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## **Congratulations Class of 2018!**



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# A College-Going Culture

It is an exciting time in the Paramount Unified School District as we continue to inspire our students through exceptional programs and instruction from our committed educators. Paramount Unified School District serves over 15,000 students.

Recently, the College Board awarded and named our district to the 2018 Advanced Placement District Honor Roll for boosting access to AP courses to more students while maintaining or improving AP exam passing rates. In August, 2018 we are opening a new high school. Odyssey STEM Academy will provide students with a unique and rigorous STEM curriculum that will lead to opportunities in the engineering field.

Additionally, the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform has designated all middle schools in PUSD as Schools to Watch. This award recognizes high student achievement while improving campus relations between students and teachers and reducing suspensions.

We continue to cultivate a college-going culture by offering free PSATs and SATs during the school day to high school students and eighth-graders as we prepare them for future success.

Our instructional focus includes teaching the California State Standards, AVID in elementary through high school, PLC Collaboration, Response to Intervention, and Safe and Civil Schools, with support from Academic Coaches at all schools as well as K-12 Counselors, all of which is coordinated in support of preparing our students for College and Careers.

New Heights, our Strategic Plan can be accessed at: [www.tinyurl.com/PUSDplan](http://www.tinyurl.com/PUSDplan)



**Dr. Ruth Pérez**  
Superintendent



# Una Cultura Que Fomenta la Asistencia a la Universidad

Es un momento emocionante en el Distrito Escolar Unificado de Paramount mientras seguimos inspirando a nuestros estudiantes a través de programas excepcionales e instrucción por parte de nuestros educadores comprometidos. El Distrito Escolar Unificado de Paramount tiene más de 15,000 estudiantes.

Recientemente, el Consejo del Colegio concedió y nombró a nuestro Distrito al Cuadro de Honor de Colocación Avanzada del 2018 por incrementar el acceso a cursos AP a más estudiantes mientras mantiene o mejoran sus índices de aprobación en el examen AP. En agosto, 2018 abriremos una nueva preparatoria. Odyssey STEM Academy les proveerá a los estudiantes un currículo STEM que será único y riguroso que los guiará para así tener oportunidades en el campo de ingeniería.

Además, la reforma del Foro Nacional para Acelerar la Reforma para Escuelas Secundarias, ha designado a todas las escuelas secundarias en PUSD como Escuelas Modelos. Este premio reconoce los logros académicos de los estudiantes mientras mejoran las relaciones entre estudiantes y maestros y reducen las suspensiones.

Seguimos cultivando una cultura universitaria, ofreciendo gratuitamente PSATs y SATs durante el día escolar a los estudiantes en la preparatoria y del octavo grado mientras los preparamos para tener éxito en el futuro.

Nuestro enfoque de instrucción incluye la enseñanza de los Estándares del Estado de California, AVID a través de la primaria a la preparatoria, Colaboración PLC, Responder a la Intervención, y Escuelas Seguras y Civiles, con apoyo de los Entrenadores Académicos en todas las escuelas, así como de los Consejeros del K-12, todo lo cual está coordinado para apoyar y preparar a nuestros estudiantes para el Colegio y Carreras.

Nuevas Alturas (New Heights), nuestro Plan Estratégico puede consultarse en: [www.tinyurl.com/PUSDplan](http://www.tinyurl.com/PUSDplan)

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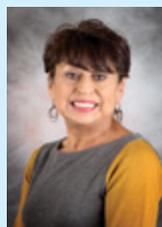
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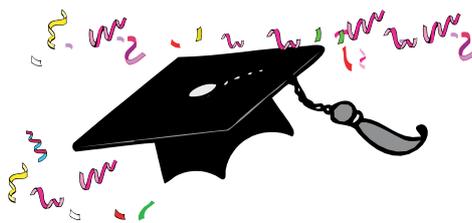
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Another school year is coming to a close. Congratulations to the graduates and their families.

The school articles in this issue will remind you of the many ways Paramount Unified School District is preparing students for college and careers. There have never been so many academic choices.

Thank you again for including *School News* among your reading choices.

Our next issue is November when a new school year will be well underway. Until then have a wonderful summer and don't forget to include the library among your activity choices.



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## Alondra Middle School

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**Carolyn Butler**  
Principal

### Dolphinland turns Green

Alondra Middle School's Green Club was created this year by science and Project Lead The Way: Green Architecture teacher Christina Wolf. Concerned students who wanted to reduce litter and encourage recycling throughout the campus approached Mrs. Wolf, and the club was formed. The club meets every other week and plans activities that are related to sustainability, recycling,

and the environment.

The first project was a campus cleanup. Students equipped themselves with rakes, brooms, and large rubbish bags and got to work! "It felt so good making a difference at my school and making it beautiful for all to enjoy," said Green Club member Celeste Santiesteban.

Last month, Mrs. Wolf organized a cleanup on a larger scale at Seal Beach. Students volunteered on a Saturday and spent their time eliminating waste that impacts the local environment and poses a threat to native wildlife. Mrs. Wolf stated, "I hope that our club can educate students and motivate them to accept environmental responsibility."

Thanks to the Green Club, Dolphinland is a cleaner place to be!



## Buena Vista High School

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**Morrie Kosareff**  
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### Guidelines for Success

Buena Vista High School is a second chance for many of our students who have not experienced success in traditional high school settings. Our guidelines allow them to Strive, Organize, Attend, and Respect (SOAR) through high school and beyond to success in college and their chosen careers.

We started our spring semester with a series of mini-lessons designed to allow students to reflect on each guideline and determine how they can implement the principle in their lives. Each guideline was taught over a week-long period in five different classes. Each week started with a short video clip starring our own students that taught about the guideline.

During Strive Week, we asked students to define what it meant to strive. They also read and analyzed quotes related to the importance of striving and set goals for themselves. Teachers shared times in their lives where they faced difficult challenges or setbacks and had to recover through hard work.

During Organize Week, we looked at various aspects of organization, including time management. Students determined which phone apps helped them to stay organized and manage their time and which apps were a waste of their time.

During Attend Week, we asked student to examine how attendance affects their grades by using their report cards. We held class discussions about the importance of attending not only physically but also mentally.

During Respect Week, we discussed the ways we respect ourselves, others, the learning environment, and our futures. Students participated in an activity that modeled how a person's respect or disrespect ripples through a community. Finally, students identified one commitment they would each make to create a respectful classroom, and these commitments were linked in a chain to show how strong we can become when we respect one another.

Our Guidelines for Success have allowed for our strong start to our second semester. As we continue through the semester, we will be recognizing students who exemplify the guidelines, and we will continue to use the guidelines as teaching tools to support our students.

## Collins *Elementary*

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**Theresa Diaz**  
*Principal*

### Honoring Our Diverse Cultures

Captain Raymond Collins School has a uniquely diverse student population within the Paramount Unified School District. Our students and their families come from a multitude of cultural backgrounds and ethnicities, and we honor them throughout the year with our cultural celebration events. This year we have added three additional cultural events to our school calendar. Each cultural event has its unique activities and honors the cultures that it represents.

We began this year's cultural events with Collins' first-ever Hispanic Heritage Celebration in late September. Students recreated classic Hispanic artwork, which was displayed and judged for class awards in our "plazita" (the Collins quad). Celebratory banners and crepe-paper flowers hung from every beam as we enjoyed the enchiladas, rice, and beans provided by a local restaurant and the Collins PTA. Mexican ballet folklórico dancers from Paramount Parks and Recreation performed a variety of regional dances, to the delight of everyone.

We also had our very popular (and annual) Black History Month Celebration in February. Students from each grade level sang traditional African American songs and recited traditional poetry. We even had moving guest appearances and speeches from "Harriet Tubman" (guest speaker Ms. Datson) and "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." (fourth-grade teacher Mr. Houston).

Most recently, we held our first ever Women's History Month Celebration in March. This event showcased research and projects from each grade level, which highlighted women who have made significant contributions to our world. Visitors to this living museum engaged in activities for each of the seven women highlighted at the event. They also had the opportunity to watch videos of the learning and work that students had done throughout the month to celebrate the great achievements of these amazing women.

Our final cultural celebration event will be our Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Celebration, which will be held on Wednesday, May 23 at 4:30 p.m. Come out and join us for an evening of dancing, music, and great food. All are welcome at our events! We look forward to continuing and expanding these traditions in the years to come.

## Gaines *Elementary*

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**Michael Naruko**  
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### Latino Family-Literacy Project

*By Nadya Nieto, Counselor, and Claudia Leal, Instructional Coach*

Community enrichment and parental involvement are essential components of a strong educational foundation. Reaching out to Spanish-speaking parents to support their children with academic language can be a difficult task.

At Wesley Gaines, parents have successfully completed the first semester of Family Stories/ Cuentos Familiares, an elementary-school program that promotes literacy using culturally relevant materials. This program teaches parents different reading strategies and the importance of establishing reading routines to promote English-language development and vocabulary. During

the 10-week program, parents were encouraged to read together as a family and discuss different story themes as they connected to their own life experiences.

"It was a great experience because I learned new strategies about reading and how to help my children with reading," Mrs. Huerta said.

As a culminating project, a family album was completed, and parents had the opportunity to share their family history using photos and letters. Family Stories has empowered parents with the right tools and knowledge to continue to support their children's love of literacy.



**Parents work on reading and developing vocabulary in both English and Spanish.**



**Students were invited to share a moment with their parents as they were recognized for their accomplishment in completing the program and creating their family album.**

## Hollydale *K-8*

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**Lisa Nunley-Macon**  
*Principal*

### Model Middle School Designation

Hollydale has been recognized as both a California and National Schools to Watch model middle school. In March, the student body celebrated this great accomplishment with a rally attended by some very special supporters and stakeholders.

These community stakeholders included Congresswoman Nanette Diaz Barragan from California's 44th District and Mayor Maria Davila of South Gate.

The program was full of energy and excitement as our distinguished guests delivered empowering messages for our students encouraging them to pursue their dreams. The student body cheered and applauded while holding up signs that read "Go Hornets" and "Hornets Rock," and "We did it!" The energy was certainly infectious as attendees, students, and staff members also enjoyed special performances by the advanced band and the cheer squad.

The Hollydale community enjoyed a recap of the celebration on the Channel 34 evening news. Go, Hornets



## Jackson *Middle School*

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**Kelly Anderson**  
*Principal*

### What Knights Stand For

Throughout the 2017-18 school year, the students and staff at Leona Jackson School have been working hard to build relationships and create a positive climate on campus. The staff has been utilizing strategies learned through professional development with a number of positive-change programs.

Most recently, the Knights had the opportunity to attend a series of "Stand for Something" workshops presented by Keith Hawkins, founder of a positive-school-change organization. Each assembly stressed the importance of knowing and respecting one another's story. Mr. Hawkins' message had a powerful impact on our students and staff.

"It's important not to judge others by what they wear or how they look because you don't always know what struggle they're facing," eighth-grade student Rodger Holmes said.

Mr. Hawkins remained on campus throughout the day to interact with students at lunch, engage in deeper conversations, and inspire students to make positive choices.

"There was a sense of confidence and optimism in the room as Mr. Hawkins shared his own story, which was relatable to many of our students here at Jackson," sixth-grade teacher Heather Downs said. "He had students engaged and laughing while encouraging them to view coming to school every day as their shot at a life that is 'better than good.'"

Mr. Hawkins continued to encourage the Jackson community to "give what you need" during a Family Night in which parents received information about communicating with their children as well as an overview of the topics covered during the daytime assemblies. The Knights continue to work on building community as they focus on the idea that "it's hard to hate someone whose story you know."

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### The Wild World Comes to Jefferson!

Jefferson School was fortunate to have their PTA support an interactive Wild World Assembly on Tuesday, March 27th.

Our students were excited to learn about the different habitats and adaptations of a wide range of animals from around the world. Animals from all seven continents were at the assembly, and our students were able to discover how they adapt to their special environments and specific homes. Student volunteers actually touched and interacted with the animals, which brought the wild world to life!

The excitement level was at its peak throughout the assembly. This was definitely a memorable

experience that our students will remember every time they use their Wild World bookmark, also provided to each student at the assembly.



## Keppel *Elementary*

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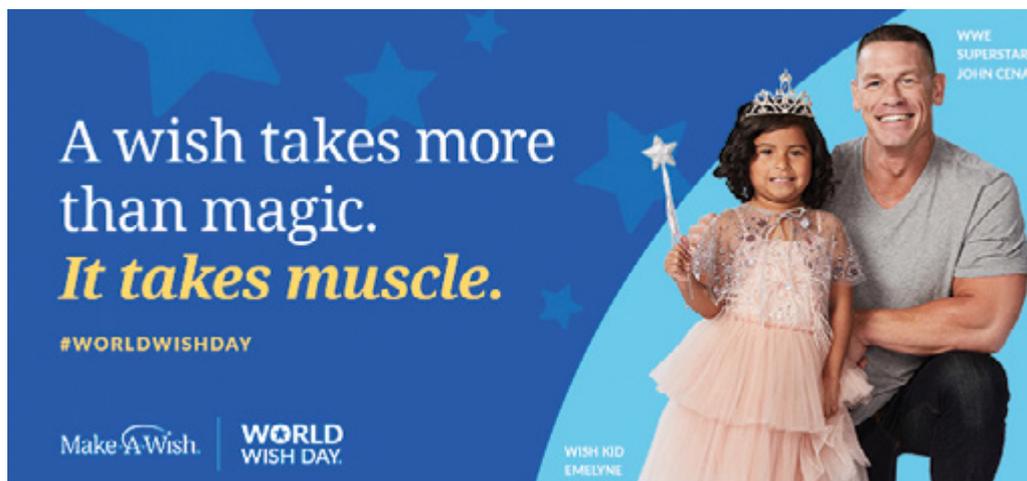
### Giving Back

As educators, we know the value of teaching the whole child. Reading, writing, mathematics, science and history are invaluable to the growth of a successful student. However, just as important as their academic skills is the development of their personal character. Here at Keppel Elementary, we

guide students in a variety of ways as they become good citizens.

This past month, we focused on giving to others. As a school, we joined the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to raise money through their Pennies for Patients program. This program specifically raises money for the research and treatment of blood cancers. I am proud to say that we raised \$3,062.74!

This program hits our Puma family close to home, as we have three students dealing with critical illnesses. One of those students, Emelyne, was just selected to be a part of the national ad campaign with John Cena for the Make a Wish Foundation. You can see our princess and make a donation at <https://www.nbcnews.com/video/john-cena-stars-in-make-a-wish-psa-1197776963638>.



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**Dr. Topekia Jones**  
Principal

### Picking Up STEAM!

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education

— Martin Luther King Jr.

At Lincoln Elementary, Dr. King's vision of education is "picking up STEAM" as we introduce a novel component to our popular Family STEAM Night: the Inventions, Innovations and Design Fair! As it calls on students to use their 21st century skills of imagination and critical thinking, the Fair is a logical extension of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) education. Children are asked to take a STEAM concept and create an



original project with it. For instance, a student might investigate how insects fly and then design an innovative transportation system that imitates nature. The Fair offers an expressive learning experience and encourages student agency.

Student projects will be on display and celebrated at Lincoln's annual Family STEAM Night. Encouraging creativity and engineering at Family STEAM Night!

## Los Cerritos *Elementary*

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**Hilda Verdugo**  
Principal

### Bulldogs at their Best

The Los Cerritos parents, staff, and student Bulldogs came bounding in one sunny morning to their second-trimester recognition assembly.

The assembly highlighted all of the hard work, study, and behavior efforts of our TK-5 students. They have mastered academic goals in reading and math. The assembly also wanted to honor those who exemplify our school-wide PAWS behavior expectations. PAWS stands for Persevering, Acting responsible, Working with a winning attitude, and Striving for success.

A variety of awards were given out. The first and most prestigious was the Academic Achievers Award. This requires students to receive all 3's and 4's on their report cards to demonstrate that they are at or above grade level. Following in a close second is the Fantastic Fluency Award, which requires students to score at or above on established grade-level fluency benchmarks, math fact tests, and comprehension passage test questions.

The third award is entitled Masterful Mathematician, because it recognizes students who demonstrate exemplary comprehension, application, and verbal expression of Common Core math standards. The fourth award is the Principal Math Fluency Club. This requires students to correctly complete grade-level specific mixed addition, subtraction, multiplication, and/or division facts in or under five minutes.

The fifth award is Most Improved, which celebrates those students who have made significant gains in academic areas. The sixth award is our Bulldog Spirit, which highlights the efforts of students who really show their PAWS. The seventh award is Perfect Attendance, which requires students to have zero absences, tardies, and early-outs for the second trimester.

A hush falls over the crowd during the presentation of the final grade-level trophies for overall perfect attendance and math facts. But it is quickly replaced with loud clapping, cheering, and even a little barking from our proudest parent dog pound!



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**Linh Roberts**  
*Principal*

### Home-Based Inquiry Projects

Promoting activities which involve our families is important at Mokler School. This year, Mokler students and parents worked together to create two home based inquiry learning projects which help prepare students for higher education. The first project focused on researching different community colleges or universities. Over 100 projects were submitted highlighting various reasons students chose their college.

This college event culminated with guest speakers; Superintendent Dr. Ruth Perez, Mr. Loza, teacher and Paramount graduate, and a panel of CSULB students, former Paramount graduates, sharing their college experiences. The second event included research on different careers in all fields of study and culminated with a panel of community members sharing their careers with students.

These events bring our school community together and provide students with the opportunity to set goals for future success.



## Paramount *Adult School / Community Day School*

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**Yvonne Rodriguez**  
*Principal*

### The New Face of Adult Education

Earlier this year, the Brookings Institution of Metropolitan Policy Program released a report stating that although the monthly national unemployment rate shows a drop in those individuals without jobs, there is a disproportionate number of people out of work.

In fact, thirty-eight percent of this population are identified as English language-learners, which is the largest student population that Paramount Adult

enrolls. In response to this issue, Paramount Adult School is piloting a new eight-week program this fall that addresses both English as a Second Language needs and valuable skills necessary for the work place.

The pilot program is known as Integrated Education and Training, and has been under development since last spring with Teacher on Special Assignment Tonya Cobb taking the lead. Ms. Cobb has worked throughout the spring and summer with administrators and teachers in

fine-tuning the curriculum for the program. Adults in the program participate in a basic skills/English as a Second Language component within a career pathway.

Career Technical Education-Information Technology is the pathway that is addressed in the program and where our students will receive their workplace skills instruction. Most importantly, Integrated Education and Training (IET) provides those individuals at the highest levels of unemployment with workforce preparation.

IET is made up of both basic skills such as reading, writing, math, ESL, and General Education Development (GED) test preparation, as well as the job skills needed for careers. In the past, basic skills and vocational skills were viewed and taught individually; however, in IET these skills are integrated into one cohesive course.

The benefits of IET include students gaining access to the 21st-century skills they need to be successful in the workforce. Additionally, students are able to acquire the basic skills necessary to succeed in their education, which results in their overall job success.

## Paramount Park *Middle School*

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### **An Amazing School**

*By Ethan Mata,  
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Lillian Ortega*

Our school recently celebrated its recognition for being chosen as a "School to Watch."

This demonstrates the hard work and dedication that the students and staff members of Paramount Park Middle School have accomplished in order to achieve this honor. The Schools to Watch recognition is important because it embraces our school programs, academic achievements, and the encouragement that our teachers give us.

School programs like AVID, MESA, Panthers Academy, sports, band/orchestra, as well as Check and Connect, all support our



students to help them achieve their goals for the future. The school strives to give every student an equal opportunity to succeed.

Being part of Schools to Watch is meaningful to us, because it gives students a reason to work harder, achieve challenging goals, and become role models to others. It was truly an honor for the community leaders in our school district to speak about how amazing our school is.

## Paramount *High School - Senior Campus*

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**Mike Ono**  
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### **Spring Sports**

The spring sports season is in full bloom at Paramount High School! Despite the heavy rain during preseason competition, the teams diligently prepared to take on league. Pirate athletes in softball, baseball, boys' tennis, boys' volleyball, track and field, and swim raised their competition-level training and eagerly prepared for league matchups.

The softball team entered league play in April upon returning from spring break. Things are looking up for the lady Pirates as they build more and more confidence. Head softball coach John Guggiana attributes the success of the team to a true collective group effort. This season, the softball squad looks forward to a successful league outcome and aims to make a return to CIF playoffs like last season.

Baseball also began league play in April, and the team is facing tough competition. The team managed to keep their heads up, and with the continued support from coaches, fans and families, they'll meet their goals through the time and energy they put in. Key strategic plays help them compete at the top of their game.

The boys' volleyball players continue to show dedication and hard work. Defeating Dominguez High School in the first round of league started the team off on a winning note, and their own key plays will help them dominate their opponents on the court.

The boys' tennis team has already improved their team record from last season. The players have worked to prepare for the four rounds against league teams by putting in extra practice time and effort. New talented players have joined up, and the entire squad continues to refine the skills needed to compete and reach their individual, dual and team goals.

Swimmers are making waves in the pool this spring season! The boys started league with an amazing undefeated record. The prelim finals were hosted at Downey High School.

The Paramount High School Track and Field athletes hosted a home meet in April. The athletes truly appreciated the support of fans to cheer them on in their events!

On behalf of the Paramount athletic department and the entire Pirate family, we wish all of our supporters a great spring season, and we hope to see you at an upcoming Paramount High School sporting event. Go Pirates!

# Paramount High School - West Campus

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**Elizabeth Salcido**  
Principal

## Our Scholars on Target

On March 8, 2018, Paramount High School West Campus held its annual Day of the Scholar celebration to recognize students who earned a 3.0 or higher for first semester. Over 600 students celebrated their accomplishments on the field with a day filled with fun celebrating with their fellow pirates. Our Pirate Scholars



**Our Scholars on target**

had an extended lunch to hang out, listen to music, and check out the planned activities. Students enjoyed a delicious lunch, which included pizza, dessert, and drinks. Our Pirate Scholars had a great time playing a variety of games such as balloon popping contest, football, basketball, human foosball, soccer

darts, and photo booth. Students were given a Pirate Scholar t-shirt with our motto “Once a Pirate, Always a Pirate.” Congratulations on your achievement during first semester Pirates!



**Human foosball in action**

# Roosevelt Elementary

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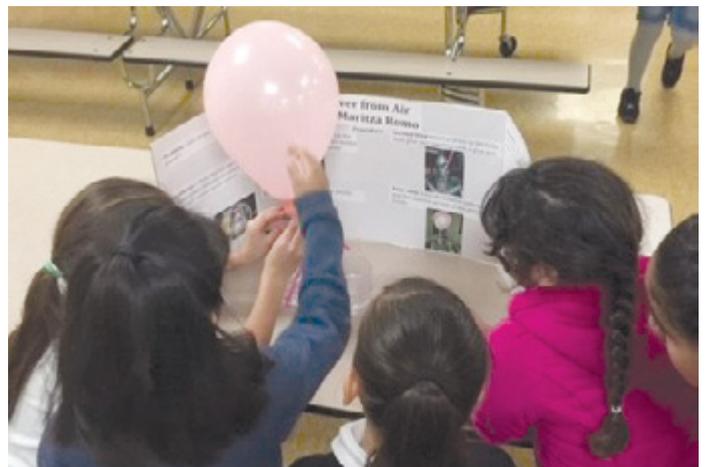
**Margie Domino**  
Principal

## Science Fair

The annual Roosevelt School Fifth-Grade Science Fair was held in March. Fifth-grade students brought in a selection of over 130 science projects. They were required to state the problem, hypothesize, collect data, and draw conclusions from their work. Of those projects, 20 were selected to advance to the Science Fair competition.

Projects were displayed in the library, and judges were impressed by the level of scientific understanding displayed by Roosevelt students. The prizes awarded were first prize to Michelle Gomez with “Speed Track,” second prize to Maritza Romo with “Power of Air,” and third prize to Jesus Cisneros with “Pencil-Lead Light Bulb.” Kimberly Galindo and Yoxiel Graciano each received honorable mention.

All students were very proud to show their friends and family their science projects as they visited classrooms during Open House.



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Principal

## Cool to Be Kind

Bullying is one of the top problems our students face. Here at Tanner Elementary School, we take a stand against bullying by providing programs, opportunities, and awareness for all grade levels. From our yearly Anti-Bullying Week to our classroom presentations, assemblies, contests, and individual mentoring, students learn to treat others with respect. They learn what to do

if they are bullied and how to protect themselves from cyberbullying. They gain tools to help them to stand up

for themselves and others, and they learn how to be role models for others.

One of our focus areas is teaching students to stop and think before they say something that might hurt someone else. We also talk to them about differences and how each person is unique in his or her own way—no better or worse, just different. We show them how bullying can hurt others and how to always say something if you think there is a problem. We want our students to feel safe and secure at school each and every day, so we teach them that kindness and respect help all students to enjoy productive, happy and successful experiences each day they attend school.





### Recognitions!

Our Wirtz Wizards were honored for their hard work during our Recognition Assemblies. Pre-K through fifth-grade students proudly received their awards as their supportive parents cheered them on from the audience.

**Connie Toscano**  
Principal

Awards were given in the following categories: Wirtz Wizard, Academic Achiever, Most Improved, Super Citizenship, Perfect Attendance, Accelerated Reader and the Principal's Challenge Award. Of course, there were also the highly

coveted class awards that students work so hard to earn: Class Attendance and the Class Basic Math Facts.

The class awards were the awards that made the crowd go wild. Classes at each grade level with the highest percentage for attendance and basic math facts were recognized with a trophy to display in their classrooms until the next recognition assemblies.

Congratulations, Harry Wirtz Wizards, for all your hard work and dedication to your education. Thank you to all the teachers, staff and parents for your tireless efforts in helping students succeed!



**Congratulations to Mrs. Ramirez and Mrs. Lujan's classes for being awarded the class attendance trophy and class basic math facts trophy.**

# School News

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# Zamboni *Middle School*

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**Sue Saikaly**  
Principal

## Practice Circles

At Zamboni MS, we are committed to strengthening our community. As we continue to focus on building relationships and improving our school culture, our students are given the opportunity to participate in restorative practice circles in their classrooms.

While in circles, the students engage in community building activities that enhance their ability to work together as a team and improve communication. Activities typically address an issue in the classroom, or aid in problem solving a school-wide challenge. Students respond to prompts such as, “What does community mean to you?” and “Discuss a conflict you’ve had with a peer and how it was resolved.”



Our students and teachers enjoy the empowering dialogue, as it helps create a collaborative class and school environment. Says sixth-grader Christian, “Being in a circle with my class helps us stay positive with each other. We also get to work out problems we have and not feel bad about it.”

## Things in the Sky—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 PAR in the subject line.

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| STARS    | RAIN    |
| SUN      | SNOW    |
| MOON     | SLEET   |
| AIRPLANE | WIND    |
| KITE     | CLOUDS  |
| BALLOON  | SMOG    |
| JUPITER  | FOG     |
| MARS     | PLUTO   |
| MERCURY  | RAINBOW |
| SATURN   | ROCKET  |
| URANUS   |         |

**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:**

**Marlette Urena and Donovan Martinez**

**Winners of our November Contests!**

## Don't Play With Toy Safety



**Danny Luna**  
*injury prevention  
coordinator, Injury  
Prevention Program,  
MemorialCare  
Miller Children's &  
Women's Hospital  
Long Beach*

According to the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), there were an estimated 166,300 toy related injuries treated in U.S. hospital emergency departments, and seven reported fatalities of children 12 years of age or younger during 2016. Register your toys to stay up to date with any recalls.

The Injury Prevention Program at Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach wants to keep kids safe in the community by providing safety education to children and families. For more information on childhood safety education and resources, visit [millerchildrens.org/injuryprevention](http://millerchildrens.org/injuryprevention).

Many toy related injuries and fatalities can be prevented by taking some precautionary steps when buying new toys for your child:

- Purchase age appropriate toys recommended by the manufacturer.
- Read and follow all warning labels, especially for electric toys.
- Avoid toys with small parts that may become a choking hazard for younger children.
- Be cautious of toys with small batteries and magnets because they can cause serious harm if swallowed.
- Be aware of toys that may contain lead.
- Ensure that toys with movable parts do not trap or jam your child's finger.
- Be sure your child can breathe comfortably in toys they can enter, such as a tent.



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# Teaching Kids to Stay Safe



**Bike & Helmet Safety**



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**Car Seat Safety**



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## EMBASSY CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC SAFE SCHOOLS SUMMIT

Embassy Consulting Services, LLC is committed to building and maintaining safe, respectful and inclusive school communities. Our Safe Schools Summit is designed to bring together a diverse group of stakeholders to provide education, awareness and knowledge to help create safe schools.

### EVENT INFORMATION

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Alpert Jewish Community Center  
3801 E. Willow Ave.  
Long Beach, CA 90815

Early Bird Registration  
\$119.00 before July 1, 2018

General Registration  
\$139.00

Morning and Afternoon Refreshments and Lunch Included

### TOPICS & THEMES

- Building a Safe School Climate
- Assessing and Managing Students of Concern
- Responding to an Active Shooter Incident
- Debrief of the Santa Barbara Isla Vista Shooting
- Expert Panel Discussion
- How to Prevent the Next School Shooting
- Conducting Effective Threat Assessments

### FEATURED KEYNOTE

#### **Antoinette Tuff**

**The Inspiring True Story of How One Woman Saved an Atlanta School Under Siege.**

Antoinette Tuff's courage and faith prevented tragedy for 870 children while a school was under siege by a heavily armed gunman. As the nation faced yet another Sandy Hook story of tragedy, one woman rewrote the ending. Antoinette will share her survival techniques that she used on that fateful day to disarm the shooter.



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