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Dr. Tom Johnstone

Full Speed Ahead!

The theme for this issue of *School News* is "Full Speed Ahead!" As we close out the 2014-15 school year, the Wiseburn Unified School District is full speed ahead on many exciting fronts!

With the conclusion of the Measure CL litigation in April, Wiseburn is finally in a position to fully implement the projects that were described in the ballot language for Measure CL. The most important of these projects was the implementation of the District's Technology Plan. Over the next two years, Wiseburn will invest over \$750,000 in technology infrastructure and 1 to 1 student devices (Chromebooks), for all

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Spring Sports Going Strong



The Wiseburn-Da Vinci Wolves junior varsity Boys Volleyball Team celebrates after winning the Silver Bracket in the San Pedro Tournament in April.

By Dr. Chris Jones,
Deputy Superintendent

The spring season for CIF has gone well for Wiseburn-Da Vinci Athletics. In Boys and Girls Track and Field, the Wolves trained and competed in several large meets, including the Palos Verdes Invitational, the Redondo/Nike Invitational, St. Paul's Invitational and the South Bay Championship held at West Torrance High School. Highlights included team members earning three bronze medals for 3rd place and one silver medal for 2nd place during the competitions. The team is coached by Roland Hendrix, a teacher at Da Vinci Design. Coach Hendrix is also the coach for the Cross Country Team which competes in the Fall season.

In Boys Volleyball, the Wolves developed their skills throughout the

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New Board of Trustees Member

By Dr. Tom Johnstone,
Superintendent

After serving on the Wiseburn School District Board of Trustees for 21 years and on the Wiseburn Unified School District Board of Trustees for 18 months, Dennis Curtis resigned his position effective April 30, 2015 so he could spend more time with family both locally and in Kentucky. Dennis was the fourth longest serving board member in Wiseburn's 119-year history behind only Walt Guerrero (31 years), Ron Nathanson (29 years), and Adolf Leuzinger (27 years). Dennis provided stability and steady leadership in helping to restore Wiseburn's student enrollment to 2500 students from a low of 1100 students in the 1980s. Dennis was also very instrumental



Dr. Neil Goldman

in the complete rebuilding of all three elementary schools and Dana Middle School, and the construction of the Wiseburn High School Facility. Dennis gave literally thousands of hours of his time to our district and community and he will be greatly missed!

The Board of Trustees interviewed 5 applicants for the vacant Board position on May 3. The applicant pool was multi-talented, highly qualified and all five were from the Del Aire Neighborhood. After a thorough selection process and careful consideration, the Board appointed 25-year Del Aire resident Dr. Neil Goldman to the position. Neil has a rich history of involvement in the District. His two daughters

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Wiseburn is Going Big With Technology

By Dr. Chris Jones, Deputy Superintendent

After two years of planning and piloting, the Wiseburn Unified School District is ready to take the next big leap in building out its technology program. Technological tools and an inter-connected society are an integral part of the lives of our students. Our goal as educators is to help students make use of the tools and resources that are available to them in a safe and thoughtful way. Over the last two years, the district has been exploring systems and devices that will help link students to technological tools as part of their daily academic program. Making use of funds from Measure CL, the Board of Trustees has approved a three-year plan to implement wireless connectivity for students at all grade levels and providing a 1:1 student to device ratio. When fully implemented, all Wiseburn students will have constantly available digital access to learning tools and modes of communication.

A major thrust for Wiseburn schools is to prepare students for college and career. In both college and career, technological skills and abilities are an expectation for which we must prepare our students. A central tool that has already been in use for learning and teaching at Dana Middle School has been Google Apps for Education (GAFE). This program provides a unique domain (Wiseburn.org) that allows our district to control and monitor the electronic activity within that domain. This allows us to provide a safe and fully-monitored system for digital learning and interaction between students and their teachers. Teachers assign work and monitor individual student

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Dr. Johnstone Recognized As the 2015 Superintendent of the Year

By Aileen Harbeck, Principal Richard Henry Dana Middle School

When a member of the Wiseburn team is recognized, it is really a recognition of the outstanding work of the whole Wiseburn team. This is a theme that Dr. Tom Johnstone shared at the Awards Dinner for the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) on May 6th. Dr. Johnstone was recognized as Superintendent of the Year for ACSA Region 14. Region 14 includes 14 school districts and over 350,000 students in Los Angeles County ranging from Malibu down to Long Beach and east to Norwalk-LaMirada. The award recognizes the excellent academic achievement of Wiseburn/DaVinci Schools, the successful and persistent struggle for Wiseburn Unification, California Distinguished School status of Wiseburn Schools, and Dana Middle School's recognition as a 4-time National Forum School to Watch and a California Gold Ribbon School (2015). The award also recognizes Wiseburn and DaVinci's pioneer work in collaborating to create a highly successful and model district-charter high school program that is yielding exceptional results for students.

Dr. Johnstone received another award on May 3rd from Dream A World Education. The "Secret Hero Educator's Award" recognized Dr. Johnstone and Wiseburn's support for the "Secrets of the Heart" program that has provided our Kindergarteners at Anza and Cabrillo with a magical performing arts experience with Grammy Award winning artists. "Secrets of the Heart" has been provided to Wiseburn Kindergarteners since 2011. A highlight of the festivities on May 3 included live performances by 8 Anza students!

Wiseburn continues to forge ahead in providing our students with a well-balanced education based on a model of continuous improvement! Congratulations Dr. Johnstone and congratulations Wiseburn administrators, teachers, staff and students!



Superintendent Dr. Tom Johnstone enjoys spending time with Anza students Sabrina Nitsos and Francesca Ferrante at the Dream A World Awards Ceremony.

Wiseburn Education Foundation

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Thank You!

By Debbie Felt, Secretary

Wiseburn Ed Foundation wants to thank everyone who participated in our 12th Annual Rock Around the Block this year! Whether you were a participant, volunteer, vendor, donor, or just enjoyed the day, we want to thank you for your support. It was a fantastic turnout, and we couldn't do it without the support of the Wiseburn Unified School District, principals, teachers, and wonderful Wiseburn families!

Rock Around the Block raised over **\$55,000** this year! What or where does the money go to, you ask? WEF continues to focus on our mission to support music, arts, and nutritional education programs within the District.

- Choir and band instruction including performances for 3rd through 5th grade students at Anza and Burnett Schools
- Growing Great, an interactive program that provides garden and nutritional lessons, at Anza and Burnett Elementary Schools
- Individually Designed Dance Program (IDAP) and risers for the portable stage at Cabrillo Elementary School
- PS Arts for 3rd through 5th graders at Burnett and Anza
- General support for Parent-Teacher Associations at all four schools

In conjunction with the Cabrillo and Burnett PTA, WEF's year-end fundraiser will be the Christy Lane Dance Event happening on Friday, June 12th at Dana Middle School. It is a fun evening full of great music, dance and family togetherness! Kinecta Federal Credit Union will bring out their BBQ Big Rig. Food and drink will be available for purchase; proceeds go back to Wiseburn Ed Foundation.

We would like to welcome Willis Chang, TaNisha Harris, and Mediatrix Kehl to the WEF Board of Directors. We appreciate your continued support and wish you a fantastic summer break. There are always ways to get involved with the Wiseburn Ed Foundation. You can contact us at board@wiseburnedfoundation.org or visit our website at www.wiseburnedfoundation.org.

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Wiseburn Education Foundation would like to thank the sponsors and volunteers for making the 12th annual Rock Around the Block Family Fun Day a tremendous success! Thank you also to the school administrators, teachers, staff, parents and community for all of your support and contributions – we couldn't have done it without you!

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- *Roosevelt Christmas, Toby Harwell, Nicole Jeffrey and Nichole Polizzi, leading the music performances
- *Scott Morgan, our wonderful emcee for the day
- *AMK Design Inc., who provided the volunteer t-shirts
- *Viking Cruises and Anza parent Cassandra Whitmore, who made our live auction item possible

Thanks to your support, we raised over \$55,000 that will support the music and arts within the Wiseburn School District!



We Look forward to seeing you all again at Dana Middle School

Saturday, March 19th, 2016

Anza PTA

Kelly Takeshita, President • 310/725-2150

A Spectacular Spring

Happy spring from the halls of Juan de Anza Elementary School! It's hard to believe the school year is in its home stretch! And what a year it has been, filled with Anza family nights, successful fund-raisers and many heart-warming moments.

The Anza PTA had a wonderfully successful spring fund-raiser. Those delicious desserts and stylish reusable bags were a big hit! With the success of this fund-raiser, the PTA was proud to sponsor several in-house assemblies in the arts with a theater presentation, storytelling, and music for the kindergarteners. The students have also enjoyed unique and exciting field trips outside school, all sponsored by the PTA. The students gain so much from these various field trips, which is why the PTA works tirelessly to provide them.

This time of year is also very busy in the halls at Anza. We all had a wonderful time at our annual Variety Show. It was an amazing showcase of student talent and passion. Even our teachers and the principal kicked up their heels, celebrating the great evening together.

Another night we're all looking forward to is our annual Art Show and Ice-Cream Social. The multi-purpose room will be transformed into a magical art gallery, and the students will beam with pride as they show off their artwork to friends and family members.

These final months of school are the most marvelous time of year at Anza. A feeling of accomplishment fills the air, and the excitement of the impending summer inches closer and closer.

Burnett PTA

Kimberly Ehrhart, President • 310/725-2151 • www.burnettbulldogpta.org

What the Future Holds

What an amazing year we have had at Peter Burnett! It has been incredibly rewarding to look back on this past year and all the memories we created for our Bulldogs and their families.

We most recently hosted two amazing activities. First was our second annual mother/son event. It was such a fun and memorable evening made possible by the hard work of Liza Somilleda. We had moms and sons playing kick ball, handball, four square, basketball, relays, chess, board games, and dancing and eating the night away. We want to extend a special thank you to Tracy Bermudez for donating her time and incredible photography skills to help capture these sweet moments.

Our other amazing event was the Engineering Night held on May 1, and chaired by Laura Heredia. Lucas Pacheco and his robotics team from Hawthorne High School hosted this incredible evening of hands-on learning, exploring, inspiration, and fun. Not only did they have several engaging stations, they also brought some of their robots for the children to play and interact with.

The students especially liked playing basketball with one of the robots. A huge thanks goes to Laura, Lucas, and all of his students. We are incredibly grateful for your time and efforts. You have inspired us!

The end of the school year is always a bittersweet time of relishing in the past year's memories and accomplishments, but also looking forward to new adventures. It has been an honor and privilege to be a part of Peter Burnett as its PTA president for the past two years. I am incredibly grateful to this year's PTA Board for being such a positive and supportive group. We accomplished great things this year, and I am excited to see what the future holds as the torch gets passed to our new Board led by the wonderful Liza Somilleda.

Also, thank you to everyone who donated their time, efforts, skills, and money to continually make our school an even better place to be. Our PTA is also very proud of our recent purchase of a classroom set of ChromeBooks for our students. The \$9,700 is a direct reflection of you and your support. Thank you!

Lastly, I would like to wish our outgoing fifth-graders well as they travel over to Dana Middle School. Continue to reach for your dreams as you can accomplish anything and everything.

Cabrillo PTA

Liza Somilleda, President • 310/725-5400

Volunteers, Come Quickly!

At the end of the school year, the pace moves so quickly for students, teachers and parents alike that it's almost impossible to stop long enough to look back and reflect. Over the past several months, Cabrillo PTA has funded field trips, assemblies, special events and equipment that have contributed to lifelong memories in the lives of every Cabrillo student. Our PTA is made up entirely of volunteers—and we always need more! We need volunteers who can do bookkeeping, draw, paint, build a website, garden, scoop ice cream, assemble gift baskets, run errands, run a cash register, decorate, design posters and banners, photocopy, collate, complete an audit, solicit donations, write grants, make phone calls, write thank-you notes, speak Spanish, translate documents, cook, serve food and more. Even if you do not have a student at Cabrillo, we welcome you to join us in our volunteerism. Please check out our website or like our Facebook page, "Juan Cabrillo Elementary PTA."

This spring, every Cabrillo student went on a PTA-funded field trip. There was something magical about standing on 135th Street watching every single student get on a school bus in a sea of blue Cabrillo T-shirts with moms and dads in tow as chaperones. Hearing the squeals of laughter as little heads press against the open windows to wave goodbye to Mrs. Lynch as she sent them on their way. Knowing that every admission ticket and school-bus ride was paid for through PTA fund-raising shows the power of volunteerism.

Something for Staff!

In May, PTA pampered staff and teachers during teacher-appreciation week. It was a week filled with luncheons, breakfasts and yummy treats every single day. The outpouring of gratitude from our parents was unparalleled. We already know how much the staff at Cabrillo loves our children, and this week showed that our families love our staff just as much! Corinne Rosenstein and her committee put an amazing amount of work into this week. Although we officially celebrate for one week in May, we wanted to make sure our teachers know just how much they are appreciated every single day. In May, PTA gave out teacher stipends. Every teacher at Cabrillo was invited to submit receipts for items that they purchased for their classroom. PTA reimbursed each teacher up to \$100. Teachers often spend many hundreds of dollars of their own to purchase materials for their classrooms, and this is our way of acknowledging that and saying thank you each year.

The spring, Book Fair took place during Open House week, and the turnout was as impressive as ever! Our Cabrillo Cubs and their parents have not only supported our school but have also ensured that their home bookshelves will be well stocked over the summer! It's always impressive to see how the children who came in just learning their ABCs come out as true readers after their first year of school. Again, this weeklong event was run entirely by volunteers, headed up by Erika Lincourt.

Art Everywhere!

The final Hands on Art program for the year is in the works at the time of this writing and promises to be an exciting one. Once again, the plan is to enjoy the beautiful weather at the end of the school year by bringing students outside to create sculpture. The projects will take place during the first two weeks in June and will be based on the Watts Towers, constructed by Sam Rodia. Hands on Art trains parents to serve as docents who present an art lesson and lead a project in each class at Cabrillo. Other much-anticipated June events funded by PTA include the annual Second Grade Picnic at which our culminating students enjoy a final celebration at the school that's been their home for several years. It's exciting—and always a little tearful—to watch them grow and move to Burnett as third-graders.

In the spirit of recognizing the wonderful partnership between the Burnett and Cabrillo PTAs, we are thrilled to present our inaugural Family Fun Night together on June 12h, chaired by Laura Heredia. Both schools have partnered to host an incredible evening of Dancing through the Decades with the amazing Christy Lane. All Cabrillo students past and present adore Ms. Lane's dance program at school. Last year, Cabrillo PTA invited parents to join us for a Friday night dance party and it was a hit, so much so that we're doing it again, this time together with our Burnett families!!

Have a safe and fun summer, and it has been an honor and privilege to serve as Cabrillo's PTA president this year.

Wiseburn Watch

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Choice Blocks Initiative and More

By Bill Magoon, Co-Founder/Vice President

Hard to believe but here we are halfway through 2015 so let's get right to it! The big news for the Wiseburn community is the advancement and forward progress of the "Wiseburn Residents for Wiseburn Schools, Choice Blocks Initiative." As most of you are aware Wiseburn community residents living south of 138th St. belong to the Lawndale, Centinela Valley School districts. These residents have long wanted to be a part of the Wiseburn Unified School District but could not because of old outdated school boundary lines. Back in March 2015 two public hearings were held with the Los Angeles County Office of Education to begin the long process and to determine the feasibility of the Choice Blocks transfer of territory from the Lawndale/CV school districts to the Wiseburn Unified School district. Both sides of the isle (pro and con) gave well prepared very detailed presentations and I have to say those residents who attended and chose to let their voices be heard were very passionate in their feelings. That said, the whole issue now is in the hands of those who have the power to decide these kind of things and it is our hope that ultimately the decision will go our way so that our "Choice Block" residents can finally see their dream become a reality and become part of the Wiseburn Unified School District once and for all.

Improvement Project

The Wiseburn Community Road Improvement Project has finally finished. It took a bit longer than previously hoped. We also would have liked to have had all our streets redone but things like this always boil down to money or the lack there of. Overall, the County did what they promised and have given the bulk of the Wiseburn community a much needed facelift. About all that is left now is to install some new street / traffic signage along with finishing of planting the remaining new trees that many of our residents requested.

Walking Path Project

Wiseburn Community Walking Path project (unimproved land area along La Cienega - east side of the 405 freeway). This endeavor is slowly inching forward but we seem to be in the final stages and hope to break ground very soon. The latest information we received was getting knowledge of a little hiccup with Caltrans and we learned that they (Caltrans) are requiring turnouts along La Cienega so that they can access and service their portions of the walking path area properly. We have also been told that all permits are in place, all funding is in place and all entity's involved are just about ready to start work - we are definitely looking forward to this project.

National Night Out

Once again, with summer rapidly approaching the Wiseburn community and "Wiseburn Watch" are gearing up to host our annual National Night Out event. NNO is held every year on the 1st Tuesday of August. This year is the 15th anniversary of NNO and we are planning on making our event a bit bigger and better. Further details will be made available as we get closer.

Join Us

In closing, the Wiseburn Community in conjunction with "Wiseburn Watch" cordially invites any homeowner, property owner and/or renter residing within the LA County unincorporated community of Wiseburn (properties located East of the 405 Freeway, West of Inglewood Ave., South of El Segundo Blvd. & North of Rosecrans Ave.) to join us by attending a Watch meeting. To join, or for more information you can contact us through our website.



Hollyglen Homeowners Association

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A Successful Year So Far

By Jennifer Houston, Secretary

2015 is almost half over, it is hard to believe it's June already. The Hollyglen Board of Officers has been hard work planning community activities for our residents and surrounding communities. Last year, the HHA planned and executed a very successful "Movie Under the Stars" Movie night at Dana Middle school, we had over 200 people come to the event and enjoy, getting their picture taken with Santa, grilled cheese sandwiches from the famous LA Grill Cheese Food truck, free hot chocolate and popcorn and viewing of the movie ELF, starring Will Farrell.

The Mission of the Hollyglen Board of Offices is: To preserve and improve the quality of life for Hollyglen residents by monitoring governmental and industrial activities, to provide a forum for communication, to gather and disseminate information, and to serve as a unified voice on issues affecting Hollyglen.

Although it isn't an official mission, it does it affect you.

The board meets every first Monday of the month. During our time together, we discuss upcoming events, issues that affect our community and how we can improve the quality of life for our residents. Each quarter the Hollyglen Board, creates and delivers a Hollyglen newsletter to each of our neighbors to keep them informed of neighborhood issues, crime stats, helpful hints and events. Along with the monthly meetings the Board also hosts 4 community meetings a year. These are meeting where our neighbors can attend and share concerns; hear the chief of police talk about how to make your community safer or share an idea. For those of you tech savvy, download the Nextdoor App and get real-time updates on what is happening in your community.

Be on the lookout for our June newsletter, we will be announcing our event schedule for 2015! We are very excited about this and hope our Wiseburn Unified School District neighbors can join us. We are always looking for neighbors who want to participate on committees for our future events. If this is something that interests you please contact us.

A colorful advertisement for Performing Arts Workshops. At the top, it says "PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOPS" in a stylized font. Below that, it lists activities: "THEATER • GUITAR • MAGIC • FILMMAKING" and "STAGE F/X MAKEUP • ROCK THE MIC • MORE". A phone number "(310) 827-8827" is prominently displayed. The central image shows a young girl wearing a top hat and a dark jacket, smiling. To the right of the girl, it says "Voted the BEST CAMP in LA!" and lists several plays: "Charlie, Lucy & the Gang", "Into The Woods", "Cinderella", "Peter Pan", and "Rapunzel". At the bottom, there is a yellow banner that says "Ask About PAW Discounts and Sign-up Specials :)", a green seal that says "THE BEST" and "L.A. Parent", and the text "Camps for ages 5-15". The website "www.PerformingArtsWorkshops.com" and a list of locations are provided at the very bottom.

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By Danny Juarez, Community Relations Director

The AYSO Region 21 Hawthorne soccer community extends a hearty congratulations to the members of the Vitruvian Bots robotics team from Da Vinci Science High. Their second place finish at the Ventura regional robotics competition and 14th place finish at the First Robotics World Championship in St. Louis speaks volumes to the dedication of the team members, parents and school staff. This just validates that hard work pays off when one develops a strong work ethic and the mental fortitude to achieve an established goal. We instill the same attributes into the minds of our soccer players and it paid off – more later on this achievement.

During the first player registration of the year the buzz was about the United States Women's National Team (USWNT) competing this summer at the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup. The 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup will be the 7th FIFA World Cup with national teams from 24 countries advancing through qualification competitions. The international women's soccer tournament is scheduled to kick off in Edmonton, Canada as the host Canadian women's team starts on 6 June. The champion will be crowned on 5 July. The USWNT will begin World Cup play on 8 June when they take on Australia in Winnipeg in the Group D opener. The other two teams in Group D are Nigeria and Sweden. In Hermosa Beach last month, members of the public were invited to kick soccer balls at a canvas filled with paint balloons to create a mural as a message of support. The USWNT is on top of the oddsboard but let's not count our chickens before they hatch. Support the team as they work hard to bring the trophy back to the United States. Go USA!!!

All Star teams representing each division participated in the postseason Area All Star Cup and competed against teams across the South Bay. To

provide this unique experience to more registered players, two flights of play were introduced this year for the first time – premier and select. Although all Hawthorne teams played with heart and enthusiasm we had a few teams participating in the medal rounds. Congratulations to the following teams who placed in the Area Cup: PREMIER – Boys U-12 Coach Ceja 2nd Place, Girls U-14 Coach Hiney 3rd Place, Boys U10 Coach Segura and SELECT – Boys U-14 Coach Rayas.

There is one team to reach a level of accomplishment which has not been seen for over a decade. Our All Star Boys U-12 team not only won the Section One Tournament in Riverside CA as the best team in Southern California but also captured the championship at Western States Games in Lake Forest CA. Members of this incredible team are as follows: Head Coach Marcelino Ceja, Assistant Coaches Pastor Patrick Caceres and Danny Lopez; players Noe Artiga, Andre Baeza, Nickolas Caceres, Jason Ceja, Nathaniel Gonser, Andre Hernandez, Isaias Hernandez, Joshua Lopez, Anuoluwapo Ogunnaike, Joseph Rivas, Michael Tinoco and Rene Vega. It should be noted that the 70% of the team players attend Wiseburn Unified Schools.

AYSO Region 21 Hawthorne scheduled only three registration dates for the 2015-2016 Fall Season. The number of walk-in registration dates was reduced this year to encourage on-line registrations. The region is doing its best to be environmental conscious and reducing paper. If you do decide to come in person and have not pre-registered you will have to wait your turn to use one of several laptops and printers to complete the process. Soccer age is determined by the player's age on July 31, 2015 or be 4 years old by September 1st. Regional Commissioner Darryl Letchworth has announced that after the last registration date of 6 June special arrangements will need to be made with your child being put on a waiting list. All player registrations will be done on-line through



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eAYSO – www.eayso.org. You must print out and bring two copies of the eAYSO form when registering for the new season. If you are new to AYSO Region 21 Hawthorne you will need to bring the child's original birth certificate.

The regular soccer season is from September through December. Beside our core soccer program, we have a program for participants with physical or mental disabilities known as VIP (Very Important Player). The board voted not to charge a registration fee for these participants. The 2015 Fall season starts September 5, 2015 with our opening day ceremonies. Bring your used soccer uniforms, socks, cleats and other soccer equipment to Picture Day to help needy children around the world. Children from Mexico, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Philippines, Belize and Nicaragua have benefitted from this yearly collection. And don't forget to patronize the snack stand at Dana Field where 50% of the net proceeds will go to the Wiseburn Education Foundation.

From now until the start of the season in September, we will be selecting coaches for the 100+ teams that will need to be formed and conducting coach/referee training. Training classes and the resource material is FREE. The cost to you is your valuable time. AYSO Region 21 Hawthorne will be hosting a training Road Show on July 24-26 at Dana Middle School. Training will include all three disciplines – Coaching, Referee and Management. The success of AYSO is based on the hard work of VOLUNTEERS. Every aspect of running the region depends on individuals who step up to be a coach, an assistant coach, referee, team mom, team dad or board member. If you want to be part of a world-class and unique experience – carve sometime out of your busy schedule and VOLUNTEER.

This year AYSO Region 21 Hawthorne was a proud participant of the American Cancer Society of the Relay for Life. Each year, more than 4 million people in over 20 countries raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer. We want to thank the board members and player's families who showed up to walk in this 24 hour event.

In the previous edition of the *School News* it was reported that AYSO Region 21 Hawthorne directly donated \$5,000 to the Wiseburn Education Foundation. The statement was based on information received at a board meeting. A more accurate statement is as follows: AYSO Region 21 Hawthorne directly and indirectly donated to the Wiseburn Education Foundation with a direct donation of \$1,000 and an indirect donation of \$3,698 through a profit sharing agreement from the pockets of AYSO families patronizing the snack stand during the Fall season. The total for the year was \$4,698 to support Wiseburn Education Foundation.

Regional Commissioner Darryl Letchworth and the Board are continuously looking at ways to maximize the best utilization of the funds received during the year. From supporting community events to purchasing sporting equipment for school teams the region has targeted to benefit the youth in the area. The goal of the region is to keep registration fees at low as possible. However, the registration will see an increase this year due to anticipated prorated maintenance fees as they relate to the new synthetic field board approved at Juan de Anza. Final details to this agreement are still in the works as of this writing.

We once again, want to thank the Wiseburn Unified School District for the use of all soccer fields – Dana, Burnett, Cabrillo, Anza and Aviation. AYSO Region 21 Hawthorne is looking forward to the next few years as state-of-the-art and regulation size fields come on line at Anza, Da Vinci and Dana. These new fields will address the issue of field space for our ever growing youth soccer program and ensure children living within the school district boundaries will have a field available for the use by our Hawthorne teams for practice and games.

See you all on the pitch (soccer field)!!!

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With 98% of Da Vinci students on track to complete the necessary coursework for admission to a 4-year college or university, we know we have one of the best college-ready rates in the state and beyond!! As of press time, about 75% of our students have been accepted to 4-year universities and close to 600 students have gained valuable work experience through Da Vinci's Work Experience program. We are enormously proud of the Class of 2015, who have been offered admission to the following colleges and universities (partial list): Barnard College, Boston University, Brown University, Carnegie Mellon University, El Camino College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Johns

Hopkins University, Loyola Marymount University, Marymount California University, MIT, Mount Holyoke, Occidental College, Otis College of Art and Design, Parsons The New School for Design, Pratt Institute, Princeton University, Purdue University, Reed College, Santa Monica College, Smith College, Stanford University, Syracuse University, Tulane University, U of Pennsylvania, UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, UCLA, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, USC, U.S. Military Academy (West Point), Yale University.

Celebrating Student Successes

Our students have won many awards, scholarships, and other recognition, validating that Da Vinci students can achieve at the highest level.



Miguel Cenicerros
Gates Millennium Scholar

Da Vinci Schools are proud to announce that Miguel Cenicerros, a Da Vinci Science senior, has been named a Gates Millennium Scholar, a nationally competitive and elite scholarship program that provides full financial support for undergraduate and graduate school programs for 10 years. Cenicerros was one of 1,000 students selected from a pool of 52,000 applicants for his stellar academic achievement, leadership skills, and commitment to community service. Cenicerros is the fourth Da Vinci student to be named a Gates Millennium Scholar.

"We are thrilled for Miguel. He has worked extremely hard and deserves this recognition," said Steve Wallis, principal of Da Vinci Science. "Our goal is to prepare all students to be college-ready, career-prepared, and community-minded."

A resident of the Wiseburn community's "choice blocks," Cenicerros was accepted to 19 universities, including five Ivy League Schools — Yale, Columbia, Brown, Princeton, and University of Pennsylvania, as well as Stanford, UC Berkeley, UCLA, USC, Johns Hopkins, Carnegie Mellon, and more. Cenicerros will attend Stanford University in Fall 2015 and major in human biology. He is especially interested in regenerative medicine using 3D bio printed tissues and organs, an interest that was nurtured in Da Vinci's machine shop in connection with its robotics program and at SpaceX where he interned last summer. Cenicerros' future plans are to become a research physician.

"I will always remember the supportive intellectual community that Da Vinci has created. I love that Da Vinci teaches us interpersonal skills and presentation skills as much as content knowledge. It's incredible how much the educators here want students to be successful in the real world," Cenicerros said.

Cenicerros holds a 4.52 weighted GPA. He has taken 21 classes for honors credit and four courses for dual high school/college credit. Cenicerros is a programmer for Da Vinci's Robotics Team and president of the Interact Club, a service club sponsored by the Rotary Club. In his spare time, he organizes community service events, does bookkeeping for his father's gardening business, and is teaching himself French using the Rosetta Stone program. This summer, Cenicerros plans to work alongside his father as a gardener and to volunteer at a local hospital.

Da Vinci Design Students Excel as Riordan Scholars

Da Vinci Design students competed at the 21st Annual Riordan Scholars Stock Market Research Analyst Competition on April 25 with senior Nathand Carter and junior Stefanie Perez's team capturing 2nd place overall. A signature feature of The Riordan Programs is the mentoring component. The Riordan Scholars Program targets 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students who are college-bound and interested in developing the necessary leadership skills to succeed in college and business. Each student is paired with a professional mentor from the UCLA Anderson School of Management. This year five students from Da Vinci Design participated in the program that includes eight Saturday sessions, guest speakers from top industry leaders, SAT prep workshops, professional development seminars that include resume writing, interviewing techniques and networking workshops.

Nathand Carter will be attending Bucknell University in Pennsylvania on a full-tuition leadership scholarship through The Posse Foundation.

Also in April, Da Vinci Design 11th grade artists presented "Painting Baraka" at MakerCityLA. Students created original acrylic paintings based upon the documentary film Baraka which explores themes of beauty and destruction in nature.

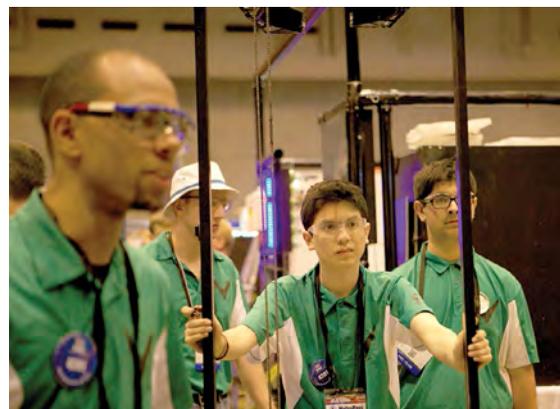
Da Vinci Communications Forms Collaborative Partnerships

This year, Da Vinci Communications formed a partnership with 72andSunny, an award winning global advertising agency based in Playa Vista. 10th grade students worked alongside agency brand strategists to conduct research, create story boards, strategy maps, and a final deliverable to raise awareness of the national TRUTH campaign (www.thetruth.com) to end teenage smoking.

Da Vinci Communications 10th grade students Ruby Hernandez and Tyler Phillips were invited to present their conflict minerals project at Northrop Grumman's Global Supply Chain Preventative and Corrective Action Board Meeting, in support of responsible sourcing of minerals. This invitation grew out of the students' presentation at the iNACOL 2014 Symposium, the industry's leading event for K-12 online, blended and personalized learning.

FIRST Robotics World Championship

We are extremely excited to share that Team 4201, the Vitruvian Bots of Da Vinci Science High School, finished 14th out of 76 teams in their division at the FIRST Robotics World Championship in St. Louis on April 22-25. What an extraordinary achievement for this young team to place in the top 15 and to compete against the best teams from around the world. This is only the fourth year that Team 4201 has been competing and the first time they have competed in the World Championships. The FIRST Robotics World Championship attracted more than 18,000 students and 800 robots from 40 countries.



Da Vinci Science students at the FIRST Robotics World Championship in St. Louis

Team Captain and high school senior Isabella Rios said, "We were competing with the best teams in the world and were able to hold our own. It was an amazing experience for the entire team to play with and be in the presence of teams around the world -- Brazil, Mexico, Israel, Canada, Australia, Japan, France, Korea, Netherlands, China, Lebanon, and others."

Recycle Rush" was the theme of the 2015 FIRST competition. The team of 36 Da Vinci students had six weeks to design, build, and fabricate a functional robot that could stack storage totes, place a large recycling bin on top, and pick up pool noodles that the opposition scatters across the competition floor. Normally, teams use a standard kit of parts provided by FIRST, but the Da Vinci team makes their own parts. This year, they designed and built a drive train, carriage, feeder wheels and arm, and elevator, among other parts, using AutoCAD, a laser cutter, 3D printer, and CNC mill from the school's machine shop. Team 4201's prowess in the machine shop was rewarded with the Industrial Design Award that recognizes excellence in design form and function.

Volunteer mentors play a vital role in helping students to develop the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) knowledge and skill sets needed for competition. Professional mentors from Raytheon, Boeing, SpaceX, Aerospace Corp., and others played an essential role in the success of Team 4201, as has the school's solid engineering design foundation provided by its Project Lead The Way curriculum delivered through El Camino College and Da Vinci Science teacher/coach Aaron Tostado. The team's major sponsors are: Northrop Grumman, Boeing, Raytheon, Pipkin Charitable Foundation, USC Institute for Creative Technologies, Elite Technologies and MiCIAN. Additional STEM partners include Chevron, SpaceX, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Gensler, and DIRECTV.

Making an Impact Across the Globe

Da Vinci Schools has hosted more than 125 visiting educator groups from six continents who are seeking to study Da Vinci best practices. From Oakland Unified to LAUSD to Australia, Israel and Dubai, many educators and others interested in education reform are coming to Da Vinci to learn about project-based learning, teacher professional development, creating positive school cultures, performance-based assessment, integrated college and career preparation, and more.

In January, more than 40 educators from the national Linked Learning Convention visited Da Vinci Schools to see career-based education in action. Da Vinci was invited by LAUSD to serve as a best practice demonstration site for establishing a regional real world learning model as part of a \$15 million Career Pathways Grant from the state's Department of Education for programs linking learning and career and technical education.

Enrollment Update

Wiseburn residents are guaranteed a spot at Da Vinci high schools as Da Vinci Communications, Da Vinci Design, and Da Vinci Science are Wiseburn's "home" high schools for the Wiseburn community. If you have not reserved your spot, please contact the Enrollment team immediately at (310) 331-8097 or enrollment@davincischools.org. Late applicants may not receive their first choice of school. For more information, please visit our website at: <http://www.davincischools.org/wiseburnresidents.shtml>.

Revitalizing DVIA Entrance

If you've been over to the Da Vinci Innovation Academy lately (next door to the Wiseburn Unified District Office), you've probably noticed a transformation taking place. It all started with the removal of lots of grass (we are eligible for a nice rebate check), then on May 2, dozens of eager volunteers came together for a Sharefest Family Work Day to create a drought tolerant garden and outdoor seating area, create a beautiful mural in front of campus, install a shed for Makerspace materials, and help with general campus cleanup and revitalization.



Revitalizing DVIA: A Sharefest Family Work Day.

This project would not have been possible without the tremendous support of Balfour Beatty Construction and project lead Aaron Lee, Sharefest, various landscaping companies and designers, including DVIA parent Gia Meidav, muralist and parent PeQue Brown, and dozens of parent and student volunteers. They dreamed big and donated countless hours to make sure our vision was realized. And a special thank you to Wiseburn's Superintendent Dr. Tom Johnstone who said "Go for it!"

This revitalization project grew out of a DVIA middle school science project called "From the Ground Up – The Importance of Soil." Students in grades 5-8 learned about how soil is important to meet humans' basic needs in Kenya and other countries in Africa and the world, then the young scientists and landscape architects envisioned what the future of DVIA could look like.



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Sarah Nitsos
Principal

Chess Challenge

We have been full steam ahead here at Juan de Anza Elementary School all year. We have worked diligently to provide multiple opportunities for our Anza Eagles to shine.

The ninth annual Anza versus Burnett Chess Challenge was held in the Don and Sari Brann Multipurpose Room at Peter Burnett Elementary School. This was an open tournament for all third- through fifth-grade students who knew how to play chess. More than 40 Anza and Burnett students participated, with their friends and families cheering them on (quietly.)



Anza's winning team celebrates together.

This event gave students a chance to meet new friends they might have otherwise not met until sixth grade. We all had a great evening, and, for the sixth time in a row, Anza was victorious!

The Anza players, Jada Sarah Mitchell, Gianuca Ferrante, Brianna Martin, Michael Consolazio, Christian Manriquez, Sean Forbess, Allyson Watkins, Awishkar Shrestha, Sophia Gomez Reynoso, Mele Naa, and Mia Lopez, are to be congratulated on their excellent sportsmanship, collegiality, and excellent play during each matchup. Special congratulations go out to Jada Sarah Mitchell and Mele Naa, who were selected as Anza's team captains. Also deserving of praise is Awishkar Shrestha, a first-grader who tied for third place with four checkmates and one draw.

While we celebrate our team's victory as well as the hard work and dedication of our team members, we would also like to thank and congratulate the Peter Burnett team for their formidable effort and their wonderful job hosting the event. We would also like to thank our friends at Chess Tutors for coordinating, organizing, and managing the whole event as well as providing all of the equipment. For more information about Chess Tutors please visit <http://www.chesstutors.org/>.

Secrets of the Heart

With the end of the year approaching, it is awards season, and this year we are so excited that our very own superintendent was selected as the educator of the year by Dream a World Education. This wonderful character education program works with the kindergarten students of Anza. Professional artists teach principles such as friendship, kindness, imagination and gratitude—Secrets of the Heart—through music, dance, theater, and visual arts. A few of our kindergarten students performed at this amazing event, singing and dancing before a crowd of donors, sponsors, family and friends.

We are so grateful for this partnership and look forward to another year of Secrets of the Heart. We are grateful for the support of the Dream a World donors, who make this program a reality for our students.

We were already aware that Anza is filled with super heroes, but on Anza's Student Council Spirit Day, we got to see them in their full regalia. Student council officers Sam Pachuta, President; Sophia Gomez Reynoso, vice president; and Alondra Cowgill, secretary; and the classroom representatives showed their Anza pride by unleashing the super heroes inside. We saw a range from old favorites to new inventions. While we know our staff members are all super heroes, it was fun to see them dressed up as well.

State Testing

This year every third- through fifth-grader was part of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) California Common Core State Standards Assessment. This test was a huge departure from the old testing system in many ways. Most significantly was that all of the testing took place on the computer. The test itself was divided into two distinct parts: language arts and math. The first section was a computer adaptive test, and the second was a performance task, where students brought all of their skills and resources to complete a multiple-part task. While online assessments are not new to our students, the need to complete a task and compose a lengthy response is. We have been and will continue to work to provide numerous opportunities to practice this skill. The state will be generating reports with this assessment, but we caution everyone to remember that this is the first time our students have ever completed such an assessment, so the data should not be compared to previous assessments.

Project Lead the Way

This year we have been so lucky to have our very own section of Project Lead the Way (PLTW). This program is the gold standard in engineering programs, and we are so fortunate to have Anza's very own Candyse Crow teaching it to our fifth-grade students. Over the summer, Mrs. Crow attended a summer institute designed to train teachers on how to deliver this rigorous content. She then instituted a Project Lead the Way Launch, where students use Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) skills. Using this knowledge, students are provided with real-world design problems to solve. They learn the steps of the design process, and then they solve the design problems using a robot, which they build using a Computer-Aided Design (CAD) tool. After a trial, they then must complete modifications to their robot to make it possible to move items from one side of the room to the other.

All PLTW standards align with California standards for English language arts, mathematics, and Next Generation Science. Not only do students utilize the vernacular used in robotics, they have also started to use it in other subjects. I have heard students asking about the criteria for that math test or discussing the prototype used in a pen design. It has been pretty amazing experience, and we are so grateful to have it alive and well on our campus.

To learn more please visit <https://www.pltw.org/our-programs/pltw-launch>.

Exciting Improvements

We are so grateful to the Wiseburn Unified School District Board of Trustees for their dedication to ensuring all of our facilities are cared for and maintained. They are continuing this commitment with a major overhaul this summer here at Anza.

There will be three projects: the entire perimeter fence surrounding the kindergarten yard will be replaced; the north parking lot will be demolished, re-graded, and replaced; and most of the Anza field will be replaced with artificial turf, thus reducing our need for water and creating a more consistent play area. However, the eastern side of the field with the original Anza trees will be maintained.

It is hard to believe that we opened the doors to the rebuilt Anza over 12 years ago, because it is so well cared for. We are grateful for the foresight of the School Board and Superintendent Dr. Tom Johnstone in keeping it looking new. A special thanks goes to our Anza custodians, Ray Vaquer and Jose Briseno, as well as the whole Wiseburn Unified maintenance and grounds crew, that works tirelessly to keep Anza looking like, well, Anza.

As we wrap up the 2014–2015 school year, we look to the future with excitement and anticipation about the new challenges we will find. However, we know as we march full steam ahead, we do so arm and arm, with the support of our amazing superintendent, School Board, teachers, support staff, PTA members, families, and community. All of us working together will help craft the kind of future we all want for each and every Anza Eagle!

Enjoy your summer, and we will see you in the fall.

Peter Burnett Elementary School (3-5)

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Laura Sullivan
Principal

Full Steam Ahead

Moving full steam ahead during the 2014–2015 school year has been a rewarding experience. Throughout the year, Burnett's PTA has provided opportunities for students and parents to excel through participation in numerous school activities. Starting with the Common Core State Standards in language arts and math, students have moved forward by understanding keyboarding and technological skills to enhance their academic performance in class.



Getting Ready for the Concert.

The arts are another area that generated full steam throughout the Burnett campus. There is a plethora of evidence that arts-based, hands-on activities provide avenues by which all students can learn. Through P.S. Arts, the Wiseburn Education Foundation, and the Wiseburn Unified School District, our students received visual arts and music lessons. Consultants Tiffany Graham and Nichole Polizzi provided the students with a school mural project and a dynamic music program. The support of our students, parents, and community members produced a beautiful mural which was unveiled during the "Rock-Around the Block" festivities.



Support from Burnett Parents.

"Building Bridges Breaking Barriers" is the theme of Burnett's mural, which was selected to depict precious memories of elementary school years. As the mural was being discussed, Adam and Connie Derry, along with P.S. Arts, stepped up and provided funding for the entire project. The mural project assured Burnett students an opportunity to share their ideas in print.

The beautiful images created by them were captured each week during visual arts lessons, and then carefully placed on large boards by art consultant Ms. Graham. Students, parents, and staff members created a mural that will remain in our hearts forever. Thank you to the entire Burnett community!



Saturday Painting.



Finished Murals.

Burnett students enjoyed a full packed house in May during Engineering Night. Members from the Hawthorne High School Robotics Team and teacher Mr. Pacheco supported Mr. Rudy and Mrs. Laura Heredia as they coordinated this wonderful event. Students and parents enjoyed the numerous stations set up for all participants. The robots added much excitement to the evening when they engaged the children in free-play activities. It was full steam ahead for every student in attendance.

Our PTA has provided the best activities for our students this year. We are grateful to every PTA member, and truly applaud their efforts and dedication.



Art Projects in Action.

Juan Cabrillo *Elementary (K-2)*

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Margaret Lynch
Principal

Full Speed Ahead

This is the time of year when we delight in the progress of our primary students as readers. Kindergarteners are proclaiming “I’m reading!” as they realize the key words they’ve been studying help them read simple sentences. First-graders are declaring “I’m reading all by myself!” as they’ve progressed to reading complete stories. The second-graders can be seen carrying chapter books as they try to walk and read at the same time.

Many Reading Celebrations

We’ve had many celebrations of reading recently, including our annual Read-A-Thon, an author visit, and receiving a library grant. Each spring break, Cabrillo students are encouraged to read as much as possible and record the number of pages they’ve read. Additionally, our PTA structures the Read-A-Thon for family and friends to financially support their student readers and the programs our PTA brings to Cabrillo.

Cabrillo students recently won the “Million Word Challenge” from Read to a Child, where every participant had to read either 12 picture books or two chapter books. Read to a Child, a national organization that links corporate adult volunteers with elementary students to read to them during lunchtime, sponsored published authors to read their children’s books at Cabrillo as our prize for winning the Million Word Challenge.



(B) Briana Ingram, Juliana Angel, Daniel Sierra, Emmanuel Perez
(F) Justin Cohill, María Davalos, Tony Carbajal
Adults: Jackie Ventura, librarian and María Rodriguez.

Mrs. Maria Rodriguez, kindergarten teacher, received a grant from the California Community Foundation for the Cabrillo library through their “Reading is the Way Up Fund.” Mrs. Rodriguez wrote the grant after talking with our school librarian, Mrs. Jackie Ventura, and identifying that we need chapter books and comic books to meet the needs and interests of our students. The students are very motivated to check out and read these new additions to our collection.



(B) Jonathan Tress, Makayla Owen, Taylor Hauck,
(F) Cambria Buckler, Bela Chand, Skylar Hauck.

Our top readers were Skylar Hauck in kindergarten, Jonathan Tress in first grade, and Taylor Hauck in second grade. Our top earners were Bela Chand in kindergarten, Cambria Buckler in first grade, and Makayla Owen in second grade. The Cabrillo PTA treated all of these students to lunch and their choice of a new book to read.



Aiden Valdovinos, Devon Nassif, Jane McLaurin, Chad Arnold, Jordan Van Hook, and Betty Renteria wait for author John Stickler and illustrator Soma Han to autograph books.

John Stickler, writer, and Soma Han, illustrator, shared their children’s book *Maya and the Turtle*. As Mr. Stickler read the story, Ms. Han showed her original paintings that became the illustrations. Our students were a model and appreciative audience. The folks at Read to a Child surprised our student participants with their own individual copies of the book, which the writer and illustrator then autographed! A copy of *Maya and the Turtle* has also been donated to the Cabrillo library for everyone to enjoy.

Richard Henry Dana *Middle School (6-8)*

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Aileen Harbeck
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Principal

Math Leadership by Design

Dana Middle School is moving full steam ahead with the implementation of Math Leadership by Design (MLD) to support student learning in mathematics. MLD represents the next frontier of STEM instruction. Focused on teacher leadership and collaboration to create innovative California Standards-aligned lessons, MLD infuses technology and is geared toward real-world application and problem solving. The oxygen that

keeps students moving forward and engaged is active learning: instruction that focuses the responsibility of learning on the learners. In this way, MLD students do more than just listen. They read, write, discuss, and engage peers, partners and parents in solving problems.



Students learn by doing in Dana math classes.

Recently, student-led conferences allowed MLD students to demonstrate and reflect upon their learning and growth throughout the year. The increased availability of technology at Dana has enabled student engagement in collaborative web-based projects that provide a different platform for student sharing and learning. Parents are able to stay updated about MLD methodologies through teacher websites and four quarterly Saturday family-math workshops. User-friendly California Standards rubrics clearly outline performance standards for students and parents. Classroom tutors and volunteers from the private sector share their special skills and interests;



Math teacher Ms. Shim assists students in class.



Math teacher Mrs. Garcia helps families at Dana's Math Saturday.

often, their real-world work projects become the bases of a classroom lessons. Encouraging instructor creativity and outside-the-box California Standards-aligned instructional practices keep both students and teachers engaged. The availability of new technologies such as Google Apps for Education stimulates teachers and students to experiment in class. The journey is challenging and rewarding, with many obstacles for students to overcome. However, Dolphins never quit, and together, we move full steam ahead.

Full STEAM Ahead!

We are pleased to share with the Wiseburn community that Dana Middle School has been named a California Gold Ribbon School by the California State Department of Education. In a congratulatory letter from Tom Torlakson, California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dana Middle School was honored for signature practices in the area of mathematics. Our successes in math instruction have positively affected Dana's students by increasing learning, engagement and academic rigor in our classrooms. In recognizing our mathematics program, our outstanding programs in science, technology and engineering were also recognized. The truth, however, is that the great math instruction at Dana is just one example of excellence in teaching and learning in all content areas.



Dana Family Math Saturday.

This year, Dana has moved full steam ahead in many areas. We've been recognized as both a California Distinguished School and a National Forum Schools to Watch, and this newest honor further highlights the excellent work of the entire Dana Staff and student body.

SUPERINTENDENT • From Page 1



Dr. Tom Johnstone

Wiseburn students.

A signature program in Wiseburn that is hitting full stride is our Project Lead the Way (PLTW) pre-engineering program. Thanks to the wonderful support and generosity of Chevron, who donated \$65,000 to our PLTW program this year, we have been able to greatly expand PLTW to the sixth grade and the fifth grade with an eventual goal of reaching down to kindergarten over the next few years. Both Chevron and El Camino College have been tremendous partners in this endeavor.

During the week of May 11, both the Wiseburn Unified School District Board and the DaVinci Schools Board passed a Memorandum of Understanding with the California School Finance Authority and a Facilities Use Agreement with each other to insure the receipt of the \$52.7 million of Charter School funding for the Wiseburn High School facility. By the time that this issue of *School News* reaches your door step, Wiseburn will have received the first \$20 million installment for the construction project. The remaining \$32 million will be awarded after the State sells another series of bonds. The Wiseburn High School Project is full speed ahead and construction will commence this summer!

Finally, it is full speed ahead for our DaVinci Design and DaVinci Science graduating seniors. Our graduating class for 2015 is academically outstanding! Across both schools, 84% of the graduates have been accepted to 4-year universities, including the best universities in the United States. Wiseburn and DaVinci have worked very hard over the past six years to create a superb recipe and blueprint for collaboration and student success. Our efforts are yielding excellent results. It is full speed ahead towards a brighter future! Have a wonderful Summer!!!

GOING BIG WITH TECHNOLOGY • From Page 1

progress through Google Classroom. Students store their work in their unique account on the cloud-based Google Drive. Students can create documents, spreadsheets, presentations and web sites that are all protected within the safety of our closed and monitored system. Students can also safely collaborate with other students within the school by sharing documents, peer-editing and participating in group assignments. All work is available to students from any device with internet access by logging into their unique Google Chrome account under the Wiseburn.org domain. At Dana, the GAFE program has been helped along by the availability of the relatively low-cost Chromebook device, which works perfectly with the entire cloud-based system. Under the newly approved Technology Plan, chromebooks will be available to students in all classrooms at Dana in 2015-16.

With the successful pilot programs at the middle school level, Wiseburn is now also expanding the 1:1 Technology Plan and Google Apps for Education into the elementary grades. A large-scale K-5 pilot for Chromebooks and tablets will be launched in 2015-16. Concurrently, the wireless internet connections at all sites will be brought up to the "enterprise" level to allow simultaneous access for a classroom full of devices. Broadband access has already been expanded to allow sufficient internet speed for the entire system.

At the high school level, the Da Vinci Schools have already been at the 1:1 device to student ratio for the past several years with desktop computers, laptop computers, net-books and iPads. Making use of Google docs and other cloud-based environments has been a part of the commitment to an all-digital curriculum for high school students. Recent interest in the Chromebook device is making this option available for the planned device refresh in 2015-16. Da Vinci Innovation Academy has also embraced technology that is available to students in that program at the K-8 level.

The students that are currently in our schools have worked and interacted with technology since they were infants. They know of no other world and seem completely comfortable with the fast-paced and ever-changing tech environment. In building out our technology program, the Wiseburn Unified School District is making a commitment to our students to provide them with tools that they will need to succeed in college, career and life!

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season under the watchful eyes of coaches Korey Hlaudy from Da Vinci Design and Jamie Larson from Da Vinci Science. Starting with the fundamentals, the junior varsity team continued to improve their play as the season progressed. The team played a variety of teams from large and small schools, including participation in three tournaments during the season. The highlight of the year was a remarkably strong showing at the San Pedro Tournament in April where the Wiseburn-Da Vinci Wolves won the Silver Bracket of the tournament! This was a re-affirmation of the growth that has taken place during the season and is a promise of great things to come!

At the middle school level, on March 27th, the Dana Dolphins simultaneously earned first place league wins in Boys and Girls Basketball. The Boys team (5-1) traveled to Will Rogers Middle School and secured a 45-41 victory for the league title in a back and forth close match. The Girls team (6-0) played a dramatic final game at our home Dana gym against Prairie Vista Middle School. A last second shot by Kristen Tsubaki broke a tie and led to a league title victory celebration for the Dolphins.

Go Wolves! Go Dolphins!

NEW MEMBER • From Page 1

are Wiseburn alumni, and former wife (and still good friend), Donna Goldman taught kindergarten at Juan de Anza for many years. Neil has actively served the district in many ways over three decades, including:

- President of the Wiseburn Education Foundation
- Founding member of Rock around the Block
- District Budget Review Committee member
- Member of the Juan de Anza Parent Advisory Council
- Worked to support the Wiseburn Unification and Bond measures for education for our students.
- Future Wiseburn High School Committee member

Neil owns GCS, Inc., an organizational development and research company, and has consulted with over 400 organizations in 49 states nationwide. He has also served the District in the following organizational and research capacities:

- Facilitator for joint Wiseburn/Da Vinci board planning meetings.
- Helping with the design of the student, parent and teacher surveys.
- Conducting Juan de Anza school site research
- Focus group research and communications planning for Da Vinci Innovation Academy
- District-wide research on our desired high school (Community Survey)

Neil brings an understanding of education and management. He holds a doctorate degree in education and a master's degree in business administration. We are excited to have Dr. Neil Goldman join our Board of Trustees!

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- Deluca Trattoria
- Domino's Pizza
- The Donut
- El Segundo Brewing Company
- El Segundo Fish Company
- Fantastic Café
- Farm Stand
- Good Stuff Restaurant
- Hana Naru
- Hanabi Japanese Grill
- Harry O's
- Havana Sandwich Co
- The Hummus Factory
- I Love Teriyaki
- Indian Summer
- Little Gourmet
- Main St. Café
- Mandy's Family Restaurant
- The Office Downtown
- Old Town Patio
- O-Shun
- Our Daily Grind
- Playa Blanca
- Purple Orchid
- Richmond Bar & Grill
- Rinaldi's
- Rock & Brews
- Second City Bistro
- Siam Bay Thai Cuisine
- Starbucks Coffee
- Steve's Burgers
- Stix & Straws
- Stuff Pizza
- Taco Mex
- The Soup Bar
- The Tavern on Main
- Vinny's Pizza
- Wendy's Place Café

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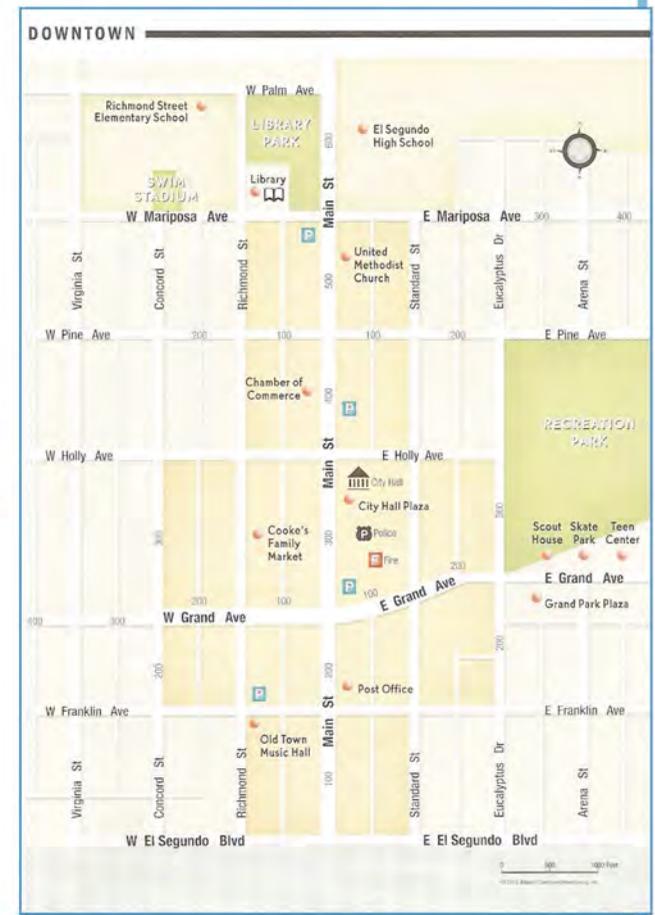


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