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Welcome Back

I am so pleased to welcome you back to another school year. I look forward to this being an exciting and successful year! There continue to be challenges ahead of us with the fiscal situation in California and the country; however, I know that we will continue to meet any challenges that we face and provide our children with an outstanding education.

During the summer a very diverse group of stakeholders met for three days to develop a five year strategic plan for the Hawthorne School District. The group made up of Board Members, administrators, certificated staff, classified staff, community partners, and parents were led through a process which produced a document that will guide our district for the next five years. It was a wonderful experience and the final product is one that will serve the Hawthorne School District well. I would like to share pieces of the plan with you now and assure you that it will be well published throughout the Hawthorne community.

Mission Statement: To maximize each student's potential to achieve educational excellence.

Vision Statement: A diverse community of lifelong learners who excel and positively contribute to an advancing global society.

Core Values—We believe:

- Students are the focus of all decisions.
- All students, parents, staff and community members are empowered, supported and held accountable for their role in the educational process.
- A personal commitment to excellence is expected of all students, parents, staff and community members.
- A safe, innovative and supportive learning environment is maintained where resources are allocated to support student learning, technology and collaboration.
- Local businesses, private and public agencies and the entire community are integral partners in the educational process.
- All individuals are valued and treated with dignity, courtesy and respect.

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Dr. Helen E. Morgan
Superintendent

Bienvenidos de Nuevo

Me complace darles la bienvenida a otro año escolar. ¡Tengo muchos deseos que este año sea emocionante y exitoso! La situación económica de California y el país sigue siendo un reto al que nos tenemos que seguir enfrentando; pero a pesar de todo sé que lograremos vencer cualquier reto que se nos presente para seguir proveyendo una educación óptima a nuestros niños.

Durante el verano un grupo muy diverso de personas con intereses afines al distrito se reunieron por tres días para desarrollar un plan estratégico de cinco años para el Distrito Escolar de Hawthorne. Este grupo compuesto por miembros de la Mesa Directiva, administradores, personal docente, otro personal, miembros de la comunidad, y padres de familia encabezaron de principio a fin el proceso para crear este documento que servirá como guía a nuestro distrito en los próximos cinco años. Fue una experiencia extraordinaria y el producto final servirá apropiadamente al Distrito Escolar de Hawthorne. Quiero compartir con ustedes algunos de los componentes de este plan y al mismo tiempo asegurarles que el mismo será publicado en toda la comunidad de Hawthorne.

Misión: Incrementar al máximo el potencial de cada estudiante y lograr una excelencia educativa.

Visión: Una comunidad diversa con individuos que practican el aprendizaje continuo y contribuyen al desarrollo de una sociedad global.

Valores—Creemos que:

- Los estudiantes son el enfoque de todas nuestras decisiones.
- Estudiantes, padres, personal y miembros de la comunidad cuentan con el poder, apoyo y responsabilidad del papel que juegan en el proceso educativo.
- Estudiantes, padres y miembros de la comunidad demostrarán individualmente dedicación a una excelencia educativa.
- Se mantiene un ambiente educativo seguro e innovador en donde se asignan recursos de tecnología y colaboración para apoyar el aprendizaje del estudiante.
- Negocios locales, agencias privadas y públicas y la comunidad entera son parte integral del proceso educativo.
- Todos los individuos son valorados y tratados con dignidad, cortesía y respeto.

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The end of summer has arrived and you can hear the cracking of books as the students prepare for another successful year. This is one of our most popular issues when we highlight the principals. It is motivating to read where they each earned their degrees, about their families, pets and outside interests. Students particularly are always amazed that principals and teachers actually eat, sleep and study just like they do. I'd like to thank the principals personally for their dedication to our youth and commitment to education.

Enjoy and thank you for reading *School News*. Our next issue is November.

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Bud Carson *Middle School*

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Patricia Jordan
Principal

Patricia Jordan graduated from San Diego State University in 1988. After receiving her teaching credential from SDSU, she was hired as a 6th grade teacher at Yukon Middle School in 1989. Mrs. Jordan went on to teach grades 6-8 at Yukon. She earned a Master's degree from CSU Dominguez Hills and was promoted to the position of Assistant Principal at Yukon in 1998. In 1999, Mrs. Jordan was promoted to the position of principal at Washington School. In 2001, Mrs. Jordan returned to the school where she first taught and was named principal of Bud Carson Middle School (formerly Yukon.)

During her tenure as principal of BCMS, Mrs. Jordan has experienced much success including an impressive overall API growth of 220 points. Under Mrs. Jordan's leadership, BCMS has been recognized for best practices used to improve student achievement and close the achievement gap. In 2007 BCMS received a visit from California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell to see firsthand the effective programs at BCMS. In 2008, Mrs. Jordan was a featured presenter at the California Department of Education "On the Right Track" symposium and she was the recipient of the prestigious Roger G. Bly Leadership Award.

On a personal note, Patricia (Trish) Jordan played softball for the USA and won a World Championship in 1986. She is a UCLA All-American and National Champion and is in the SDSU Aztec Hall of Fame. Mrs. Jordan is married and has two sons ages 15 and 20. She enjoys tennis, gardening, and visiting Museums.

Eucalyptus *Elementary*

12044 S. Eucalyptus Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250 • 310/675-3369



Gretchen Janson
Principal

Mrs. Gretchen Janson has been a dedicated member of the Hawthorne School District team since 1996. Mrs. Janson is enthusiastically entering her second year as principal at Eucalyptus School and she is anticipating another exceptional academic year.

Prior to becoming the principal at Eucalyptus, Mrs. Janson spent her educational career at Zela Davis School where she served as a classroom teacher, a literacy coach, and as the assistant principal. During that time, Mrs. Janson was fortunate enough to be selected by the Sacramento County Office of Education as a certified teacher trainer to support the effective implementation of both English Language Arts and English Language Development curricula. In this position, Mrs. Janson worked throughout the state during her summer vacations and had the pleasure of training a variety of educators who taught a diverse group of learners.

Mrs. Janson received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Arizona and her Master of Science in Educational Leadership from Pepperdine University. In addition to holding high achievement standards for the students and staff at Eucalyptus, Mrs. Janson works to set herself as a model for continuous learning and improvement. She has recently been accepted into the Doctor of Education program at the University of Southern California where she will begin coursework this fall. Mrs. Janson values the importance of staying informed regarding the most recent academic research in instruction and is looking forward to gaining new insights into the development of a strong academic foundation that will ensure future success for all students.

Mrs. Janson is a proud native of the South Bay where she currently resides with her husband and three children.

Hawthorne *Math & Science Academy*

4467 W. Broadway, CA 90250 • 310/973-8620



Esau Berumen
Principal

Principal Esau Berumen has been member of the Hawthorne School District family since 1997. He began his career as a long term substitute teacher at York Elementary School. After one month as a substitute teacher, he became the 7th Grade Life Science teacher at Hawthorne Intermediate School, which is now known as Hawthorne Middle School.

In 2003, Mr. Berumen applied for and became the Biology teacher at the soon to be open Hawthorne Math & Science Academy, HMSA. He is one of the six HMSA founding teachers.

As the school grew, he became the Science Department Chair and the school's College Prep Advisor. Mr. Berumen also played a critical role in the process and approval of HMSA's courses by the University of California's Office of the President. During his last year of teaching Biology at HMSA, he received HMSA's Teacher of the Year award. In 2007, Mr. Berumen became the assistant principal of HMSA.

Mr. Berumen earned his bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Occidental College, his first master's degree in Cross Cultural Education and teaching credential from National University, and his second master's degree in Educational Leadership and administrative credential from California State University Northridge. He has been married for 9 years and is father to three children. His oldest will be attending kindergarten in the Hawthorne School District this year. In his free time, he enjoys being with his family, reading books, and picking up an occasional game of rugby.

Hawthorne *Middle School*

4366 W. 129th St., Hawthorne, CA 90250 • 310/676-0167



James Eder
Principal

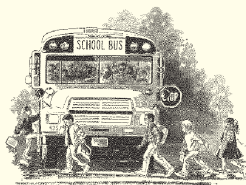
This is my first year with the Hawthorne School District and I am happy and eager to be here. I became the principal at Hawthorne Middle School in July of this year. Over the summer the team at HMS has worked on projects for the New Business Academy, created this year's master schedule and attended an AVID Conference in San Diego. Everyone has been extremely supportive and I look forward to a great year for students, staff and families at HMS.

Although this is my first year as principal at Hawthorne Middle School, I am not new to the area. For the last seven years, I have worked at the Centinela Valley High School District at Hawthorne and as an Associate Principal at Hawthorne and Leuzinger High Schools and later as Principal of Lloyde and the Centinela Valley Independent Study School. Prior to becoming an administrator, I taught high school English.

After completing high school, I joined the United States Marine Corps. When I completed enlistment, I was able to attend college with the use of Veteran's Grants and the GI Bill. The Marine Corps provided me with the financial assistance needed for school because my family just could not afford college. I graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 1997 with a BA in English and California State Los Angeles with an MA in Educational Administration in 2003. I would like to return to California State Los Angeles to pursue a doctorate in education. I have two children, Samantha, who is 11 and Andrew, who is 9. I also have a pug, aptly named Pugsley.

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Jefferson *Elementary*

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Wendy Ostensen
Principal

Wendy Ostensen is excited to begin her first year as the principal of Jefferson Elementary School. She has been in the field of education for 20 years. During this time she has been a site administrator, classroom teacher, and teacher on special assignment (activity director). She is proud to have worked in the Hawthorne School District for her entire career, and in 2007 she received the Rodger G. Blye Leadership Award for outstanding service. Ms. Ostensen earned her bachelor's degree from California State University, Long Beach and her master's degree and administrative credential from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Ms. Ostensen grew up in southern California and resides in Hawthorne (The City of Good Neighbors) with her two sons, Tanner and Dane. She believes every student should be able to have rewarding and memorable experiences in school that lead to a lifelong love of learning. Ms. Ostensen is looking forward to working with Jefferson's dedicated students, parents, and staff in order to improve student achievement and provide support, programs, and enrichment for all!

Prairie Vista *Middle School*

13600 Prairie Ave., Hawthorne, Ca 90250 • 310/679-1003



Christine Fagnano
Principal

As the 2011-2012 school year Kicks off, the teachers and staff members of Prairie Vista Middle School have renewed their commitment to work diligently to provide all students with a challenging and relevant educational program. By adding AVID and the new Fine Arts classes to our existing course offerings, PVMS will engage students to develop both intellectually and creatively.

The 2011-2012 school year marks my seventh year as the principal of Prairie Vista Middle School and my thirty first year in the Hawthorne School District. I spent the first fourteen years in the Hawthorne School District as a 7th and 8th grade middle school teacher at Hawthorne Middle School. The next ten years were spent at Hawthorne Middle School as the Principal of HMS.

It is my honor to serve as the "head learner" at Prairie Vista Middle School. On an everyday basis, I learn from our students and staff. I continue to be impressed and amazed at our students' ability to reach for an ever higher bar set by the creative and innovative approach of our talented staff.

Kornblum *Elementary*

3620 W.El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, CA 90250 • 310/970-4294



Jennifer Beekman
Principal

I am honored to be employed by the Hawthorne School District for the past twenty seven years as a teacher and administrator in both the middle and elementary schools.

This is my seventeenth year as an administrator for HSD. I am a native Californian, and grew up in the Central Valley. I obtained a Bachelors Degree at California State University of Fresno. Upon getting married, my husband I moved to Southern California. After having two children, I continued my education obtaining a Masters Degree in Education Administration from California State University of Dominquez Hills. Currently, both of my children are

now full time college students. I am dedicated to making certain that our students are provided a challenging curriculum which promotes literacy and fosters self-esteem while also being in a clean and safe environment. I am looking forward to another exciting school year with the Kornblum Cardinal family!

Prairie Vista *South Campus*

13928 Kornblum Ave., Hawthorne, Ca 90250 • 310/970-7550



David Mallchok
Site Administrator
Assistant Principal

David Charles Mallchok has been the Assistant Principal, Permit Coordinator, Non-Permanent / Homeless / Transitional Housing Family and Foster Care Liaison at Prairie Vista South School for three years. Prior to that, he was a Site Administrator for a variety of Hawthorne Schools including Prairie Vista Middle School, Bud Carson Middle School and Eucalyptus Elementary School. Preceding his tenure with the Hawthorne School District which began in August 1999, he served as an Assistant Principal, Magnet School Coordinator and Classroom Teacher (K through 12) with the Los Angeles Unified School District on elementary, middle and high school campuses in South Central Los Angeles.

David attended Cleveland State University and earned degrees from The University of South Carolina and United States International University. He inspires excellence in staff, students and parents and upholds a safe and sound school campus that promotes values such as responsibility, accountability, co-operation, social skills, acceptance of others, equal opportunity and pride in self, family, school and community.

David provides concrete, thoughtful and timely response to parents' concerns and questions. He deals with issues in a strong and decisive manner and is able to channel the diversity of teachers' talents and assists them in maximizing teacher and student potentials alike.

David believes ardently in public education and is faithful to doing all in his ability to provide an exceptional, standards-based highly structured learning environment for all children. He has a grand passion of the arts and believes they play a crucial role for our students.

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Ramona *Elementary*

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Michael Collins
Principal

Michael Collins will begin his sixth year as the principal at Ramona Elementary School. In his 21 years of service in the field of education, Mr. Collins has served as a classroom teacher, a special projects teacher and a site administrator. Mr. Collins earned his bachelor's degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara and holds a masters degree and administrative credential from Cal-State University at Dominguez Hills. Michael has served his entire career in the Hawthorne School District.

Mr. Collins is passionate about learning for all students and staff, viewing the learning process as a lifelong experience. He is excited to begin another great year at Ramona where he will continue to work with all stakeholders to improve student achievement and create a positive and safe school climate. Mr. Collins credits his career success to his wife Samantha and his three children, Brittany, Tevin, and Andrew.

Washington *Elementary*

4339 W. 129th St., Hawthorne, CA 90250 • 310/676-3422



John Rounds
Principal

John Rounds was appointed principal of Washington School in June 2011. Mr. Rounds is starting his 20th year in the Hawthorne School District. He taught Special Education at York School and Hawthorne Middle School, 8th grade Science at HMS and was the Assistant Principal at Ramona School and all three middle schools. Mr. Rounds earned a bachelor's degree in Sports Leadership from Oregon State University, master's degree in Elementary Curriculum and Instruction from University of Colorado at Denver and Administration Credential from La Verne University.

Mr. Rounds has been married for 18 years and has three boys, one in elementary school, middle school and high school. He enjoys coaching soccer and baseball. When he has free time Mr. Rounds walks his dog Belah, rides his bike or relaxes at the beach with his family. Mr. Rounds is looking forward to meeting all the Washington School Wildcat students, parents and staff.

York *Elementary*

11838 S. York Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250 • 310/675-1189



Mike Goldstein
Principal

Mike Goldstein grew up in Santa Cruz California and attended college at the University of Redlands, where he played football and earned a BA in History. After graduating in 1997, he received his teaching credential and MA in Cross Cultural Teaching from National University.

In 1998 Mr. Goldstein was hired by the Hawthorne School District, where he taught 8th Language Arts/Social Studies and was a Special Projects teacher at Hawthorne Middle School for 9 years. During that time he enrolled in the Educational Administrative program at California State University Northridge, graduating with an MA in Educational Administration in 2006.

Mr. Goldstein served as Assistant Principal at HMS (2006-2008) and Eucalyptus (2009) before being promoted to York Elementary School as the Principal in 2009-2010.

Mr. Goldstein lives in Redondo Beach with his wife Cynthia and two daughters Cyndi (age 6) and Amanda (age 5). When he's not at work, Mr. Goldstein enjoys traveling with his family, to Cynthia's native country of Panama. He is also proud to announce that his mother, Susan, will begin her 42nd year as an elementary school teacher, in September.

Zela Davis *Elementary*

13435 S. Yukon Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250 • 310/679-1771



Kathy Carbajal
Principal

Kathy Carbajal will begin her second year as principal at Zela Davis Elementary School. She has been in education for the past 16 years. During this time she has been an administrator, bilingual coordinator, and classroom teacher. Ms. Carbajal has worked in the Hawthorne School District for her entire career and in 2005 was awarded the Rodger G. Bly Leadership Award by the Board of Trustees for her outstanding service and professional leadership. She earned her bachelor's degree, master's degree, and administrative credential from California State University, Dominguez Hills. Prior to attending CSUDH she spent two years in Mexico and attended the University of Autonoma de Guadalajara where she further enhanced her Spanish proficiency skills.

Ms. Carbajal grew up in Carson, California and now resides in the city of Torrance. She is extremely proud of her two daughters, Danielle and Elizabeth. Danielle is beginning her college career at Northern Arizona University and Elizabeth will continue to play on the varsity softball high school team and graduate in the spring. Ms. Carbajal holds high expectations for all students and passionately believes all children should have equal access to a great education!

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The strategic plan includes goals on which we will focus over the coming years. These goals include:

- Student Achievement – All students will meet or exceed grade level standards.
- Educational Environment – Provide a safe and healthy learning and working environment to maximize student learning.
- Fiscal Responsibility – Prioritize the District and site budgets to meet the needs of students while maintaining fiscal solvency.
- District Culture – Students, families, staff and community will continue to maintain the Hawthorne Way – mutual respect, trust, integrity and sense of belonging.
- Parent and Family Involvement – All schools will create an atmosphere where families are supported, valued, engaged and respected.
- Community Outreach – The Hawthorne School District community will continue to strengthen existing partnerships while establishing new relationships.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the strategic planning process and look forward to using this document to guide our work over the next five years.

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Dr. Helen E. Morgan
Superintendent

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El plan estratégico incluye objetivos en los que nos enfocaremos en los siguientes años. Estos objetivos incluyen:

- Logros del Estudiante – Todos los estudiantes cumplirán o excederán las normas de nivel de grado.
- Ambiente Educativo – Proveer un ambiente de trabajo seguro y saludable para maximizar el aprendizaje del estudiante.
- Responsabilidad Fiscal – Priorizar los presupuestos del Distrito y de las escuelas para cumplir con las necesidades de los estudiantes asegurando solvencia económica.
- Cultura del Distrito – Estudiantes, familias, personal y comunidad continuaran manteniendo el "Hawthorne Way" (a la manera de Hawthorne) – el respeto mutuo, confianza, integridad y sentido de pertenencia.
- Participación de Padres y Familias – Todas las escuelas crearán un ambiente para que las familias tengan apoyo, valor, responsabilidad y respeto.
- Lazos Comunitarios – La comunidad del Distrito Escolar de Hawthorne continuará fortaleciendo los lazos existentes, mientras continúa estableciendo nuevas relaciones de asociación familiar.

Me gustaría darles las gracias a todos los que participaron en el proceso de planeamiento estratégico y con anticipación espero usar este documento como guía a nuestro trabajo en los próximos cinco años.



School Nutrition Programs

Hawthorne School District is announcing its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

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4	29,055	2,422	1,211	1,118	559	41,348	3,446	1,723	1,591	796
5	34,021	2,836	1,418	1,309	655	48,415	4,035	2,018	1,863	932
6	38,987	3,249	1,625	1,500	750	55,482	4,624	2,312	2,134	1,067
7	43,953	3,663	1,832	1,691	846	62,549	5,213	2,607	2,406	1,203
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For each additional family member, add:										
	\$ 4,966	\$ 414	\$ 207	\$ 191	\$ 96	\$ 7,067	\$ 589	\$ 295	\$ 272	\$ 136

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FOOD SERVICES

Hawthorne
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Keep the Lunch Lines Moving.... Pay In Advance and Save!!

Precios del Almuerzo:

Primaria:

\$2.25 por almuerzo

Secundaria y Preparatoria:

\$2.75 por almuerzo



¡Pague por Adelantado y Ahorre!

	Primaria	Secundaria y Preparatoria
Plan - 10 días	\$ 20.00	\$ 22.50
Plan - 20 días	\$ 38.00	\$ 43.00
Medio Año Escolar	\$153.00	\$180.00
*Año Completo	\$270.00	\$315.00

* Pague en la Oficina del Distrito o cuando comiencen las clases, en la cafetería. Cheques preferidos.

Estudiantes que pagan solamente pueden deber hasta tres días de comida.

Si debe dinero el balance será transferido de año a año.

Si la aplicación de su hijo/a se vence él o ella tendrá que pagar por su comida.

Lunch Prices:

Elementary: **\$2.25 per lunch**

Middle and High School: **\$2.75 per lunch**

Pay Ahead and Save!



	Elementary	Middle and High
10-day Plan	\$ 20.00	\$ 22.50
20-day Plan	\$ 38.00	\$ 43.00
Half Year	\$153.00	\$180.00
*Full Year	\$270.00	\$315.00

*Pay at the District Office or when school starts, see your Cafeteria Manager. Checks preferred. Credit cards are not accepted.

Paid students are allowed to charge up to three meals only. Money owed (negative balances) will carry over from year to year.

If your child's application expires, she or he will be paid status.



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