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## Staff Recognition



**Dr. Crystal Turner**

As we spring forward toward the end of the school year, the longer days and warmer temperatures bring many exciting activities and recognitions throughout SVUSD for both our students and staff. One of the events I look forward to most at this time of year is our district-wide Teacher of the Year event, which recognizes outstanding teachers from each of our school sites. The process begins with teachers nominating deserving colleagues who exemplify SVUSD values and who go above and beyond to support our students. Through this process, one teacher from each site is selected and recognized as their school's Teacher of the Year. From this group of well-deserving educators, three are selected to submit an application to the Orange County Department of Education's county-wide Teacher of the Year program. The county program is the precursor to the state and

national programs, culminating with the selection of the National Teacher of the Year at the end of 2019.

All SVUSD site winners were recently recognized at a district-wide reception where colleagues, family, and friends were able to congratulate them and enjoy an afternoon of celebration. The three SVUSD finalists who were selected to submit an application to the Orange County Department of Education will also be recognized at our April Board meeting, and will partake in the county-wide festivities in November. Congratulations to: Mandy Kelly at Trabuco Mesa Elementary, Jon Van Tassell at La Paz Intermediate, and Kelly McAlister at Mission Viejo High School. Below is a list of all SVUSD site winners, and I hope you'll join me in offering them congratulations and thanks for all they do. We are truly fortunate to have so many outstanding teachers in SVUSD and wish all three finalists the best of luck as they continue at the county level!

Cielo Vista Elementary — Amanda Gilmartin  
Cordillera Elementary — Jade Dowbachuk  
Del Cerro Elementary — Holly Wrobel  
Del Lago Elementary — Dana Kirby  
Esperanza Education Center — Richard Ellis  
El Toro High School — Erin Maguire  
Gates Elementary — Julio Flores  
Glen Yermo Elementary — Lori Hall  
\*La Paz Intermediate — Jon Van Tassell  
La Tierra Early Childhood Center — Kimberly Brown  
Lake Forest Elementary — Raniah Crail  
Laguna Hills High School — Lisa Palmstrom  
Linda Vista IB Primary Years Magnet Elementary — Tricia Gray  
Lomarena Elementary — Molli Patterson  
Los Alisos Intermediate — Elizabeth Cruikshank

Melinda Heights Elementary — Kelli Day-Lambeth  
\*Mission Viejo High School — Kelly McAlister  
Montevideo Elementary — Karen Jones  
Olivewood Elementary — Stephanie Williams  
Portola Hills Elementary — Shannon Shanton  
Rancho Cañada Elementary — Robin Pelzer  
Robinson Elementary — Juli Stowers  
RSM Intermediate — William Chavez  
San Joaquin Elementary — Katey Thompson  
Santiago STEAM Magnet Elementary — Cecile Vu  
Serrano Intermediate — Holly Danielson  
Silverado High School — DeeAnn Crouch  
Trabuco Hills High School — Stacey Hamamura  
\*Trabuco Mesa Elementary — Mandy Kelly  
Valencia Elementary School — Katie Boyd

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Spring is officially here and without looking at the calendar the flowers let us know. What a refreshing time of year!

Superintendent Dr. Turner begins this issue acknowledging the Teachers of the Year SVUSD site winners. Of course, our mission publishing *School News* is to promote the excellence in our public schools and all of the outstanding teachers. Our admiration for dedicated educators cannot be overstated.

Also, in this issue you will read about the visual and performing arts opportunities for students, an Anti-Bullying presentation, Science Fair, Career Day, Project Based Learning,

Agriculture Programs and so much more. It is an exciting time to be a student.

Thank you for reading *School News*. Our next issue is May 29.



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The amount of time that teens spend reading for pleasure has declined a lot over the past few years. Whether this is due to time spent with screen media, or other factors is unknown.

Fortunately, we do know the way to encourage readers of any age: Keep books in the house, set aside daily reading time, and read yourself. For teens specifically, it may help to tap into whatever they're passionate about — if you can name it, there's a book about it. In a world filled with entertaining diversions, it can be difficult for teens to find reading material that really motivates them to read. Check our reviews (you can sort our book reviews by age, genre, and topic). Here are some more ideas:

**Try an eReader.** eReaders offer your teen a bit more independence, flexibility, privacy — they're great for travel.

**Consider humor.** Some teens just need the funny.

**Draw inspiration from pop culture.** Late-night comedians, musicians, and even software developers (think Steve Jobs) are great subjects (or authors!) for teen reading because they're relevant to teens' lives.

Insist that they read the book before seeing the movie.

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**Matthew Coulson, MD**  
*Pediatrics*



## Do your kids have spring time allergies? We know what to do!

April showers bring May flowers and... allergies. The trees and plants begin pollinating as soon as the weather warms and often prompt runny noses and watery eyes. Though you cannot escape spring time allergies completely, there are some strategies you can use to decrease the effects.

- Keep your windows closed
- Wash your child's face after being outside
- Change clothes as soon as your child gets home from school

If your child is still sneezing after these natural precautions, it may be time to consider treatment. Oral medicines such as Claritin or Allegra include antihistamines, which help to relieve seasonal and indoor allergies. Other options include steroid nasal sprays that also help reduce congestion and coughing.

Your children don't need to suffer through puffy eyes and an itchy throat all through the spring. Ask your pediatrician today about optional allergy medications to find one that is right for you and your family.

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Assistant  
Superintendent

### Focusing on Mastery

Recently, our K-12 Principals and site teacher leaders have been focusing on developing a common language and the understanding of mastery as it applies to first best instruction and Professional Learning Communities (PLC).

Mastery is the effective transfer of learning in an authentic way. Student mastery comes in a given subject when they are fluent and creative in using their knowledge, skills, and understanding in key challenges and contexts, as measured against valid and high standards. The teacher PLC promotes student mastery by working as a team to create a work cycle that includes consensus building related to inquiry, data analysis, SMART goals, action-plans and reflection.

As educators, we constantly ask, what do we want students to learn? How will we know students are learning? How will we respond when students don't learn? and How will we respond if students already know it? A core belief of effective PLCs is that all students can learn. SVUSD continues our commitment to accomplishing mastery through teacher Professional Learning Communities – all to enhance instruction and student learning.

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**Connie Cavanaugh**  
Assistant  
Superintendent

### Updated Facilities

It is a top priority of Saddleback Valley Unified School District to provide safe and secure facilities that provide an optimal learning environment for all students. In 2003, the district prepared a comprehensive Facilities Master Plan (FMP) that identified improvements necessary to maintain this standard. In March 2004, the community passed Measure B that provided \$180 million dollars to implement the FMP. The \$180 million was supplemented with an additional \$145 million from the State Facility Program matching funds for a total of \$325 million in facilities improvements. The District modernized, enhanced and/or built new facilities at every one of the 36 school sites. The modernization and new construction of Portola Hills Elementary School is the final project utilizing the Measure B funds with a scheduled completion in the summer of 2019.

The District is in the process of preparing an updated Facilities Master Plan. The extensive process has involved input from staff, students and community members over the last year and a half. The final plan will be presented to the Board of Education in June 2019 for approval.

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**Dr. Terry Stanfill**  
Assistant  
Superintendent

### Full Day Kindergarten

One of the most exciting changes to take place for the 2019-20 school year is the implementation of Full Day Kindergarten at all of our Saddleback Unified School District Elementary Schools! In addition to the current rigorous kindergarten program, Full Day Kindergarten increases time for research-based instruction on both developmental and social skills.

In the fall of 2019, SVUSD will also see the second year implementation of our two elementary magnet schools. The Santiago STEAM Magnet School is a STEAM School and the Linda Vista Elementary Primary Years International Baccalaureate Magnet School. Coupled with Full Day Kindergarten at all SVUSD Elementary Schools, it is clear our elementary students are going to be well prepared for their secondary years!

Additionally, SVUSD will be continuing with our Virtual Academy K-12, which is another innovative option for students.

## English Learners

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**Dr. Rowena Mak**  
Coordinator

### Two-Way Language Immersion

The Saddleback Valley Unified School District is proud to offer a K-12 Two-Way Language Immersion Program (TWI) at Ralph Gates Elementary School, Los Alisos Intermediate School, and Laguna Hills High School providing families with an innovative option for their children. The goal of this program is to develop oral fluency and literacy in two languages, Spanish and English, while students are learning the district core curriculum.

High school students take the prestigious DELE exam along with their rigorous AP Spanish Language and Literature exams. They achieve proficiency in academic subjects and cultivate an understanding and appreciation of other cultures. Our TWI Program is the first K-12 International Spanish Academy (ISA) in the nation in partnership with the Consulate of Spain.



## Cielo Vista *Elementary*

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**Frances Hansell**  
*Principal*

### Robots and Teamwork

Coding challenges and robot activities are in force at Cielo Vista! TK and 4th Grade Buddies design playgrounds using codes for their robot monthly challenges.

Kindergarten students have been learning to draw lines the robots “like,” effectively coding with patterns. Lessons are also being tied to ELA and Math content standards via story sequencing.

Sixth graders are getting excited about writing narratives. In small groups they read different legends and myths to find key elements in a story. Students collaboratively create a summary and pictorial story map for the robot to follow from the main characters point of view. Second graders are coding through Google Classroom. Students can select level, grade, and design games through [www.hourofcode.com](http://www.hourofcode.com).

Third graders strategize with teammates placing codes along the “Iditarod Trail.” Teams race their robots, just like the mushers competing in the Iditarod, to see who will reach Nome the fastest.

Go Hawks!



## Cordillera *Elementary*

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**Deborah Shaver**  
*Principal*

### New Art Room

Cordillera is proud of the many opportunities students have to explore the visual and performing arts.

From the partnership with the Pacific Symphony’s Class Act Program and Meet the Masters curriculum to the after school musical program

and grade level musicals, Cordillera cougars are given the opportunity to learn about the world through an arts perspective.

We are thrilled to announce an addition to arts education --- the opening of a new PTA-sponsored Art Room! The remarkable PTA parents have designed a place of learning, discovery, and creativity in a beautifully decorated space where Meet the Masters Lessons and teacher directed lessons are held as well as projects designed by two of our very talented and artistic parents.

In the Cordillera Art Room, students don’t just fly — they soar!



## De Portola *Elementary*

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**Brendon Morrow**  
Principal

### Managing School Challenges

Meet Office Manager Jennifer Kelly. Mrs. Kelly is well known amongst our staff and throughout the community as being a kind-hearted, well-

spoken, safety-minded leader in the office.

Students rarely visit the office without a warm greeting. Parents rarely leave without having their questions answered. Her knowledge of everything, from handling facilities to managing our budget



to having a deep awareness of student needs, is the result of working in several capacities at our school for more than 7 years.

Mrs. Kelly is an extension of our teachers, administration, and support staff. She leads by example and always asks to be involved in activities, initiatives, and communication happening throughout the community. She constantly sets a great example for both students and adults with de Portola's Kindness Culture.

We are lucky to have Mrs. Kelly manage the numerous tasks and challenges brought to school each day.

## Del Cerro *Elementary*

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**Kristin Thomsen**  
Principal

### Take Action

Thanks to 4th-grade teacher, Mrs. McAllister, students recently attended an assembly on Bullying.

The anti-bullying "ONE" presentation was an interactive assembly with the goal of bringing awareness to the harmful effects of bullying

by using children's literature to develop a common language to address such issues. The presentation was conducted by award-winning author of the book, *ONE*, Kathryn Otoshi.

To close the assembly, the author encouraged students to "TAKE ACTION". Students were given a follow-up activity to do in their classroom in which they created colored handprints. On the handprints they wrote how they will stand up to bullying. These handprints were collected and used to create a 3-dimensional wire framed bird, called the "Kindness Bird", to serve as a visual representation of students' promises to be kind to one another.

Del Cerro's PAL (Peer Assisted Leadership) Team collected the handprints and built the giant Kindness Bird for the school.



## Del Lago *Elementary*

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**Jennifer Televik**  
*Principal*

### Celebrating Top Teachers

Del Lago Elementary celebrates two of its top teachers, Mrs. Dana Kirby and Mrs. Ashley Corlett.

Mrs. Kirby was selected as our Teacher of the Year for her use of collaboration, technology, and differentiated instruction in her first-grade classroom. Mrs. Kirby takes great pride and joy in supporting the social, emotional, and academic advancement of her students.

Mrs. Corlett was honored this year as one of the Top 25 Teachers in Orange County by *Parenting OC Magazine*. Mrs. Corlett demonstrates an inclusive attitude and innovative mindset to facilitate a fun and positive learning environment. She goes above and beyond to support students working at all academic levels and finds new and exciting ways to engage her third-grade students every day.

We are very proud of both of these wonderful teachers, and appreciate all of their efforts with supporting students and our outstanding school community!



## El Toro *High School*

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**Terri Gusiff**  
*Principal*

### Showcase Night

It was an exciting night on February 6th as El Toro High School welcomed the community to experience some of the interactive, engaging, and inspiring programs at El Toro.

All around the campus, families interacted with El Toro staff and students. The arts, sciences, and engineering strands shared many cross-content collaborations – families saw 3-D objects from drawings, to the environmental awareness project made entirely of plastic, to the chalk walk where visitors stopped and marveled at the colorful and creative student artwork. The jazz band, choir and drama students provided lively and entertaining performances, and the athletic department highlighted their competitive programs. The academic teachers shared information about their curricular programs, including AP Capstone, AVID, World Languages, and MUN.

It was a night filled with energy and excitement! We look forward to welcoming students in the fall, and another Showcase in the spring of 2020.



## Esperanza *Special Education*

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**Shelly Stewart**  
*Special Ed School  
Site Specialist*

### Student Places in PTA Reflections Art Contest

Esperanza is proud to have Hailey S. as a winner of the PTA Reflections Art Contest. Hailey created a self-portrait and was chosen as the District Winner in the Visual Arts Category - Special Artist Award.

The theme was “Heroes Around Me”. Students wrote a short composition on how their art piece expressed the theme. Hailey focused on being the hero of her own story. Hailey wrote that she was proud of the way she has overcome the challenges she has faced in her life.

Pictured here, with her proud mother, Terrie, Hailey is certainly an inspiration to her peers and everyone Hailey comes in contact with. She reminds us to share our talents with others and to take steps to determine our own path.

Along with other PTA Reflections Art Contest winners, Hailey’s art will be on display at our district office on March 18th from 6-7:30pm.



## Foothill Ranch *Elementary*

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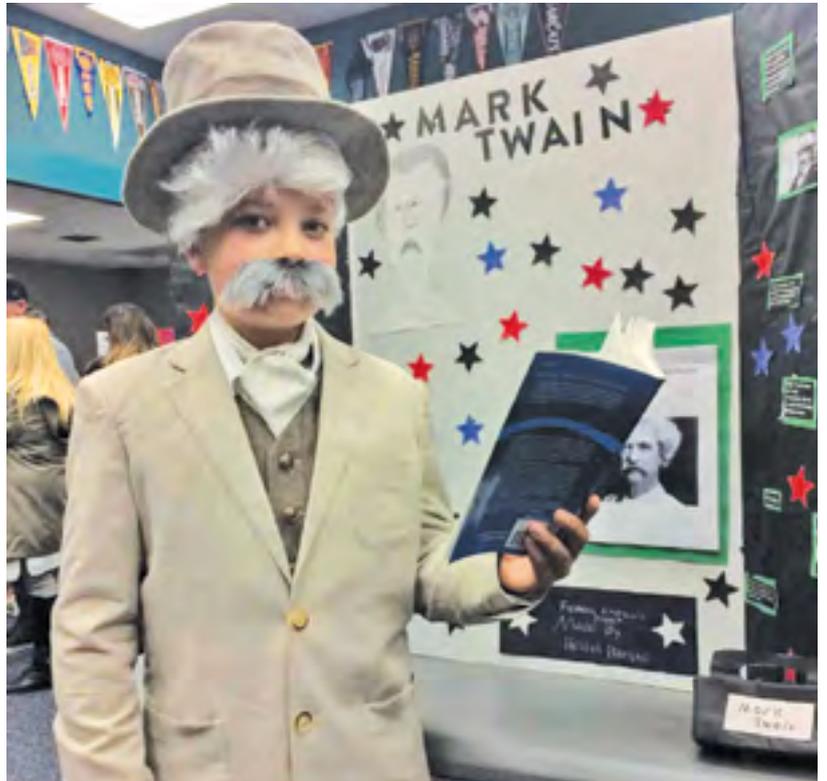
**Ed MacNevin**  
*Principal*

### Famous American Project

Every year our teacher, Mrs. Healy, hosts a Famous American Wax Museum for her fifth-grade class. Each student researches the life of a famous American, then transforms into that individual.

Students write a biography, a speech, and design a trifold board for the big event. Students come in costumes and recite their speeches as if they were subjects in a wax museum. After the speech, each student records their presentation on a greenscreen and produces a finished video with a background, music, title page, and speech overlays. These videos are posted on SeeSaw for viewing.

Not only does this project reach multiple standards in language arts and social studies, it also allows for students to practice CREATIVITY, and improve their COMMUNICATION skills. This project exemplifies how intentional lesson design helps students develop valuable skills in the use of technology, an important 21st century skill.



## Gates *Elementary*

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**Yvonne Estling**  
*Principal*

### Amazing Teachers

Heading into the second half of each school year, I find myself reflecting on what we have accomplished. This always leads me to feelings of deep gratitude for our amazing faculty.

During classroom walk-throughs, I marvel at the progress that has been made this year. From our littlest gators to our 6th graders, I am filled with pride when I see the growth that has occurred. This growth is directly related to the amazing quality of the teachers here at Gates Elementary.

Amongst this group of devoted teachers is Mr. Flores, 2019 Gates Elementary Teacher of the Year. Mr. Flores is energetic and enthusiastic and has a genuine interest in his students, his colleagues, and our entire school community. He infuses his own style of “fun” with learning in order to engage his students and instill a love of learning.

We are very proud of Mr. Flores and congratulate him!



## Glen Yermo *Elementary*

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**Dr. Michael Gomez**  
*Principal*

### Philanthropy Recipient

Glen Yermo Elementary was the recipient of a philanthropy project from a local corporate sponsor.

During their corporate retreat, 120 employees descended on Glen Yermo to add some color to the school. Employees were broken up into teams that added new chain link fence art with our school name and mascot in eye catching colors on our main

entrance on Trabuco Road; created new paintings on the playgrounds, included new health and agility courses, and cleaned up the landscape by adding new mulch and flowers.

Teams also painted two murals: one on the MPR with the Glen Yermo name and Rory the Glen Yermo Mountain Lion; and the second with a mural in the kindergarten play area reading “Make Someone Smile Today.” The burst of colors across the campus brought big smiles to our entire school and community! Thank you to corporate supporters for investing in Glen Yermo!



## La Madera *Elementary*

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**Heather Ramsey**  
*Principal*

### **Eighth Annual Science Fair**

A great STEAM opportunity for the La Madera Koalas is our annual Science Fair. This February, our PTA sponsored The Eighth Annual La Madera Science Fair.

The students' entries were creative, innovative, and demonstrated high levels of critical thinking and scientific inquiry. Participation in the Science Fair increases each year, and this year was no exception with over sixty high quality, top-notch entries!

There were a wide variety of topics researched this year: solar powered and aerodynamic Hot Wheels, structural engineering to create the strongest Lego bridges, best foods to enhance the health of worms in a composting bin, and repurposing egg shells to increase the nutritive value of what humans feed birds at parks were just a few.

The generosity of our PTA, our dedicated Science Fair Coordinators, and our team of volunteer judges from our community, make this event possible.

La Madera is a great place to learn!



## La Paz *Intermediate*

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**Jean Walker**  
*Principal*

### **Career Day**

Students, parents and businesses all agree, La Paz's Career Day is a fabulous way to learn about the world of work, gain new perspectives, and network with each other.

31 professionals shared a variety of careers, ranging from Airline Captain to Firefighter to Software Engineer to Video Game Developer to Food Broker to Bird Abatement Specialist to Retail Apparel Owner. Presenters captured students' hearts and minds with stories, props, videos, demonstrations, and token prizes.

In response to a demonstration of airplane lift, one student exclaimed, "Oh I get it! You are saying Bernoulli's Principle creates..." Other students were amazed clothing is now being made from bamboo; while others were intrigued by the various ways of determining a diamond's value. Of course, everyone loved watching the owl follow its trainer's commands and learning about owls' role in our ecosystem.

La Paz students can hardly wait for next year's Career Day!



# Laguna Hills *High School*

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**Bill Hinds**  
*Principal*

## DELE Center

Laguna Hills High School students were recognized by the Spanish Consulate on Wednesday, February 27, for passing the Diploma of Spanish as a Foreign Language (DELE) exam. The exam certifies the degree of competence and mastery of the Spanish language, granted by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport of Spain.

As a DELE center, Saddleback Valley Unified School District is proud to support

our students' preparation for a global society. Prestigiously regarded in business and universities worldwide, the DELE's international recognition will assist our students in college admission and career preparation.

The forty award recipients were congratulated by Mr. Josu Baque Ugarteburu, Education Advisor, and Cristóbal Gutiérrez Carrera, Education Attaché from the Spanish Consulate. Parents, teachers and school district officials were also invited to attend the ceremony which took place in the Laguna Hills High School theater.

Congratulations, Hawks!



# Lake Forest *Elementary*

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**Audra Bailey**  
*Principal*

## Project Based Learning

4th Graders have been working all trimester on a project based-learning activity with their class garden.

The students began by reading articles researching the needs of living organisms. Citing text evidence, students listed three vegetables they thought worked best in the garden and why. They used their math skills to measure the boxes and calculate how many vegetables they could plant in each box, as well as how far apart to plant the seeds and plants.



Students also researched different plants, such as marigolds, that would help keep pests, like aphids, away from the vegetables naturally. Weeding the garden and adding fresh soil before they started their planting was important before measuring out the spacing for the plants.

Every day, the class picks a class gardener to weed and water the garden, and students have been able to watch the garden bloom and grow!

## La Tierra *Early Childhood Center*

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**Marion Springett**  
*Psychologist on  
Special Assignment*

### Together We Make a Difference

Using the “Educational Framework for Child Success” (EFCS) model, occupational therapists are specialists who assist students with carrying out essential, everyday activities within the educational environment.

School-based occupational therapy is a support service for students that addresses student academic needs related to fine motor skills, visual motor skills, and sensory motor development.

Occupational therapists Connie Terranova, Alison Le, and Kristy Shearer (pictured, left to right) enjoy promoting social participation for students during classroom activities and recess. When asked what they enjoy most about their roles at the La Tierra ECC, it did not take long for Connie, Alison, and Kristy to come to the consensus that they enjoy being a part of the team of professionals who contribute to the success of our early intervention programming and celebrating student accomplishments!



## Linda Vista *Magnet Elementary*

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**Suzy McMasters**  
*Principal*

### We're Magnificent

Linda Vista Magnet Elementary School celebrated many things this quarter. Chosen by her peers and celebrated by her scholars and parents, Mrs. Tricia Gray was selected as Teacher of the Year. She is an extraordinary kindergarten

teacher who encourages her scholars to NAVIGATE, STRIVE, EXCEL and WONDER in the IB PYP.

On March 5, all scholars and staff were organized into houses reflecting the areas we explore, land, the sea, the sky and space. Everyone received a house shirt and completed a STEM challenge in mixed grade level trios. It was amazing to watch the scholars excel together while creating projects.

Our 50th Anniversary celebration on March 7 was exceptional. The La Paz Leopard Jazz Band played, the LHHS Hawk Colorguard performed, and the 1st and 6th grade Explorers sang. We celebrated 50 years, our IB PYP program of inquiry and had a reunion of former staff, students and parents.



## Lomarena *Elementary*

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**Mona Montgomery**  
*Principal*

### **Busy March**

Lomarena has been a busy place. In March students performed, *The Jungle Book* for four amazing shows. It was exciting to watch our very talented students sing, dance and perform.

March is LomareREADa month. Our students stop, drop and read every day. On March 15th we had many district and community VIP's come read in our classrooms. It is exciting to make literacy our focus.

Lions love getting lost in books!!

Our own Preston Sais was recently recognized by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) with an "Every Student Succeeding Award". Preston, who lives with Morquio syndrome, is a hero to all at Lomarena Elementary School. Preston has had several surgeries and when he is able to come to school he is happy to be there. Preston shows grit and determination each and every day. He is a Lomarena Lion that shows everyone how to ROAR each day.



## Melinda Heights *Elementary*

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**Kathryn Martin**  
*Principal*

### **STEM is at the Root of Learning**

From hands on science to coding to robotics, Melinda Heights students are problem solvers, innovators, team members and risk takers in the STEM lab and in the classrooms.

The fully integrated program combines Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics with student-centered learning in our classrooms, our outdoor spaces and in the "Lil Scientist STEM Lab". Students are naturally curious, and Melinda Heights offers the opportunity to solve real-world problems, ask critical questions and collaborate with fellow students.

This year, Mountain Lions at every grade level have been engaged in problem based activities such as earthquake-proofing buildings, designing bridges, building towers, and creating wind turbines. Coding has been emphasized K-12 with Ozobots, Lego Robotics and even Code.org!

Laboratory science involving such processes as photosynthesis, physiology, and energy transfer is a key to supporting young scientists.



## Los Alisos *Intermediate*

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**Rich Freda**  
*Principal*

### **LOBOS Spotlight on Two-Way Immersion Teacher, Señora Castro!**

Los Alisos is very proud of our Two-Way, Spanish-English, Immersion program which serves approximately 20% of the student body. Students begin the program at Gates Elementary and matriculate to Laguna Hills High

School in pursuit of a dual diploma, the second issued from Spain! Señora Gabriela Castro is pictured here with Shannon Locks (right), Spanish Language Arts teacher in the Immersion program, and visiting teacher Sara Ruiz Ibañez, from Spain. Señora Castro started her career, in the Immersion program, 20 years ago! Additionally, she is the science department chairperson, preparing and translating science lessons into Spanish, as well as leading her Professional Learning

Community who teach science in English. Señora Castro also leads the transition to the Next Generation Science Standards, which entails revamping how science is taught. She rounds out her impressive resume by being the advisor to our California Junior Scholarship Federation program.



## Mission Viejo *High School*

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**Tricia Osborne**  
*Principal*

### **Outstanding Agriculture Program**

Mission Viejo High School has a dedicated Agriculture farm lab facility that is home to a unique and award winning Agriculture Education Program and Instructors.

The MVHS FFA was awarded the 2018 Outstanding Orange Section Program and Ms. Amanda Adams

received the 2018 Outstanding CATA Young Member Award. Congratulations to Ms. Cherie Shook who has been honored as a 2019 Top 5 Family Favorite Teacher from Parenting OC Magazine!

The MVHS Agriculture program continues to expand, with a new Greenhouse featuring industry standard equipment and technology that now makes it possible for students to gain specific career skills and industry training in the field of horticulture.

The UC-approved Agriscience curriculum, hands-on, real world experiences on the MVHS Ag Farm, and enriching extra-curricular experiences of the FFA student organization guarantee that students will gain the knowledge and skill sets needed to be competitive and successful in today's job market.



## Montevideo *Elementary*

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**Lisa Graham**  
*Principal*

### Placing the Special in Teaching!

Teacher of the Year, Karen Jones, is a passionate educator who believes in helping diverse learners grow through authentic, relevant, hands-on, and student-driven curricula.

Karen is a Special Academic Instructional (SAI) autism teacher. The key to her success is in her connection with students and their families. She infuses the hard work of learning with great joy for her students. As a professional, Karen truly embodies the growth mindset through taking risks and leading



learning. She is a member of our leadership team, shares her practice with colleagues, and collaborates with others to bring new programs (such as Unified Sports and Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) to fruition.

Every day Mrs. Jones transforms her classroom into a special place for each individual student who enters. The time, energy, and creativity that she puts into her lessons and plans supports all learners.

We are blessed, and excited to celebrate her greatness!

## Olivewood *Elementary*

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**Alex Perez**  
*Principal*

### Reading Intervention

An essential member of the Olivewood Elementary School learning community has been our Instructional Coach, Dawn Horne. Dawn has a strong understanding of curriculum and innovative practices. She effectively models and explains how to analyze school data. The Professional Learning Community discussions she leads are both constructive positive.

The information she provides to the teachers has been essential in developing a purpose for the next steps



toward reaching Olivewood's instructional goals. Dawn frequently engages in coaching cycles with the teachers, focusing on academic instruction, lesson delivery and goal setting.

Through her support, she has helped our teachers gain a strong understanding of number talks and has taken deep-dives into reading intervention.

## Portola Hills *Elementary*

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**Dr. Joseph Ledoux**  
*Principal*

### Elementary Teacher of the Year

If you want to see an exemplary teacher, you need search no further than our second grade teacher, Shannon Shanton.

Mrs. Shanton was recently named the 2019 PHE Teacher of the Year by her colleagues. She has taught in SVUSD for over 24 years, 21 of them right here at PHE. She is also a product of our school district. In fact, she met her husband when they were both Juniors attending Mission Viejo High School.



Mrs. Shanton stayed local for college attending Cal State Fullerton before earning her teaching credential at Concordia University. When Mrs. Shanton isn't at school she enjoys hiking, traveling, or watching Kings games with her husband, son, and daughter.

Mrs. Shanton is a great example of a top-notch instructor and we are very fortunate to call her an Explorer.

## Rancho Canada *Elementary*

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### Family STEAM Night

Last month, Rancho Canada's PTA hosted its annual Family STEAM Night. STEAM education is one of the more engaging and innovative curricular areas focused on at the school.

**Dr. Larry Hausner**  
*Principal*

Family STEAM Night, one of the PTA's most popular events, allows Rancho students and families to

have the opportunity to come together and spend the evening participating in hands-on STEAM activities. Classrooms served as "labs" where activities such as rocket building and launching, robots, magnetics, electricity, and physics took place.

In addition, there was a planetarium in the MPR and a telescope on the playground for planet and star gazing. Families were also treated to a DNA extraction lesson by Bio-Rad and coding by Code Gauchos.

As always, the Rancho Canada PTA put on an event that the whole school community could not only participate in, but learn from as well



## Rancho Santa Margarita *Intermediate*

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### A Cause to Rally Behind

Each year, students and staff go beyond the curriculum to outreach for various causes. Last fall, we partnered with the American Red Cross and hosted a successful blood drive. Near Thanksgiving, we collected food to support the RSM Cares Food Pantry.

Recently, we completed our Pennies for Patients drive, collecting money in support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This schoolwide effort was spearheaded by our Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL) students and their advisor, Mrs. Garner, as well as Mr. Schulman, an RSM teacher whose life was affected by Leukemia seventeen years ago.

Many students donated their allowance, birthday money, or completed extra chores at home to help raise money. Additionally, some staff allowed students to "pie" them if the student donated to the cause. It was a sight to see!

At RSM, we are not just about teaching standards; we are about building character.



## Robinson *Elementary*

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**Jonathan Kaplan**  
*Principal*

### Technology in Every Subject

SV Innovates brought two newly designed classrooms to elementary schools this year. These rooms included a 72-inch television monitor, a voice sound system and flexible seating.

At Robinson, Mrs. Stowers' third graders are now able to integrate technology into every subject. In Mrs. Curtis' sixth grade classroom, the desks not only roll about for easy use, changing the design of the room, but the tops are whiteboards students can write on, draw, and even use to create paths for Ozobots!

In discovering how these mini robots can be programmed using colored lines, students were instructed to design routes and challenge the Ozobots to run through particular paths. Depending on the color of the trail, the mini robot will speed up, slow down, spin, change direction and change their lights matching that of their given path.

Next challenge, Block Coding using Flash on their Chromebooks! Stay tuned for more innovation!



## San Joaquin *Elementary*

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**Jim Lee**  
*Principal*

### Welcome New Principal!

We are very excited to welcome Mr. David Shun as the new Principal! He joins the staff with rave reviews and a wealth of new, creative and cutting-edge practices that he is eager to share! He is looking forward to meeting the whole Cheetah family. Be

sure to introduce yourself and welcome him aboard.

Around campus, San Joaquin hosted its first career day last month. The speakers were well-received and fielded a wide variety of questions from a diverse collection of specialists and professionals.

In between threatening skies and little rain puddles, the popular monthly PAWS Picnic lunches were able

to be held on the green out front. Families continue to enjoy eating lunch together and meeting with community friends.

Student-led parent conferences were a great success and provided a great opportunity to celebrate student's academic growth and further strengthen relationships with parents and families.



## Santiago *STEAM Magnet*

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**Howard Johnston**  
*Principal*

### Second Ignite Night

Santiago STEAM Magnet had its second Ignite Night at the end of February.

Students in Kindergarten through sixth grade presented work from their current STEAM Project Based Learning Unit, answered questions from their audience and accepted critical feedback from participants in the form of a Presentation Rubric.

Santiago is working with community members on designing and painting a STEAM Mural. Santiago PTA is also contributing to the beautification of Santiago with a STEAM Tile Mural to celebrate the opening year of their STEAM Magnet school.

On the instructional side, teachers, with their instructional coach, continue to develop new STEAM PBL Units. 6th Grade kicked off Santiago's College Road Trip by attending Chapman University. All other grades are looking forward to their leg of the trip!



**Aaliyah and other 5th Graders at Crystal Cove researching for their current STEAM project.**

## Serrano *Intermediate*

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**David Young**  
*Principal*

### Music Man

After graduating from Cal State Long Beach with a degree in Marketing and Public Relations, Serrano's band teacher, Bryan Ngo, began his career as an engineer. However, he says, "My heart always brought me back to music."

It is this heart that Mr. Ngo shares with his students each and every day. Bryan Ngo teaches 5 different music classes at Serrano including beginning/intermediate/advanced band, orchestra, string orchestra and chorus. His students thrive in the "home away from home" family environment in his classroom. It's also a place for focused learning and high expectations.

Under his direction, Serrano bands took home multiple awards last year at the prestigious Heritage Festival including the Sweepstakes trophy for top instrumental program. They beat out more than 20 schools—including high schools—for this honor.



Mr. Ngo and the Serrano band look to go back to back as they defend their title this Spring.

## Silverado/Mira Monte *Continuation High School*

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**David Gordon**  
*Principal*

### Many Happenings

Silverado High School and the Saddleback Education Center have been very busy. Second semester Credit Recovery Night School classes and Adult Education Classes have begun and all classes are running at full enrollment.

We has nine students who will be graduating early, on March 8th. We are all very proud of their accomplishments!

Our annual Penny Wars and Pies for Patients raised \$2,000 to fight childhood Leukemia, which topped last year's total of \$1,751. Dr. Schult's class raised the highest amount of money and won all the weekly prizes. Students

threw pies at staff members to raise the classroom totals.

March 6th saw the second Blood Drive this year. Once again, there were more students willing to donate blood than there are slots available.

Saturday Academy Classes have been a big success. Students are able to clear demerits and have the chance to earn graduation credit.

Third trimester will see the start of the very popular Culinary Arts course. This course is a Saddleback College course taught during the Silverado bell schedule and gives students the opportunity for dual enrollment.

The Teacher of The Year is Ms. DeeAnn Crouch! Mrs. Crouch has been a wonderful addition to our staff. We are very happy to have her on our staff.

## SVUSD *Virtual Academy K-12*

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**Glenn Giokaris**  
*Principal*

### Finding Time to Play the Violin

Sophomore Matthew Rodriguez, is a scholar-athlete of many talents.

Enrolled as a fulltime student at the SVUSD Virtual Academy (SVA), Matthew has taken full advantage of the flexibility afforded to him.

In addition to his classes at the SVA, Matthew is also enrolled in an Advanced Placement course at Mission

Viejo High School, a course at Saddleback College, his second this year, and was selected 1st Team All-League as a member of the MVHS water polo team.

Matthew enrolled in the SVA to reduce the exhaustion that many high-performing students experience. As a student at the SVA, Matthew is able to live a more balanced life while still performing at a high academic and athletic level. He has even found time to play the violin again!



Matthew attributes the balance and his success to the flexible school schedule and his incredibly supportive teachers who provide personalized academic assistance.

## School News



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This chicken is somewhere in this issue. When you find it, email the page number to [kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com](mailto:kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com) by May 5, 2019. From the entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift card to Barnes & Noble. We thank Barkate Orthodontics for sponsoring our games.

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**Congratulations to Angel Sanchez – winner of our February contest!**



## Trabuco Elementary

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**Lisa Paisley**  
Principal

### Positive Reading Experiences

While Trabuco Elementary continues its focus on mathematical practices for teachers and students, amazing things occur in the humanities every day as well. Each classroom is able to support student collaboration and meaningful academic discourse through careful lesson planning and flexible seating.

Pictured here are Mrs. Betts's 4th graders engaging in close reading and analysis. The comfortable arrangement of bodies and minds allows for equitable learning to occur. Each student has a voice that is not only welcomed, but required in the classroom community. The teacher is able to facilitate conversation, and students are able to really enjoy reading.

We believe that reading should be a positive experience that allows each child to fully access this world as well as many more imaginary ones. This type of reading requires



personal interaction with text and a teacher that has high expectations of each and every student.

Go Coyotes!

## Trabuco Hills High School

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**Craig Collins**  
Principal

### United Sound Program

This semester Trabuco Hills High School started a United Sound Program. Music Director, Andy Julian's musicians have teamed up with Unified Sports and Special Education teacher, Kara Johnson's students for an after school club.

There are 11 special education students (new musicians) and 33 general education

students in the program. The new musicians are learning how to play an instrument of their choice and will play with the current band students at the Spring Concert on May 22nd. Each club session is student led by the 2 United Sound presidents. This program is very inspiring, and a great addition to the already active Unified organizations on the Trabuco Hills campus: P.E., Basketball, track, drama, and the extremely popular, Best Buddies Club.

THHS is proud to be a Unified School!



## Trabuco Mesa *Elementary*

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**Caryn McGrew**  
*Principal*

### SVUSD Teacher of the Year

Trabuco Mesa is proud of our teacher of the year, Mandy Kelly! She is one of three SVUSD nominees moving forward to the Orange County Teacher of the Year.

Mandy is an innovative and engaging 6th grade GATE teacher and an active member of our school leadership. Mandy was the driving force behind our new Innovation Lab. She enjoys creating intentional lessons that challenge her students to solve real-world

problems and engage them in virtual learning environments.

Mrs. Kelly inspires our entire community through the SAKtivist program (Student Acts of Kindness), which has positively impacted our school culture. Mandy sends kindness challenges and shout-out videos each week to countless classrooms across 25 states and in several countries. Her students enjoy keeping track of the new SAKtivist members each week.

Mandy is a committed educator with a true passion for teaching and learning! She exemplifies Bulldog Pride! Congratulations Mrs. Kelly!



## Valencia *Elementary*

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**Wendie Hauschild**  
*Principal*

### Differentiation and Inclusion

Differentiation and inclusion are integral to student success at Valencia. As part of Valencia's MTSS program (Multi-Tiered System of Support), our innovative and caring Kindergarten Team developed a daily STEAM rotation program.

All Kindergarten students from our General Education and Specialized Academic Instruction (SAI) classes join together to form five heterogeneous groups. The groups rotate through science, technology, engineering, art, and math activities that are generally centered on a particular theme.

Additionally, these groups engage in 30 minutes of intervention and differentiation groupings, Designated English Language Development Instruction, Second Step (Social Emotional Learning), and Shared Reading. Kindergarten teacher, Cheryl Rys, shared, "It works

because we are a TEAM. We all care about the progress and well-being of our Kindergarteners and want to give them the best first school experience possible."

At Valencia, our students to come to school confident that the adults here know them and care about them. This rotation practice allows our Kindergarten teachers and Instructional Aide staff to form relationships and interact with each of our Kindergarten students, as well as to support individual learning with a team approach.

Students also form bonds and friendships with the whole Kindergarten student body, not just their own class. This provides for a better recess experience, widens acceptance of different learning styles and personalities, and builds empathy.

Kindergarten SAI+ teacher, Stephanie Evans remarked, "Our Kindergarten STEAM rotations and intervention promote a strong connection to Valencia and build a great foundation for these young minds moving forward."



## Isabella's Book Review



### Amazing Message

*A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens is an amazing book with a very complex person as its main character. Scrooge begins the book as a very mean cold hearted man. As the book goes on, Scrooge repents and tries to change.

**Isabella A.** The reason for this starts when his dead business partner, known as Marley, pays him a visit. During this visit, Marley prophesizes that 3 spirits will come.

The first spirit still comes that night. The Ghost of Christmas past shows Scrooge how happy he once was. It also shows him how he changed into the greedy person he is. Scrooge is sorry for what he has done and takes the first step to change. The next night, the Ghost of Christmas present shows Scrooge how poor his clerk is and how much he is suffering. Scrooge sees that his clerk's son is very sick and that the family does not have the money for treatment. The next night, Scrooge sees what will happen if he continues the way he is going.

I would rate this book a 5 out of 5 because it is very emotionally enticing and it has an amazing message.

Isabella is a 7th grader and just published her first short story in a school anthology of young authors after winning first prize with her work. She rates books on a 5 star scale.

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## Katie's Review



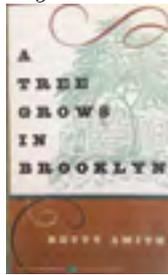
**Katie C.**

### Growing Up

Title: *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*

Author: Betty Smith

Francie Nolan goes through a lot: the struggles of being poor, having a drunk father, and growing up. This book goes through Francie's life, from the moment she



was born to when she is an adult who wants to go to college but also needs to get a job for money. It's hard to support her mom and family once her father dies, and she feels more obligated to get a job. She struggles with growing up but stays with her belief that education is important. It's hard for her to feel loved and she wonders if she will ever be loved by anyone. Eventually she realizes that her experiences have made her into the person she is now, and she should do what she feels is best for her.

I give this book 4 out of 5 stars for truly going through a girl's journey in life.

Katie is a ninth grader. Her passion is writing and she likes finding new ways to structure poetry. She is working on creating a story line with a series of poems. In her spare time, she enjoys soccer, song writing and reading books.



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## Jenna's Review



**Jenna C.**

### A Long Long Time Ago...

Title: *Little House in the Big Woods*

Author: Laura Ingalls Wilder

Have you ever wanted to know how people in the past lived? In this book, the main character is



Laura and it is about her family living in the big woods. Laura is adventurous, pleasant and bright. Her sister, Mary is polite and always tries to do what ladies were supposed to do back then. Her dad is funny and always takes care of his family. Her mom is kind and likes being neat. My favorite part of the story was when Laura's cousin Charley was fooling around and then he accidentally stepped on a yellow jackets' nest and he got stung almost everywhere. It teaches a lesson that once you fool around and a bad thing happens, people you fooled will not trust you. Each chapter has a different story and it made me continue to read. I recommend this book to whom that likes detailed description.

Jenna is a third grader. She likes art and soccer. She likes imaginary stories and someday she wants to be a book illustrator.

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# Richard's Book Review



## Sibling Rivalry

*The Lemonade War*

By Jacqueline Davis

The is a book about the difficulties of a brother/sister relationship. The older brother Evan and his younger sister Jessie are complete opposites of each other. The brother is people-smart and the sister is math-smart. They start a competition on who could make the most money selling lemonade after Evan gets mad that Jessie is going to skip a grade and be in the same class with him. He feels that not only his kid sister is too smart for her age, but being in the same class with him she will embarrass him in front of his friends. The battle is on! However, after all this they both end up learning a good lesson about the undeniable value of teamwork. I like this book because it kind of relates to me and my sister. We often disagree with each other, but we always work better together. I give this book 4 out 5 stars.

Richard J. is a 4th grader. Richard likes math, playing sports, physical activities like bike-riding, swimming, diving and running. He is a hard-working student who enjoys reading, seeing and leaning new things and spending time with his family and friends.



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