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SUPERINTENDENT



Greg Magnuson
Superintendent

Greetings to BPSD's *School News Roll Call* Back to School Edition

We are pleased to once again partner with *School News Roll Call* to share the exciting work of our students and staff. There are a great many opportunities for students and community members occurring in and around our schools. Through the *School News Roll Call* and other communications we wish to keep you informed and aware of upcoming news and events so you may connect to our schools.

In this Back-to-School edition, each of our school Principals share a brief article that conveys the focus and culture of their school as we begin the 2016-17 school year.

It is exciting to have concluded the 2015-16 school year with four BPSD schools recognized as California Gold Ribbon Schools, and all seven of our schools recognized by the California PBIS Coalition for implementing proven practices supporting safe and positive school campuses.

Moreover, our progress to address the needs of students for a technology dependent future, and college and career readiness requirements, has been astounding. In just three short years, our teaching and learning processes and classroom environments have changed dramatically to ensure students are "Future Ready" upon promotion from BPSD.

Our schools all have a story, and like every great story, the plot evolves and engages the reader. In this and future editions of Buena Park School District *School News Roll Call*, we will tell the stories of our students, staff and schools with the hope that you too will become engaged with the work of our students and staff that we so proudly perform at each BPSD school.

For all of us at BPSD, we are honored to serve the families of our school district, and to share the achievements of our students and schools. I invite you to follow our daily activities, provide comment and access information at: www.Facebook.com/BuenaParkSchoolDistrict and www.bpsd.k12.ca.us

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Did You Know?

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act

The federal government's legal definition of homelessness based on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is anyone who is...

- lacking a regular, fixed, and adequate nighttime residence (substandard housing);
- sharing housing due to economic struggles (double-up);
- living in a shelter, hotel, or motel;
- living in a public place not designed for sleeping (cars, parks);
- an unaccompanied youth, a child or youth awaiting foster care placement;
- a child or youth abandoned in a hospital;
- a migrant child who qualifies under any of the above.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act requires schools to ensure homeless students have access to education and other services they need to meet the same high academic achievement standards as all students.

For assistance, please contact Dr. Justin Sherrill, BPSD McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison, at 714-337-0228 or jsherrill@bpsd.k12.ca.us

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We are delighted to be partnering with BPSD to publish the excellence from the District.

The quality of the schools sets the standard for the quality of a community. Superintendent Magnuson's message on page 2 conveys how proud the community is and can continue to be with the achievements of the students.

In this issue you will read about the STEM and GATE programs, promoting

healthy students, early literacy, and so much more.

Be sure to enter our Word Search Contest on page 11, which is fun for all ages.

On pages 9 & 10 are book reviews. If your child would like to be a guest columnist to review his/her favorite books, email me for details.

Our next issue is February 1. Until then have a Happy Thanksgiving, fun winter break and Happy New Year!

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Technology Department

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Mike Magboo
Chief Technology
Officer

Off to a Great Start

I am excited to be joining the BPSD as chief technology officer. My years of experience in informational technology network systems and software integration – as well as a teacher, principal, and Director of IT in education for more than 20 years – have, I believe, prepared me to lead and successfully oversee BPSD's Classroom Without Limits initiative at every level.

The Office of Technology Services has had a busy month starting the school year! We

finished up Phase 1 modernization at BPJH, and Phase 2 at Beatty School. We also had a very smooth rollout of iPads for the fourth- through eighth-grade students at all schools, including the distribution of almost 1,000 iPads on a single day at BPJH!

As the Technology Department, our team of professionals works tirelessly day in and day out to oversee BPSD's Classroom Without Limits initiative and address any and all technology issues that may arise. We truly have a fantastic team and dedicated staff to serve the students and staff members of the Buena Park School District.



Mike Maboo our new Chief Technology Officer and his Tech. Dept. staff

More Classroom & Safety Upgrades Completed

By Greg Magnuson, Superintendent

Our community's approval of the \$71 Million bond measure in June 2014 marked the start of an incredible transformation to our school facilities in BPSD.

With funding from Measure 'B', over the last two years the District has implemented over \$21 Million of facility and technology improvements at all seven of the District's campuses.

This summer the District completed three more vital projects resulting in significant benefits to our students, staff, and community. The district-wide phone system project has replaced an outdated analog system with a new digital phones providing expanded capacity, flexibility and reduced maintenance. The Beatty School seismic project has brought an aging facility to updated code standards. This project not only increased safety, but enabled the District to secure state matching funds and offset 50% of the construction costs. The Buena Park Jr. High

Modernization Project, the District's largest construction project to date was also completed. Our District's 7th and 8th grade students were welcomed back to school with 36 newly modernized classrooms, including six new science labs.

As proud as the District is of the work completed to date, we are equally proud of our ability to plan and prepare for additional work in the coming years.

Our modernization program will continue to look ahead to another busy year of construction in 2017. Planned projects include: District-Wide energy management controls, more efficient light fixtures, and new HVAC units which will be implemented in the 1st quarter of 2017; school roofs will be replaced at various campuses in Spring, and the modernization of over 60 classrooms at Gilbert and Whitaker Schools will start and be completed in Summer 2017.

Gordon H. Beatty (K—6)

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Supporting 21st-Century Learners

As the new principal, I am honored to share the 50th year of leading and learning at Beatty School. We continue to gain recognition for the exceptional

experience we offer to our community, most recently attaining a California Gold Ribbon Award, a Title 1 Academic Achievement Award, and a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Silver Award. These accomplishments provide confirmation that we live our mission: “Beatty embraces diversity and develops lifelong learners who contribute to the global community.”

Our staff continues to provide innovative instruction that prepares our students for college, career, and civic life.



Our award-winning Gifted And Talented Education (GATE) program is unique model that we have followed or more than 10 years. We offer full-day fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-grade classrooms that are dedicated to GATE. In order to meet the needs of those students who achieve well beyond the grade-level expectations, Beatty’s GATE program customizes learning experiences through specialized instruction, which provides the students with opportunities to examine and analyze concepts with depth and complexity, novelty, and acceleration.

Our teachers facilitate additional opportunities to spark a love of inquiry and encourage advanced critical-thinking skills. Students in our GATE program can participate in the Orange County Debate League, Math Field Day, Academic Pentathlon, and Super Saturdays. After-school enrichment classes engage students’ personal interests.

At Beatty, we are dedicated and committed to lifelong learning as we continue to meet the expanding needs of 21st-century learners. Through support and collaboration, we achieve our mission together.

Buena Park Junior High (7—8)

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A World-Class Junior High Experience

I’m in my third year at Buena Park Junior High, and it is my privilege to declare that our school provides a high-quality, comprehensive and rigorous education for the seventh- and eighth-grade students in our city. Moreover, we support our programs with newly modernized 21st century classrooms, technology resources for each

and every student, and the tools for parents and guardians to participate and interact with all aspects of their children’s education.

At Buena Park Junior High, our academic programs support the needs and interests of all students. Our general-education program is rigorous and prepares all students for success in high school, college and career. Additionally, students that need additional time and support receive targeted academic intervention through a tutorial program that assists them in meeting academic standards.

In addition to rigorous core academic programs, BPJH has comprehensive elective and extracurricular

programs tailored to student interests and future career goals. There is something for every student at our school. We have engaging opportunities for student to explore the arts, Spanish, journalism, forensics and sports. For advanced and gifted students, we provide an honors curriculum in which mathematics, English language arts, science and social studies concepts are taken to greater depth and complexity to advance student learning. For students focused on new 21st century careers, we have a broad STEM program that includes coding, robotics, 3-D computer-aided design and industrial arts.

Of particular interest to both parents and students alike is our championship Speech and Debate program that preps students interested in leadership, legal or political careers or who simply want to sharpen their critical-thinking and public-speaking skills. Our award-winning music program features choir, string orchestra, band and percussion courses.

We know at BPJHS that junior high years are a pivotal time in a young person’s life. We want their experience to be world class!

Arthur F. Corey (K—6)

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Valerie Connolly
Principal

Early Literacy Soars at Corey School

Literacy skills for the kindergarten and first-grade students at Corey School are on the rise! When I recently spoke to our first-grade teachers, they shared their excitement. “It is day eight, and we are already working on blending and segmenting four-letter words,” explained Kristie Mendez.

I was not surprised at this, because I had also read with these same students when they were kindergarteners last year as they tackled more complex text than I had seen in previous years. Our first-grade teachers also shared that they are noticing an increase in the skills of their incoming students ever since the district-wide implementation of both the Common Core State Standards, which are more rigorous than the previous standards, and the Writer’s Workshop model, which develops more authentic writers. It is also obvious to the

first-grade team and me that our students are receiving a stronger foundation in phonics and writing in kindergarten than ever before. “It’s exciting to have students enter my first-grade classroom with a solid knowledge about letters and sounds,” explained Cheryl Evans. “They are already reading and writing three- and four-letter decodable words.”

“The increased rigor of the new curriculum we are using to teach the Common Core State Standards is clearly evident,” added Lisa Neve, as she explained how her students are more proficient in reading and writing than in

previous years. Our kindergarten teachers attribute this growth to a more rigorous curriculum that motivates the students to become better readers. First-grade teachers will also be utilizing the first-grade version of that same curriculum this year.

As principal, I look forward to supporting and observing the continued academic growth of our youngest students.



Charles G. Emery (K—6)

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Julie Linnecke
Principal

Developing Future Leaders

It was the first day of the 2016–2017 school year at Charles G. Emery School. The flag was up, the morning announcements had been read, and the birthday cards were delivered, thanks to the sixth-grade student council. As the new school principal, I was quite impressed.

From day one, it was obvious that these students embody the student council motto: “to serve our school, community, and country.” Their goal is to make the school atmosphere engaging and positive for the entire school community through school spirit, fun activities, and student recognition. The student council advisor, Miss Ferrara, believes that “school should be both a safe and fun place for learning!” At Emery, this is demonstrated on a daily basis.

In order to extend their service and leadership in the community, the Emery student council has participated in many important programs and contests over the years. Last year our school won the national Red Ribbon Week photo contest and received a special award for the 9/11 Day of



Red Ribbon Photo Contest

Service. To demonstrate the Buena Park School District’s core ethical value of civic duty, these students went to the local food bank, Giving Children Hope, to spend a day performing community service. Already these student leaders are developing plans to continue these activities this year.

At Charles G. Emery School, we focus on making school an environment that promotes learning while educating the whole child. This includes developing student leaders who encourage their peers. Our future leaders plan to make this a productive school year with great opportunities to support fellow students and inspire success.

Carl E. Gilbert (K—6)

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Russell Harrison
Principal

Promoting Healthy, Successful Students

As principal of Gilbert Elementary, I am proud to share that, in addition to our rising academic success, our staff is committed to improving the health of students in Buena Park. In collaboration with St. Jude Medical Center, one of Gilbert's classrooms has been transformed into an energizing fitness center complete with state-of-the-art multimedia that brings aerobic activity to life. As they

enter the Fit Lab, our students and teachers are enthused to engage in dance, stretch and rhythmic movement, which enhance their flexibility, balance, strength and coordination. This program has been so well received that I am converting a second room into a fitness center to double the amount of time for these cardiovascular workouts.

Healthy habits aren't limited to the Fit Labs, either. Our teachers recognize the power that even a short workout can provide for refocusing young minds. Whether finding pleasure in a brisk walk or a vigorous jog, students are also provided with positive feedback as they circle the campus, getting the whole body and mind prepared before engaging in rigorous classroom instruction. Back inside, our academic lessons include periodic opportunities for

movement and stretch breaks that refocus concentration on the day's learning objectives.

Even school and classroom celebrations have taken on a new healthy vision. Gilbert teachers are leading the charge by exposing students to new fruits and vegetables each month and then encouraging families to bring these nutritious treats for class parties. Watermelon and celery sticks are replacing cupcakes and chips, and our students are taking new ownership of their own healthy food choices.



Gilbert Fitness and students

Mabel L. Pendleton (K—6)

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Kelly Love
Interim Principal

Boundless Learning Opportunities

In this new school year, I am both excited and thrilled to have the chance to once again join the team of teachers, staff members, and parents of Pendleton School. We will be working together to implement boundless and engaging learning opportunities for our students.

An award-winning school, Pendleton has been recognized by the California State Department of Education as a California Distinguished School and Gold Ribbon School. Most recently, Pendleton was awarded California Gold Ribbon School designation for its Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) plan, which documented the outstanding work that is being done to sustain safe, strong, and positive learning environments for all students.

Boundless learning opportunities for our K–6 students occur each and every day in state-of-the-art classrooms complete with 1:1 student iPads, and talented teachers who implement a curriculum rich in depth and complexity. Opportunities for learning also occur through strong school and community partnerships, and collaborations that focus on the academic, physical, and social-emotional well-being of our students.



Pendleton Students

In addition to academic instruction, throughout the week our teachers also provide physical fitness lessons that involve students in goal-setting and wellness plans. Students engage in exercise routines in the fitness room and on the playground. All students participate in the 100 Mile Club, walking every day before school and during PE and recess to reach their 100-mile goal. As an Eco-school, our Pendleton students also care for and nurture their California Native Garden, and give garden tours to visitors.

There are many more wonderful examples of boundless learning here at Pendleton School. Our students are thriving, and excited to learn. We invite you to partner with us in providing more boundless learning opportunities that will improve the lives of our students and families.

James A. Whitaker (K—6)

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Dr. Julie Perron
Principal

The Power of Purposeful Learning

This year, I have the fortunate opportunity of leading Whitaker Elementary School as its principal. From my first day, I have been impressed with the focused, engaged demeanor of both staff and students on campus. In fact, the Whitaker students are respectful, responsible, and ready to learn, as our school motto proclaims. In the classroom, cafeteria, playground, and library, Whitaker

students demonstrate that their school experience is one of purpose: we are here to learn.

The Whitaker Sharks started the year swimming in smooth waters as we rolled out another year with a powerful, positive school culture. For several years, Whitaker has diligently implemented Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), a program that focuses on finding proactive ways to recognize students who are self-

managers. Our program is known as POWER and includes three expectations we have for our students, the three Rs: Be Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to learn. These expectations are supported in all areas of the school day: in the classroom, on the playground, in the restrooms, in the computer lab, in the library, and in the cafeteria.

Currently, POWER recognizes appropriate behavior through various creative incentives and provides all students with opportunities to improve behavior when

there are challenges. Our POWER program is reflected in the daily classroom routines, as well as the whole-school discipline plan. Individual students who are experiencing success in the three areas receive Smooth Sailing and POWER tickets. These students are recognized for their efforts by various staff members and their families. We have also added a professionally created mural, which illustrates the expectations for all students and is visible in the central quad area of our campus.

We are elated that our POWER system is working with our Whitaker students, and we welcome another great year of smooth sailing. When I visit classrooms, the library, the



Whitaker Reading Frenzy Assembly

playground, and the computer lab, I am impressed with the engagement I observe. Students are learning, and teachers are teaching. This is possible because our POWER plan is working. Students envision themselves as scholars, with goals that are attainable. Staff members are facilitating learning at optimal levels.

With emphasis on positive, progressive programs that promote learning, Whitaker students are demonstrating that they truly are respectful, responsible, and ready to learn on their journey to academic excellence.

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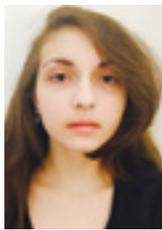
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Christina's Book Review



Christina J.

Captivating to Read

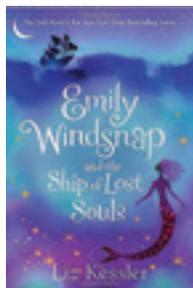
Emily Windsnap and the Ship of Lost Souls, written by Liz Kessler, is about the main character Emily, who keeps seeing a mysterious ship appearing and disappearing

without a trace, only at certain hours each day, growing fainter each time. Emily and her friends try to figure out the mystery behind it, and the closest they could get to solving it is that a similar looking ship had recently disappeared with all its passengers on board. Later Emily finds herself near the ship and bravely accepts the challenge to solve its mystery once and for all. She meets people having a good time, without any care in the world about their past. Emily comes to realize that these people are the missing passengers of the missing ship and that they had their memories of the past slowly erased, and now they are stuck on this ship that is temporarily suspended in between our world and Atlantis. Emily only has a few hours to save the doomed passengers before they are all trapped in another dimension forever. With quick thinking Emily manages to find a way to save everybody and reunite them with their families.

I liked this book a lot. The story unfolded smoothly and was very captivating to read, keeping me guessing and worrying along the way with the main character. The suspense is great and the story itself is mind-boggling.

I rate this book 5 out of 5, with five being the best.

Christina J. is a 7th grader. She is an avid reader, who enjoys some peace and quiet with a good book about some great adventure. Christina is a young author herself, in 5th grade she wrote a book *Melody's Stories: I Am a Spy Now*, published by Studenttreasures Publishing (PIN #3582798).



Note-ables



Kate Karp

The Playground Zone

For some, particularly the younger some, hip-hop is a playlist staple. For others a generation or three older, it's at best an acquired taste. And the menu on this lively collection is sufficiently spicy and substantial to satisfy any listener. It was cooked up by teacher/artists, songwriters and performers Kaitlin McGaw and Tommy Shepherd, along with the various other guest artists who comprise Alphabet Rockers.

As their website says, the songs were "fully kid tested" in Oakland-area schools and apparently pronounced delicious. The lyrics are a call to anyone who needs a hand up—or wants to put an elbow up, is different externally or internally, or just wants to move. "Players' Life" sings about each child's right to play in a safe area and his or her responsibility to create one. "That's Your Name, Wear It Out" tweaks and twiddles with children's own names and identities, inviting listeners to join in. "Gimme Some Skin" and "Oddball," to which a lot of us young and old surely can relate, wondrously segue into appreciation and acceptance, and "Change the World" sums up the collection.

And just for fun, there's "Wiggle Jiggle"—and why not? That's what hip-hop's about. No matter what your musical tastes are now, this collection guarantees that everyone's going to taste it, feel it and put those elbows up!



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Michael's Book Review



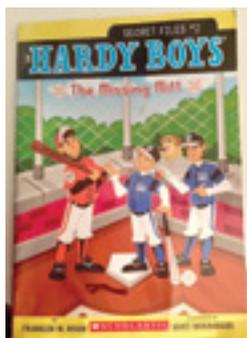
Michael H.

The Missing Mitt

This Hardy Boy case is about Joe and His brother Frank. They try to figure out who took Jason Prime's baseball mitt. Their Team the Bayport Bandits were all ready to win the final little league game of the season using their good luck charm. Jason's

mitt was special because his dad Winner Prime had used it to win the world series. Right before each game the whole team would touch it for luck.

Jason thought it was Conner Hound from the opposing team, because he had seen him snooping around their bags while they were practicing. Jason was upset and did not want to play until the mitt was found. After some detective work they figured out what had happened to the missing



baseball mitt. They remembered that earlier that day Mr. Mack's dog Lucy had Jumped on Jason. Lucy loved to play fetch especially with things that people threw on the ground. You had to be very careful around her because anything thrown might end up buried somewhere. They decided to throw another mitt. Lucy immediately picked it up and began to run. Jason, Joe and Frank chased her. When Lucy stopped she dug a hole and there in the hole was Jason's mitt. The Hardy boys were very happy. Secret File Case #2

was solved

I give this book 4 stars I really enjoyed the mystery. The only thing that would have made this book more exciting was if Lucy the dog wasn't the one who had taken Jason's mitt.

Michael H. is a 4th grade student. Besides his love for reading, he also enjoys Karate, playing guitar and sharing new adventures with his mom. He will rate the books 1 to 5 stars with 5 being the highest.

Naomi's Book Review



A Magical Box

The Secret Kingdom by Rosie Banks is a book full of mystery, suspense, adventure, thrills and excitement.



Naomi

This book is about three girls called Jasmine, Ellie and Summer who found a magical box that gave them a riddle. That the girls couldn't solve. Therefore the box sent the three girls to another world where they saw fairies, kings, queens, and trolls. Where they also went through different stages in weather. After going through all that adventure the three girls solved the riddle. Then the box sent the three girls back home. Where they made sure to put the box in a safe place where no one could ever find it again.

I give this book 5 stars because it is interesting and has many different scenes that just make me want to keep reading it over and over again. This is why I recommend this book to everyone.

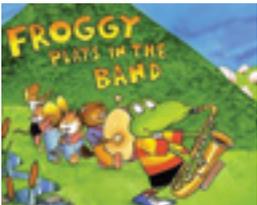
Naomi is a fourth grader that enjoys reading and writing. But aside from her joy of reading she loves to play the piano, drawing, coloring and be involved in any school event. She rates her book from 1-5 stars with 5 being the highest.

Richard's Book Review



Follow Through Pays Off

The book, *Froggy Plays in the Band* by Jonathan London, is one of the series of books about Froggy by this author. Froggy and his friends wanted to be in a band, but they weren't good at it, so their music teacher told them they had three weeks to practice until the march, and if they did good they might win a prize. At first Froggy and his



Richard J.

friends didn't play well, but after they practiced hard for 3 weeks they ended up sounding very good in the marching band and got a Golden Trophy in the shape of a saxophone as a reward.

I liked how the story is that in the beginning Froggy and his friends were discouraged, but practiced hard anyway, and all their hard work had paid off, because practice makes perfect, and everyone should stay determined and work hard to follow through to reach their goal. I also liked many fun illustrations in the book by Frank Remkiewicz.

Richard J. is a second grader who likes math, coloring, fun activities, playing on the playground and reading. Richard rates the book 5 out of 5, with 5 being the best.

Lucy's Book Review



Marvelous!

The Land of Stories: An Author's Odyssey
Author: Chris Colfer

I had been waiting for this book to arrive at my local library, and after much suspense, the story continues! Conner and Alex travel into Conner's short stories; in hopes of recruiting an army of different storybook characters: their own! With help from some leftover Portal Potion, which allows people to travel into stories, the twins hope to recruit the Zibblings, Auburn Sally's crew, the British Navy, and many more.

Not much better things are in the other dimension: the Masked Man's Literary Army rebels and joins evil witches who plan to take over the Otherworld. Will they succeed?

Chris Colfer succeeds once more in continuing the series and relying on a readers imagination to create a marvelous story further extending the fairy-tale world we thought we already knew.

I give this book four bookworms for its imagination.

Lucy is a fifth grade student that enjoys theater, playing guitar and singing. She's a Harry Potter fanatic and hopes to one day publish a series of her own. Lucy will rate the books 1 to 5 bookworms with 5 being the best.

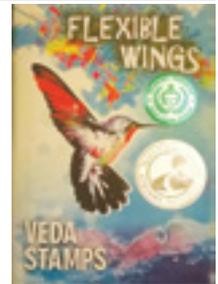


Isabella's Book Review



A Page-Turner

Flexible Wings is Veda Stamps' first full-length novel. The main character, Summer, wants to be on a swim team, but her parents are in the military and move around often. When she's



finally on a team, she doubts if she wants to participate. To make matters worse, her mom is deployed! Dad says that Grandma would come while Summer's mom is gone. Soon, Summer makes new friends, but fights with her younger sister, Emiko. To make up she throws a surprise party! But the party becomes a disaster when Emiko is unable to breath because of a bee sting. Emiko does get better. Phew! The family survived this disaster, but will they survive what lies ahead- without their mom!

I give this book 5 stars, because every page has an extraordinary family, events, details and tragedies. This book is definitely a page-turner and will keep you reading until the end!

Isabella is in fifth grade and continues to enjoy writing fictional stories based on true events, which she looks forward to learning how to publish when she is older. She will rate the books 1 to 5 with 5 being the best.

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Leadership Word Search Contest

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 Please put Buena Park in the subject line.

Word Search by Gunnar Coop

Entries must be received by December 15, 2016
 From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift certificate redeemable at Barnes & Noble.

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| Accomplished | Organized |
| Caring | Powerful |
| Confident | Responsibility |
| Determination | Role Model |
| Drive | Strong Willed |
| Enthusiastic | Suitable |
| Focused | Teamwork |
| Independent | Trustworthy |
| Initiative | Understanding |
| Intelligent | |



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| Balance amount | Bonus | Balance amount | Bonus |
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| \$10,000 – \$20,000 | \$100 | \$40,001 – \$50,000 | \$400 |
| \$20,001 – \$30,000 | \$200 | \$50,001 + | \$500 |
| \$30,001 – \$40,000 | \$300 | | |



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