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## Making College Accessible

In the Hawthorne School District, we are committed to ensuring that our students are equipped with the tools, skills, and knowledge necessary for success in both college and career.

To this end, we joined with California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) last year to submit a Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) partnership grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Education. We were recently delighted to learn that our GEAR UP partnership was one of only twenty-four in the country to be funded this year. The approval of this partnership means that our current sixth grade students will be provided with access to seven years of targeted academic support, college-focused counseling, college campus visitations, and family workshops focused on topics such as the college admissions process and financial aid options. This type of long-term commitment is rarely seen with federal grants, and its impact on our students will be significant. Projects associated with the GEAR UP grant are already underway, with the creation of College and Career Centers at each of our middle school campuses, the recruitment of CSUDH students to serve as tutors in a number of our classrooms, and the coordination of a trip for almost 800 sixth graders to the CSUDH campus this June. We are so pleased to be able to offer these and many more services to our students as we work to support them on their path to postsecondary education.



**Dr. Helen E. Morgan**  
*Superintendent*

## Haciendo que la universidad sea accesible

En el Distrito Escolar de Hawthorne, estamos comprometidos a asegurar que nuestros estudiantes estén equipados con las herramientas, habilidades y conocimiento necesarios para el éxito en la universidad y en la carrera. Con este fin, el año pasado nos unimos a la Universidad Estatal de California, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH), para presentar al Departamento de Educación de EE.UU. una propuesta de asociación con la beca GEAR UP (que significa adquisición temprana de los conocimientos y preparación necesarios para continuar con estudios superiores). Nos complace saber que recientemente nuestra asociación con la beca GEAR UP fue una de solo veinticuatro en el país que se financiará este año. La aprobación de esta asociación significa que nuestros estudiantes que actualmente cursan el sexto grado, tendrán acceso a siete años de apoyo académico específico, orientación universitaria, visitas a universidades y talleres familiares enfocados en temas como el proceso de admisión a la universidad y opciones de ayuda financiera. Este tipo de compromiso a largo plazo rara vez se ve con las becas federales, y su impacto en nuestros estudiantes será significativo. Los proyectos asociados con la beca GEAR UP ya están en marcha, con la creación de centros de orientación vocacional en cada uno de nuestros planteles de la escuela secundaria, el reclutamiento de estudiantes de CSUDH para servir como tutores en varias de nuestras aulas y la coordinación de un viaje para casi 800 estudiantes de sexto grado al campus CSUDH este junio. Estamos muy contentos de poder ofrecer estos y muchos más servicios a nuestros estudiantes mientras trabajamos para apoyarlos en su camino a la educación universitaria.



**GEAR UP kick off at Hawthorne Middle School.**

**Every child deserves a chance to succeed!  
¡Cada niño merece la oportunidad de triunfar!**

**Preschool Program**

HSD Preschools offer early childhood educational programs for children who are three and four-years old. Families must meet State income requirements.

**Eucalyptus Preschool**

12044 Eucalyptus Avenue  
Hawthorne, CA. 90250  
(310) 219-2837



**Hawthorne School District  
Preschools**  
Eucalyptus and Zela Davis



**Programa de Preescolar**

Las Escuelas Preescolares de HSD ofrecen programas educativos de primera infancia para niños de tres y cuatro años de edad. Las familias deben cumplir con los requisitos de ingresos del Estado.

**Zela Davis Preschool**

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**Reina Robledo**  
Principal

**Transitioning to Kindergarten**

Kindergarten is the next big step on your child's academic journey. As parents, some of the ways you can help your child prepare for this exciting new adventure includes talking enthusiastically with your child about starting kindergarten, setting and practicing new routines, as well as attending your local school's transition to kindergarten meetings. A successful move into kindergarten will help your child have a positive attitude about school and learning.

**Transición al Jardín de Infantes**

El jardín de infantes es el siguiente gran paso en el camino académico de su hijo/a. Como padres de familia, algunas de las maneras que usted puede ayudar a su hijo/a a prepararse para esta nueva y emocionante aventura incluye hablar con entusiasmo con su hijo/a acerca de comenzar el jardín de infantes, establecer y practicar nuevas rutinas, así como asistir a su escuela local para las reuniones de la transición al jardín de infantes. Un movimiento exitoso en el jardín de infantes ayudará a que su hijo/a tenga una actitud positiva sobre la escuela y el aprendizaje.





**Kay Coop**  
Founder/Publisher



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Another school year is coming to a close. It is an exciting time for seniors going on to higher learning or out into the workforce. Congratulations to the Class of 2018 and their families!

Thank you for continuing to include *School News* among your

reading choices. Our next issue is September 5th in time to begin a new school year. Until then have a wonderful summer and please remember to include the library among your activity choices.



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## Make the most of your summer at El Camino College!

Six-week and eight-week summer sessions begin June 18;  
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# El Camino College

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# Bud Carson *Middle School*

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**Mark Silva**  
*Principal*

## **MESA Rocks!**

Bud Carson Middle School's afterschool Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement club had another exciting year!

MESA gives students hands-on opportunities to use their creativity and engineering knowledge to design and construct projects such as Rube Goldberg machines, prosthetic arms, and gliders. MESA

helps students to develop skills, knowledge, and confidence in STEM activities while also teaching them to work collaboratively in groups to accomplish their goals.

In October, students and their families were able to attend University of California's MESA College and Career Day, where they engaged in fun mini-projects and learned about the pathways to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) careers. In March, students took their designs and competed against other schools. Ultimately, eight Bud Carson students won medals or ribbons while representing our school in regional competition.

MESA is a vital part of our STEM Academy focus, and it would not exist without the undying devotion and hard work of Ms. Shintani. She is just another fine example of the excellence of the Hawthorne School District.



# Hawthorne *Math & Science Academy*

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**Esau Berumen**  
*Principal*

## **Aviator Achievements**

*By Jessica Vazquez, College Counselor*

Last month, some of our Aviators visited California State University, Dominguez Hills to represent Hawthorne Math and Science Academy (HMSA) at CAPITALISM 2.0: Fast Pitch Competition. Students competed against other local high

schools for cash prizes. With the amazing coaching of Mr. Dura, our students' hard work stood out! Our amazing entrepreneurs pitched business ideas that blew the panelists away, bringing home first, second, and third places against keen competition.

Aviator Ahmed Mohamed represented HMSA at the California State Science Fair with his automated greywater diversion device, which earned fourth place among thousands of student projects from across the entire state. His accomplishment would not be possible without his hard work and the dedication of his teachers, especially Mr. Flint, who provided a great deal of support along the way.



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**Mike Goldstein**  
*Principal*

## Once a Koala, Always a Koala!

Eucalyptus is proud to announce the retirement of four amazing teachers: Connie Boswell, Patricia Leavy, Nancy Benzon, and Janelle Rich. Each one gave their heart and soul to the Hawthorne School District, and we are forever grateful for their years of service.

A bit of background on our retiring Koalas.

Connie and Patricia both graduated from Cal State Long Beach. Connie was hired by the district in 1997, and she currently teaches the third grade. Patricia was hired in 1990, and currently teaches kindergarten. Nancy graduated from Cal State Fullerton, and began working in Hawthorne in 1988. Janelle graduated from UC Santa Barbara and was hired in 1985. Nancy and Janelle are both currently teaching the second grade.

On behalf of our Koala Nation, every student, parent, and every community member we have worked with throughout the years, I want to say thank you for changing lives and making this world a better place. We wish you the best of luck as you begin the next chapter in your wonderful lives!



**Janelle Rich, Nancy Benzon, Patricia Leavy and Connie Boswell**

# Hawthorne *Middle School*

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**Rudy Salas**  
*Principal*

## Career Day

Our students are inherently curious about what they will be when they grow up. Exploring career options at this age creates an understanding that will help them prepare for the future. Our goal is to have students interact with a wide variety of professionals and focus on the relationship between education and careers.

Hawthorne Middle School's third annual

Career Day was held in April. Career Day took place from 8:30 a.m. to 10:40 a.m., beginning with a breakfast reception for speakers. Presenters remained in the same classroom for three sessions, and the 25 to 30 students assigned to each session rotated in and out.

We had a wide variety of careers represented: a special agent, a mortician, a karate instructor, an athletic trainer and a former Hawk who is now the news anchor for Telemundo Channel 52.

If you are interested in presenting at our next Career Day, please contact the school office.



# Jefferson *Elementary*

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**Josh Godin**  
*Principal*

## What Is 'Distinguished'?

Jefferson is Distinguished!  
What does that mean?

There is a wide range of categories at the federal and state level that they look at in order for a school to get recognized for the Distinguished School Award, such as high academic achievement, high attendance, low suspension rates and progress on the Academic Indicators for the California

Dashboard. Jefferson showed significant growth and had high achievement in these areas.

Jefferson was one of 79 elementary schools out of 1,300 elementary schools in Los Angeles County to receive the California Distinguished School Award. In the entire state, only 5 percent of schools receive this award! This award is a testament to the staff, students and parents at Jefferson for all of their years of hard work and dedication to excellence in education. Some of the staff and district representatives were presented with the award at the 2018 California School Recognition Program Ceremony.



# Kornblum *Elementary*

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**LaTima Jones**  
*Principal*

## Rainbows and Unicorns

Our Kornblum PTO and staff members planned a beautiful Father-Daughter Dance with the theme "Rainbows and Unicorns." The cafeteria featured a massive balloon rainbow and unicorns on stage all created by our parent volunteers. There was a professional photographer, snacks for purchase, and a D.J. with lights to help set the tone for a fantastic event.

The students and parents arrived early to take photos before the dance. Once the event began, there was nonstop dancing. The girls made a long conga line which traveled throughout the cafeteria. Girls and dads did line dances together. The most special moment of the event was when all of the dads danced with their daughters to a special slow song.

Some dads even danced with two or three daughters at the same time. Others picked up their daughters and hugged them closely. Some fathers bent over or kneeled down to come to their daughter's level for the dance.

There were nothing but smiling faces throughout the evening, which was the sign that a good time was had by all in attendance!



# Prairie Vista *Middle School*

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**Wendy Ostensen**  
*Principal*

## Inside Out at Camp Bloomfield

Recently, 24 Prairie Vista Middle School (PVMS) students participating in P.S. Art's Inside Out program left school went to Camp Bloomfield in Malibu for a weekend of rehearsing, creating, hiking, swimming, games, going to the beach, singing songs, drumming, dancing, and eating s'mores. They were joined by 48

students from two other middle schools in Los Angeles.

Students spent most of their time rehearsing a play they are writing and creating painted "flats," or large signs, for their play. Activities started early in the morning, and lights out was at 10:45 p.m. or later each night. The days were long, productive, and full of fun!



**PVMS students enjoying their experience at Camp Bloomfield!**

Inside Out students performed their plays for staff and students at PVMS and for their families and communities at Leuzinger High School.

We are proud of our students' academic and performance accomplishments this year in our Fine Arts Academy. We wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to the new school year.

# Prairie Vista *South Campus*

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**Marisa Stewart**  
*Site Administrator*

## Every Student Counts

Come and check out our newly improved PV South campus!

Thursday, May 3rd was a big day for the staff, students, and parents of PV South. That's when we had a Sharefest workday to beautify and revitalize the campus. Sharefest is an organization that pairs with needy public schools and parks to help fix them up.

those of Martin Luther King, President Barack Obama, Cesar Chavez, and SpaceX Founder Elon Musk.

PV South would like to thank our very own Ms. McKee. She was the teacher who reached out to Sharefest and did all of the work to get our project selected. Thank you, Ms. McKee!

We don't have the words to express our gratitude to all of the many volunteers and individuals who came to help transform our campus and enhance our learning environment. As one new mural says, "Every Student Counts and Every Student Matters" at Prairie Vista South!

PV South was paired with a local asset management company from El Segundo. They donated \$15,000 worth of goods and materials, and also brought over 30 volunteers to the school site to work.

What work did they do? They installed much needed privacy fencing around the athletic field and filled our campus planters with self-sustaining plants. They also repainted the backboards on all of our basketball courts, installed new nets, and even donated new balls. Additionally, these Sharefest volunteers also painted six bright and beautiful murals on campus:



# Ramona *Elementary*

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**Patricia Ray**  
*Principal*

## Sharing Our Cultures

The students in Ramona's Two Way Bilingual Immersion (TWBI) program showcased their work at our Cultural Fair held on Wednesday, May 2nd.

One of the goals of the TWBI program is for students to be proficient in both English and Spanish, and also learn about the Hispanic and Latin cultures. At this event, each grade-level kindergarten through

fifth-grade student shared what they've learned about the country they have been studying all year. The cultures represented at this year's fair included Peru, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, and Guatemala.

Over 200 families attended the fair, and our parents were happy and proud to see their own cultures represented. Comments such as "How creative!" and "Beautiful!" were heard throughout the evening. Each class is also learning a Latin dance such as salsa, meringue, cumbia, and chacha.



# Washington *Elementary*

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**Maritza Cruz-Brown**  
*Principal*

## Project LEAD

*By Wayne Salmon, School Counselor*

Washington School is proud to be a participant in the Legal Enrichment and Decision Making program (Project LEAD). Project LEAD is an effective law-related education program established by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office in 1993. The program has been taught at Washington School for the past five school years.

The program is directed at the fifth grade, and each year, a different class is selected to participate. The 20-week curriculum teaches fifth-grade students about the criminal-justice system and the importance of making good decisions. Volunteers from within the district attorney's office are instructors for the program and serve as role models in the classroom. The attorney volunteers arrive at Washington each Wednesday at lunch. The students eat their lunch in the classroom and remain in class for recess. This allows the attorneys more time to present the information.

Included in the curriculum are two field trips. The trips include the Museum of Tolerance and the LAX Courthouse. At the courthouse, the students perform a scripted mock trial, putting into practice what they have learned about the criminal-justice system.

Project LEAD also teaches students techniques for resolving conflict and resisting peer pressure. Other lessons promote tolerance and respect for diversity. Another lesson demonstrates the role of education in achieving economic stability and acquaints students with basic household budgeting. This important program teaches children that the choices they make today can affect their lives forever.

We at Washington realize that partnerships are essential to the success of our students. Parents, teachers, students, administrators and other support staff are the standard partners for success. Washington School is building future leaders through programs such as Legal Enrichment and Decision Making. We know that leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.

# York *Elementary*

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**Jennifer Beekman**  
*Principal*

## Staff Superstars

York School is known for its outstanding school culture and helpful employees. York recognized all classified and certificated employees during Staff Appreciation Week! Some of our staff members received congratulatory pins for their years of service in the Hawthorne School District—and most of those years of service have been right here at York School.

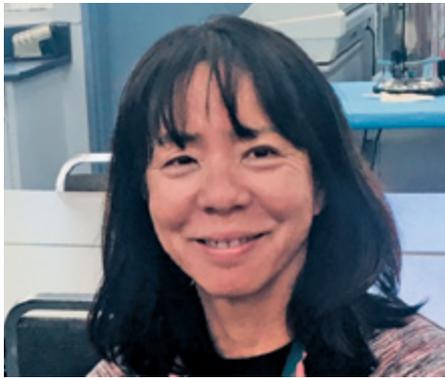
Mr. Becerra, 5 years; Ms. Ledesma, Ms. B. Reyes, and Ms. Ayala, 15 years; and Ms. Kingham, 20 years. Together these outstanding staff members account for 85 years of service!

Some of our staff members are also leaving us at the end of this school year. They will be retiring and will be missed by the staff, students and parents. Congratulations to Mr. Steffen, Ms. Carmody, Ms. Sturges, and Ms. Kingham. Thank you so much for your years of service to our children!

The dedication of the York staff continues to be the reason why we are the Superstars!



**Ms. Carmody and Mr. Steffen**



**Ms. Kingham**



**Ms. Sturges - Retiree**

# Zela Davis *Elementary*

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**Kathy Carbajal**  
*Principal*

## Building STEM Partnerships

A group of fourth- and fifth-grade Zela Davis students participated in a three-part STEM Challenge with students from Ad

Astra, a local private STEM school. Their mission was to design, build, and test a safety device that could be attached to the top of a

remote-control car. The safety device was needed to protect its cargo, an egg. The device had to withstand a front-end collision, a side impact, jumping off a ramp and a vertical object drop.

The first two sessions took place at Ad Astra and focused on designing and building the devices. The final session took place at Zela Davis, where all teams completed testing their safety devices.

At the end of the three days together, it was hard to imagine

that these two groups of students had just met! Their collaboration and teamwork were seamlessly integrated throughout both schools. Zela Davis is looking forward to an ongoing partnership each spring!



## Lucy's Book Review



Lucy Davis

### An Enjoyable Read

*Brooding YA Hero: How to Become a Main Character (Almost) as Awesome as Me*

Broody McHottiepants had always been the protagonist — it was who he was.

So when an Author tells Broody that he can't be in anymore novels, something in him changes. That couldn't be right. He was Broody McHottiepants, the par excellence.

Then, an idea hits: what if he could write his own book, telling the world how to become main characters like him? Yes. That was what he would do. And nobody — not even his evil ex girlfriend — could stop him.

Reading this book was definitely an experience for me. At first, I disliked Broody's personality, because he was shallow and conceited. However, as the story progressed, his character arc was interesting to observe. Through his experiences, he realized that change can be good. Overall, it turned out to be a enjoyable read that left me with a new look on the young adult genre. Four out of five bookworms.



Lucy is a 6th grade student. When she isn't immersed in a book, she loves musical theater, ballet, and singing. She enjoys stretching her imagination by writing short stories of her own. Lucy will rate the books 1 to 5 bookworms with 5 being the best.

## Alana's Book Review



Alana F.

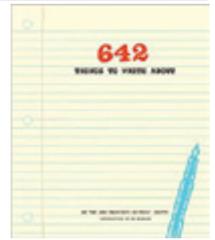
### Helpful Writing Book

Do you ever feel the pains of writer's block? Chances are, you have,

if you've ever written before. Well, here's the funny and extremely useful solution! Insightful and hilarious, *642 Things to Write About* is

endlessly helpful. Containing prompts like "A houseplant is dying. Tell it why it needs to live," to "A day in the life of the person sitting next to you," this book will give you the best ideas to spark your creativity.

This book is amazing for beginning and experienced writers alike. I'd give it seven out of eight triforme shards for being inspirational and creative, seemingly never running out of things to give you. 642 is a lot of prompts, after all. And even if you're not a 'writer,' per se, this book is great for passing the time. So pull up some cushions, make yourself a cup of tea, and release your inner writer!



Alana is a student columnist and a self-proclaimed "huge nerd." When she doesn't have a book in her hands, she loves to play video games and write fiction. She rates books on a scale of 1-8 triforme shards with 8 being the highest

## Ways to Travel—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](mailto:Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com) Please put HAW in the subject line.

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|------------|--------------|
| WALK       | CROP DUSTER  |
| RUN        | SKATES       |
| JOG        | SKATEBOARD   |
| STROLL     | HELICOPTER   |
| CAR        | YACHT        |
| TAXI       | ROWBOAT      |
| VAN        | FISHING BOAT |
| SCHOOL BUS | SURFBOARD    |
| CITY BUS   | HORSE        |
| TRAIN      | MULE         |
| JET PLANE  |              |

Entries must be received by July 15, 2018

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a GAZUMP card/dice game - fun for all ages!



**Congratulations to Cruz and Jeliz Guerrero**  
Winner of our last Word Search Contest!



# FREE SUMMMER MEALS!

## ¡Almuerzo Gratis Durante el Verano!

Free Lunch for all Children  
**July 2<sup>nd</sup> - August 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Monday through Thursday

Se les dará almuerzo gratis a todos los niños  
**el 2 de julio - 9 de agosto**  
lunes a jueves

**12:30 - 1:30 pm**

Escuela Eucalyptus Elementary School – 12044 Eucalyptus Ave

Escuela Zela Davis Elementary School – 13435 Yukon Ave

Questions/Preguntas: (310) 263-3990

Summer Meals are free  
to all youth 18 and under  
- No Paperwork required

Los almuerzos de verano son gratis  
para todos los niños menores hasta los 18 años.  
-No se requiere documentación

**Closed 4<sup>th</sup> of July**

**Cerrado el 4 de julio**



### Program Rules:

- \*Free Meals are available for all children.
- \*Adult meals may be purchased for \$3.75.
- \*Children and adults must follow site supervisor's directions.
- \*No food is to be taken off school campus.
- \*Guests must pick up and throw away their own trash.
- \*Guests must leave school campus when their meal is finished.

### Reglas del Programa:

- \*Los almuerzo gratis están disponibles para todos los niños.
- \*El almuerzo para adultos se puede comprar un almuerzo por \$3.75.
- \*Los participantes deben seguir las instrucciones del supervisor
- \*No se permite sacar comida fuera del plantel escolar.
- \*Los participantes deben recojer y tirar su basura.
- \*Participantes deben dejar la escuela cuando hayan terminado.

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