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Fullerton School District Students Conquer the Congressional App Challenge

By Dr. Robert Pletka, Superintendent

Students from three Fullerton School District schools submitted entries to the Congressional App Challenge. Fifty-five apps were submitted for consideration to Congressman Ed Royce's office by 170 participants from 10 different schools. Fullerton School District represented 30 percent of the schools participating and over 40 percent of the total participants.

The students who successfully submitted to the Congressional App Challenge were invited to an awards ceremony and showcase at the Richard Nixon Library. There



4th Grade Fisler students receiving their certificates from Congressman Ed Royce.

were 13 submissions by 13 fourth-grade students from Laguna Road School and six submissions by 26 students from Nicolas Junior High School. Thirty-three fourth-grade students from Robert C. Fisler School submitted eight apps to the challenge, with two teams receiving certificates for honorable mention. All entrants received letters of recognition from Congressman Ed Royce.

We are very proud of the students' hard work and dedication and look forward to continued participation in the Congressional App Challenge.

Fullerton School District Accolades

As part of the Fullerton School District family, you are part of a nationally acclaimed District. Over the years, the 20 schools in our district have been working hard to provide our students with a world-class education and the hard work continues to pay off.

In 2016, ten schools in Fullerton School District were recognized as Gold Ribbon Schools. This is prestigious award given to elementary schools combining California Distinguished Schools and National Blue Ribbon Schools. In total, thirteen of our schools have been recognized as a California Distinguished School, with many of them being recognized multiple times. These thirteen schools have been chosen through an intensive and rigorous process as some of the most outstanding elementary schools out of over 8,000 public schools in California. The most prestigious award in the country, the National Blue Ribbon is awarded by the U.S. Department of Education to schools that have achieved Distinguished School Status and successfully completed an extensive and extremely competitive application and review process. This recognition has been awarded six times to schools in the Fullerton School District.

Nine schools have been awarded a Golden Bell Award given by the California School Boards Association to exemplary and innovative programs in an effort to promote excellence in public schools. The Title I Achievement Award is given to schools receiving federal Title I funds. Schools must demonstrate that all students are making significant progress toward proficiency on California's academic content standards. Additionally, the school's socio-economically disadvantaged students must have doubled the achievement targets set for them for two consecutive years. There are three schools in our District that have received this award.

The California Business for Education Excellence Award is awarded annually in two categories. Star Schools are those with significant populations of socio-economically disadvantaged students that have shown a

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Dr. Robert Pletka
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Happy New Year!
By now the students are back to their routines and focused on their academic goals. The Superintendent's message on the front page is a positive beginning about the school district's accolades.

In this issue you will read about digital art, the CyberPatriot Program, STEM, school musicals, the importance of giving to others less fortunate, and much more.

Thank you for continuing to include *School News* among your reading choices.

Our next issue is April 12.

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Training to Be the Best!

FSD students enjoyed an extra day of winter break in January as teachers assembled for districtwide professional development. Classified staff also met in a daylong training. One of the highlights was a customer-service presentation. District-office team members from different departments collaborated to offer the training.

Participants had the opportunity to revisit their previous customer service training, share success stories, discuss district core values, and view a proposed new-hire orientation program. Additionally, the session explored the theme "A New Year...A New You" with the Smile and Move program.



Smile and Move—How to Make Good Things Happen for People is a training that challenges employees to be aware of their abilities to impact others and to be better co-workers, as it relates to servicing both internal and external customers. The session challenged participants to reflect on their own personal work habits and how they can impact others. Trainees were encouraged to stay engaged, be approachable, listen to others, stay positive, and be grateful.

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Liz Leon
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Engaging the Future

One of the raves about Acacia is our STEM program, which through generous donations from our Foundation provides all K–6 students the opportunity to experience science, technology, engineering and mathematics (through computer science). The Acacia STEM program utilizes technology and engineering through robotics (Ozobot, Lego Mindstorm EV3); coding (Scratch, EV3); and the principles of coding to address skills in science and mathematics.

Our credentialed teacher, Ms. Holy Victor, utilizes a strong curriculum in coding and robotics. Robotics enables students to build, program, and test their solutions based on real-life robotics technology. Through hands-on learning, our students will understand forces and motion; graph and interpret rotation sensor data; develop robots capable of complex thinking using logical structures and sensor feedback; understand that complex systems are created from subsystems; and design, build, and program fully functioning robots.

We are proud to provide an engaging and interactive way to expose our students to the demands that they will be facing as 21st-century learners. We are paving the way to assist them in applying mathematical reasoning, as well as the creativity and critical-thinking skills that are often difficult to emulate in content areas. According to www.code.org, computer science drives job growth and innovation throughout our economy and society, with 71 percent of new STEM jobs involving computing.

Computing occupations will also make up two-thirds of all projected new jobs in STEM fields, which makes computer science one of the most in-demand college degrees. What better way to whet the appetite of our young Acacia minds?

Beechwood

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Julie Graham
Principal

Showcasing Students' Talents

At Beechwood School, our staff and community partner together to provide rich learning opportunities for all students. Through resources provided by our Beechwood Foundation and PTSA, we are able to showcase our students' talents in an annual musical theatre performance. This year over 200 students participated in the Aladdin Jr. Musical. Through this unique experience, students develop confidence, poise, and improve their public speaking abilities. They dance, sing, act, and come together with students across all grade levels. The beautiful costuming, staging, and music are a treat for the audiences of 6 sold-out performances at The Curtis Theater in Brea. We are so thankful for all of the volunteers that make this happen each year! Our community is committed to developing well-rounded young learners!



Commonwealth *Elementary*

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Anita Lomeli
Principal

Camp iRoar: Fun and Honorable Deeds!

During the second week of winter break, 76 students enjoyed three fun-filled days of Camp iROAR in

partnership with volunteers from a neighborhood church. Students learned about world traditions, witnessed weird and wacky science experiments, programmed robots, created beautiful art pieces, baked up yummy treats, and enjoyed a presentation from the Fullerton Fire Department.

In addition during this time of giving, our students also gave some cheer to others in need within our community. As Commonwealth Tigers, we aspire to be honorable in our deeds. During each day of camp, students began their session with a deed that touched someone's life for the better. Working with three community organizations, we were able to donate five fleece blankets to a charity for needy children and their families, write special letters to folks at a



senior-citizen residence, and provide personal hygiene packets to the homeless through an organization that helps homeless people change their lives.

Our mantra lives on: "iCan, iWill, iROAR!"

Fern Drive *Elementary*

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Dr. Julie Brandon
Principal

Just What They Need!

Response to Intervention (RtI) is a three-tiered approach to early identification and support of students with learning needs. At Fern Drive, this process begins on the first day of school with high-quality instruction and universal screening for all students.

RtI is a crucial part of student success at our school. Falcons receive daily targeted and specific instruction in the skills they need to fine tune, and all with a literacy focus. The areas our teachers target include phonemic awareness, phonics, reading fluency, reading accuracy, reading comprehension, grammar, vocabulary development, and English language development for our identified EL's.

Student progress is monitored, and teachers switch students based upon their progress approximately every eight weeks. In addition to these daily targeted rotations, our RtI coach meets with the students four times weekly to ensure that they are receiving targeted support with additional foundational skills. Our Falcons are soaring to new heights with their literacy skills!



Golden Hill *Elementary*

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Jaime Ann Hopton
Principal

Two Roads, One Journey

Jamie Freeman's fourth-grade class had the chance of a lifetime in 2014, when they were interviewed as part of an international research project and exhibit. Providing firsthand accounts of their school experiences, this Golden Hill class and fourth-grade students across the globe became part of the Museum of Teaching and Learning's exhibit titled "Two Roads, One Journey: Education in China and the United States." Superintendent Pletka attended the grand opening and gave opening remarks at the ceremony before touring the exhibit with Ms. Freeman. The exhibit displayed

what goes on inside the dynamically different classrooms in the United States and China, and the points of pride and challenges of each.

Hosted in the Nikkei Heritage Museum at the Fullerton Arboretum, the interactive exhibit had a special structure that re-created a Chinese and a U.S. classroom. The school day was divided into eight double-sided chalkboard panels arranged in a circular pattern. If you walked the exhibit clockwise, you met Ping, a student from China; walking counterclockwise led you to follow Sam through a day in his fourth-grade classroom in America. Additional panels compared art, writing, math and the educational philosophy of the two countries. Kiosks featured key artifacts and the stories behind them, like packed student backpacks.

Ms. Freeman's current class had the opportunity to visit "Two Roads, One Journey" before it closed in mid-December. The class had an opportunity to write Chinese characters with brushes and listen to audio clips of first-person accounts. Ms. Freeman's class of 2014 is immortalized in the research of the book *Educating Young Giants: What Kids Learn (and Don't Learn) in China and America* by Nancy Pine, which inspired the exhibit.

Visit <http://www.motal.org> to see past and future exhibits and events, and to learn how you can support the museum.—

Robert C. Fisler

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Juliene Lee
Principal

The World of Digital Art

By Juliene Lee, Principal
and Kyle Stava, Teacher – Technology

At Robert C. Fisler School, middle-school students learn about photo-painting to transform pictures into award-winning works of art using digital brushes, photo effects, and cloning tools to use with cross-curricular projects in language arts, science, and social studies.

In the first phase, students use Corel Painter and its features, such as Autopaint, which allows them to select from a large variety of brush types to turn the photos they take into works of art. In technology class, all middle-school students learn about the principals of design, color relationships, illusions of space, and expressive qualities of art and personal statements. Additionally, students develop perceptual skills while learning about macro photo in their environment.

Thank you, Phelps Foundation, for recognizing and supporting the need for artful expression through your grant. You have provided an opportunity for Fisler students to explore the creative world of digital art!



Hermosa Drive *Elementary*

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Danielle Ramirez
Principal

You're Invited!

Hermosa Drive is thrilled to begin its journey with the highly esteemed Pacific Symphony's Class Act program. Last year we were invited to participate in a competitive application process. In addition to the written application, the Class Act team also came out for a school visit and fell in love with our amazing school!

Last summer we were overjoyed to learn that we were chosen to be a part of the Class Act family for the 2016–2017 school year. We will soon be exploring the theme of "Magical Journeys" through the music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. In February we will also begin our classroom lessons and school concerts.



We would love to invite the entire Fullerton community to our Class Act Family Concert on Wednesday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your entire family to enjoy great music, learn more about Hermosa Drive and the Class Act program, and mingle with our other community members!

Ladera Vista *Junior High School*

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Randa Schmalfeld
Principal

CyberPatriot Challenge

The Ladera Vista CyberPatriot Team, working in collaboration with Troy High School mentors, has begun competition for the 2017 season. Each of the five Ladera Vista Teams scored well in the early phases of competition, current holding

first and second place in Orange County and 10th place in the United States!

The CyberPatriot Challenge places students in the position of newly hired IT professionals tasked with managing the network of a small company. In the competition, teams are challenged to find cybersecurity vulnerabilities within their network and protect the system while maintaining critical services.

The CyberPatriot Program is sponsored by the US Air Force Association. The top teams in the nation will compete in Baltimore, Maryland, where they can earn national recognition and scholarship money. The Ladera Vista CyberPatriot Teams are coached by LV teacher Doug Elmore and Cmdr. Allen Stubblefield of Troy High School.



Ladera Vista Cyber Patriot Team

Laguna Road *Elementary*

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Dr. Ryan Weiss-Wright
Principal

STEM

At Laguna Road we are very excited to have launched our STEM and Innovation Program! Through our partnership with our Laguna Road Foundation, SOS, we have been able to hire personnel to launch STEM and Innovation lessons for every student, every week.

These lessons are geared toward

helping students engage in the STEM process while providing them a foundation for launching their own ideas and personalized projects. At Laguna Road, our program seeks to transform the typical teacher-centered classroom by encouraging a curriculum that is driven by problem-solving, discovery, exploratory learning, collaboration, and requires students to actively engage a situation in order to find a solution.



Nicolas *Junior High School*

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Robyn Clemente
Principal

Parents Continue to Learn

On Thursday, December 8, 2016, a graduation ceremony was held for the parents of Nicolas. The ceremony was for parents that completed the Parent Empowerment Through Technology Program. The parents met twice a week to gain research skills, training in Word and PowerPoint, and Internet resources. The program allowed parents to gain online resources that helped them to engage in the health and education of their students and family as well as the opportunity to navigate the Internet to be more involved in their student's education and make educated

decisions that benefit the entire family. The parents also earned a certificate in computer competencies.

The first session of classes began in January. Additional sessions are being held and will continue in the spring. Classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Contact Nicolas at (714) 447-7775 for more information.



Maple *Elementary*

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Susan Mercado
Principal

A Wonderful Time

In the holiday spirit, local markets recently sponsored our Maple students for Christmas! Corporate officers from the president on down were on hand to present each student with individually selected and wrapped gifts to help make the holiday season a little brighter.

Our Maple students were greeted with a smile and a stocking, and they even got to see Santa! The day culminated with a special lunch coordinated with Nutrition Services and a local food truck. We are so grateful for these ongoing partnerships. It's hard to believe that it all started with one cold call where we answered, "Yes!"

This year's event was covered by *Good Day LA*, and attended by Dr. Pletka, Susan Hume, Trustees Sugarman and Meyer, and our own OC GRIP partners, among others. To see the light in the children's eyes is really a priceless experience that reminds us all of what the true meaning of the holiday season is about.

One of the highlights that has become a tradition at the event is our Maple fourth-graders presenting a "rap" of thanks, and the market employees presenting a rap back to the students. It is indeed the most wonderful time of the year.

Orangethorpe *Elementary*

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Dr. Erlinda Soltero-Ruiz
Principal

A New Confidence

RtI is in full swing at Orangethorpe! RtI, or Response to Intervention, is a school-wide process which supports those students who are falling behind in their reading skills.

Each student is screened three times a year to make sure that they are making appropriate progress. Students identified as experiencing difficulty with their reading are supported with the appropriate intervention, which is taught by classroom teachers, instructional assistants, and our RtI coach.

It is definitely a team effort led by our RtI coach, Terry Radzai-Sanchez. She organizes the process and supports the teachers, and provides instruction to the students. Students, teachers, and parents praise this process that has been developed and refined over the last three years.

We have observed not only improved reading at Orangethorpe, but also a new confidence in the students who have participated. Teachers have shared that the participating students take pride in their new knowledge. Our goal is to ensure that all students reach their highest potential and become confident learners.



Pacific Drive *Elementary*

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Yolanda Castillo
Principal

zSpace

Something new, something spectacular has arrived to inspire our students at Pacific Drive Elementary School! ZSpace is a virtual-reality computer station that has captured the hearts, minds and imaginations of our students. Dissecting a frog, exploring the layers of Neptune or splitting the atom are regular exercises found at high school or college but are now virtual experiences for our students!

Through the Phelps foundation, four zSpace Stations have been added to our Computer Science and Innovation Lab. The new systems combine virtual and augmented reality to make learning come alive. ZSpace activities and projects encourage students to inquire, take risks, solve problems, and apply their learning while building confidence and expanding interest in STEM and STEM careers.



Additionally, a team of fifth- and sixth-grade students have been trained as experts in using the zSpace stations. They're excited and enthusiastic as they present and teach other students in the school!

Parks *Junior High School*

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Sherry Dustin
Principal

Panthers Learn about College

On November 9, Parks Junior High School's eighth-grade iPersonalize students presented College Con, a college fair on campus. The event started with a keynote speaker from Harvard University, Ann Sinek, who spoke to the students about preparing for college. The students were then directed to the lower field, where they joined parents and community members to tour the table displays set up by our amazing students.

College Con was the culminating activity for the iPersonalize informative writing unit. After conducting their own research and writing about colleges of their choice, students teamed up to create table displays and electronic presentations for the fair. Students became experts on their chosen schools and practiced their oral presentation skills in preparation for this event.

The students were great ambassadors for Parks. Despite the extreme heat of the day, the event was a huge success!



Raymond *Elementary*

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Yolanda McComb
Principal

Focus On Digital Citizenship

Did you know that Raymond Elementary School has been certified as a Digital Citizenship Certified School? Raymond's teachers teach digital citizenship using a Web site called Common Sense Media. Our children love the engaging lessons.

Seeking tips on how to educate your son or daughter to navigate within the cyber world safely and effectively? Then look no further! Endorsed by the Fullerton School District and Raymond School, Common Sense Media is the resource for you! This free Web site is the leading independent nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children thrive in a world of media and technology. It empowers adults by providing unbiased information, trusted advice, and innovative tools to help them harness the power of media and technology as a positive force in the lives of children.

For more information, check the Web site at www.common sense media.org.



Richman *Elementary*

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Estella Grimm
Principal

Project P.E.A.A.C.E.

In recent months, our students have voiced their concern over all of the hate-speech, bullying and mistreatment of others that they've witnessed, either directly or indirectly on TV or through media, and they've decided to do something about it.

Project P.E.A.A.C.E. (Pupils Educating About Acceptance Compassion and Empathy) was created as a way to give students voice in making a difference in their community and world. With the help of community partners and parents, our students have been creating projects using science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) to educate others about being accepting, compassionate and empathetic. They are posting their projects on our student-created Project P.E.A.A.C.E. website.



We encourage others to create additional projects that can be posted on the Project P.E.A.A.C.E. website so that they too can help make the world a better, kinder place. A link to the Project P.E.A.A.C.E. website can be located on the Richman School website.

Rolling Hills *Elementary*

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Julieen Faur
Principal

Learning in the Outdoors

This December, our sixth-grade Roadrunners participated in their first-trimester culminating outdoor educational exploration.

The Roadrunners traveled deep into the San Bernardino Mountains to Camp High Trails. While at Camp High Trails, the students hiked, studied astronomy, participated in archery lessons, climbed rocks, applied wilderness survival techniques, and learned all about life forms in the water.

One female student said, "This has changed my life!" Another sixth-grade female student commented, "This is so much fun, I can't believe that I am learning."

Mrs. Dyer, one of the sixth-grade teachers who chaperoned the Camp, explained, "One of the highlights of teaching sixth grade is attending science camp. On this week-long trip, students grow as individuals, learn with hands-on experiments, and bond with each other in the beautiful outdoors. The lessons they get to experience we could never do in a classroom."



Sunset Lane *Elementary*

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Dr. Tracy Gyurina
Principal

Our Co-Teachers

Sunset Lane has had the privilege of partnering with California State University Fullerton's Titan educator-credentialing program. As part of our ongoing partnership, we have been blessed with four teacher candidates that took up residence on our campus during the first half of the school year.

Some of the many benefits of the co-teaching credentialing program model included meaningful training, ongoing support, heightened levels of collaboration, timely feedback and the effective sharing of teaching responsibilities. Additionally, positive relationships form among mentor teachers and teacher candidates as well as teacher candidates and students.

Our teacher candidates blessed classrooms with their presence, and they continue to be loved and cherished by our students. Their organization, creativity, flexibility, positive energy and meaningful interactions with both



students and staff were appreciated, and we are looking forward to the next group of teacher candidates that will join us this spring. Sunset Lane continues to be thankful for the ongoing opportunities we have to partner with CSUF and learn alongside one another.

Valencia Park *Elementary*

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An Epic Win for Every Student

December 15, was an epic day at Valencia Park School! The Leon Owens Foundation, in partnership with a shoe manufacturer, a food distributor, and the Bagne Family Foundation, donated a new pair of shoes, a six-pack of socks, and a backpack tote to each of Valencia Park Elementary School's 635 students!

Helene Morris
Principal

Students were told that they were participating in a contest and that only one student from each class would win a new pair of shoes. As students gathered in the multipurpose room for an assembly to learn who won, Shirley McClanahan surprised the students by giving each one of them a new pair of shoes. Mrs. McClanahan explained that the Leon Owens Foundation was started in the name of her late brother to honor his work in the Fullerton community.



Thanks to the hard work of our social services assistant, Jessica Cervantes, and our parent volunteers, who surveyed students and measured their feet, students received shoes in the correct sizes and in their favorite colors!

Woodcrest *Elementary*

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The Space

On November 17, Woodcrest School celebrated the grand opening of The Space, our innovative, new creativity lab! The Space provides a large range of educational experiences for students to design and create. Our Wildcats have access to this lab on a weekly basis.

The Space is equipped with laptop computers to program robots, including simpler robots for our younger programmers. The Space also offers a wide variety of makerspace materials for student creativity. Students have access to a small movie studio with green screen to make movies to demonstrate content knowledge. Students can even project their work on the two smart televisions and print projects on our two three-dimensional printers.



Giving our students the opportunity to enhance their Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education will increase their critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and communication skills, setting them up for a successful future!

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significant increase in grade-level proficiency over four years and are outperforming expectations for every subgroup of students. Fullerton School District has received this award at five schools. Scholar Schools are schools that are showing significant levels of academic achievement, but do not have a significant socio-economically disadvantaged student population. Fullerton School District has received this award 11 times.

Fullerton School District also has one Apple Distinguished School and one school with Apple Distinguished Programs. The Fullerton School District is also recognized as a Cotsen Foundation program participant that works to combine a number of components to produce powerful professional growth and development of teachers.

Fullerton School District was selected by the U.S. Department of Education as one of 100 top school districts from across the United States for the first-ever National Connected Superintendents Summit at the White House in Washington, D.C. Superintendent Robert Pletka was among exemplary local school chiefs who were recognized on behalf of their school district for their leadership in helping transition their district to digital learning. Additionally, our District has been accepted into National Network of Innovative School Districts. Fullerton School District joins Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools and will partner with other leading educators, entrepreneurs, and researchers from across the United States. Our District is one of 19 new school districts accepted into the League of Innovative Schools today, a national coalition of forward-thinking school districts organized by Digital Promise, an independent, bipartisan nonprofit organization authorized by Congress to accelerate innovation in education.

Common Sense, the national nonprofit organization dedicated to helping kids and families thrive in a world of digital media and technology, has recognized Fullerton School District as a Common Sense Digital Citizenship Certified District. FSD has demonstrated its commitment to taking a whole-community approach to preparing its students to use the immense power of digital media to explore, create, connect, and learn, while limiting the perils that exist in the online realm, such as plagiarism, loss of privacy, and cyberbullying.

Fullerton School District is tirelessly working to provide students and their families with a world-class education.



Dr. Robert Pletka
Superintendent

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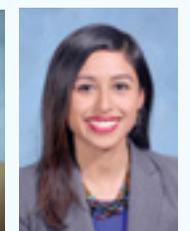
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Michael's Book Review

A Hilarious Book

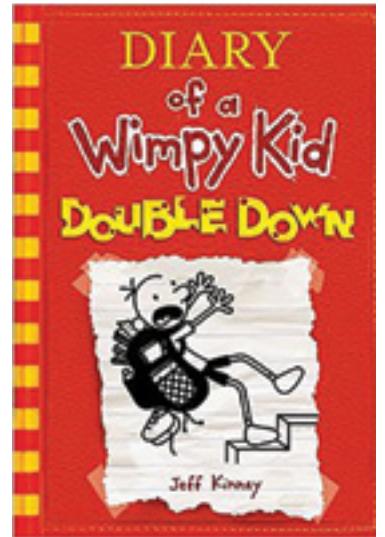


Michael H.

Greg's imagination is at it again. He talks about how he feels like his life is being filmed and people are watching his every move. He also talks about how his family is secretly a bunch of robots, and worries that what his mom said about his nana watching over him since she died is literally true. His mom thinks video games and TV are turning his brain into mush. She tells him to explore his "creative side."

This is all happening near Halloween and Greg feels like frights are coming his way from every direction. He joins the band. That would make his mom happy and he would be invited to the Halloween party. Going to the party he freaks out when he realizes his mom isn't just dropping him off she plans on staying. Will she embarrass Greg and ruin his whole plan?

I give this book 5 stars although it didn't have a main story line it was hilarious and can't wait to read the next one.



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.

Weather Words 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 Fullerton in the subject line.

Entries must be received by March 15, 2017
 From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift certificate redeemable at Barnes & Noble.

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Winners of the October Contests!

SWAY

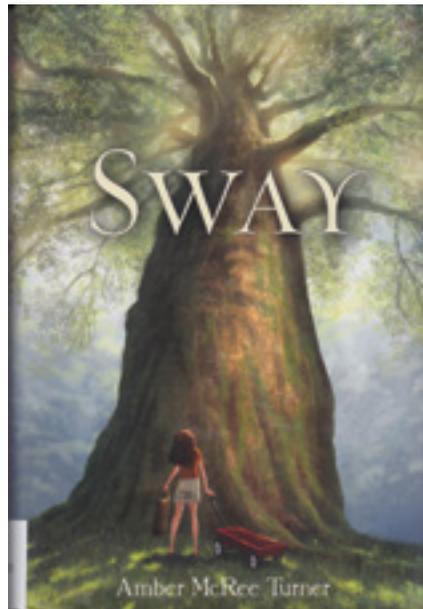


Alana F.

Cass Nordenhauer is a young girl whose ultimate dream is to be a volunteer for the Southern Mobile Aid Response Team alongside her mom, Toodi. So when Toodi finally returns home from a rescue mission, Cass is ecstatic to see her again. But after a confusing conversation with Cass' dad, Toodi drives away in tears and Cass' dream is seemingly squashed. Afterwards, Cass' dad decides that he and Cass

should go on an adventure together, and the pair hit the road to explore the countryside. Along the way, Cass' dad introduces her to Sway, a seemingly magical power which can change the way that one thinks in a matter of seconds. With the power of Sway, can Cass find a way for her family to be reunited, or will any memories of a stable life be forever lost to the wind?

I enjoyed this book immensely and would give it five out of five stars because I really appreciate how countless youth nowadays could relate to Cass and her home situation.



Alana is a student columnist. When she doesn't have a book in her hands, she enjoys playing video games and writing fiction. She rates books on a scale of 1-5 with 5 being the highest.

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