Award. Gerry Aust was named Retired Administrator of the Year.

In addition, Adele Heuer was named one of the state's top administrators of the year and received the Valuing Diversity Award from the Association of California School Administrators.

Technology Fair

Over 1,300 people attended the TUSD K-12 Education Technology Fair at Beckman, Foothill and Tustin high schools in April. The purpose of the fair was to showcase all of the current education technology available to Tustin Unified schools and give the community a chance to evaluate and interact with the technologies that are revolutionizing the 21st century classroom. The fair was part of the final phase of a comprehensive Districtwide technology assessment.

Career Fair for High School Students

The District hosted its second annual Career Fair on June 1 at the Foothill High School Event Center. Local colleges and career technical education programs shared their certificate programs with Tustin Unified high school students. They covered a variety of areas, including health professionals, media arts, engineering, hospitality, automotive and machine shop, child services, business industry, public services, fashion design and civil engineering.

Modernization Program Update

Tustin Unified held a dedication ceremony and community open house for the new Sports Pavilion and pool at Tustin High School on April 26. In addition, the District held a ribbon-cutting ceremony and community open house for Foothill High School's new Event Center on May 18. The projects were funded through the bond measure modernization programs.

Construction is moving forward on the four new Activity Centers at Columbus Tustin, Currie, Hewes and Utt middle schools. Each facility includes a lobby, gymnasium/multipurpose area, sports flooring, bleachers, performance area, storage and two adjoining classrooms. They are scheduled to be completed about a year from their start dates. Each project is being funded through the Measure L campus modernization program.

Visit the TUSD Web site (www.tustin.k12.ca.us) and see photos of these projects in the latest Facilities Update in the Measures G and L sections.

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The 15th annual awards program recognizes classified or support services employees whose contributions to TUSD have proven to be outstanding. The award is given to a classified employee who provides valuable services to schools and staff, contributes to a positive instructional environment, and goes above and beyond their job requirements.

Bowker has worked in the District for 19 years, primarily in special education. She has helped taken care of students with special needs for the past four years at Ladera. Beyond her regular duties, Bowker volunteers for any task, designs and displays bulletin boards in the classroom, stays after hours to help teachers, works on school projects at home and comes in early to ride the bus with a medically fragile student.

"Margie has an upbeat attitude and is very humble about her classroom contributions," Principal Derek Pinto said. "She is terrific with the children, always kind and loving while using every moment as a teachable one."

Bowker and the school/work site 2012 Classified Employees of the Year were recognized at the TUSD Board of Education meeting on May 21. They included: District Administration Center – Michele Bowden, position control technician, Business Services Department.

Maintenance and Operations Department – Gary Pena, grounds person.

Elementary Schools – Jennifer Keulian, special education paraeducator, Arroyo; Marsha Bajorek, library media technician, Benson; Renie Miller, bilingual paraeducator, Beswick; Patty Ellis, school secretary, Estock; Richard Walker, night custodian, Guin Foss; Maria Pinzon, school secretary, Heideman; Martha Kroona, office assistant, Hicks Canyon; Norma Reyes, school secretary, Lambert; Robert McMurtrey, head custodian, Loma Vista; Yevonne Fontana, special education paraeducator, Myford; Ablu Yacoub, special education paraeducator, Nelson; Robin Noble, special education paraeducator, Peters Canyon; Karen Dillon, kindergarten paraeducator, Red Hill; Michael-Ann Pevehouse, health services clerk, Thorman; Sandy Skelly, health services clerk and office assistant, Tustin Memorial Academy; Sumitra Vittal, office assistant, Tustin Ranch; and Mario Vega, head custodian, Veeh.

Orchard Hills School – Krista Andreae, office assistant.

Middle Schools – Selem Victoria, special education paraeducator, Columbus Tustin; Sarah Watkins, licensed vocational nurse, Currie; Barbara Boyd, cafeteria satellite lead person, Hewes; Phuong Pham, counseling technician, Pioneer; and Alicia Smalley, special education paraeducator, Utt.

High Schools – Elizabeth "Sissy" Oberlin, office assistant, Beckman; Lindy Werner-Deehan, school secretary, Foothill; Ruth Darlington, special education paraeducator, Hillview; and Lucia Garcia, records clerk, Tustin High.

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