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## Emerging Careers Expo

Hundreds of high school students and parents on March 11 attended a career expo designed to provide a glimpse into innovative and emerging career opportunities and the necessary training and education students will need to achieve them.

The “Emerging Careers for the Future: Career Opportunity Expo” at Norwalk High School, open to Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District (NLMUSD) high school and adult school students, was a collaborative effort between the District’s College and Career Pathways Department and the office of U.S. Rep. Linda Sánchez.

In opening remarks, Sánchez thanked everyone for attending



**Students gather around U.S. Rep Linda Sánchez’s table to discuss student involvement in politics with a congressional staff member.**

and urged students to embrace the challenge to become pioneers of rising technology, including advanced nursing practices and alternative-fuel transportation.

“I want to thank Congresswoman Sánchez for providing this important resource for our families,” said NLMUSD Interim Superintendent Ginger Shattuck. “We hope this event helped open a meaningful dialogue between students and their parents about what students can do to achieve their goals for college and career.”

The expo presented students with information about a variety of industry sectors, including green technology, health and medicine and automotive technology. It featured representatives from the Rio Hondo College Nursing Program, FBI and Long Beach City College Department of Alternative Transportation.

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## INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

The end of this school year is quickly approaching, and before we know it, we will be celebrating our Class of 2015 graduates. It is our commitment to help all of our students not only reach this important milestone, but prepare them for life beyond our classrooms.

In line with this commitment, we are excited about the expansion of Project Lead the Way (PLTW) programs in our District. PLTW is an engaging and rigorous teacher professional development model that provides tools to empower students and transform the classroom into a collaborative space where science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) content comes to life. For 2015-16, our plan is to expand PLTW to two elementary schools and four middle schools, while continuing to grow the Engineering, Biomedical Science, and Computer Science Pathways at the high schools.

This curriculum will help prepare our students as they seek higher education and competitive jobs within our nation’s workforce.

Also helping us prepare students for their future are the new Common Core State Standards, which are accompanied by a new state testing system. To keep parents informed about what these changes mean for their children’s education, we have sent letters home and provided board meeting presentations, while our PTA in March co-sponsored a district-wide parent education forum on this topic.

We will continue engaging parents and key stakeholder groups this spring as we gather input to perform the annual update to our Local Control



**Ginger Shattuck**  
Interim  
Superintendent

El final de este año escolar se acerca rápidamente, y cuando menos acordemos, estaremos celebrando a nuestros graduados de la clase de 2015. Es nuestro compromiso ayudar a todos nuestros estudiantes no sólo alcanzar este importante hito, pero prepararlos para la vida más allá de nuestros salones de clase.

En línea con este compromiso, estamos entusiasmados con la expansión del Programa Proyecto Guiando el Camino “Project Lead The Way” (PLTW, por sus siglas en inglés) en nuestro Distrito. PLTW es un modelo de desarrollo profesional para maestro atractivo y riguroso que ofrece herramientas para habilitar a los estudiantes y transformar el salón de clases en un espacio colaborativo donde el contenido de la ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas (STEM, por sus siglas en inglés) se llena de vida. Para el 2015-16, nuestro plan es expandir el PLTW a dos escuelas primarias y cuatro escuelas intermedias, mientras que siguen creciendo los Caminos de la Ingeniería, Ciencias Biomédicas, y Ciencias de Computación en las escuelas secundarias.

Este plan de estudios ayudará a preparar a nuestros estudiantes en lo que buscan una educación superior y empleos competitivos dentro de la fuerza laboral de nuestro país.

También ayudándonos a preparar a los estudiantes para su futuro están los nuevos Estándares Estatales Comunes los cuales están acompañados por un nuevo sistema de exámenes estatales. Para mantener a los padres informados acerca de lo que significan estos cambios para la educación de sus hijos, hemos

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Spring is here and the end of the school year is right around the corner. Students are focused on testing, college choices and completing their academic goals.

This issue highlights arts in the classroom, life outside of school, the importance of community and parental involvement and so much more. It is exciting to read about the choice students have in the classroom and the support they receive both inside and outside of school as they prepare for their successful future.

Our next issue is June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

# Ramona Head Start *Pre-School*

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**Laurel Parker**  
Director

## Early Preschool!

We are excited to announce that the Los Angeles County Office of Education has awarded NLMUSD additional funding to start a new program called Early Head Start!

This free program serves income-eligible pregnant mothers and children from newborns to 3 years old. The services provided include a weekly home visit with a home-base teacher for an hour and a half and group meetings with other parents and children twice a month, called socials.

This program will serve families living in the Norwalk area. All interested families are encouraged to apply at the preschool site closest to their residence: DD Johnston, Huerta School, Paddison School, Sanchez or Ramona. Now is the time to apply for the 2015-16 school year for all NLMUSD preschool programs, including the Gallatin Center in Downey.

In February, the preschoolers who attend the Ramona site participated in a City of Norwalk tree planting along Dinard Avenue. The City of Norwalk received a grant from Cal Fire's Green Trees for the Golden State Program. The Green Trees for the Golden State Program funds planting projects in order to promote clean air and energy conservation. As part of the Green Trees for the Golden State grant, the Public Services Department planted approximately 16 Chinese flame trees along Ramona Head Start School. This gave the students an opportunity to see the parts of trees and how trees are cared for in order to launch our next creative curriculum study on trees.

Now is the time to apply for the 2015-16 school year for all NLMUSD preschool programs, including the Gallatin Center in Downey.

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Todd**  
Director

## Office Skills Training

The Norwalk–La Mirada Adult School’s Career Technical Education Center offers over 20 low-cost, self-paced career and computer classes in fundamental office skills such as computer basics, Microsoft Office, QuickBooks, data entry and computerized medical-office record keeping. Students can take as many classes as they wish, whether they want to brush up on a few Microsoft Office programs, learn accounting procedures, or study for an extended period and complete a career path for administrative, medical or accounting jobs.

Our knowledgeable, supportive instructors are Microsoft certified and work with students to create personalized instruction. An added benefit for students is complimentary access to online keyboard speed and accuracy training and skills testing that match those required by employment agencies. Students can enroll at any time in either a.m. or p.m. classes.

The Career Technical Education Center staff is ready to help you reach your personal or career goals!



**Adult student working on an  
Accounting Clerk Career Path course.**

# Benton *MS Visual & Performing Arts Magnet*

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**Dr. Michael  
Gotto**  
Principal

## Go for Gold!

Since 1986, the California Department of Education has awarded the California Distinguished School Award to schools across the state that are deemed “exemplary and inspiring.” Such schools have demonstrated significant gains in narrowing the achievement gap.

Until the results of the new Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) are available, the California Distinguished School Award is postponed. In its place, however, the California Department of Education has implemented the Gold Ribbon Award for schools that exhibit fidelity in transitioning to the Common Core State Standards and that have instituted a model program in one or more categories including but not limited to career technical education (CTE); absenteeism and dropout prevention; science, technology, engineering and math (STEM); and visual and performing arts (VAPA). Benton Middle Magnet School’s Visual and Performing Arts Academy is proud and honored to announce that it is a Gold Ribbon Award Finalist for its model visual and performing arts program. The next step in the process is a site-validation visit whereby a team of educators from various areas in California will visit Benton to view all of the great things happening. This visit is scheduled for mid-April.

Benton is thrilled to continue offering students multiple opportunities to develop their core proficiencies in language arts, math, science, social science and physical education. Its unique and dynamic visual and performing arts programs allow students to foster their creative skills and talents.

Go Wolverines!

Benton is thrilled to continue offering students multiple opportunities to develop their core proficiencies in language arts, math, science, social science and physical education.

# Chavez *Elementary School*

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**Robert Rayburn**  
Principal

## Locally Renowned

I am thrilled to report the many great things happening at Chavez.

The opera made a smash hit return, and for a record fourth straight season! The fifth-grade students performed *The Marriage of Figueroa* alongside

performers from a local opera company. A grant for this purpose was valued at \$20,000. Mrs. Barron makes it her mission each year to win this grant for Chavez, and she has done another magnificent job.

Chavez also recently hosted important visitors from around the country who came to see our highly successful intervention programs. Recent visitors included a CEO, a reporter from the *Wall Street Journal*, and the superintendent and school board members from the New Orleans School District in Louisiana. Cesar Chavez would be proud of our school!

Check out our new Web presence, Twitter, and Facebook feeds. You can find us at <http://www.nlmusd.org/chavezelem>.



**Fifth graders perform with L.A. Opera Starr in “The Marriage of Figueroa” at Chavez Elementary.**

# Corvallis *MS Arts & Technology Magnet*

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**Bob Easton**  
Principal

## Future Prep!

Corvallis students made connections to college and career during College Week and Career Day. On Career Day, students chose three careers from over 41 choices that include engineering, computer technology, business entrepreneurship, law enforcement, military, music and the arts. The students attended 30-minute sessions presented by community members currently working in their respective fields. They heard about job duties, training and education needed, and typical salary ranges. Following the presentations, students shared about the sessions they attended with their classmates.

During College Week, teachers shared information and tips for preparing for college, such as taking the required A-G coursework and AP courses in high school, taking the SAT/ACT, applying for financial aid, and determining a major, emphasizing the importance and value of a college degree. Students and staff dressed in college attire all week to celebrate and reinforce the message.

Our students are excited about the possibilities that await them in the near future!



**8th Grade AVID Students Present College Information.**

# Dulles *Elementary School*

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**Robin Padget**  
Principal

## Promoting Arts Education

Norwalk/La Mirada has generously provided music instruction for our schools with music teachers and interns. Fabio Kayama and Melody Krawzak have transformed the music program at Dulles! Their expertise and enthusiasm for music has inspired our students, and they are thoroughly enjoying their music education this year.

Dulles Elementary's PTA began to sponsor the Meet the Masters Art Program this year. Dulles has a classroom dedicated to Meet the Masters, and our teachers and students look forward to these lessons each month. The art instructor teaches about the artists' lives, inspiration and style. It's a joy to see our students as they learn about these famous works and discover that they can create an art piece in that style.



**Dulles artists!**

Dulles has created art this year inspired by Norman Rockwell, Andy Warhol—a favorite—and Henri Matisse. Their work is displayed throughout our campus for all to enjoy.

# Dolland *Elementary School*

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**Lorena Sierra**  
Principal

## Beat the Odds

This year, our district received a grant that helped Mrs. Garcia, one of our special teachers participate in a program called Beat The Odds offered through UCLA. One of the wonderful benefits this program brings to her students is the reflective approach on social emotional behaviors in drum circles and how this can extend out into the real world. These drum circle activities help teach skills such as focusing, listening, team building, positive risk taking, self esteem, awareness of others, leadership, expressing feelings, empathy and much more.



**Social and Emotional Skill Building through Drumming.**

Our students are thrilled and look forward in taking part in this activity weekly. As you know, understanding others and having a positive outlook are critical in helping build a strong foundation for our student's academic future. This is another way one teacher at Dolland is building just that!

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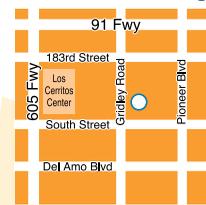
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**Yvette Cantu**  
*Principal*

## Technology for All

Eastwood Elementary School students use technology extensively to support and extend learning. All students, kindergarten through fifth grade, have daily access to computers and electronic tablets to use for initial instruction, intervention sessions, student projects, and homework. Teachers use technology to differentiate instruction during whole-group, small-group, and individual learning settings. Our youngest readers and writers use word-processing skills to complete their work and can navigate through electronic tablet apps and Web sites to find their prescribed practice areas and skill levels. Across the grade levels, many students are using technology to show their content knowledge. Keynote presentations, research reports, and published texts are just a few of the exciting student projects enhanced by technology.



**Third graders highly engaged in math instruction using iPads.**

Students have access to programs that allow them to develop skills at their instructional levels. Students are able to bridge gaps in learning as they move toward grade-level standards or go beyond grade-level expectations.

# Edmondson *Elementary School*

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**Jacob Muñiz**  
*Principal*

## Student Performers

Edmondson Elementary School was proud to celebrate Founder's Day. Various classes performed to a packed house! Performances included patriotic music and songs, as well as presentations in English and Spanish. It was our best Founder's Day program yet!

We are looking forward to inviting everyone to our next big event we affectionately call it Edmondson Elementary's "Springfest." It is a combination Open House/Spring performance night.



**Edmondson students celebrate Founder's Day!**

# Escalona *Elementary School*

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**Bonita Lytle**  
*Principal*

## Go Ahead and Jump!

Our Escalona Eagles have been busy! In addition to focusing on the rigorous Common Core Standards in the classroom, our students have also been opening their hearts and minds to help support various causes outside of the school walls.

Escalona recently partnered with the American Heart Association in the Jump Rope for Heart event. This community service project teaches students the importance of heart health, regular exercise, nutrition, and the advantages of living tobacco free – along with having fun jumping rope and raising funds for the American Heart Association!

The money raised through this event helps fund research and education aimed at lowering the risks of heart disease and stroke, America's No. 1 and No. 4 killers respectively. Through the diligent efforts of our students, and the generous support of the community, the Escalona Eagles raised \$9,551 for the American Heart Association. Way to go, Eagles!



**Escalona Eagles Jump for Heart Health.**

# El Camino *High School*

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**Darryl Brown**  
*Principal*

## Paving the Road to College

As a part of El Camino High School's commitment to college readiness, field trips to local junior colleges and four-year universities occur throughout the school year. On March 11, 2015 a group of 12th grade students toured California State University, Fullerton (CSUF).

While many students were familiar with CSUF and college in general, the on-campus experience exposed students to the day-to-day realities of college life. Students were taken on a guided tour of the campus and were provided opportunities to speak with university admissions officers and counselors, as well as student services staff and current students.

Our goal is to provide students with a transformative experience in which they make a connection and commitment to attend college. CSUF has an enrollment of more than 37,000 students. CSUF ranks fourth in the nation in the number of bachelor's degrees awarded to minority students, and first in California in the number of bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics.



## Glazier *Elementary School*

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**Jean Rebholz**  
Principal

### Commitment, Connection, Community

Building relationships is important to our Glazier community. During our Read Across America Week, Glazier had the pleasure of hosting family, district personnel and community members on campus as they shared their favorite books and read aloud to our Gladiators. The large showing of visitors who expressed the love of reading and the importance of lifelong literacy learning enthralled our students! Every classroom hosted multiple community readers and expressed gratitude for their commitment of time to celebrate literacy.

The community connection came full circle as our Gladiators took center stage to display a variety of talents for our families. Cameras were clicking and videos were rolling as our musicians, singers, martial artists, comedians and dancers delighted the audience with their amazing talents.

Glazier is committed to hosting numerous events that celebrate student learning and connect our families. Visit our website to view our calendar of upcoming events and to join our community!



**PTA President, Ryan Whetstone, celebrates Read Across America with our Kindergarten students.**

## Gardenhill *Elementary School*

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**Eileen Burkholder**  
Principal

### Learning is Fun

Gardenhill Elementary School students are engineers! Students are talking about and using science, technology, engineering and math through Project Lead the Way (PLTW)!

Fourth-grader Brianna Cervantes said, "I think it's fun, because you use teamwork and you can work with your friends. Also, it's fun to use Canvas to see which parts you can use for your cars. You can try different positions, builder supplies and the electronic tablet."

Third-grader Elijah Nieves likes PLTW because it shows the students how to understand lift and when to use thrust and drag in the Science in Flight unit.

Kindergarten student Adrian Sanchez explained, "I built a circle and two straight circles for the top of my beanstalk. I put an egg in, and it didn't fall and break."

Learning is fun at Gardenhill!



**Future engineers!**

## Foster Road *Elementary School*

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**Dr. Jean Maddox**  
Principal

### Engaging Strategies

The new Common Core State Standards require higher-level engagement among all students. The engagement strategies teachers are learning will make their teaching more fun and help their students succeed every day. There are four strands for kindergarten through fifth grade: reading, writing, speaking and listening. The emphasis is on literacy skills in all classrooms. These strands are then broken down into grade-level standards.

One of our main goals of the Common Core State Standards is to make our students proficient readers of complex texts in a variety of content areas. Teachers guide their student successfully through close-reading strategies to deepen their understanding of complex text, forming opinions and arguing for a perspective they believe in. We find that students want to get involved; they want to be engaged with what they are learning and with other students to make the content more meaningful and relevant. Teachers need to understand what engaged learning looks like and foster an engaging climate for their students to learn in. Engaging students involves much more than keeping them busy; being fully engaged means the students are self-regulating the learning and managing the steps necessary to accomplish their goals. Affective engagement engages the emotions elicits emotional reactions from the students during the learning process. Behavioral engagement encourages on-task behavior. Cognitive engagement ranges from simple, easier work to highly-complex problem solving.

At Foster Road Elementary School, we are using these and other engagement strategies to bring out the best in our students.

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# Glenn *High School*

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**Greg Puccia**  
*Principal*

## Life After High School

John Glenn seniors are receiving exciting news from universities and post-secondary programs in preparation for graduation and life after high school. The school community has focused on college and career readiness and the results are showing. Our A-G completion rate has nearly doubled and more students are being accepted to UC and CSU campuses each year.

This success has been achieved through school community stakeholders putting students' needs first. A big part of this success can be attributed to double-digit increases in JGHS students passing the CAHSEE exam. Prior to the test, a two day intensive CAHSEE Bootcamp is held to help students brush up on academic and test taking skills.



**JGHS students attend CAHSEE Bootcamp.**

The JGHS community is also excited to announce a new partnership with Kaplan Test Prep. This spring, JGHS 11th graders will participate in free SAT Prep as they get ready to take the SAT in early June.

Please visit the John Glenn HS website at [JGHS.org](http://JGHS.org) and follow us on Twitter @JGHSPrincipal for updates and information. Go Eagles!

# Hutchinson *MS Math, Science, Technology Magnet*

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**Sara Siemens**  
*Principal*

## Outside the Classroom

Hutchinson recognizes the need to develop well-rounded students and promotes extracurricular activities, field trips, camps, clubs and sports teams. Our award-winning Band program recently earned Superior ratings at the California Festival. Our Mock Trial team brought back various awards from the Los Angeles Courthouse. Our Academic Pentathlon teams compete against other schools in the areas of math, social studies, literature and science. National Honor Society and Builder's Club, associated with a national service organization, provide community-service opportunities and the development of global citizens. Leadership, Guitar, Technology, AVID, WEB and Yearbook develop interests and abilities that students might not develop outside the school setting.



**Seventh grade students enjoy snorkeling at Catalina Island.**

In addition, our sports program allows students to compete against other middle schools in the areas of basketball, soccer, volleyball, football, softball, track and field, and cheer. Students also have the opportunity to participate in camps and field trips to extend their learning.

# Johnston *Elementary School*

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**Veronica Lizardi**  
*Principal*

## One Pillar at a Time

The future is bright at D.D. Johnston Elementary School!

Our students recently closed the district-wide College Week with a special Career Day. Students and staff came dressed in the career of their choice. In

addition to this event, and in honor of Dr. Seuss, we also held our second annual "Roadrunners Read at Recess!"

The PTA even donated a brand new book to each student. Parents, students, and staff members all enjoyed a relaxing block of reading on a bright sunny day accompanied by classical music.

We are embracing the new Common Core State Standards at Johnston, and want all of our students to be college and career ready. Our school events and activities demonstrate this commitment and excitement. We want to provide our students with the best of everything!

Building great children of character one pillar at a time is our school motto. We live and breathe it every day.



**Principal and students dressed up as doctors and nurses in honor of Career Day.**

# La Mirada *High School*

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**Bill Seals**  
Principal

## "Annie" Takes the Stage

Since November 2014, students, teachers, and parents of the La Mirada High School (LMHS) Visual And Performing Arts (VAPA) Academy have blossomed in their personal, professional, and academic journeys together by producing the spectacular musical "Annie."

Audiences laughed, cried, and raved about the professional talent at our school, from actors' performances and live accompaniment to costumes, sets, and sound. The stellar cast included La Mirada's own Mr. Casida as Franklin D. Roosevelt, Lauren Hodge as Annie, Adrian Naranjo as "Daddy" Warbucks, Abi Ronquillo as Grace, Erica Ceballos as Miss Hannigan, Lauren Decker as Lily, Keith Wolter as Rooster, and many more.

Mary Tandy McGlasson directed the show, and the 25-piece orchestra was directed by Geena Biondi. The choreography was done by Michelle Lazald, Cat Guerra produced and painted sets, and alumnus Jonathan Doiron was the technical director. Band directors from the district played in the orchestra, and dedicated parents and students ensured success. Over 1,600 people came to LMHS to experience this unforgettable production.

Bravo, VAPA Academy!



La Mirada High School's VAPA production of Annie huge success!

# La Pluma *Elementary School*

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**Terry Pace**  
Principal

## From Crayons to College!

We are off to great places! Our La Pluma Panthers recently had the opportunity to imagine their future during our school's recent College Week and Read across America Day.

To kick off the week, our students demonstrated their Panther Pride by wearing college spirit wear. Many of them wrote inspiring narratives about their future dreams. We also hosted guest readers and speakers who visited and read to our classrooms.

The week culminated with Dr. Cathy Alvarez, a NLMUSD graduate and former counselor. She and Mr. Bautista, a parent, told two inspiring stories about the need to maintain perseverance on the path to college.

They stressed the importance of setting goals and staying focused on doing what you love.

This message inspired our students to set high expectations and reach for their dreams. At La Pluma, our students are moving from crayons to college!



## Optometry



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# Lampton *Elementary School*

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**Cindy Rayburn**  
Principal

## Learning for Parents

Kindergarten and first-grade parents at Lampton Elementary School are learning ways to help their children at home. Our intervention teacher on special assignment, Debbie Holash, held two workshops for kindergarten parents that focused on fine-motor skills, name writing, and sight-word practice. Parents learned strategies and games they could use at home, including ways to improve their pencil grip. In our Tricky Word Workshop, first-grade parents learned activities and games to help their child learn words that don't follow typical phonics rules.

After parents learned the games and activities themselves, they were given the opportunity to work with their children in the Mom/Pop and Me sessions. The children were extremely excited to play the learning games with their



**Jesus and his auntie at early learning parent workshop.**

parents. One popular activity was feeding buttons to a tennis ball, which helps them strengthen their grip. Parent participants commented that they liked the games because their children had fun and learned at the same time.

# Los Alisos *MS Math, Science, Technology Magnet*

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**Mike Garcia**  
Principal

## Planning Ahead

Wow, what a wonderful evening!

In late January, the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District held its annual Magnet Fair. We had a tremendous turnout, and our school received a number of open enrollment applications. Parents and students were able to obtain useful information about many of our wonderful programs.

We especially highlighted our magnet program and our work with Project Lead the Way. Parents and students were also able to see our work with VEX and Lego Mind Storm robotics, as well as our Project Lead the Way's Medical Detectives course. Student volunteers from our Medical Detectives classes even demonstrated a dissection of a sheep's brain.



**Los Alisos STEM students showed off their projects.**

We were also able to highlight our Dual Immersion classes. The students in this program take half of their core classes in Spanish and half in English. They are doing a wonderful job, and will soon be ready to ace the AP Spanish exams in high school.

# Los Coyotes *MS Centurion Honors and Medical/Forensics Magnet*

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**Dr. Christina Stanley**  
Principal

## Thoughtful, Concerned Citizens

Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Los Coyotes Middle School is committed to creating the next generation of thoughtful, concerned citizens and watching as they change the world.

Our National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) takes on the challenge of learning how to serve others while developing individual capacity, character and responsibility. The NJHS students at LCMS volunteer at events such as the art show



**LCMS gives back.**

to benefit autism research, provide tutoring to LCMS students, lead Academic Saturday School, and apply their learning through activities like Physics Fun Day sponsored by a local theme park corporation, literature circles and trips such as those to the Museum of Tolerance.

It is truly a joy to watch these future leaders grow and serve others as they continue to change the world!

# Morrison *Elementary School*

13510 S. Maidstone Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/868-9878 • www.nlmusd.org



**Rudy Gonzalez**  
Principal

## Flag Day Fun

On February 26, over 1,000 people, including Morrison Elementary School students, parents, staff, Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District Board Members, Lion Club dignitaries, and district personnel filed onto our school's blacktop to celebrate Flag Day. Students from our Southeast Academy presented the colors after our students received flags, which were generously provided by the Norwalk Lions Club. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Corvallis Middle School Band, under the direction of Dave Yamamoto, played "The Star-Spangled Banner" for an enthusiastic crowd waving their flags, placing their hands over their hearts, and singing along. The spirited event included a performance by music teacher Fabio Kayama's fourth-grade recorder class. Conducted by Bryan Ramirez, first-graders also got on stage and flawlessly performed "A Patriotic Medley: We Are America."



**Flag Day celebration.**

This was truly a community event that brought together the Norwalk Lions Club, who have been hosting this event for over 35 years, and our Morrison PTA to make this celebration a rousing success.

# Moffitt *Elementary School*

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**Maureen Bixby**  
*Principal*

## Our Future is Bright

Our Moffitt Elementary School Mustangs are college bound! We celebrated a week dedicated to our belief that all students can attend college. Staff members, students, and parents wore college shirts and hats and learned about the importance of education and attending college. We kicked off the week by celebrating Read Across America Day. Classrooms picked their favorite books and dressed as the characters for our school-wide spirit rally. Students were entertained by the John Glenn High School band and pep squad.

We also welcomed over 60 guest readers, who shared their personal stories about how reading has helped them achieve their goals in life. We recognized students of the month and over 100 students who reached grade-level goals. Our Moffitt Mustangs are reaching their goals, developing a love of reading and beginning their path to college. We are so proud of our students!



**Students celebrate reading by dressing as their favorite book character.**

# New River *Elementary School*

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**Michelle Centeno**  
*Principal*

## Building Math Fluency

The fourth-grade students in Mrs. Acosta's classroom are busy solidifying their fluency in math facts through the use of technology.

Mrs. Acosta is the recipient of a \$1,300 grant for a new program called Reflex Math. This program uses games that are individualized to each student's level to help reinforce addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division skills.

The program is also aligned to the Common Core State Standards. As the students increase their proficiency, they are rewarded with extra points that they can use to "buy" items for their games. Classroom certificates are also given to those students who reach a milestone in their progress.

Mrs. Acosta's students use this program four days a week on their school iPads. They can also access it from any computer. Since November, her students in Room 73 have increased their fluency in multiplication by over 50 percent! Congratulations to Mrs. Acosta and her class for all their efforts.



**Students in Mrs. Acosta's 4th grade class using technology to build math fluency.**

# Norwalk *High School*

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**Dr. Ryan Smith**  
*Principal*

## Spring Highlights

I hope that everyone is having a wonderful spring!

One of the highlights for us this year has been Norwalk High School's production of Zoot Suit. Under the leadership of director Yolanda Rubio-Soto, our student play was a smashing success. Performing in front of sold-out audiences, the students took everyone's breath away with their incredible performances, stagecraft, and showmanship.

Based upon a true story, Zoot Suit allowed our students the opportunity to learn more about the history and culture which surrounded the events of that era.

Later in the spring, our school will be hosting an accreditation team from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The report is finished, and our staff and students are excited to share more about the great work we do to support our students. We are looking forward to hearing the feedback that the committee will share with us.



**Norwalk High School students wow the crowd with their Zoot Suit performance!**

## Nuffer *Elementary School*

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**LaTasha Buck**  
Principal

### Inspired by Science

Nuffer Elementary School's students are taking on science challenges and showing how they can respect our environment! Students had a lot of fun participating in the annual Egg-Drop Contest. This contest required students to use critical-thinking skills and creativity to create package that kept raw eggs safe from cracking after being dropped from the school roof.

To celebrate Earth Month, our students will be recycling all month long, and all money collected will support school programs. On April 29, each grade level will have a different science theme, which will be on display during our Open House.



**Ms. Buck drops a packaged egg from the roof for the Egg Drop Contest.**

Finally, our students will wrap up Earth Month with a Reduce, Reuse, Recycling assembly sponsored by the Los Angeles Water Basin. We hope these different programs will encourage students to take better care of our world as well as inspire them to take an interest in science!

## Southeast *Academy*

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**MSgt. Marty Schafer**  
Director

### The Choice is Yours!

At Southeast Academy you will find a unique learning environment where cadets can truly thrive. We embrace the responsibility of public education to challenge each cadet. We also understand that a rigorous high school curriculum requires Advanced Placement and college and career technical education, including career exploration and leadership training.

Of course, a rigorous curriculum also includes high expectations. Key components embrace problem solving as well as critical thinking skills both inside and outside of the classroom.

We also hold our cadets accountable through daily homework and uniform inspections, and know that such demands produce improved performance.

We have also found that aligning our standards to high expectations for both college and the workplace is a critical step towards giving cadets a solid foundation in academics and social skills.

If you feel that Southeast Academy is for you, then make the choice to attend.

## Sanchez *Elementary School*

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**Alicia Rubio**  
Principal

### Celebrating Reading

The 4th and 5th grade Associated Student Body, along with our PTA, hosted our guests from throughout the district who came to read to our classrooms on March 4, 2015. Our guests included Superintendent Ginger Shattuck, Glenn High School principal Greg Puccia, Waite Middle School principal Susan Newcomb, among many others from different offices in the district. Students in pre-school through fifth grade had a wonderful time hearing their favorite picture books. Students got to hear their favorite books from their families as well. We culminated our event with a Family Reading picnic. Parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents and other family members, friends and school personnel brought their favorite books and a picnic to enjoy with students. It was a wonderful day!



**Principal Rubio and Sanchez students welcome guests to Read Across America!**

## Waite *MS Careers Magnet*

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**Dr. Susan Newcomb**  
Principal

### Performing Arts Excellence

Waite Middle School is dedicated to keeping the performing arts thriving for our students and for the nationally recognized performances at John Glenn and Norwalk High Schools. Former Teacher of the Year Ms. Danica Marsh continues to build acting skill sets in students through our trimester-long drama elective and for our forthcoming Spring Performing Arts Showcase on April 23 and 24 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us for this spectacular event, which is an all student-run crew and performance ensemble.

The Waite band, orchestra, and guitar class continue to create lifelong music enthusiasts and composers. Two Waite students were selected for first-chair positions in district honor band this year. We also have an expanded course in music appreciation, which allows sixth-grade students to explore music in a trimester-long elective. Waite students participated in the band festival at Excelsior Auditorium on March 31 and will also perform with John Glenn High School students on May 28 at 7:00 p.m.

In visual arts, over 40 students submitted artwork for the city of Norwalk's Artastic event on March 20, which featured artwork from students across the city.

It's great to be part of visual and performing arts at Waite! Please come see for yourself! Contact us at (562) 921-7981 or waitemiddle.org.

**INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT • From Page 1**

Accountability Plan (LCAP), which details our academic goals and plan for attaining them. This plan helps us best serve the needs of our students to give them every opportunity to be successful.

Our magnet schools are just one example of the many programs we offer to engage students and provide our families with choices. Our annual magnet school fair, held this year at the Excelsior Adult School campus, allowed our students, teachers and principals to showcase their unique programs so that families from within and outside of our district could see for themselves what our magnet schools are all about.

Meanwhile, planning for school construction projects to be funded by Measure G dollars is underway. Our Board of Education held three public study sessions throughout February and March to engage in thoughtful discussions as they prioritized projects to best make use of our facilities bond dollars. We share our community's excitement in witnessing the upgrade and revitalization of our classrooms and facilities. We will continue to keep everyone updated on the progress taking place under Measure G.

It is our priority to keep our community informed about the progress we're making and the changes taking place within NLMUSD. Thank you for your support of our school district and our students.



**Ginger Shattuck**  
*Interim  
Superintendent*

enviado cartas a casa y proporcionado presentaciones en las reuniones de la Junta de Educación, mientras que en marzo nuestra PTA co-patrocinó un foro de educación sobre este tema para los padres de todo el distrito.

Continuaremos trabajando con los padres y los grupos clave de las partes interesadas esta primavera en lo que reunimos sus opiniones para realizar la actualización anual de nuestro Plan de Responsabilidad de Control Local (LCAP, por sus siglas en inglés), que detalla nuestras metas académicas y el plan para alcanzarlas. Este plan nos ayuda para mejor servir las necesidades de nuestros estudiantes para darles todas las oportunidades para tener éxito.

Nuestras escuelas magnet son sólo un ejemplo de los muchos programas que ofrecemos para involucrar a los estudiantes y proporcionar a nuestras familias con opciones. Nuestra feria anual de escuelas magnet, que se llevó a cabo este año en el campus de la Escuela de Adultos Excelsior, permitió a nuestros estudiantes, maestros y directores exhibir sus programas únicos para que las familias de dentro y fuera de nuestro distrito pudieran ver por sí mismos de lo que se tratan nuestras escuelas magnet.

Mientras tanto, la planificación de proyectos de construcción de escuelas que serán financiados por la Medida G está en marcha. Nuestra Junta de Educación llevo a cabo tres sesiones de estudio público a lo largo de febrero y marzo para participar en debates de estudio en lo que hacen prioridades sobre los proyectos para hacer el mejor uso de dólares de bonos para instalaciones. Compartimos el entusiasmo de nuestra comunidad en el testimonio de la actualización y revitalización de nuestros salones de clases e instalaciones. Continuaremos actualizando a todos sobre los avances que se lleven a cabo bajo la Medida G.

Es nuestra prioridad mantener a nuestra comunidad informada sobre el progreso que estamos haciendo y los cambios que están surgiendo dentro del NLMUSD. Gracias por su apoyo a nuestro distrito escolar y nuestros estudiantes.

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**EMERGING CAREERS EXPO • From Page 1**

Standing before a captive audience, representatives shared their personal paths toward successful careers and offered professional advice.

"Understand that your parents want you to reach one notch higher than they have," said Steve Flores of the FBI. "Your future starts now. High school is such a fleeting moment in life. Be sure you are surrounding yourself with people who want you to succeed."

After the panel discussion, attendees visited booths in the gymnasium to speak with individuals from more than 25 organizations representing trade unions, businesses and community college programs. The expo's format concentrated on the career opportunities and training available to students to prepare them for college and career.

"Whether our graduates are going directly into college or into career training programs, these collaborative events present them with a unique opportunity to speak directly with professionals from these promising sectors and ask, 'What skills do I need if I want to work in your industry?'" NLMUSD Board President Jesse Urquidi said. "We hope that by exposing our students to a variety of career paths, they will find what sparks their interest and learn how to prepare themselves for the goals that they set."

NLMUSD offers a variety of career pathways that integrate rigorous academic and technical courses, including Arts, Media & Entertainment, Engineering and Design/Advanced Manufacturing, Computer Science, Business and Entrepreneurship, Education, Health Science and Medical Technology. Nationally recognized Project Lead the Way (PLTW) STEM programs are available in elementary, middle, and high schools.

Through their Linked Learning Initiative, students are offered a personally relevant, wholly engaging, rigorous academic and career-based curriculum with real-world professions.

"We are making it a priority that all of our students are able to gain and develop the skills necessary to be marketable and competitive in the global economy and this event was just one part of our larger efforts," said Joanne Jung, NLMUSD Director of College and Career Pathways.

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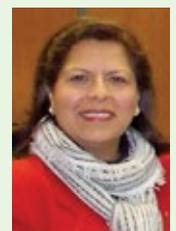
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## Promoting Parent Engagement



**Arturo Delgado, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent

I recently took part in two events promoting parent involvement in education. I delivered opening remarks at the Families and Fatherhood Conference and served as a panelist at National PTA's "Take Your Family to School Week" Roundtable.

It was wonderful to see so many people who shared a strong commitment to help meet the diverse needs of children and families.

I was delighted and honored to have been given the chance to speak about a subject that's close to my heart – as a father and a grandfather myself – and that has been a top priority for us at the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

I know, from experience, that being a parent is no joke. As a parent you have very important roles – as a teacher, a counselor, a coach, a financial adviser, a judge and jury, and a protector, and so much more, all at once.

When my children were born, I thought if I could give them anything, I would give them that rock – that solid foundation – on which to build their lives. And that would be the greatest gift I could offer them.

There's simply no way to overstate the importance how much parents mean to their children and the impact they have in their children's lives.

By every way we can measure a young person's life – from social behavior to academic achievement to their sense of self-worth and self-esteem – all these measurements go up dramatically when parents are there for children.

Yes, we need more outstanding teachers in the classroom, and more afterschool programs for our children.

But we also need families to raise our children.

No outstanding teacher or educational program or policy can substitute for a parent who is involved in their child's education from Day One.

We, as education administrators and educators, are doing our best, but we need parents and communities – the whole village – to partner with us.

Together, we can instill a love of learning and an ethic of excellence among our children.

We can encourage them to value self-respect and hard work and to set high expectations.

We can tell our children that we expect them to dream without limit and reach for those goals.

As President Franklin Roosevelt said: "We may not be able to prepare the future for our children, but we can at least prepare our children for the future."

You may view PTA's roundtable on parent engagement in the news section on [www.lacoe.edu](http://www.lacoe.edu).

Arturo Delgado, Ed.D., was appointed superintendent of the Los Angeles County Office of Education in July of 2011. With headquarters in Downey, the Office is the nations largest regional educational agencies, providing a range of programs and services to support the county's 80 public school districts and 2 million preschool and school-age children.

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## Three Ways the PSAT Can Pay



**Susan D. Marshall**

Well, it's "One for the money, Two for the show, Three to get ready, Now go, cat, go." Words sang by the King, Elvis Presley. Popular before most of us were born.

May this Mnemonic help put the PSAT in perspective.

One for the money... The PSAT is a money test. You open the door to multiple scholarship opportunities. Not only the National Merit Scholarship Program, but additional scholarships as well. It is key to applying for many awards.

Two for the show... You show up on the college radar. The College Board gives you an advantage through the Student Search Services (SSS) program that allows you to share preferential information with over 1,100 colleges. This will introduce you to colleges that you may not have considered or even knew existed.

Three to get ready... It gets you ready for the SAT. It gives you a competitive advantage. You get access to My College Quickstart after you take the test. It is a free college resource that has proved to be invaluable in several ways. College Board reports: Students who prepare for and take the PSAT score on average 145 Points higher on the SAT than their peers who skip the test.

Now go, cat go... Sign up of course. The PSAT is a two-hour test given once a year in October. Many take it in their freshman and sophomore years to prepare for when they take it in their junior year to officially qualify for National Merit Scholarship Program.

If you don't know the value of the PSAT or are thinking of skipping it – Do some research... Just Google "PSAT." You never know how much it could pay off.

Susan both educator and advisor specializes in college planning. She helps families save for and pay for college. If you have questions you would like answered in a future article contact her at [Susan@College4Less.com](mailto:Susan@College4Less.com) or on her Web site at [www.college4less.com](http://www.college4less.com)

## Remember When?

### Happy Days are Here Again!



**Charlene Ashendorf**

We were not driven to school two blocks away; we walked to and from school with our classmates. We didn't need computer games; we played pick up, tag or anything that included a ball.

Those were simpler times. My parents would say that they were safer times. Those were days when everyone knew their neighbors and folks looked out for each other; those were "happy days."

I promised my grandparents I would not only remember those good old days, but keep community alive. Our children are grown and out of the house. Older folks have moved out and younger families have moved into the neighborhood. So how could I keep that promise as an empty nester on our cul de sac?

Everyone loves food, so we began with a neighborhood bar-b-que. We delivered flyers, asked folks to bring a dish, a chair and a beverage. Getting to know each other was an important first step. Kids and adults were now ready more... for the basketball hoop we placed in our front yard it became open play with a bring your own ball requirement. Next we built a little free library and placed it in on our entry wall. Filled with books for young and old alike, with a take one leave one policy, kids were found sprawled out under the shade of our liquid amber with books and snacks while dog walking adults would snap up a paperback or two.

Last year we began a question of the day experiment. What started out with two young neighbor kids knocking on the door for a homemade cookie or after school treat has become a 4:00 PM ritual with up to eight elementary schoolers who are given a science, math or history question and rewarded with a piece of candy.

We have made ours a neighborhood, a safe place for kids, where we look out for each other, just like the good old days. Happy days are here again.

Charlene remembers growing up in Chicago with hot and humid summers, leaves that turned colors in the fall and endless winters. Active in her community and church, she advocates for seniors, affordable housing, literacy and libraries. Her hobbies include reading, writing and visiting art galleries. Charlene resides in Costa Mesa with her husband, Dennis who is a teacher in the Newport Mesa Unified School District. <http://about.me/cmash>



# Acclimating



**Tyler Robert Armstrong**

Every Step – What 7 year old wants to climb Mt. Whitney? I do! After months of hard work I was ready to try to set a record as the youngest person to climb Mt. Whitney in a single day.

Mt. Whitney is the highest mountain in the contiguous United States. It stands at an alarming 14,505 feet. Mt. Whitney is located in California. The Sierra Nevada is the home to many 14 thousand footers in California including Mt. Whitney!

The drive took us about four hours from my house to Mt. Whitney. The drive felt long, really long. All I could see for miles and miles was just desert, cactuses, and road. Then finally I saw little hills which got bigger and bigger and bigger until they were humongous mountains! As soon as we got to the Mt. Whitney Portal we unloaded and setup our campsite. After setting up and putting our food in bear boxes, we were able to relax by the fire and get a good night's sleep (except for me worrying about the bears coming into our tent).

The next day we had breakfast, nothing fancy, just oatmeal and bananas. We decided to take a hike about a quarter of the way up the Mt. Whitney trail to acclimate. We stopped at Lone Pine Lake. The lake was on the edge and looked like it was hanging onto the mountain. The lake had a beautiful blue color and was very cold. There was a very big patch of snow that seemed like it was dripping one drop at a time into the lake. It was very peaceful and quiet. We spent about an hour and a half acclimating at that lake, eating lunch and playing in the snow.

After we hiked back down we went inside our tent to relax and pack for the next day. Packing took us a while because we were trying to make our packs as light as possible. We went to bed early because we had to get up in the middle of the night to start the hike. The next morning (really more like later that night) came quick. My dad woke me up at 1:00 am in the morning, to get dressed and eat in a hurry. I was excited because it was the day I was going to set the record and climb Mt. Whitney!

When we got to the trail we...(to be continued)

Publisher's note: I read an article about Tyler and immediately invited him to be a guest columnist. He is such an inspiration and I want our readers to hear his amazing stories. If you can't wait for the next column, please enjoy Tyler's web site! [www.topwithtyler.com](http://www.topwithtyler.com) and [www.facebook.com/topwithtyler](https://www.facebook.com/topwithtyler) and [www.youtube.com/user/TopWithTyler](https://www.youtube.com/user/TopWithTyler)

## Note-ables

# More Multicultural Children's Songs



**Kate Karp**

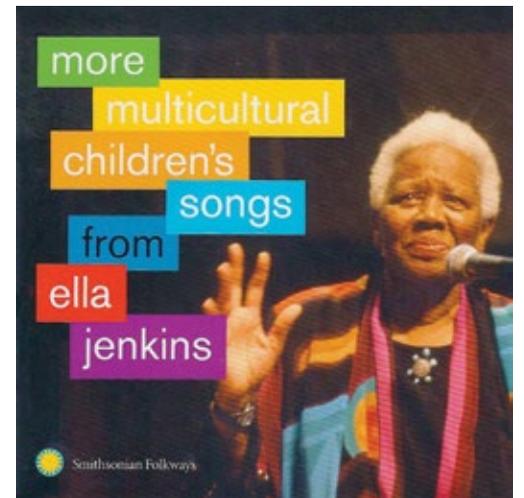
In celebration of the giving season, here's an offering from an award-winning children's music icon. Smithsonian Folkways has just released Ella Jenkins' 34th album, a sampler of music and spoken word that represents many diverse countries and cultures around the world.

Jenkins, called the First Lady of the Children's Folk Song, has recorded collections for children since back in the days of vinyl. My teacher played her records when I was a child in 1957, and yours may have, too, in the six-plus decades of her still-active career.

This collection sends children on a global tour that will educate them about vocabulary, special celebrations and cultures from here in the United States straight through the planet to the Great Wall of China—well, actually, that would be in the Indian Ocean, but you get the idea. There are stops at an Australian zoo for a visit with the continent's unusual animals, in Cuba for a dance lesson and in Israel for a dreidel spin. Children will learn how to count to ten in Spanish, French, German, Italian, Hebrew, Japanese and Greek (and in English, of course) and will hear how *Cairo* in Egypt is pronounced differently from *Cairo* in Illinois. And their passports are good for a dozen other lands.

Jenkins turned 90 years old in August, and she's still singing. *More Multicultural Songs* comprises her continuing gift of learning and connection to cultures through song to children everywhere.

Kate Karp is an editor for *School News Roll Call* and a freelance writer and editor.



## Word Search Contest—Words Associated with School

**Rules!** One word in the list is NOT in the word search. When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that word you email to: [Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com](mailto:Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com) (Please put NLMUSD in subject line)

**Entries must be received by May 15, 2015**

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

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**Congratulations to Aryan Patel  
Winner of the February Contest!**



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