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Superintendent

2017-18 Elementary VAPA Highlights



Dr. Gunn Marie Hansen

Orange Unified is proud to offer instruction in the arts through our Elementary Visual and Performing Arts Program. Students in both 5th and 6th grades receive two sessions of instruction each week for 45 minutes in instrumental music or the 21st Century Integrated Arts Wheel. Students taking an instrument class learn to play a band or orchestra instrument over the course of a full year. Students in the Integrated Arts Wheel receive instruction in two arts disciplines over the course of the year - either visual art, theatre, or general music. Sixteen talented teachers provide instruction to our 27 elementary schools, with the support of four instructional assistants.

The Elementary Visual and Performing Arts Program has taken an innovative approach to arts instruction. We have implemented several pilot programs that meet the needs of our diverse student population and allow them to build 21st century skills. Students at Crescent are piloting digital art in both 5th and 6th grade using iPad Pros and Apple pencils. They are creating digital art while learning technology skills needed for their future. At Panorama, Linda Vista, and Handy, 6th grade students are taking

part in a year-long musical theatre class. The students are collaborating to create and perform a full musical production which has allowed them to take on various roles from singing, dancing, acting, to building set designs.

Additionally, we have an after-school Mariachi band taught by two of our instrumental teachers at Handy Elementary. Being a part of the Mariachi band allows our students to celebrate Mexican culture and history and is the cornerstone to many traditions for our families and community. Students refine their instrumental skills with mariachi instruments such as the vihuela, guitarron, violin, and trumpet. They have performed at many district events and most recently, during the opening celebration of Reeves Hall at Chapman University.

In order to provide our advanced 6th grade band, orchestra, and general music students an opportunity to perform district-wide, they participated in honor concerts alongside the middle and high schools. At these concerts, students from across the district learned challenging pieces at their individual schools sites and came together to perform as one full band, orchestra, or choir ensemble.

Orange Unified is proud to offer a quality arts education. We are looking forward to continuing our creative and innovative programs for the 2018-19 school year.



Board of Education

Modernization of High School Athletic Fields and Renovation of Fred Kelly Stadium



**Dr. Alexia L.
Deligianni-Brydge**
President

The Orange Unified School District (OUSD) Board of Trustees voted 7-0 to approve using funds which have been set aside over the past decade to modernize the athletic fields and tracks at Canyon, Orange, and Villa Park High Schools. The unanimous board vote also authorized reconstruction of the 49 year-old Fred Kelly Stadium, located on the El Modena High School campus, in order to bring the facility into compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Plans and specifications for the new stadium have already been approved by California's Division of State Architects (DSA) and the project is ready to move forward to the bid process.

Dozens of students, parents and coaches attended the Board of Education meeting on April 12 to vocalize their support of revamping the stadium and modernizing each high school's athletic fields. Students have been using the tracks and fields at District high schools for decades and the condition of each has deteriorated over time. The modernized fields will feature synthetic turf and tracks, similar to other local high schools, and other improvements. These modifications will provide students and the community with safer surfaces for physical education classes, athletic competition, and recreational use; reduce day-to-day maintenance costs for the District and weather-related "down time"; and eliminate the cost and impacts associated with watering and fertilization.

The track and field and Fred Kelly Stadium projects will utilize a combination of capital projects funding that the



District has been saving for this purpose, as well as community facility district developer fees designated for facilities updates. No "Measure S" school bond dollars, which were approved by voters in 2016, will be used for this undertaking.

"The safety of the students is paramount and these practice

fields are in desperate need of modernization," said Board President Alexia Deligianni-Bridges, Ed.D. "We will also be able to build a new stadium facility, in an efficient and cost-appropriate way, and are pleased to be moving forward with improvements that will serve our students and the taxpayers without going into debt."

In addition to a unanimous vote by the seven-member OUSD Board of Trustees, the student representatives from the five OUSD high schools (Canyon, El Modena, Orange, Richland, and Villa Park) also supported the proposal. Further board action will be taken once formal proposals are reviewed and separate design and installation agreements are ready for approval.

The track and field improvements at the high schools and the renovation of Fred Kelly Stadium will provide Orange Unified School District's CIF championship teams, students and the community with the top-notch athletic facilities that they deserve. Fred Kelly Stadium will once again be "A Gold Medal field for a Gold Medal athlete."

Fred Kelly Stadium was originally built in 1969 and was named after Fred Kelly, a student who attended Orange Union High School and won an Olympic Gold Medal in the 110-meter high hurdles in the 1912 games. He was also USC's first Olympic Gold Medalist.

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As this year comes to a close, I'd like to thank you for continuing to include *School News* among your reading choice.

Congratulations to the Class of 2018 and their families. This is an exciting time as they go on to higher learning or out into the workforce.



On pages 26-31 are book reviews to help with reading selections this summer. Be sure to include the library among your activities.

Our next issue is August 29 when we begin publishing the excellence from the District for a new school year. Until then have a fun summer!



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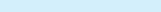
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OUSD Alternative Education / ROP

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Get Ready for Summer

We would like to begin by congratulating all of our graduates at Alternative Education. The graduating students in the Community Day School, Independent Study, Home School, and Adult Transition programs represented our site well this year, and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors. Congratulations to all of the graduates!

We are now gearing up for the summer programs at Alternative Education. We will be offering Extended School Year for our Adult Transition Program, and a credit recovery based summer school for our Community Day School students. Our summer programs are an excellent opportunity for students to recover credits and continue working on the skills they acquired this year in preparation for next.

Our campus will also be undergoing a facelift this summer as well. The exteriors of all of our buildings will be painted over during the summer with a new color scheme to help make our school even more aesthetically pleasing. We are extremely excited about this summer, and are getting ready for the 2018–2019 school year!

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GRADUATION 2017-2018

Promotion & Graduation Schedule

Thursday, June 14, 2018*

Special Education School

School	Time	Location
Tuesday, June 12, 2018* Canyon Hills	10:00 am	Gymnasium
Friday, June 8, 2018* Adult Transition	10:00 am	Alternative Education Site

Middle School Promotions

School	Time	Location
McPherson Magnet	8:15 am	McPherson School Cafeteria
Portola	9:00 am	Portola School Field
Yorba	10:00 am	Yorba School Field
Cerro Villa	10:30 am	Cerro Villa Outdoor Amphitheater
Santiago Charter	11:00 am	Santiago Outdoor Amphitheater
Friday, June 15, 2018* El Rancho Charter	8:30 am	El Rancho Outdoor Amphitheater

High School Graduations

School	Time	Location
El Modena	1:30 pm	Fred Kelly Stadium
Canyon	4:00 pm	Fred Kelly Stadium
Orange	4:30 pm	Orange High Outdoor Theater
Villa Park	7:00 pm	Fred Kelly Stadium
Richland	10:00 am	Fred Kelly Stadium
Alternative Ed		

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A Quality Start for Our Youngest Learners!

By Rachelle Vargas, Director Child Development Center
and Cheryl Sosa - ECE Coordinator

The OUSD and Orange County Department of Education have teamed together to bring high-quality care and education to all of our OUSD-run preschools.

We are very pleased that our OUSD preschools were recognized by the QualityStart OC Excellence in Early Childhood Education Awards in mid-May. The Child Development Center (CDC), along with preschool classrooms at Cambridge, Palmyra, Fairhaven, Jordan, and Sycamore, will be accepting awards for achieving five-star ratings during the 2016–2017 school year.

Our district's preschool mission is to ensure that every child is healthy and ready to learn. By providing qualified and caring teachers, and developmentally appropriate materials and environments, our preschool children can reach their full potential. We focus on the social/

emotional, physical, and cognitive areas of development that are pivotal in creating a firm foundation for students.

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Robotics World Competition

We couldn't be prouder of our Anaheim Hills Elementary School VEX Robotics Competitive team, The Gummy Bears, who participated in the VEX IQ Worlds Competition.

The girls competed in several VEX IQ Crossover Challenges throughout the year. Each girl participated in Team

Alliance Challenges, Skills and Programming Challenges, and STEM research project presentations. The Gummy Bears had great successes in each competition. As a result, their team qualified for the VEX IQ Worlds Elementary Level Competition in Louisville, Kentucky.

Congratulations go to both of our VEX Robotics Competitive teams. They set a goal for themselves and added the hard work, perseverance, and dedication to exceed it. The skills each student has gained through our robotics program has enriched their education. The bonds they have created will last a lifetime!

Fayoze Mostafa
Principal

With the successes of the Gummy Bears, our robotics program is continuing to grow. Thank you for paving the way for our future teams and representing Anaheim Hills Elementary with pride and integrity.



California Elementary

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Year in Review

California Elementary School is home of the iInspire Academy, where technology and language flourish! As we wrap up another very successful year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and community for their tremendous support.

This year was a record-setting year for our California Elementary School family. Our school received our district's first Golden Bell award from the California School Board Association (CSBA). We were recognized as one of only two schools in the state in the category for innovation in technology integration. In addition, we were recognized by Apple as an Apple Distinguished School for 2017–19. We received this honor for our innovative

utilization of iPads in a schoolwide 24/7 Take-Home Device program. There are presently roughly only 400 Apple Distinguished Schools in the world.

This year, our staff was selected to share their knowledge as distinguished speakers at one of the most prestigious educational conferences in the state, the Computer-Using Educator's Conference (CUE), in both the fall and the spring. In addition, our staff was selected to speak at the first-ever Apple Distinguished School Global Innovation Summit in Chicago to a packed house of renowned global-educational leaders.

On a more personalized level, we recently redesignated a record-setting 58 English language learners. These efforts would not be possible without the support of our

students, parents, staff and community.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for making this possible! We are stronger as a school because of you.



Cambridge Elementary

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Diane Lew
Principal

Cambridge Lunchtime Club

In an effort to ensure that we are supporting the “whole child” and the social-emotional learning of our students, Cambridge Elementary School has collaborated with Outdoor Journeys to provide a structured lunchtime activity program called Cambridge Lunchtime Club.

Through this program, all students in first through sixth grades have the opportunity to join one of several engaging clubs, including engineering, flag football, pep squad, board games, and soccer.

The Cambridge staff works with the supervising coaches to ensure that they receive training to facilitate positive interactions, teach social skills, and model expected behaviors. This support and structure provide opportunities for our students to learn how to play and interact appropriately while building their confidence and developing other important life skills they will need throughout their lives.



Canyon High School

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**Craig
Abercrombie**
Principal

Canyon Aviation Students Take Flight:

Canyon juniors Mia Kuyumjian and Ryan Li recently accomplished major milestones with the help of the Canyon High School Aviation program and teacher Mr. Steve Smith. After beginning flight

and Ryan have both been a part of the Aviation pathway at Canyon High School, taking Aviation I and Aviation II as part of their regular class schedule.



training at Fullerton airport earlier this year, Mia completed her first solo flight over the Winter break. Mia is now on track to have her pilot's license before her senior year at Canyon. Ryan recently earned his private pilot's license, but not before he was required to complete at least 40 hours of flight training, pass a written exam, pass a three hour one-on-one oral exam, and then pass a two hour flying exam. Mia

Canyon Rim Elementary

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Full STEAM Ahead at Canyon Rim!

Our Canyon Rim staff, parents, and students cut the ribbon to a brand-new STEAM Lab at their Open House on March 27th! The acronym STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.

Erika Krohn
Principal

This incredible new space incorporates 21st-century flexible seating in order to foster creativity and collaboration. In addition, the space features three flat screens to project multimedia presentations or do research within a group. A multitude of supplies and materials have also been organized for easy access so that our students will be able to conduct science experiments and maker-challenges.



Our Canyon Rim families recently toured the new Lab while their students led activities and experiments. Both the Discovery Education STEM Connect and Mystery Science Curriculum will be used in the Lab, along with our monthly STEAM challenges.

Canyon Rim Elementary School is full STEAM ahead!! A big thank-you goes to our generous PTA for sponsoring this STEAM Lab!

Canyon Hills

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Sports Field Day

This has been another wonderful year at Canyon Hills School. Our students have participated in a variety of activities, including outings in the community and seasonal celebrations on campus.

Canyon Hills participated in the first annual Sports Field Day on April 19. In her first year as the adapted physical education teacher for Canyon Hills, Jessica Lowsma spearheaded the planning, organization, and management of the day. She worked with the local Special Olympics group to procure equipment, T-shirts for both staff and students, and medals for all students.



Students, accompanied by either school staff or parents who could attend, rotated through sports centers. The centers included modified volleyball, bowling, beanbag toss, baseball, and basketball. The event concluded with races comprised of students grouped according to mode of mobility. Parents who attended were engaged with their students and the school community, and the event was enjoyed by all.



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College and Career Ready!

In an effort to have our students more aware of various career pathways and colleges, two weeks are devoted in March emphasizing college institutions and career opportunities. Along with our students being mindful of college by donning college attire every Monday, Cerro Villa Middle school students "adopted" a specific career or college, researched significant information, and then featured the information through a door-decorating activity in each homeroom class.

Once finished, all students completed a gallery walk of the showcased posters. As a culmination to our themed weeks, our community played an integral role by visiting Cerro Villa and sharing their wealth of knowledge and career experiences with students. Thank you to all our community volunteers for making this such an enriching and memorable experience for our students and staff!

Lisa Ogan
Principal



Chapman Hills Elementary

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Exciting Additions to CHE

We are so excited to announce that we will be adding Transitional Kindergarten to Chapman Hills in the fall of 2018. Transitional Kindergarten will be a wonderful addition to our school.

Transitional Kindergarten is a program for students who turn five years old between July 1 and September 1. Transitional Kindergarten is intended to provide an

additional year of early education for these children, with the goal of promoting their success in school. Transitional kindergarten offers younger children in California additional time to prepare for school both academically and social-emotionally. We are beyond excited to welcome our new Bobcats!

Chapman Hills is getting new carpet and new paint this summer! We are also getting new flooring in the office, information center, and teacher's lounge, as well as eight classrooms in the summer of 2018. The following summer we will be getting carpet in the other 10 classrooms, as well as the portables. These improvements are thanks to the Orange Unified School District's Deferred Maintenance Funds.

Jana Saenz
Principal

Crescent Elementary

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Proud of Our Accomplishments

By Alan Saldivar, Teacher – 1st Grade

Those who go into education do so because of the intrinsic rewards associated with making a difference in a student's life. There is great satisfaction in helping students strengthen the skills they need to be successful in their future careers and to become informed, critically thinking and contributing citizens.

At Crescent Elementary School, we believe that a student's success is measured not just by attaining academic skills, but also by developing a love of learning, taking ownership of learning, and demonstrating cooperation and respect for others. Teachers, support staff, and parents all play a part in the development of each and every student.

It's not in educators' natures to toot our own horns, but we are proud that our dedication and teamwork were recognized and that we were selected as a 2018 California Distinguished School!

El Modena High School)

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Dr. Dustin Saxton
Principal

Love and Zombies
“What’s a girl to do when her dead ex-boyfriend asks her to the prom?” The combined Performing Arts Departments of El Modena High School answered this question in their production of “Zombie Prom” on March 22, 23, and 24.

Mrs. Deborah Gillen, a theater arts teacher,

Ms. Tracy Solis, a vocal music teacher, and Miss Claire Keeley, a dance teacher, collaborated to produce this musical by Rowe and Dempsey.

“Zombie Prom” tells the story of cheerleader named Toffee, played by 12th-grader Jenny Hamburg and understudied by 11th-grader Nicole Richmond, and outsider Jonny Warner, played by 12th-grader David Royster. Pressured by her parents and the school’s principal, Miss Delilah Strict, portrayed by 12th-grader Sofia Perez, Toffee breaks up with Jonny, leading

him to throw himself into a nuclear waste dump. When he returns as a teenage nuclear zombie, chaos and controversy follow. He finds an ally in investigative reporter Eddie Flagrante, played by 12th-grader San Choi, and, in the end, love conquers all.



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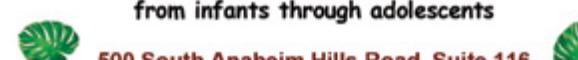
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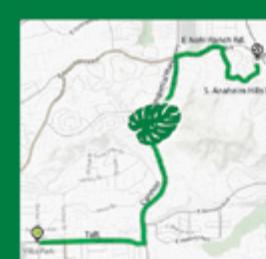


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Opportunity to Explore

El Rancho provides students with the opportunity to explore their creative side in Home Economics. Students participate in activities from sewing to crafting to child development and cooking.

This past month students participated in a cake-making project. First, students create a theme and then they create the design. From the design they create their master-piece cakes. Students work in groups designing, collaborating, and creating their cakes. Here are some of the student's work of art!



Michele Walker
Principal



Readiness Through Coding

Students at Esplanade Elementary school are staying after school to learn a new skill, and they are loving it! Fourth-through-sixth-grade students are learning a computer-science language and are using coding to create games, programs and applications. This is in stark contrast to what most students do with technology at school, which is to use applications that someone else has made.

At Esplanade, students are learning to be creators of digital media rather than to be only a consumer of digital media. Esplanade's after-school program is designed to help students apply grade-specific mathematics concepts to real-world problems. This in turn helps them develop strong critical-thinking skills, problem-solving skills, perseverance and creativity, and it gives students the courage to try something new.

With careers in computer science and programming growing faster than they can be filled, Esplanade students are learning a valuable skill and are well on their way to becoming college and career ready!

Fairhaven *Elementary*

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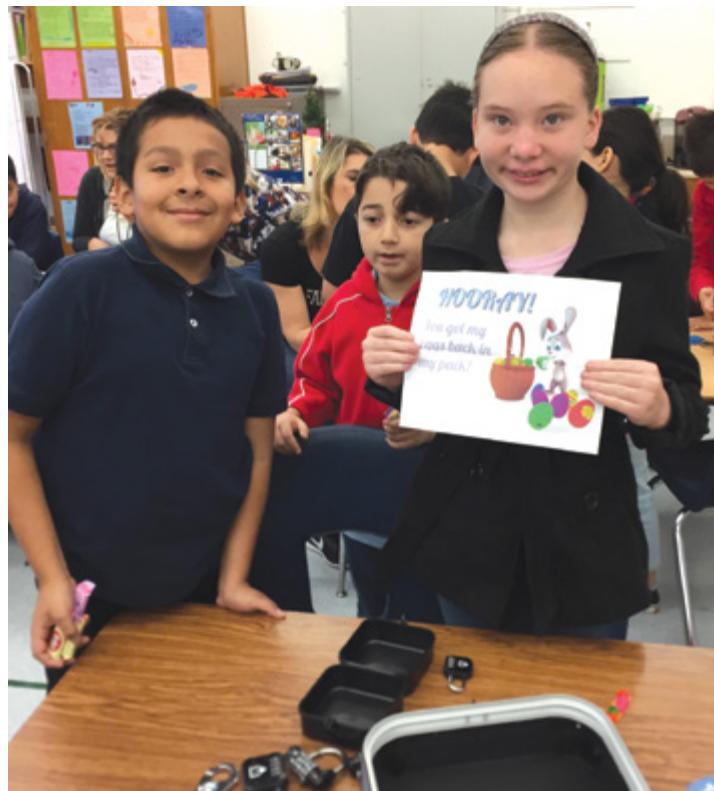


STEM Powered!

Fairhaven Elementary School is excited that we have completed our Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) lab. Our lab is equipped with a Makerspace, a robotics field, green screens, building block engineering, circuitry, coding activities, breakout boxes, a three-dimensional printer, and much more.

The students love being challenged with various activities. Many of the classes have had the opportunity to build structures using the Makerspace materials that not only teach engineering and design concepts but encourage 21st-century skills, including collaboration, cooperation, and communication.

Fairhaven teachers have planned activities that weave grade-level concepts and standards into engaging lessons. The STEM lab is a motivating and engaging environment where our students apply the concepts they have learned in a meaningful way, leading to a greater understanding. The students love learning through these hands-on activities, and teachers love that they are preparing them for the future!



Fletcher Elementary

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A Very Special Art Show

Students in Mr. Connor's class at Fletcher School had the opportunity to display their artwork at Main Place Mall for a Very Special Art (VSA) show. The Orange County Department of Education and VSA Orange County collaborated to celebrate the artistic achievements of individuals with disabilities at the 42nd annual VSA Festival.

Mr. Connor, who teaches students in third through sixth grades, believes the sky is the limit for his students. This year's theme, "You've Gotta Have HeArt," allowed students to literally "put their hearts into their artwork." All students had artwork displayed, including one who received an Art on the Move Award.

Students used a variety of mediums to create their artwork. The "bleeding tissues" project incorporated tissue paper and food coloring. Others used oil pastel and watercolor.

Art allows students to express themselves and demonstrate talent that might have otherwise gone unnoticed. For more information, view the video at <http://newsroom.ocde.us/vsa-festival-to-celebrate-the-artistic-accomplishments-of-individuals-with-disabilities/>.

Sara Pelly
Principal



Scott Connor, Education Specialist, and Gail Buttrey, Speech/Language Pathologist enjoy the art displayed from Mr. Connor's class.

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Student Safety Squad

This school year, Imperial has launched a new program, the Student Safety Squad. This leadership opportunity is available to sixth-grade students who demonstrate a commitment to learning, have behavior and work habits worth modeling, and have a desire to work with younger students.

The Student Safety Squad is a group of sixth-grade students who serve as role models for our younger students during the primary lunch period. Once students have applied for this community-service-experience opportunity, they must gain the support of their parents and teacher.

Currently, there are 11 members of this elite squad of students serving the community of Imperial.

These students are using their strengths in taking this opportunity and are aspiring to do something for their community. We are all gaining the results of their work. At Imperial, students SOAR!



Lorena Rubio
Principal

ROARING with Success!

At Jordan Elementary, we continually refine our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). PBIS improves the social, emotional, and academic outcomes for all students.

As part of PBIS, we have implemented special ROAR Tickets. Jordan scholars like to show (R) Respect, (O) Organization, Positive (A) Attitude, and (R) Responsibility. Our students earn ROAR tickets as they exhibit these traits, and they then have the opportunity to enter our weekly ROAR ticket raffle to win some awesome prizes.

Students can also save their tickets and shop at the ROAR ticket store. Some of the hot ticket items to purchase with the tickets are a Glow in the Dark Dance Party, lunch with teacher or principal, and much more!

Each month our Jordan Jaguars are recognized for positive behavior, perfect attendance, and their efforts at learning math facts. The teachers select a Jaguar of the

Month who can demonstrate exceptional ROAR behaviors in all areas of the school. Students with perfect attendance are also rewarded with 20 minutes of extra recess, and a refreshing treat at the "No Tardy Party." At lunchtime, an ice cream social is provided for those students who have mastered their grade-level math facts.

In February, we kicked off a Kindness Campaign to spread random acts of kindness throughout our campus and community. A list of kind actions was also shared with our parents to promote kindness at home. All teachers chose weekly Kindness Captains who taught fellow students about being kind. They also presented them with a kindness coupon worth 20 ROAR Tickets.

The entire school was encouraged to distribute hearts to those who had displayed random acts of kindness. Each heart had the specific act written on it before being placed on our Kindness Tree. Due to popular demand, our Tree continues to bloom every month with random acts of kindness.

Our Jordan scholars can and will succeed!

Handy Elementary

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Dr. Michelle Owen
Principal

Science is Alive at Handy!
Handy recently celebrated its annual Science Night with its students, parents, and teachers! Our students enjoyed the event by using their district science kits to help make learning come alive. They practiced their engineering skills by attempting to build a stable bridge using index cards and tape. The students also learned about buoyancy and surface area through floating cubes on imitated turtle shells. They studied gas properties through an experiment using effervescent tablets and resealable baggies.

Additionally, the students also explored the power of adding salt to ice by making their own ice cream. They examined unusual airplanes by designing unique airplane prototypes, explored chemical reactions with copper oxide, and researched Newton's Third Law of Motion by building rocket racers, the action-reaction principal.

At Handy Elementary, we believe that when learning comes alive, student understanding grows exponentially. Our goal is to help all of our students understand and appreciate the world around them through unique learning opportunities to engage and interact.



Annabelle, 1st grade student in Mrs. Fry's room, builds a rocket racer to learn about objects in motion during Handy Elementary's recent Annual Science Night.

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Lampson Elementary

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Heriberto Angel Jr.
Principal

The Power of Community

Lampson has been recognized as one of the Angels' adopted elementary schools for their 2018 season Adopt-A-School program!

A school-wide assembly was held on Wednesday, April 18th with sports radio host Roger Lodge and Angels pitcher Keynan Middleton, who spoke to our students about the importance of literacy and setting goals. The students got the opportunity to ask questions. A meet-and-greet autograph session was also held afterwards.

As part of the Adopt-A-School program, every student received an Angels school supply pack and tickets to an Angels baseball game. The school was also given a \$2,000 grant for our literacy programs. Our Lampson Leopards were extremely grateful for this opportunity and experience.

We also held our inaugural Career Day on April 24th. The TK to second-grade students got the opportunity to interact and learn from our local Garden Grove Police and Fire Departments. Our third- to fifth-grade students attended three sessions of 20+ careers ranging from aviation to veterinary.

We are so grateful to all of our community partners who participated in this incredible event. Our goal was to build career awareness for our students and plant the seed to help them begin to dream big. Their dreams start now!



La Veta Elementary

2800 E. La Veta Ave., Orange, CA 92869 • 714/997-6155



Lydia Roach
Principal

Pyramid of Excellence

The La Veta Elementary School Pyramid of Excellence is a multifaceted program that has evolved over the years to address the needs of the unique student population on-site. Based on the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) model, the Pyramid of Excellence not only provides academic and behavioral interventions but also focuses on tiered enrichment opportunities for all students. This model can be thought of as a three-dimensional pyramid composed of three faces: Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTII), Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support (PBIS), and enrichment for advanced learners.

Enrichment instruction includes participation in after-school programs like Robotics and Future Problem Solvers. Miss Meyer is the teacher advisor for the new Robotics

team this year. The team joins the OUSD La Veta CARES team that also has featured La Veta students for a few years. As a first-year Robotics team, the Vikingbots have worked after school to create a robot and participated in a districtwide demonstration at Santiago Canyon College during OUSD Family STEAM Night.

Ms. Barone is the coach for the Future Problem Solvers team, which is a program that is committed to teaching future generations how to think creatively and critically, work together as a team, and navigate through a challenging problem-solving process. This year's team qualified for the 34th California Future Problem-Solving State Bowl in April in San Diego. La Veta earned first place in the skit presentation and third place for problem solving.

Congratulations to all of our after-school enrichment participants, and thank you to the teachers and advisors who make this possible!

McPherson Magnet

333 S. Prospect St., Orange, CA 92869 • 714/997-6384



Biomedical Detectives

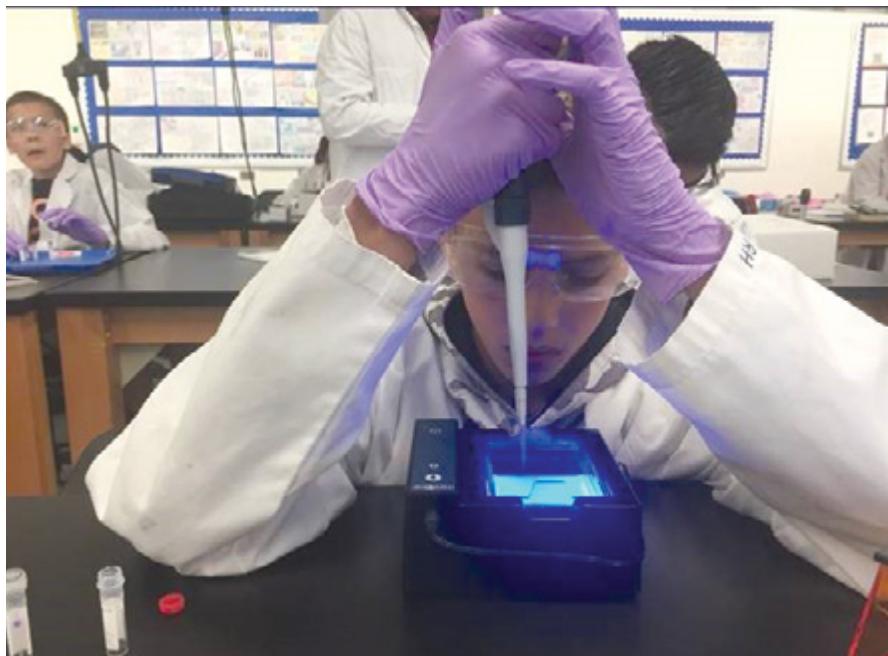
McPherson Magnet School eighth-grade students had the opportunity to take our brand-new Project Lead The Way (PLTW) medical detectives course this year. Students played the role of real-life medical detectives as they collected and analyzed medical data to diagnose disease.

They solved medical mysteries through hands-on projects and labs, measured and interpreted vital signs, dissected a sheep brain, investigated disease outbreaks, and explored how a breakdown within the human body could lead to dysfunction.

The final component of the course allowed our students to complete a gel electrophoresis process to examine the genetic code of fluids found at a crime scene to determine who had committed the "crime." It was truly amazing to see our McPherson students completing this level of biomedical work. We are excited to

have this pathway to connect students to El Modena High School's PLTW biomedical coursework.

Be sure to follow McPherson Magnet on Twitter @mcpersonmagnet.



Nohl Canyon

4100 E. Nohl Ranch Rd., Anaheim, CA 92807 • 714/997-6203



Our Exciting GATE Plays

By Cammy Ikeda, Charlize Chang, and Joanna Wang, Students

Nohl Canyon Elementary School is proud of our Gifted And Talented Education (GATE) program and the amazing things that come with it, such as class plays.

First of all, what is the GATE program? While Gifted And Talented Education may sound exclusionary, it is really just a program that gives us a little more preparation for middle school based on our individual learning styles.

In GATE, we perform different plays every year. Our sixth-grade GATE class recently performed a revised edition of "A Midsummer's Night Dream" for our parents and other classes. It was directed by Mrs. Mai, our sixth-grade teacher.

Not only is a class play a blast, it's also educational in many ways. In our play, we learned old English so that we could understand our lines better. We got to learn acting skills, stage setup, cooperation, and so much more!

GATE has taught us many skills that we will use later in life. Being in the class plays was an amazing experience we will never forget!



Linda Vista Elementary

1200 N. Cannon St., Orange, CA 92869 • 714/997-6201



Robert Johnson
Principal

Technology Integration

Linda Vista School uses a variety of technology resources to enhance our educational program and deepen students' understanding of content in ways that were previously not possible. For example, the new Orange Unified School District Wonders English language arts program allows teachers and students to electronically annotate text, practice reading skills while receiving real-time feedback, and differentiate teaching and learning more specifically than in the past.

We utilize several laptop and digital tablet mobile carts on our campus. These are shared among all classrooms and greatly increase students' access to these tools. Beginning in spring 2018, we have also begun using an educational learning system with our digital tablets as well

as a three-dimensional printer, which allows us to extend the curriculum and more effectively meet the needs of our kindergarten through sixth-grade students.

The educational learning system provides students with additional opportunities to practice and reinforce their skills using a gaming format. It uses a variety of interactive games and activities to reinforce skills in reading, spelling, problem-solving, creative thinking, and more. The recently acquired three-dimensional printer will be used to teach empathy and perspective skills by solving real-world problems for social good.

Linda Vista students are always highly engaged and enthusiastic when using technology within lessons and activities, and teachers and staff are excited to continue to integrate technology into our instructional program. We recognize that these tools make it possible to have even more of a positive impact on student learning.

Olive Elementary

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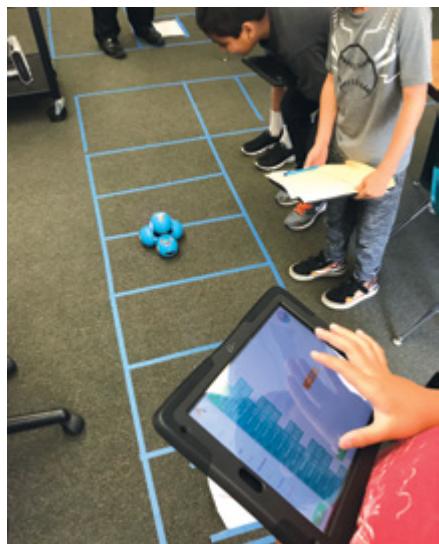
Heather Darrow
Principal

Getting All 'Tech-y'!

In an age of increasing technology and innovation, Olive Elementary is focused on engaging students in hands-on learning experiences while preparing them for their future. In its third year of the Bring Your Own Device and One-to-One programs, Olive has maintained a focus on educational technology integration in third through sixth grades as well as providing support for our early primary-grade students using iPads and Apple TV.

Most recently, our third-grade students began coding, with an end goal of programming a robot to follow a given obstacle course. You can imagine the excitement in the room when these young scholars see their robot actually move!

Our One-to-One program has inspired students and teachers to have open collaboration, build problem-solving skills, and reinvigorate creativity in our classrooms. We are very proud of the work our students and teachers are doing to prepare for the world around them!



Orange High School

525 N. Shaffer St., Orange, CA 92867 • 714/997-6211



Dennis McCuistion
Principal

Juniors Prepare for College

On Tuesday, April 24th, Orange High School held its second annual Junior Rush Event. This event helps Panthers prepare for life after high school and supports Orange High's plan to ensure every graduate is college and career ready. Every junior selected a workshop to attend that aligns with their future plans. Workshops included working on Personal Interest Question for UCs, Four Year University Requirements, How to Transfer from a Community College to a Four-Year University, Certificate Programs at Community Colleges, and a Match a Fit Workshop for Undecided Panthers. Workshops were supported by our partners at UC Irvine, Cal State Fullerton, and Santiago Canyon College.



OHS Juniors participating in the Transfer Program breakout session.

Palmyra Elementary

1325 E. Palmyra Ave., Orange, CA 92866 • 714/997-6207



Our GATE Program

Palmyra Elementary School is proud to be a GATE Magnet School! The mission of Palmyra's GATE program is to enhance the academic strengths of gifted and talented students by integrating critical thinking, collaboration, complexity and creativity into all aspects of the curriculum.

Brenna Godsey

Principal

"The GATE program offers a wonderful opportunity for students to collaborate with like-minded peers," fourth-grade teacher Amanda

Campbell said. "We work hard to provide a differentiated and enriching learning environment for our gifted students. The Palmyra GATE program is filled with eager, intelligent and creative students that are passionate about learning."

"GATE isn't more work, it's a different kind of work," a fifth-grade GATE student said. "We are able to learn more about things and events and explore what's interesting to us."

Our GATE students also write "The Palmyra Paper," participate in maker challenges, and join in enrichment activities that include robotics, origami, chess, karate and track.



Panorama Elementary

10512 Crawford Canyon Rd., Santa Ana, CA 92705 • 714/997-6265



Proud to be a Panther

As the 2017–2018 school year comes to a close, I feel so proud to be a Panther. It has been another incredible year!

Together we have learned much, and have shared many experiences that will last a lifetime. The support and strength of our community, and their passion to make Panorama such a wonderful place of learning for our children, makes our school a special place to be.

Thank you to all of the parents who have contributed in ways large and small. I appreciate all that you have done to help your children in the learning process, and bridge the partnership between home and school to make them so successful.

Jeremy Mortensen

Principal

I would also like to thank our hard-working and caring staff members who have made such a huge difference to our students' educational careers. Their commitment has been second to none. Thank you for providing such engaging and enriching opportunities for our children to learn, and for teaching them that education is about investigation, curiosity, and having fun while also developing the skills for success beyond Panorama.

Good luck to our sixth-graders as they move on to middle school. I am confident that you will take what you have learned here and build upon it through your future years in school. Remember, you will forever be a Panther!

In closing, I want to reflect upon how successful our school is and where we can take it in the future. The sky's the limit, and I am certain that our Panthers will take us there! Enjoy your summer, and we'll see you again in August. Go, Panthers!

Portola Middle School

270 N. Palm Dr., Orange, CA 92868 • 714/997-6361



Learning Makes a Splash

Portola Middle School's seventh-grade students visited a local aquarium in Long Beach, where they learned about the diversity and interactions of marine animals to enrich their science curriculum.

Students actively engaged in aquatic ecosystems and were able to see the worlds that they were reading about in science classes. Students commented about how much fun they had and how much they loved the jellyfish! They learned that there are different types of jellyfish and that a person may not be able to feel a jellyfish sting. They also loved touching the sharks, which "felt like sandpaper." Students also loved walking through the tunnel in the penguin habitat, where they felt as if they were standing with the penguins.



A special thank you to the parents who served as chaperones to make this exciting event possible. We appreciate your partnership in your child's education!

Prospect Elementary

379 N. Virage St., Orange, CA 92869 • 714/997-6271



Using Our Science Skills

Prospect Elementary hosted its annual STEAM Night on Tuesday, April 26. We had excellent participation from our students and families. Everyone had the opportunity to collaborate with one another in various inquiry activities.

Sally Hughson
Principal

Upon entering, each family received a Passport to Inquiry which listed each activity. As the students and parents completed a task, they received a stamp on their passport. Participants walked to and from their classrooms to engage in various hands-on activities.



The families were able to use their science skills to experiment with magnets, mirrors, and mystery colors. They also had an opportunity to explore the arts by using their imagination to create their very own masterpieces with various types of media. Engineering skills were put to use by the building of marshmallow catapults and recreating the Eiffel Tower using spaghetti, yarn, and a marshmallow.

But the highlight of the evening was having the students use their technological skills to interact with robotics. They showed how they use an iPad to direct their robot around the classroom.

Overall, it was a fantastic night! Thank you to all of the families who participated.

Richland High School

615 N. Lemon St., Orange, CA 92867 • 714/997-6167



**Dr. Elsie Briseño
Simonovski**
Principal

Esteemed Recognition Awards

Niccole Connally was recognized by our district for becoming a GLAD demonstration teacher for the OC Department of Education. Through her hard work, she has been instrumental in meeting our EL reclassification goal. Congratulations, Mrs. Connally!

As a hero educator in continuation education, Susan Damon was selected as the California Continuation Educators Association (CCEA) Region 1 Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Damon received her award from the CCEA and the

California Department of Education. Congratulations, Mrs. Damon!

Tri Dan participated in the 52nd annual California Student Media Festival. In the secondary-school category, we were voted as the secondary-school winner! RHS attended the celebration ceremony in June in Hollywood. Congratulations, Mr. Dan!

At the Orange Grove Lodge, Lisa Luebben-Rivera was awarded the 2018 Most Outstanding Teacher! With her commitment to serving all students, we appreciate her advocacy and commitment! Congratulations, Mrs. Rueben-Rivera!



Serrano Elementary

17741 Serrano Ave., Villa Park, CA 92861 • 714/997-6275



Katherine Rizzo
Principal

Academic Excellence

At Serrano Elementary School, our goal is to make learning so exciting that students will experience the joy of discovering new ideas and building new skills and develop a love of learning. Student work, projects and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) activities are proudly displayed throughout the school. Serrano's learning environment is our school's strength. Classrooms and school programs reflect the school's strong emphasis on learning.

At the end of each month, the Serrano community—students, parents and staff—gather to celebrate the many accomplishments of our students at our Eagles Pride assembly. One student from each class is selected to be recognized for his or her achievements in three categories. The Personal Success Award is given to students who have persevered and exhibited extra effort and have

made improvements in academics, behavior, and/or citizenship. The Eagle Pride Award recognizes students who demonstrate exemplary character and citizenship: Be Respectful, Be Kind, and Be Safe. Recipients of the Academic Pride Award are selected based on overall academic achievement or excellence on a specific project or assignment.

Students and parents express pride in our school. Serrano boasts a strong parent and community involvement. On any given day, you will find parent volunteers and community volunteers, which is possible through collaboration with our feeder schools, Cerro Villa Middle School and Villa Park High School. Thanks to the support of parents and community, staff and students enjoy a school climate where the love of learning is one of the primary educational goals.

Scholars will be well equipped to impact, influence, and contribute to a global society with the freedom to explore and develop their strengths!

Running Springs *Elementary*

8670 E. Running Springs Dr., Anaheim, CA 92808 • 714/281-4512



Mark McLaughlin
Principal

Redhawk Athletes

The Running Springs Redhawks made an impressive showing at this year's 13th annual Foundation Games. We are proud to announce that our Redhawks soared to a third-place finish! Our 2009 and 2008 Girl's Relay teams finished in first and third places respectively. We also had 14 students receive metals and four more that set meet records.

Our school also entered a parent team

for the first time ever, and we won! Running Spring's athletes and fans also distinguished themselves with great character, sportsmanship and enthusiasm. Special thanks go to our coach and teacher Erin McDaniel and our parent volunteer Patty Chau for their dedication that went into leading such a successful event.

We have a number of athletes that moved on to the regional event Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation meet, which took place in May in Costa Mesa. We wish them the best of luck!



Santiago Charter *Middle School*

515 N. Rancho Santiago Blvd., Orange, CA 92869 • 714/997-6366



**Dr. James
D'Agostino**
Co-Principal



**Ashley
Pedroza**
Co-Principal

Blasting into Cyberspace

It is incredible to think that in a few short days, we will be celebrating another promoting class and transforming young seventh-graders into eighth-grade leaders. The spring of each school year is designated as a time for showing off all

that students have learned in our state assessments, celebrating annual accomplishments, and planning for the next school year.

Our planning for next year has brought about additional new opportunities for students. Next year, rather than checking out textbooks to students, we will be checking out Chromebooks and going 1:1 Technology. This further push to universal technology deployment and engagement will provide students and Santiago families with unique opportunities to explore beyond their home and their classroom walls. Technology in the classroom differentiates instruction and facilitates the personalized approach to education our students deserve.

We are both honored and excited to be embarking on this 1:1 Technology Integration journey with the Santiago community and Orange Unified School District. Santiago continues to accept open enrollments for students outside the Santiago attendance areas.



Santiago Plans for 2018-2019: 1:1 Technology!

Sycamore Elementary

340 N. Main St., Orange, CA 92868 • 714/997-6277



Renee Ybarra
Principal

One Child at a Time

At Sycamore Elementary, we value our students' growth in every way. Our academic opportunities this year included eight-week tutoring sessions in ELA, math, Robotics Club, and our STREAM club for the upper-grade students.

As we focus on the growth of the whole child, we offer opportunities for our students to grow emotionally as well as academically.

This year the Student Council organized special Kindness and Anti-Bullying Weeks, and we also began the Kind Sea Lions Club. To further support our students, we also have individual and group social skills counseling available both with our counselor and through a partnership with Phoenix House. Phoenix House has also provided weekly lessons in our sixth-grade classes that teach students about self-esteem and making positive choices.

Another focus here at Sycamore is on educating the

entire community through our students and their families. Sycamore Elementary is truly a family community, and many of our students are second- or even third-generation Sea Lions!

We are also proud to offer programs that impact the entire family in positive ways, such as an eight-week-long "Strengthening Families" program through Phoenix House, and eight weeks of nutrition and health classes to support wellness. Through our GRIP partnership, this year we were also able to provide Thanksgiving meals to many of our families in need.

This year we have also supported our families academically with a Family Science Night and Family Math Night. Lastly, we actively encourage family fun at events such as our Family Movie Night and three skate nights.

At Sycamore, we know the value and impact of the family on every child's learning. We strive to support our students by supporting and caring for their families. Our Sycamore Sea Lions are "Safe, Supportive and Scholarly"!

Taft Elementary

1829 N. Cambridge St., Orange, CA 92865 • 714/997-6254



Connie Smith
Principal

A Balanced Approach to STEM

Taft Elementary School teachers and students are embracing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) instruction with energy and excitement. Not only do we have an amazing STEM lab, but you will find STEM everywhere. It is integrated into other

content areas throughout the instructional day, and STEM has even expanded into several after-school venues.

Taft has three very skilled robotics teams that showcase their talents in competitions beyond the school day. We even use STEM activities to tutor students needing academic intervention to increase their English language arts and English language development skills as part

of our after-school Go Out And Learn (GOAL) program. We can't forget our parents and family members, who always enjoy our annual Family STEM Night in May.

It is no wonder that everyone is enthusiastic about STEM at Taft Elementary!



Villa Park Elementary

10551 Center Dr., Villa Park, CA 92861 • 714/997-6281



Peer Mediator Program

Visit the Villa Park Elementary playground at lunchtime, and you will see earnest upper-grade students in blue vests ready to help younger pupils resolve their differences peacefully. These are our Peer Mediators—students in fifth and sixth grade who have volunteered to give of their time to guide younger students in working through common playground disputes.

Villa Park Elementary began this program in the spring after sending three teachers to be trained at the Orange County Department of Education. These teachers worked to select and train student mediators, using an established problem-solving protocol. During their first weeks on the job, VPE teachers shadowed student mediators to provide on-the-job training in interacting effectively with students. Now, experienced mediators train other students.

VPE's Peer Mediator program yields multiple benefits by providing leadership training for our older students and positive role modeling and guidance to our little ones.



West Orange Elementary

243 S. Bush St., Orange, CA 92868 • 714/997-6283



Green Screen with Envy

Our West Orange Warriors are excited to get an infusion of new technology on campus.

Thanks to funding secured through various Donors Choose Grants, the fourth- and fifth-grade students have been working hard in our STEM Lab. The students have been using green screens, iPads, and the DoInk app to create videos that show off what they have learned in social studies and science.

The fifth-grade students dressed up in Colonial costumes (also received through a Donor's Choose Grant) to create their Thirteen Colonies reports. The fourth-graders also created broadcasts that were broadcast "live" from one of the 21 California Missions. Other students created songs and performed them as a culminating activity to their Ecosystems and Habitats unit.

It has been exciting for our students to be able to show off their knowledge in a variety of ways, while also collaborating with their peers. Their parents have also enjoyed using QR codes at Open House to watch their students' videos.



Villa Park High School

18042 Taft Ave., Villa Park, CA 92861 • 714/532-8020



Dr. Ken Miller
Principal

A Fitting End of Year

Villa Park High School continues to demonstrate why we are a "School of Excellence" in a "District of Excellence."

The Girls's golf team has been selected as a 2018 CIF Southern Section Team Academic Champion. The team's GPA at 3.92 was the highest in the enrollment category of 1,500 or more students. The team was honored at the Academic Awards ceremony on Tuesday, May 1st at Angel Stadium in Anaheim. They were awarded a championship banner during the 6:45 p.m. ceremony prior to the baseball game between the Los Angeles Angels and the Baltimore Orioles. Additionally, one team member accompanied Head Coach Mr. Chris Salio onto the playing field to represent our school in receiving the banner during the ceremony.

These amazing student-athletes continue to represent not only the over 1,200 student-athletes on campus, they also set a wonderful example of academic achievement for

all of the 2,400 students who comprise our ASB.

During the last week in April, Villa Park High School was also honored (for the second time in three years) with the SupportMusic Merit Award from the NAMM Foundation. This was for our school's outstanding commitment to music education. The SupportMusic Merit Award recognizes individual schools that demonstrate outstanding achievement in providing music access and education to all students.

To qualify for the SupportMusic Merit Award, Villa Park High School answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instructional time, facilities, support for the music program, and community music-making programs. Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas. A second NAMM Foundation Music Award mural will be added to the second story of the Performing Arts Center. Congratulations to all of our great musicians!

Yorba Academy of the Arts Middle School

935 N. Cambridge St., Orange, CA 92867 • 714/997-6161



Tracy Knibb
Principal

Giving Students a Voice

Yorba is proud to be partnering with Chapman University to give our journalism students the opportunity to experience the journey of publication.

In our third year as partners, the Chapman-Yorba Writing Partnership connects

Yorba's students with Dr. Golden's writing course from the College of Integrated Educational Studies at Chapman University. Chapman students work in small groups with our students to master various genres of writing, including editorials, news articles, and opinion pieces.

The students are empowered to focus on the topics they are passionate about. This year's topics included gender wage equity, public education, dress code, and many others. Our students had their voices heard!

This partnership would not be possible without the ongoing support of the Lloyd E. and Elisabeth H. Klein Family Foundation. These students and their voices truly are the future, and we couldn't be more proud and excited to be on this journey with them!



Jenna's Review

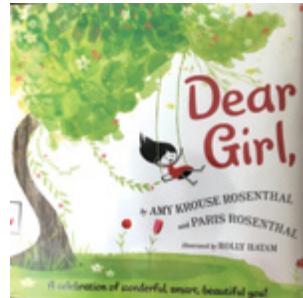


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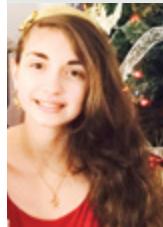
I want you to read this book because it will tell you how wonderful, how smart, how beautiful and how loved you are. Let me tell you little bit about this book. You can turn any page to feel like you. You can raise your arms to answer, you can feel like being pretty, but of course you may feel the opposite. Sometimes you need to cry, or ask

a lot of questions, or decorate your room like you. Find people like you or unlike you. Say no if you think you need to say no. This book also guides you to show that there are no rules about what to wear or how to cut your hair. This book can tell you about the amazing girl inside you. I hope you will enjoy it as I did.

Jenna is a second grader. She likes reading books and her parents reading books to her. Besides reading, she also likes art, dance and soccer.



Christina's Book Review



Greek Mythology

This is the first book of Pandora series, which are based on ancient Greek mythology. Pandora, a 13-year-old demi-god (because her dad is a god and her mother is a mortal) is sent on a quest to retrieve the seven deadly sins that were in her dad's safekeeping that she's accidentally released. The sins are jealousy, vanity, laziness, greed, anger, lust and fear. This book is about Pandora having to catch jealousy. She and her family are summoned before Zeus, the main god in Greek mythology, who threatens to destroy all of human kind and her family if she doesn't catch the sins and evils within a certain time. Along with the hardships of tackling the task, Zeus's wife, the most powerful goddess Hera goes out of her way to foil Pandora whenever she can.

I enjoyed reading this book and the entire Pandora series. I give this book 5 out of 5 stars, with 5 being the best.

Christina J. is an 8th grader. Christina is a hard-working student who did a community service project "Quilts for the cold" last school year. 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).

B is for Book



Bailey

The Grass isn't Always Greener

If I Were You by Leslie Margolis is a book that has magic in its own way. I can totally relate to the characters and their feelings.

Katie and Melody have been best friends ever since they were little.

But the truth is, Katie is very jealous of Melody. Her house is huge and she's so pretty! But also, it turns out that Melody is equally jealous of Katie. She has fun little brothers and family dinners every night. On the last summer of vacation, at the same time, they wish the same wish: that they were each other. Their wish comes true! Will they realize the grass is not always greener on the other side?

I enjoyed this book because I feel like the reader can relate to the emotions of the characters: being jealous of others, knowing or not knowing the pros and cons of their ups and downs.



I give this 4 1/2 stars out of 5. Bailey is a 6th grader that likes to read fantasy and daydream about adventure when she isn't dancing ballet or playing with her friends and siblings.

Book Review By Katrina



Katrina D.

Unique Read

All the Birds in the Sky is an unusual cross between fantasy and science fiction that follows two children named Laurence and Patricia with unusual talents. Patricia is a witch struggling to understand what she's supposed to do with her powers and Laurence is a computer geek with a longing to leave this planet behind. Though close friends as children, age and ambitions pull them apart as adults. But as the world falls apart around them and the technology geeks and witches go to war over what is to become of Earth, the two of them must decide what side they will have to take, what risks they are willing to take and if they'll be able to live with hurting the other. This book is quite a unique read as Anders blends scientific theory with magical abilities, creating a strangely powerful and intriguing story.



I give this book a four out of five crescent moons.

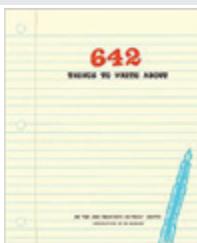
Katrina is a tenth grader who loves reading books as much as writing her own stories and enjoys watching Anime. Katrina hopes to be an author one day very soon. Katrina will rate her book reviews from 1 to 5 crescent moons with 5 being the best.

Alana's Book Review



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



Alana F.

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 triforce 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 triforce shards with 8 being the highest.



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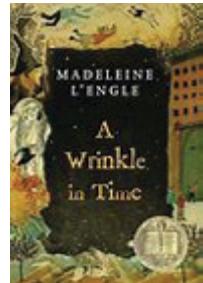
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Rabina's Review



An Impactful Book

A Wrinkle in Time is a kind of science fiction, as the characters in the story travel thru time and space to go to fifth dimension. But there is plenty in the book that touches humanities. The heroin of the story is a lonely girl who conquers her negativities and weaknesses to fight against 'IT', the darkness and brings her dad back to earth from fifth dimension. The story has a happy ending with the whole family united together on earth.



Rabina K.

Meg has a sense of herself as somebody who does not fit in. It is the struggle all of us face, to be ourselves despite the overwhelming pressure to be like everyone else. This battle in Meg comes to an end when Mrs. Whatsit tells them that life is a sonnet. You all are given the form but you have to write the sonnet yourself.

I give this book a five star rating.

Rabina is a 5th grader, who enjoys reading historical fiction and biographies. Writing is her passion. Besides, reading books and writing, she also enjoys playing soccer and piano.

Summer Fun–Word Search Contest

Rules! One word in the list is NOT in the word search.

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Katie's Review



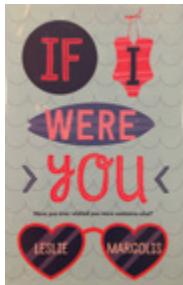
Never Take for Granted

If I Were You is a book that relates to everyone, because we envy each other oftentimes. In the book, a girl named Katie wants to live the life of her supermodel best friend, Melody. Secretly,

Melody wants to get away from the life of her mom whose only focused on the intake of her carbs. Both girls wish this on a bus and suddenly, they've switched bodies. At first, they're excited. They can't wait to live the life that they've craved! But, as time progresses, both of them learn that each other's lives are not as easy as it looks. Melody's parents never talk to each other, and Katie's twin stepbrothers are a handful. They realize that their lives were meant to be their own.

I rate this book a five out of five stars, because it showed me how you should never take your life for granted.

Katie is a 8th grader that loves to read and write. Fictional books are her favorite. Besides writing and reading, she loves soccer, acting, dancing, and playing the violin. She hopes to publish her own book someday.



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CA Distinguished Schools Program



Dr. Al Mijares
Superintendent

After an extended hiatus, the California Distinguished Schools program is back. This award, considered the top honor for California's public schools, was put on hold for three years as our state overhauled its accountability system to incorporate a broader set of metrics. Following its return in April, 43 campuses across Orange County are now celebrating their status as newly minted California Distinguished Schools.

In all, 287 elementary schools in California earned the distinction in 2018, which means about 15 percent are in Orange County. That's pretty remarkable considering we're home to less than 7 percent of the state's elementary schools, and it is without question a reflection of the commitment to innovation and educational excellence on the part of our teachers, staff, students and parents. Even if you're not familiar with the California Distinguished Schools program, you've probably seen the logo that is often displayed on school campuses as a badge of honor. Yet the value of this program goes far beyond the emblem or even the pride that comes with earning such an accolade. It is also a way to highlight breakthrough educational strategies that can be replicated elsewhere throughout the state. That's because schools that pursue the Distinguished School title must agree in advance to share their signature practices so that other educators — and students — may benefit. And they'll have plenty to choose from in Orange County alone. Let's start with Murdy Elementary School, a California Distinguished School from the Garden Grove Unified School District. Murdy is reshaping its culture by embedding technology across all grades and content areas, ensuring students have the academic, personal

and digital literacy skills they'll need to thrive in the 21st century. Tablets, green screens, 3D printers — these are among the high-tech tools being used to stoke creativity and discovery, encouraging young minds to explore new ways of thinking. About 15 miles away, Newport Coast Elementary in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District was recognized on the strength of its exemplary Positive Behavior Interventions and Support program, or PBIS for short. Offering multi-tiered interventions and incentives for making positive choices, Newport Coast has minimized the number of behavior-related issues, which in turn has made classroom instruction more effective and improved outcomes for all students. These results are backed up by district assessments, report card grades and teacher observations. At Crescent Elementary in the Orange Unified School District, officials have focused on teaching the whole child while embracing the school's diversity as a strength. The school provides a strong, integrated curriculum that empowers students to take responsibility for their learning. Moreover, Crescent says its efforts to foster collaboration among stakeholders have made an impact on academic achievement, attendance, character and community-building. This list goes on of Orange County schools and their signature practices, which include leveraging technology, collaboration and engaging instruction to meet the academic and social-emotional needs of students, ensuring they're ready for college, careers and life. The California Distinguished Schools program may have taken a brief leave of absence, but Orange County schools never rested. Instead, they have steadily advanced on the path of continuous improvement, and the long-term benefits will far outweigh any accolade or logo.

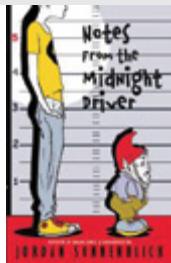


Isabella's Book Review



One of My Favorite Books

Notes from the Midnight Driver is about 16 year old Alex Gregory. One night, Alex was left alone at home and rampages through his dad's alcohol cabinet that was still full even though his dad no longer lived with Alex



Isabella A.

and his mom. He gets drunk and drives to his dad's house. A couple houses down, Alex crashes into a yard. He is taken by the police and passes out. At his trial the Judge decides that community service is better than jail. He's assigned to an old man, Solomon, who is always grumpy and lives in a nursing home.

Gradually they help each other. In the end, Alex is even able to reunite Solomon with his daughter.

I would give this book five stars without hesitation. It is an amazing book with an amazing theme. It's definitely one of my top 10 books.

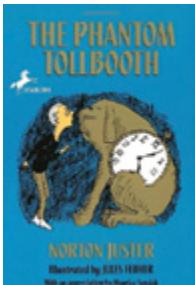
Isabella is a 6th grader who loves to read, write, volleyball and plans on becoming an author of children's books. She rates books 1-5 stars with 5 being the best.

Richard's Book Review



The Phantom Toll Booth

This book starts with a boy named Milo being incredibly bored. One day after coming home Milo finds a toll booth in his room. He decides to go through to see what would happen. Suddenly he finds himself in the land beyond, in a town full of creatures, which wouldn't go anywhere or do anything until the time keeper - a dog named Tock - scares them into getting on with their lives. Milo befriends Tock the dog. Together they go through a great adventure. They meet King Azaz, who rules over letters and words, and other magical creatures.



Richard J.

I liked this book because it is strange, but fun. Milo learns great lessons that make him appreciate different things in life. I recommend reading this book to understand the great story where so many magical things happen. I give this book 5 out of 5, with 5 being the best.

Richard J. is a third grader. Richard likes math, playing sports, physical activities like bike-riding and running, reading and spending time with his family.

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