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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to School! As the new school year begins, we look forward to providing students with new opportunities to experience academic success as well as develop their talents, whether in music, the arts and sports. At Norwalk La Mirada Unified we are dedicated to the development of the whole child. With this perspective, our vision is to provide excellent, distinctive educational experiences that will equip our students for success today and in the future.

This previous year we experienced significant growth in our Academic Performance Index, as well as improvement in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

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¡Bienvenidos de regreso!



Dr. Ruth Pérez
Superintendent

¡Bienvenidos de regreso a la escuela! Al comenzar el nuevo año escolar esperamos proporcionar a los estudiantes con nuevas oportunidades para que tengan la experiencia del éxito académico, así como desarrollar sus talentos, ya sea en música, artes y deportes. En el Distrito Unificado de Norwalk La Mirada nos dedicamos al desarrollo del niño en su totalidad. Con esta perspectiva, nuestra visión es ofrecer experiencias educativas excelentes, distintivas que equiparán a nuestros estudiantes para el éxito de hoy y en el futuro.

Este año anterior hemos experimentado un crecimiento significativo

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Locks of Love

From the District

Nine year old Alexis Sandoval has attended Moffitt since kindergarten. The fourth grade student attended the City of Norwalk's July 3rd event this year and saw the "Locks of Love" hair drive booth there. She had noticed it other years, but this year she decided to participate. With her parent's permission, Alexis had 22 inches cut off her hair. She had never had a haircut in her life before now, and she donated the most inches at the event!



She has no regrets and was very happy to donate her hair. She's happy that her hair will help to make wigs for people who have lost their hair. We are very proud of Alexis and her wonderful contribution!

Board of Education – Junta de Educación

Welcome back to the 2011 - 2012 school year. I look forward to this new school year with optimism and pride, as we have made great strides towards high academic achievement for all students.



Karen Morrison
Member

I want to thank our wonderful teachers and administrators for the incredible work last year to afford academic growth for every child. Significant gains were made in our English Language Learners and Special Education student performance in math and literacy. Our API scores continue to go up.

In this coming school year, I look forward to visiting our school sites to observe the variety of enriched curriculum and programs we offer. With the opening of our seven magnet schools we will provide many opportunities to meet our students'

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Bienvenidos de regreso al año escolar 2011-2012. Espero este nuevo año escolar con optimismo y orgullo, al haber hecho un gran progreso hacia altos logros académicos para todos los estudiantes.

Quiero dar las gracias a nuestros maravillosos maestros y administradores por la increíble labor el año pasado para permitir el crecimiento académico para todos los niños. Se hicieron importantes avances en el desempeño de los Estudiantes Aprendices del Idioma Inglés y Estudiantes de Educación Especial en matemáticas y lectoescritura. Nuestros resultados API (por sus siglas en inglés) continúan subiendo.

En este año escolar que viene, espero con gusto visitar nuestros sitios escolares para observar la variedad

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Ana Valencia, Ed Hengler, Darryl Adams, Karen Morrison, Board President Lorraine Neal, and Margarita Rios

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Laurel Parker
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A Start in All Directions

We are pleased to announce the addition of three new full-day classes that began in September. They are located at DD Johnston, Huerta and Ramona schools. We continue to offer both half-day and full-day services at nine sites across the district. In addition, we also offer programs for children as young as 18 months in a Parent and Me model and Home Base services for 3-year-olds. Upcoming events include parent workshops as part of our Health Improvement Project and workshops and support groups for fathers and father figures.

This year, we are excited to learn about and begin using Project GLAD strategies in our classrooms to help all our students learn academic language and to be able to better support children who are learning English. We are working hard to carry out our new vision: We are a Center of Excellence committed to preparing today's preschoolers for life. Our mission is as follows: We are building the foundation of excellence for children and their families by providing comprehensive services; maintaining a strong partnership with families and our communities; creating a safe, caring and stimulating environment; ensuring that all children are challenged in their thinking and problem-solving skills; and implementing a hands-on active learning curriculum.

We are a
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today's preschoolers for life.



Kay Coop
Founder / Publisher



The school year is well underway and we are delighted to be publishing our second year covering this fine school district. From the Superintendent and Board of Education messages to the Head Start, Adult School and individual schools the message is clear—academic success. It is going to be an exciting year for the students.

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Adult School



Sharon Renfro Todd
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jobs. For our graduates, the time and effort spent in earning those diplomas was a small price to pay for the freedom it has given them to pursue even bigger dreams. Don't let another year go by without getting closer to your dream. You can start on that path today!



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Benton *MS Visual & Performing Arts Magnet*

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Michelle Green
Principal

Benton is Growing by Leaps and Bounds!

We launched the year with a new theme, “Weaving a Tapestry of Talent.” This symbolizes our commitment to build relationships as we tap the creative talent of our students. Students are networking with students with similar interests in dance, guitar, piano, choir, band, orchestra, creative writing, photography, visual art, media arts, and world percussion. Fall athletic teams are taking the field in football and volleyball. Students are developing important study habits that will serve them well as they pursue goals of college success.

We are currently assisting families in pursuit of their Entertainment Work Permits, and related documents. Our proximity to Hollywood gives students an advantage that wish to pursue work experience in the film and television industries. We are planning parent-to-parent workshops to provide practical advice. Look for website announcements about auditions for commercials, dance ensembles, music productions, and community theatre.



Seussical the Musical Production

Chavez *Elementary School*

12110 E. Walnut St., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/868-3565



Robert Rayburn
Principal

Great Academic Programs

As we begin a new school year, the Chavez community is thrilled to have received a similar school API ranking of 10!

On top of the great academic programs at Chavez, we will be continuing with our Piano, Guitar, Percussion, Visual Arts, and Technology Programs. This year, we will be adding Opera with the help of the good people at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. Many students will also get to work with iPad technology at several grade levels as part of the 21st Century Learning Initiative.

Chavez also welcomes Playworks.org to our campus for 2011-12. We believe that to be successful requires that we provide world-class education in the academic subjects, Visual and Performing Arts, Technology, and Physical Education. Playworks.org will help us round out the total school experience at Chavez!



Parents enjoying their children performing at the 2011 Guitar Recital.



Chavez Students practicing for their Piano Recital in Mrs. Barron's room.

Corvallis *MS Arts & Technology Magnet*

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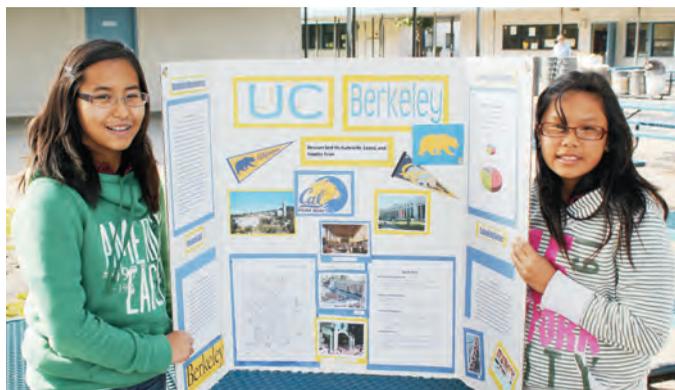
Bob Easton
Principal

A Multitude of Choices

Corvallis is now officially an Arts & Technology Magnet School! As a result, Corvallis offers a multitude of classes, events, and activities. This year students chose from seventeen different elective classes in three strands: Visual / Multimedia Arts, Performing Arts, and Technology. In addition, students are taking Honors classes in the four core subject areas, and accelerated mathematics classes.

At Corvallis Middle School of Arts & Technology, learning involves much more than what takes place in the classroom.

Following are some of the activities that are in store for students this year: Three band concerts, Barnes & Noble Open Microphone Night, the District Honor Band Concert, AVID Showcase Night, the Academic Pentathlon competition, a spring musical production, three district sports tournaments, College Week, Career Day, a variety of field trips, and much more. With so many activities, this is sure to be an exciting year!



Students celebrate College Week

Dolland *Elementary School*

15021 S. Bloomfield Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/921-9934



Lorena Sierra
Principal

Expanding Enrichment

At Dolland Elementary School we believe in creating well-rounded individuals that receive high quality standards based instruction, as well as enrichment in the visual and performing arts. In order for our students to have growth and exposure in the arts, we are committed to incorporating music instruction into our program. Currently, Mr. Sun, our artist in residence, provides each classroom weekly instruction in our newly remodeled music studio. Our goal is that by the end of fifth grade, every student will receive a multiple range of music instruction.

Another strong emphasis is to continue to expand the enrichment we offer by using art to connect learning across subject areas. This year, we plan to utilize “art carts” in each classroom in order to support our students in expanding their language, creativity, and critical thinking skills. We want our students to leave our school knowledgeable and well capable of succeeding academically and beyond.



Mr. Sun leading music students



Dulles *Elementary School*

12726 Meadowgreen Road, La Mirada, CA 90638 • 562/943-6734



Susan Shanks
Principal

A Special Climate for Learning

Dulles Elementary School is a place where everyone is someone special. Our instructional program is organized and designed to enable teachers to teach ensuring that students learn and achieve. The efforts of the staff to create a climate for learning at Dulles is reflected in the accomplishments and achievements made by our students throughout the year.

We believe that children learn in a variety of ways. This is why we provide a variety of activities throughout the year to inspire students to make not only academic achievements, but personal

accomplishments as well. Some of the activities we provide within the school day include weekly instrumental music, Meet the Masters, art, motivational assemblies, and Cup Speed Stacking to challenge the brain! We also offer many after school activities, such as Mad Science, karate, chess, drama, guitar, and more. Dulles Elementary is truly a special place to be!



Eastwood *Elementary School*

15730 Pescados Dr., La Mirada, CA 90638 • 714/521-6480



Yvette Cantu
Principal

Quality "Arts for All" Program

We are pleased to announce our Visual and Performing Arts Program. Each grade level will receive weekly instrumental music lessons. The lessons for Kindergarten through 3rd grade will focus on world percussion and rhythm. Starting this year, students in grades 4 and 5 will be introduced to violas, violins and cellos. Our 5th grade students will participate in ten African drums and dance lessons from a guest artist. All students will participate in the Meet the Master's visual art program. This year the art style and historical time period of Seurat, Miro, Toulouse-Lautrec, Degas, and

Gauguin will be studied. Primary and upper grade students will attend musical performances or plays at the La Mirada Civic Theater or Cerritos Center of the Performing Arts. Teachers will also submit class projects based on their experiences with the Cerritos Center. Last year, Mrs. Miyoshi's 2nd grade class project was honored by the Center. Bravo!



Eryn and Jack Fisher proudly display their Meet the Masters art project.

Edmondson *Elementary School*

15121 S. Grayland Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/864-9501



Jacob Muñiz
Principal

Eagle Scholars Soar!

I am proud to share the good news regarding Edmondson's achievements. Our academic scores on the CST have taken us to new heights—heights our Eagle Scholars have never seen. We are now ranked a "9" in similar schools ranking! And the great news does not stop there. Our teachers participated in team-planning over the summer and are excited to begin the new school year with a bang!

Our instructional program will offer something awesome for every student. Our goals for the upcoming school year include a newly revised master schedule, in order to allow for reading intervention across the grade-levels. We are also excited to announce the grand opening of our second computer lab!!! This will allow all Eagles to enjoy our newly upgraded SuccessMaker4 software in reading and math. Plus, they'll get to use our other fully outfitted computer lab to complete classroom projects and reports.

Lastly, the staff at Edmondson Elementary continue to be proud to offer NLMUSD's only Dual Immersion Program (90/10 model-Spanish/English). For enrollment information, please contact the school.



El Camino *High School*

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Darryl Brown
Principal

Ready to Learn

Welcome to the 2011–2012 school year at El Camino High School! Congratulations goes to our students, teachers, parents and staff members for a successful start to the year. El Camino High is a special place, one where each individual learner is valued and important.

Our teachers and staff members are dedicated to providing interesting and challenging instruction. But parents and educators must work together in partnership to provide a solid support for each student.

Communication among stakeholders is the key to success. Our goal is to ensure that each student develops the knowledge, skills and competencies to graduate from high school and move on to college, or become successful in the career of their choice.

We encourage hearing from parents about their own student's academic progress. Every day our parents play a vital role in making sure that students are ready to learn, and they must continue to emphasize the importance of arriving to school on time. At El Camino High School we emphasize the rule that, "Success begins at 7:50!" This means that our teachers have a plan for each class and must begin them promptly each morning.

Parents also play a big role in supporting the El Camino High School Code of Conduct. It is important that both school and home send consistent messages about appropriate behavior. So please assist your student in understanding their responsibilities regarding daily attendance and following school rules.

Consistency in communication between home and school will create a positive, student-centered learning environment.

Escalona *Elementary School*

15135 Escalona Road, La Mirada, CA 90638 • 714/521-0970



Bonita Lytle
Principal

The Path to Academic Success

At Escalona Elementary School, we are proud of our students and our programs. We believe that quality education can be achieved through high expectations of student performance and behavior; strong family, school and community partnerships; and a dedicated and enthusiastic staff committed to providing the best education possible for our students.

Escalona teachers are facilitators of learning while Escalona students are actively engaged in outstanding curricular programs designed to meet our goal of developing responsible and inspired learners who find success in an individual as well as in a collaborative sense.

Escalona teachers continue to provide a comprehensive literacy program in which students not only learn to read but also read to learn and that has students interacting with various forms of literature through the strategies of shared reading, guided reading, interactive read-alouds and independent reading.

In the area of writing, students become authors as they hone their writing skills during Writers' Workshop and through skills learned through the Step Up to Writing Program. Math instruction focuses on guiding students as they develop their intuitive knowledge of mathematics. Students not only learn how to think about addition, subtraction, multiplication and division but also learn to problem-solve and think logically about the relationships of numbers. The Meet the Masters Art Program and after-school music, dance and theater enrichment programs allow Escalona students to develop talents within the realm of the visual and performing arts.

With these programs in place, it's easy to see why Escalona students continue to "soar on the wings of knowledge!"

Gardenhill *Elementary School*

14607 E. Gardenhill Dr., La Mirada, CA 90638 • 562/944-6128



Eileen Burkholder
Principal

Amazing Year Planned

Gardenhill is ready for another amazing year of academic success and community involvement! I am proud to announce that 11 of our students received a perfect score on our District Benchmarks (standards based assessments) in the third trimester last year. Teachers worked hard in preparing students for the Benchmark along with the California Standards Test (CST) that was given at the end of May. Congratulations to all students who worked hard and gave 100%!

At Gardenhill, we continue to strive to invite our parents to special events such as Back-to-School Night, our Fall Festival (October 21st) and Summer Jam (June). In 2011-2012, we hope to increase our PTA association meetings and look forward to a newly formed educational partnership with Biola University. We have been selected as a "Clinical Model School" and will now house the "Introduction to Teaching Course" on our elementary campus. Students from Biola will get "hands-on" teaching experience with Gardenhill teachers and students. We are excited to continue to build our relationships with the La Mirada community!

Foster Road *Elementary School*

13930 E. Foster Road, La Mirada, CA 90638 • 562/921-9908



Dr. Jean Maddox
Principal

Mathematical Minds

Foster Road School has an exciting year ahead. Our staff has spent time together in various teacher trainings this summer preparing for our students' learning needs.

Every grade attended the Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI) workshop learning how to use more problem-solving strategies to build upon our students' existing knowledge in mathematics. Instruction should be designed to help students construct solutions to problems for themselves. Our students must understand that equality is a relationship that expresses the idea that two mathematical expressions hold the same value. An example, the number sentence $8 + 9 = 8 + 8 + 1$ expresses a mathematical relationship that is central to arithmetic. Our teachers can help students increase their understanding of arithmetic and teach algebraic concepts at the same time. Understanding equality as a relationship is important, because the lack of such understanding is one of the major stumbling blocks for students when they move from arithmetic to algebra.

At the elementary level, we build the foundation for learning. With this special training, our teachers will be able to take our students' mathematical thinking and build on their understanding to learn about addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. With CGI training, our teachers have a better understanding of how students' mathematical thinking develops and can help their students build increase their mathematical skills. The students learn strategies and focus on the types of action or relationships described in the problems. Watch our math skills grow!

Glazier *Elementary School*

10932 E. Excelsior Dr., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/863-8796



Kristine Cvar
Principal

Gladiator Academy Soars to the Top!

Congratulations to our ASES Gladiator Academy program for being selected for the "Galan Program of the Year" award and to Ms. T for being honored as the District's "Tutor of the Year" award. The ASES Gladiator Academy is designed to enhance our instructional program by providing an extended school day from dismissal to 5:30 every day. Standards-based, data-driven lessons, and progress monitoring that targets instruction is the ASES structure that delivers results. The program also incorporates enrichment clubs, field trips, performing arts, and philanthropic involvement within the program structure.

Our ASES staff at Glazier are top-notch educators who are making a difference. Ms. Yvette Macias, ASES site coordinator, and our ASES teachers (Ms. Ramos, Ms. Deleon, Ms. T, and Ms. Morales) are consistently aligning their curriculum to the identified targeted standards on a daily basis. Thank you for your dedication to our students!



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Glenn *High School*

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Dr. Ligia Hallstrom
Principal

Even the Sky is No Limit

John Glenn High School was named after astronaut John Glenn. He was the third American in space and the first American to orbit the Earth. In keeping with the theme of John Glenn's accomplishments, it is our mission to ensure that each student is ready to stand with knowledge and skills required in the 21st century. For the 2011-2012 school year, we are expanding our course offerings in English, Fine Arts, Science, and going into the next phase of our Film and TV Production Pathway. The launching of new courses will provide for more equitable access and increase opportunities for students to meet UC/CSU college entrance requirements. I am looking forward to what lies ahead for our students... "Where Even the Sky is No Limit."



La Mirada *High School*

13520 Adelfa Dr., La Mirada, CA 90638 • 562/868-0431



Bill Seals
Principal

An Active Participant

Hello Matadores, and welcome to the 2011–2012 school year. I hope you had an enjoyable summer vacation, and are returning to our campus ready to take on the challenges of a new year.

The graduating class of 2011 set the bar high. I encourage you to try to exceed their impressive accomplishments. Students from this class are now attending colleges and universities across the nation. These former Matadores are beginning their college careers at prestigious schools like West Point, Cornell, the University of Wisconsin, Kansas, Alabama, Washington State and the Air Force Academy.

Many other graduates are attending the University of California and California State University campuses. The opportunity to attend these impressive colleges and universities is the result of their hard work and dedication.

La Mirada High School welcomed approximately 2,270 students to its campus when school began in September. I encourage every one of them to become involved in our campus life. La Mirada has five academies, an outstanding athletic program, a number of student clubs, a very active ASB and an award-winning performing arts program. In short, there is something for everyone!

The graduates mentioned above had a couple of things in common. They took advantage of their opportunities to learn, and they participated in extracurricular activities that they enjoyed. I truly believe that if you are an active participant in your education then you will reach your goals and be able to pursue your post-secondary dreams.

Go, Matadores!

Hutchinson

13900 Estero Road, La Mirada, CA 90638 • 562/944-3268

*MS Math, Science,
Technology Magnet*



Sara Siemens
Principal

Real-World Curricula

The staff of Hutchinson Middle School is excited to partner with students, parents and the community for the 2011–12 school year. Our math, science and technology magnet introduces students to the engineering design process through units in environmental science, structural engineering and principles of engineering and robotics. Our Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) program includes our award-winning band program, as well as guitar, world percussion, music and technology, digital photography, movie making and digital art. Through project-based learning, students are exploring real-world problems and challenges in the areas of math, science, social studies and technology. Our Honors Program continues to challenge and reward our highest academically performing students in the areas of language arts, mathematics, science, social studies and physical education.

AVID is providing a college-readiness environment supporting students in the development of organizational and study skills. Students also have opportunities to participate in Leadership, Yearbook, Academic Pentathlon, after-school sports and Cheer. Tutoring and support services are also provided to students who need assistance. Parental involvement is encouraged as we partner together to provide a quality learning experience.

We are excited for our new school year and are committed to once again providing our students with a quality academic environment. For more information, please contact our office or explore our website.

Johnston *Elementary School*

13421 S. Fairford Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/864-2508



Veronica Lizardi
Principal

"Character is Who You are When No One is Watching."

D.D. Johnston is a school where character counts everyday! We strive to teach students the importance of high achievement in academics and in character. Each month, we focus on one of the Six Pillars of Character (Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Good Citizenship). When you walk onto our campus, you can begin to feel the warmth of all these pillars throughout our school. You hear students and staff talking about the pillars and you can visually see the beautiful art on our walls that illustrate our vision for the building blocks for a well rounded kid for character.



The murals at D.D. Johnston send the message that Character Counts at this school!

La Pluma *Elementary School*

14420 La Pluma Dr., La Mirada, CA 90638 • 562/943-7104



Terry Pace
Principal

Creating a PATH Toward Excellence!

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! At La Pluma, we are excited about the rich heritage that brings students from all over our community to experience the Panther Family. We look forward to another year of growing productive citizens that embrace life-long learning through the Arts, technology, problem solving, creativity, and respecting one another.

To move forward on our path toward excellence, you will not only find a dedicated school staff and colorful playgrounds, but you will also find our teachers engaging students in standards-based lessons, academic conversations, and small group learning.

Our computer lab is ready and equipped to support all students with web-based programs for enrichment and acceleration of learning. We are also proud of our arts-enriching experiences as well as before and after school opportunities for our students.

We look forward to a great year as we travel the Panther Path toward achievement through teamwork, heart and hard work.



Lampton *Elementary School*

14716 Elmcroff Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/462-9273



Cindy Rayburn
Principal

We Believe School Can Be Fun!

In these tight budget times, some schools have eliminated, what students would call “all the fun stuff,” but not at Lampton Elementary School! Each year, we have several exciting events to inspire our learners and bring that twinkle of excitement to their eyes.

Exotic animals from South America and Africa, and touch tanks with sea creatures have visited our school, teaching students about habitats, food chains, and endangered species. Students take study trips to places like the zoo or natural history museum. They also

play learning games to develop skills such as vocabulary, mathematics, or deductive reasoning. During “Meet the Masters”, our students learn about great artists like Picasso, and create beautiful works of art in their style. Our students have the opportunity to see live performances at the Cerritos Performing Arts Center. Every classroom performs on our stage. This October, we will be jumping in to rhythm and movement with our students.

Who says school can't be fun. At Lampton, we believe it can!



Alexander has fun while building his deductive reasoning skills.

Los Coyotes

14640 Mercado Ave., La Mirada, CA 90638 • 714/739-2368

*MS Centurian
Honors Magnet*



Dr. Sylvia Begtrup
Principal

Eighth Grade Students Exit in Style

Our eighth grade students experienced a successful end of the school year as they participated in “Exit Interviews” where they

discussed their strengths and areas of growth in Math, Language Arts, Science and Social Science with an adult interviewer. The entire eighth grade class also visited the Holocaust Museum, which opened their eyes to the reality of WWII. Choral and Band performances wowed the audiences as our students performed for their last time as LCMS students.



Eighth grade students visit the Holocaust Museum

Los Alisos

14800 S.Jersey Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/868-0865

*MS Math, Science,
Technology Magnet*



Dr. Gloria Jimenez
Principal

Preparation for School Year

Los Alisos Middle School teachers have had many training opportunities this summer in preparation for the 2011-12 school year. The training included the following:

Math, Science and Technology Magnet – Teachers underwent training at Cal Poly Pomona for two weeks planning engineering courses and Robotics training at USC.

AVID Program – Five teachers participated in the summer AVID training which will expand our program to include exploratory courses in 6th grade and the regular classes in 7th and 8th grades.

GATE – Teacher training has enhanced our Gifted and Talented Education classes.

Social Studies – Training at USC

MIT – Technology training to expand our and project-based learning.

Career and College – Training provided opportunities to begin an after school club.

All staff – Four days of curriculum planning in all subject areas.

We look forward to an exciting school year which will provide a quality and enriched education as we embark with Project Lead the Way and USC as our partners in education.

Centurian Honors Magnet Opens New Horizons

Seventh and eighth grade students enrolled in the Centurian Honors Magnet began the school year working to challenge themselves in all core content areas. Eighth grade students are taking high school courses through online APEX courses in French and Biology. The first Honors Parent Showcase will be held in late November. Other new courses this year such as Fencing and Sports Medicine PE are creating excitement with the students. Check out our website at loscoyotesms.org.

Moffitt *Elementary School*

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Maureen Bixby
Principal

Enriching Lives

The staff at Moffitt Elementary School would like to welcome you to the 2011-2012 school year. The Moffitt staff prides itself on providing a rigorous, high quality, standards-based program while enriching the lives of all learners in a safe and nurturing environment. This year, we have added additional enrichment activities and interventions to ensure all learners' needs are met. We are also excited to announce the expansion of our music program. Our students will be provided various opportunities to learn guitars,

xylophones, and world percussion instruments. Our upper grade students are also eagerly joining our band and choir. We believe in educating the whole child while helping them to reach their highest potential. The Moffitt community is looking forward to another successful school year. We will continue to work collaboratively to increase student achievement while instilling a love of learning in all of our Moffitt Mustangs.



Getting ready for our annual Harvest Festival on October 27th.

New River *Elementary School*

13432 S Halcourt Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/868-9848



Michelle Centeno
Principal

Welcome Back to Another Great School Year

New River Elementary School welcomes all students and families back for another great school year! New River strives to offer a safe and positive learning environment for our students. Our staff is proud of the academic growth our students have made. District and State assessments show that gains have been made in the areas of English Language Arts, Math, and Science. We offer rigorous, standards-based learning experiences for all of our children in grades K through 5th to help them achieve their best as students and citizens. We recognize that this goal is something that we can only accomplish with all of us- teachers, students and parents working together as a team!

New River encourages parents to support their children through school involvement. There are many opportunities to volunteer in classrooms, field trips, and by participating in groups such as PTA, or advisory committees such as Shared Decision Making (SDM) or our English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). Working together, we know that we can continue to make New River Elementary School a, "Community of Learners!"

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Morrison *Elementary School*

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Rudy Gonzalez
Principal

Achieving Potential

Julia B. Morrison Elementary School would like to welcome our community of learners back for the 2011-2012 school year. We are excited about the possibilities and opportunities we will encounter this year. We are sure it will be a very productive year, and we are looking forward to working with all our stakeholders to make this our best year yet!

Music has always been a part of Morrison's curriculum, but this year we are building upon our existing model to further enhance learning in the classroom. We will continue to have two artists in residence on our site, Evan Eliason and Yoon Cho. Our students will be singing and learning to read music, as well as expanding their knowledge of rhythm, tempo and beat. They will be learning on a variety of instruments, which include world percussion, recorders, bells, and xylophones. Music instruction will culminate in performances for our students and their families. In addition, we are very proud that all of our fifth-grade students will continue to learn string instruments, including violins, violas, and cellos.

Our physical site continues to be improved also. Look for new murals, additional kindergarten playground equipment, and an improved landscape. These improvements are being completed through a collaborative effort with private donations, district funds, and PTA.

At Morrison, we continue to be committed to our goal of providing a caring, positive and safe learning environment where each child is encouraged to make responsible choices and to develop the academic skills necessary to reach their maximum learning potential.

Norwalk *High School*

11356 E. Leffingwell Road, Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/868-0431



Dina Wilson
Principal

Norwalk High Graduates are Off to Great Places!

On June 22nd, Norwalk High School celebrated the graduation of over 475 students! This was the biggest graduating class ever, with the highest number of students heading off to a 4-year university in the fall. Over 89% of our graduates will be attending college, with over 100 attending a 4-year university. Our newest Lancer alumni will be walking the halls of some of the greatest colleges in the nation: UC Berkeley, University of Texas, UCLA and even Stanford.

In addition to being accepted to top schools, our students received many honors including \$1.5 million in scholarships and financial aid. The perseverance of our students and the hard work of our counselors and faculty have enabled our students to reach their dreams.

We are so proud of all of our graduates and wish them the best of luck as they enter the "real world."



Norwalk High School's Top Four Seniors for 2011

Nuffer *Elementary School*

14821 S. Jersey Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/868-3788



LaTasha Buck
Principal

Granddaughters Present Generous Gift

On June 10th, we hosted a special assembly attended by the granddaughters of John H. Nuffer. Although Mr. Nuffer died long before his granddaughters were born, Ms. Havlicek provided us with a picture of her grandfather and grandmother, which is now displayed in every classroom. Our principal had researched the history of Mr. Nuffer, the school, and the Norwalk community and compiled a book filled with informative narratives and over 175 pictures celebrating our school. During the assembly copies of her book were presented to the library, Ms. Rackliffe, and Ms. Havlicek. Mr. Havlicek also presented the library with a copy of his book about Van Gogh. The Havliceks and Ms. Rackliffe then toured the classrooms, the library and the computer lab. They loved our school and are very proud that it was named after their grandfather. We are indebted to them for a very generous gift to our library.



Southeast *Academy*

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Sgt. Marty Schafer
Director

Success for All

Southeast Academy High School (SEA) is unique in that it offers students opportunities to explore careers in public service. During our short history, we have captured the attention as a model high school for Career Technical Education (CTE). As we transition into our 12th year of existence, we continue to be excited about the learning opportunities SEA offers for high school students in the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District. This year we continue to grow, housing approximately 240 students from 15 different districts. We are excited about continuing to build new traditions and academic successes.

For the first time, 65 freshmen will be attending the academy allowing opportunities for our students to be fully A-G qualified for enrollment at a University of California or California State University campus. Student success means academic success, and we are proud of what our students have achieved. Real-life application of academic work is a focus. Through CTE our students learn how to be leaders. SEA provides leadership development opportunities as a component to complement their academic studies. The unique design of our small learning community allows students to study in an academically rigorous, yet safe and supportive, learning environment.

I look forward to working with the staff and community to continue the traditions of academic success. The teachers at SEA enthusiastically guide students through rigorous and rewarding high school coursework. I will work collaboratively with the teachers and my fellow administrators to provide an academic program where all students can be successful.

Sanchez *Elementary School*

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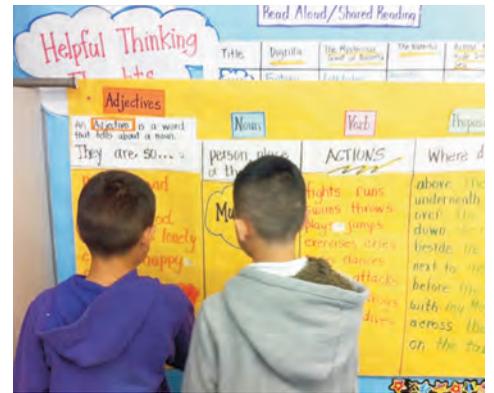


Maribel Galan
Principal

Actively Setting Goals and Planning for Success!

"We, the Sanchez Dragons, are a community of Scholars who Love, Learn, Live! Sanchez Dragons are Fired Up for Learning!"

Sanchez is off to a great start to the 2011-2012 school year. We are excited about the achievement and academic progress our students are making as we continue to implement standards based instruction and interventions that support all students. The entire school community is working on four main goals to continue to increase student achievement.



The Goals are:

- Enhance a data-driven system of instruction and interventions to address the needs of all students
- Allocate time to support effective teacher collaboration
- Implement Accountability and effective communication in support of student achievement through shared leadership
- Promote a positive school environment for student achievement

The support of our community and our families is vital to our success. Your ongoing commitment to our student scholars will allow them to grow and have the experiences and skills needed to thrive in their future.

Waite *M S Careers Magnet*

14320 S. Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/921-7981



Willie Norman
Principal

Collaborative Teaching

The Math and Science Teacher Initiative (MSTI) includes: Small Group Instruction, Universal Access for All Learners, Math Centers, Lego Education Robotics, Ten additional teachers per trimester and a half, provided by CSUF.

Waite Middle School's 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students will all benefit from the added attention provided through additional expertise in teaching, differentiation in pacing, and more strategic small group instructional opportunities.

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Dr. Ruth Pérez

Additionally, our high school graduation rate also increased and more students are passing the high school exit exam (CAHSEE). Our teachers, administrators and staff are committed to the success of our students. Our supportive School Board Members allow us to push further to challenge our students and provide a rigorous curriculum.

Despite the difficult economy and diminishing resources from the State, with the support and engagement of parents, families, and community, we can and will continue to work hard to provide high levels of learning for ALL children.

Welcome back to school!

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en nuestro Índice de Rendimiento Académico, así como mejoría en Lengua y Literatura del Inglés y Matemáticas. Además, nuestra tasa de graduación de preparatoria también incremento y más estudiantes están pasando el examen de salida de la preparatoria (CAHSEE por sus siglas en inglés). Nuestros maestros, administradores y personal están comprometidos con el éxito de nuestros estudiantes. Nuestros miembros de la junta escolar, quienes brindan mucho apoyo, permiten empujar más allá para desafiar a nuestros estudiantes y proporcionar un riguroso plan de estudios.

A pesar de la economía dificultosa y la disminución de recursos del Estado, con el apoyo y el compromiso de los padres, las familias y comunidad, podemos y seguiremos trabajando arduamente para proporcionar altos niveles de aprendizaje para TODOS los niños.

¡Bienvenidos de regreso la escuela!



Karen Morrison
 Member

individual needs and interests.

Thank you to our parents and communities for your continued support. The education of your students is truly a team effort.

de plan de estudio enriquecido y programas que ofrecemos. Con la inauguración de nuestras siete escuelas magnet proveeremos muchas oportunidades para satisfacer las necesidades individuales y los intereses de nuestros estudiantes.

Gracias a nuestros padres y comunidades por su apoyo continuo. La educación de sus alumnos es verdaderamente un esfuerzo de equipo.

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Eva – Aunt of 2nd grader
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Mother of 1st grader – SES Student
Norwalk-La Mirada School District

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