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Wiseburn Fit in Body and Mind

Welcome to our final issue of School News for the 2013-2014 school year! The focus for this issue are the many programs that we have in Wiseburn to keep our students

fit in both body and mind! 2013-14 has been another banner year for our district. At the very top of our list of accomplishments is the long sought after achievement of Wiseburn Unification. On November 5, 2013, Wiseburn residents voted 92.77% in favor of unification, and after a 13-year effort Wiseburn became the first elementary district to earn its independence from Centinela Valley Union High School District. Thank You Wiseburn Community! On July 1, 2014 the Wiseburn Elementary

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Da Vinci Schools to Add CIF Sports



The Da Vinci volleyball team plays a scrimmage game at El Camino College.

Dr. Chris Jones, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Technology

High school students at Da Vinci Design, Da Vinci Science and Da Vinci Communications have been sanctioned as a single team for participation in the California Inter-Scholastic Federation (CIF) beginning this fall. The Da Vinci sports program will begin with junior varsity teams that will grow into varsity programs in the coming years. Sports teams will be offered for both boys and girls in soccer, volleyball, basketball, cross-country, and running events in track. Membership in CIF is a major milestone in the development of a high school sports program for the Wiseburn community.

As plans move forward for moving the Da Vinci high school programs into the new high school facility at 201 N. Douglas, application to CIF

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Wiseburn Unified School District's New Logo

Dr. Tom Johnstone, Superintendent

With the anticipation of Wiseburn becoming a unified school district on July 1, 2014, after 118 years, Wiseburn will be unveiling a new district logo.

Rather than hire a graphic design company to create the new logo, we thought, who better than our students to capture the essence of Wiseburn Unified School District. We made an open call to the upper grade art students at Dana Middle School and Da Vinci Design who were interested in participating.

For the selection process, Dana's art teacher Noelle Staal had her upper grade advanced art students each create a logo using the following elements: Wiseburn Unified School District, est. 2014; keep the image of the "school bell" to honor the history of Wiseburn; and incorporate an image to represent "technology" to embrace the future.

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Board Member, JoAnne Kaneda (Unified); Board Member, Dennis Curtis; District Web Master, Alicia Galindo; Erica Molióio; Board Member (Elementary) Blanca Estrada; Francisco Gomez; Dana Middle School Art Teacher, Noelle Staal; Guadalupe Galvan; Board President, Roger BaÑuelos; Board Member, Nelson Martinez and Dr. Tom Johnstone, Superintendent.

Burnett PTA

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The Higher You Climb the Better the View

Wow, where does the time go? Looking back over the course of the year it is amazing to see how our PTA, volunteers, staff and teachers have enriched the school experience for our Bulldogs. A few recent highlights: field trips, Father/Daughter Dance, Coin Drive, Mother/Son Game Night, Movie Night and Engineering Night. Our Mother/Son Game Night was a huge success! It was such a treat to see our families out on the field playing Four Square, handball, various board games, chess and basketball together. Our evening concluded with a DJ dance party and we caught a few Mom's eyes welling up with tears as their sons asked them to dance. It was a very special event and we look forward to continuing the tradition next year. We cannot say THANK YOU enough to all of our families who continually volunteer and help make all of our events so successful! We are also incredibly grateful for our principal, Laura Sullivan, who goes above and beyond to ensure we are supported and successful. Lastly, we wanted to give a special thank you to Steve Wallis for his continued support and providing us with his wonderful student volunteers. The community support in Wiseburn is one-of-a-kind!

We would also like to use this opportunity to thank our PTA Executive Board and all of our Committee Chairs. It is because of your dedication, hard work and enthusiasm that we are able to provide these experiences for our Bulldogs. It has truly been a pleasure serving as Peter Burnett's PTA President and I look forward to another positive and productive 2014-2015 school year.

To those who will be leaving Peter Burnett at the end of this year, we wish you well as your wings continue to expand. New experiences are waiting, new friends will be made and your view will continue to improve, there is an old saying that goes, the higher you climb the better the view. Climb the highest mountains, and cherish these moments as they come.

Anza PTA

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Fulfilling Year

The Anza PTA has enjoyed a very fulfilling year at Juan de Anza. All of our Board and committee members will agree that volunteering our time to advocate for our students and provide funding for vital programs and other needs at Anza provides an amazing sense of accomplishment and fulfillment.

This year was no exception. We have found many uses for our fruitful fundraising events, and would like to thank all of the families and friends of Anza to support us in this endeavor.

We also enjoyed another great year of the Growing Great program. Both the classroom and garden portions, which have provided hours of education for our students, and in particular, our outside garden program, which has blossomed to include a garden club for the students who took an interest in building upon what they were learning.

Our annual Family Fun Craft Night event, which is one of our most popular events, once again was very well attended. This has become an annual event, which traditionally takes place in February. If you have not attended, look for the event next year. You don't want to miss this one.

As we lead into summer, The Anza PTA would like to thank everyone... neighbors, students, parents, staff and teachers who do what they do every day to make our school successful.

Dana PTA

Liz Martin, President • 310/725-4700

It Was a Great Year

This was a Great Year at Dana Middle School! We would like to give a big thank you to all the parents, teachers, staff, students and administrators that helped make Spooktacular, which is our main fundraiser, such a huge success. It was a fun night for all! Also, thank you to everyone that supported our McTeacher Night, we had an outstanding turnout. Your support of these events helps make Dana such a special school.

We were very proud to host Wiseburn Education Foundation's Rock Around the Block Event this year. It was an amazing event! Again thank you to all the volunteers and families that came out to support this event. Thank you to the teachers and administrators that volunteered for the Dunk Tank and a very special thank you to Ms. Jeffrey and Ms. Borque and the very talented Wiseburn students that gave us a great day of music.

It has been a wonderful year at Dana and we are looking forward to another great year next year. We at Dana Middle School PTA wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer. We look forward to seeing you at our next PTA Meeting in the fall.

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Greetings All

By Bill Magoon Co-Founder/Vice President

This summer (2014) is a very exciting time for the Wisburn community as we will soon celebrate the long-awaited unification of our Wisburn School District. It was a long, sometimes rough, road to get to this point but we have finally made it and we are all very excited that it is finally here. Our new high school will be state of the art in its concept and — pending construction — will undoubtedly be the envy of many school districts up and down the state. We feel so blessed to have a school superintendent, school board members and school staff with such keen vision for the future of our kids that we can say with a sigh of relief that the “unification hurdle is done” and that we can now concentrate our focus on moving forward to fixing once and for all the Wisburn community’s “choice block issue.” It is our sincere hope that all of the communities within the Wisburn School District will come together and band with us to finally put this choice block issue behind us.

A lot of people ask, “What is the choice block issue?” For as far back as most of us can remember the Wisburn community has been broken up into 2 school districts (Wisburn & Lawndale). Wisburn community residents residing on 138th St. and to the north belong to the Wisburn School District. Wisburn community residents residing on 139th St. and to the south belong to the Lawndale School District. We all have long wanted all of our community to be part of the Wisburn School District so once again Wisburn residents have rallied and come together and created “The Wisburn Residents for Wisburn Schools Initiative.” The purpose being to effectively remove the Wisburn community choice blocks (139th St., 140th St., 141st St. and 142nd St.) from the Lawndale Elementary School District and Centinela Valley Union High School District and seek reassignment to the Wisburn Unified School District where most of our choice blocks kids prefer to attend and already go to school but by permit.

This time around the effort is being headed up by two dedicated Wisburn

residents who reside in the Choice Blocks and who also support the Wisburn Community. The Wisburn neighborhood is completely behind this endeavor and we are serious about getting out of the Lawndale/CV School Districts to benefit of our kids and community. If you support our efforts please feel free to send us an email at: wisburnforwisburn@gmail.com or if you prefer, give us a “like” or post a comment on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/choiceblocks>

The Wisburn community Annual National Night Out event is coming up and Wisburn Watch tentatively plans to host our Annual NNO event again and will begin preparations soon. For those of you not familiar, NNO is “America’s Night Out Against Crime.” The premise is to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a clear message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. NNO culminates annually with events all across the country on the first Tuesday of August. Notifications and updates will be posted as we get closer.

Update on the Wisburn Community Walking Path: (unimproved land area along La Cienega — east side of the 405 freeway). Another exciting item for the Wisburn community as this project is tentatively scheduled to begin construction November 2014. Our Road Improvement Project: Since our last writing Wisburn Watch has been informed that this project is on track and should begin this summer.

Wisburn Community Crime issues: The Wisburn community had been on a steady downward crime trend for quite some time but sadly like so many of our surrounding communities we have been experiencing the same spike in residential burglaries as well as vehicle thefts and vehicle-related crime as others have. Having said that, within the bigger picture, overall crime continues to fall in Los Angeles County Sheriff patrol areas countywide. Even with our spikes the Wisburn community has on average one of the lowest number of reported crime incidents within our SLA Sheriff Station patrol jurisdiction. Why? Who really knows for sure, but we like to think it is at least in part due to our Wisburn Watch members doing a great job.

In closing, Wisburn Watch cordially invites any homeowner, property owner and/or renter residing within the LA County unincorporated community of Wisburn (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.

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Dr. Matthew Wunder
Executive Director

A Stellar Year at Da Vinci Schools

Da Vinci Schools celebrated its 5th anniversary this year, and it has been a stellar year!

We are thrilled to celebrate the Class of 2014, our second full graduating class of seniors from Da Vinci Design and Da Vinci Science. We celebrate the individual accomplishments of our 219 seniors and the outstanding dedication of our teachers and staff.

Today, we have a track record of success with 97% of our students on track for graduation, 97% of whom are eligible for University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) admission, and about 78% of whom were accepted to 4-year universities (as of May 8). Students from the Class of 2014 have been accepted to top schools across the nation, including: UC Berkeley, UCLA, USC, Brown University, Boston University, Syracuse University, Smith College, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Loyola Marymount University, New York University, Rochester Institute of Technology, and many more.

Da Vinci Communications, Da Vinci Design and Da Vinci Science offer a college preparatory curriculum for the 21st century providing a rigorous and well-rounded liberal arts education that is infused with real-world and project-based learning, internships, industry-based seminars, college classes (at no cost to families), comprehensive college counseling, partnerships with top industry and higher education leaders, a small and personalized learning community, and much more. Da Vinci Schools are Wiseburn's high schools, offering tremendous opportunities for all students, including special education and gifted and talented students.

Da Vinci has attracted local, national and international recognition for our work in real world and project-based learning. This school year, we have hosted delegations of educators from around the world, including: Japan, China, Thailand, Israel, Russia, Harvard University, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, TEDEd, and many more.

Community Outreach

Wiseburn School District and Da Vinci Schools leadership have engaged in extensive community outreach to our Wiseburn neighbors this school year. Together, we met with the Wiseburn, Del Aire and Holly Glen homeowner associations and attended two elementary PTA meetings. Anza Principal Sarah Nitsos and the Chief Petitioners toured all Da Vinci high schools in February. For the second consecutive year, Da Vinci had a booth at Rock Around The Block. Our robotics team also has been out in the community giving demonstrations and inspiring our next generation of engineers.

Additionally, our high schools have hosted enrollment events for Wiseburn students and families and tours for community members. In May, we held an open house for residents of 360 at South Bay. For questions about enrollment, please contact our enrollment team at (310) 331-8097 or enrollment@davincischools.org.

We are extremely grateful to Wiseburn community member Lourdes Del Rio Valdes who participated on our School Branding Sub-Committee. Lourdes also served as a judge at Da Vinci Communications on a Shark Tank-style panel judging students' business ideas.

DVIA Update

Da Vinci Innovation Academy is a small school with big ideas. This semester, DVIA established a Collab Lab, a place for families to attend workshops and "meet ups" around homeschooling. This school year alone, DVIA has held more than 150 workshops for parents who are co-educators in our "home school hybrid" model. Students also use the Collab Lab to engage in small group learning with our teaching team and play coding games on laptops and iPads at lunchtime.

As in all Da Vinci schools, industry involvement is a signature practice so our students gain the knowledge and skill sets needed for success in the 21st century workforce. This semester, Rebecca Oechsle, a Northrop engineer, visited Core 3 (grades 3-4) to speak to DVIA students about the James Webb Space Telescope as part of the Mission to Mars project. Students have been studying the history of rockets and the Space Race. They learned about the Mars Rover missions and how the latest rover, Curiosity, traveled and landed on

Mars. DVIA students are also learning about circuits and simple machines to create a prototype of a future rover that could be sent to Mars for research.

We are very fortunate to enjoy strong community support at all Da Vinci schools, including DVIA. Our friends at Balfour Beatty recently built a wood deck and a 16-foot marble run, and coordinated our Sharefest community workday held on Apr. 26. Balfour Beatty also donated stain and landscaping supplies. Last year Balfour Beatty built a planter and an elaborate pirate ship for our students to explore mysterious new worlds.

Sigma Chi, a fraternity at Loyola Marymount University, teamed up with Balfour Beatty and Sharefest to build a horizontal climbing wall. Last year Sigma Chi helped us recreate a breezeway with a teepee, tire bounce path, and beautiful landscaping.

Sports Update

We continue to expand our sports offerings under the direction of Athletic Director Thomas Curry.

In April, we submitted our CIF application. Beginning next fall, we will offer CIF sports in track and cross country (co-ed), boys and girls volleyball, boys and girls basketball, and boys and girls soccer.

This year, Da Vinci students participated in intramural flag football, soccer, basketball and volleyball.

All Da Vinci students, regardless of their fitness level, have many opportunities to engage in sports and fitness activities in their seminar (elective) classes. These include: cross fit, yoga, marathon training, dance, walk & talk, fitness and nutrition, and more.

Go Wolves!

Results + Recognition

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our students, families, staff, key partners and supporters for helping us achieve these results and recognition.



Rachel Greenberg, teacher, Mr. Lenny Perez, Kelly Crabtree, and Cindy Magana.

An all-girls team from Da Vinci Science recently won an engineering design competition, beating out 16 teams from Southern California and went on to the State competition where they placed second, missing first by only one point.

Da Vinci Science ninth-graders Kelly Crabtree, Rachel Greenberg and Cindy Magana won first place in the Chevron Engineering Design Challenge regional competition on April 26 in Redondo Beach.

Using Autodesk Inventor software, each team had only one day to create an original car activity center that would function as both a work surface and a location to organize books, food,

drinks and other hard-to-reach items. Professional engineers from Chevron and PLTW teachers judged students' design process and oral presentations.

Each Da Vinci student won an iPad Air and the team qualified to compete in the state championships on May 17 in San Diego. The team was supported by engineering teacher Lenny Perez.

Da Vinci Design senior Alejandro Jaramillo's team captured top honors at the 20th Annual Riordan Scholars Stock Market Competition on April 19 sponsored by The Riordan Programs at UCLA Anderson School of Business. Jaramillo was one of 12 Da Vinci Design students who participated in the competition. More than 100 high school students researched public companies and made recommendations to buy or sell company stock based on months of collaborative research. Thirty Da Vinci Design students participated in the Riordan Scholars Saturday Business Institute at Da Vinci Design, a mentoring program that pairs MBA students from the UCLA Anderson School of Business with 10th, 11th and 12th graders to discuss their academic, career and personal goals.



Da Vinci Science FRC Team 4201, also known as the Vitruvian Bots, finished 5th out of 66 teams at the 2014 FRC Los Angeles Regional Competition.

Da Vinci Science junior Tony Stuart won a Dean's List Award and a \$10,000 scholarship at the FIRST Robotics Competition National Championships in St. Louis, MO on April 23-26. Tony, the engineering captain of the Da Vinci Science robotics team known as the "Vitruvian Bots," was one of only 10 students selected from a field of thousands who applied from across the country.

The Da Vinci robotics team finished 5th out of 66 teams and their alliance finished in 3rd place at the 2014 FRC Los Angeles Regional Competition held in March. The team also won the Imagery and the Motorola Quality Awards.

These are stellar accomplishments, particularly for a team that is only three years old! Better still, Da Vinci team members learned skills that will follow them through their future studies and careers, including programming, computer-aided design, mechanical engineering, 3D printing, laser-cutting, strategy, and other 21st century skills including teamwork, leadership, oral and written communication, marketing, and graphic design. Along the way, we brought STEM and robotics to kids in grades 3-8 in several different forums and demonstrated our robot in the community, at businesses, and at El Camino College.

The team was supported by FRC coach Aaron Tostado. A HUGE thank you to professional mentors Fazlul Zubair (Raytheon), David Stuart (Boeing, Retired), Ted Dang (Danger Consulting), Ralf Ihmels (COM DEV USA), Craig McGrath (Boeing), Rusdi Fatani (Boeing), and Nanci Bolas (Consultant); and sponsors Raytheon, Boeing, Northrop Grumman, USC Institute for Creative Technologies, COM DEV USA, WyzAnt, Elite Technologies, Gardena Specialized Finishing, MiCIAN, and of course Da Vinci Schools and the Wiseburn School District.

We are so proud of these incredible kids. Go Vitruvian Bots!

Annual Graffiti Art Exhibit

Da Vinci Design student artists took 4th, 6th, 7th and 9th place at the 4th Annual Graffiti Art Exhibit and Award Celebration held on April 27 at Camino Nuevo High School. Da Vinci Design students Sarah Gutierrez (4th place), Elizabeth Johnson (6th place), Hannah Ryan (7th place) and Ariana Fisher (9th place) took 4 of the 10 awards presented. Honorable Mentions went to Stephanie Higareda (11th grade) and Kendle White (9th grade). Winning students received cash prizes ranging from \$50-\$150. The Graffiti Art Project provides LA County middle and high school students with the opportunity to create graffiti/street art on a 40" x 60" canvas instead of on a wall. The Graffiti Art Project is organized by P.S. Arts. Da Vinci Design art teacher Jessica Jones mentored the students.



Graffiti Art: (pictured to the right)
(L-R) Da Vinci Design students Kendle White (Honorable Mention), Elizabeth Johnston (6th place), Sarah Gutierrez (4th place), Ariana Fisher (9th place) and Hannah Ryan (7th place) at the 4th Annual Graffiti Art Exhibit and Award Celebration.

Juan de Anza *Elementary (K-5)*

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Sarah Nitsos
Principal

Tremendous Year!

With the end of the year upon us, it is a good time to reflect on all of the wonderful experiences we have shared. This school year has once again afforded us all the opportunity to grow and expand our knowledge. We are grateful to all of the staff at Anza, the district office, the board of directors, the PTA and the whole community for coming together to support our students. Through this partnership, we have been able to provide an amazing year!

Every May, fifth-grade students across the country participate in the physical fitness exam. This tests their aerobic capacity, abdominal strength and endurance, trunk extensor strength and flexibility, upper-body strength and endurance, and flexibility. The fifth-grade teachers in partnership with the Soccer Shots PE coaches lead the students all year in exercises and drills that prepare them for these tasks but at the same time are engaging for the students. We are excited to announce that all of our students have made amazing progress toward the goal of being physically fit, and we anxiously await the results.



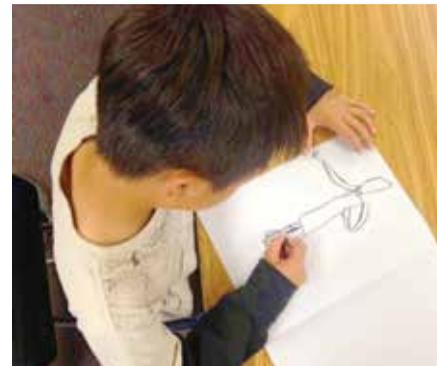
Students work on the upper body strength and endurance section of the Physical Fitness testing.



Getting some coaching on a proper curl-up to complete the abdominal strength and endurance part of the test.



Students strike a pose and model while their partners sketch the gesture.



Students try to capture their partner's pose in a rough sketch.

The focus was on this year's P.S. ARTS motto, "Exploring Our Dreams, Expanding Our Universe," as a unifying lens to facilitate an ongoing dialog. Paul Cezanne, Frida Kahlo, Giacometti, Matisse, Kaethe Kollwitz, Faith Ringgold and Romare Bearden are just some of the artists that the students drew inspiration from. We are so fortunate that the district and community value arts education as an integral part of educating the whole student and expanding their minds.



Students are enjoying working with brand new computers. "They move so quickly and don't freeze."

SBAC Practice Testing

We have been flexing our mental muscles with this year's statewide field-testing of the Smarter Balanced Common Core assessment. While we will receive no data

from this field test, it has given us a chance to explore the possibilities of testing online. We were so thankful for the new computers for our computer lab and the development of a second computer lab just in time for this testing process. The old computers were purchased when the newly rebuilt Anza opened in 2002 and were greatly in need of replacing. We are grateful to Dr. Tom Johnstone, Dr. Chris Jones and the Wiseburn Board of Trustees for the foresight to utilize Common Core funds to ensure that Anza's computer labs were up to date before the testing began.

As we draw the school year to a close, it is important to remember to keep fit in body and mind all summer long. Students need to have some time to relax but also need to keep their skills sharp. We at Anza are excited to continue to make available to you all of the online programs students had access to all school year long. These programs will be available until late August. This will provide a real opportunity for students to continue to improve their knowledge about grade-appropriate content. However, please do not forget to help them get outside and be active each and every day. Enjoy your summer!

Peter Burnett *Elementary School (3-5)*

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Laura Sullivan
Principal

Fit Body and Mind

The mind-body connection is so important, and our children need to benefit from the valuable resources that are afforded to them on a daily basis. Through scholastic achievement, physical education, and diet, our children can experience various opportunities to refocus, reconnect and recycle ideas to benefit their well-being, all of which can also benefit the classroom.

Students need the proper environment in order to work to their full potential in the classroom and on the yard. Burnett's outstanding physical education programs empower our children to perform physically during their outdoor activities and mentally in the classroom.

We are proud to share the many activities that help our children and families maintain physically fit bodies and healthy minds during the school year.



5th Grade Physical Fitness Test in action.

In February, our fathers danced the night away with their beautiful daughters at our Father/Daughter Dance. One father said that, "The dance was a better workout than going to the gym!"

In March, our mothers hosted our Mother/ Son Game Night. This activity allowed mothers to show their sons that they are physically fit and extremely competitive. The participants played handball, tetherball, four-square, and even participated in relay games.

However, it was the dancing that brought everyone together! Everyone in attendance had a great time.

During the month of April, Burnett highlighted three different events. The first was Engineering Night, sponsored by parent Elizabeth Martin. Mrs. Martin brought in the Los Angeles Civil Engineers to help our students understand and experience making projects with limited resources. Students and family had the opportunity to test out their creations.

The last two events included fifth-grade physical fitness testing and Family GATE Night. Both activities allowed students to practice skills and set appropriate goals for physical success. Family GATE Night brought our families together through the interpretation of their students' short stories.

Thank you for a great year. Let's stay physically fit and enjoy summer vacation.



Rufus Banks, Mario Morales and Adela Morales are ready to play ball during Mother Son Game Night.



Burnett students Mario Morales and Omster Haynes are hoping their structure is strong enough to survive.



Yolanda Palomo, Dorian Sanchez and Eryl Siadek participate in Engineering Night at Peter Burnett



Mrs. Patti Mojonnier, Danica Mojonnier and Sierra Pearson enjoying Engineering Night.

Juan Cabrillo *Elementary (K-2)*

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Margaret Lynch
Principal

Fit in Body and Mind

This is time of year when the school community looks at students and reflects, “My how they’ve grown!” We celebrate students’ mental, physical, and social growth. Featured in this article are: the physical feats of our youngest students in the BOOST preschool program; Cabrillo Elementary School students taking on the mental challenge of chess; our garden program emphasizes importance of eating fresh food; and the district adaptive physical education program, which ensures every child participates in physical education. Cabrillo is a place where “we grow and learn together” in so many ways!



Mrs. Pat Duncan holds the “ring of fire” for BOOST students Juan Carlos Contero, Keven Perdomo, and Tristan Menil to jump through at the BOOST Circus.

BOOST Preschool Special Days

Our three- and four-year-olds in the BOOST program delight in special theme days, such as the recent Rain Day and Circus Day. BOOST teachers cleverly design activities to help young children develop their fine- and gross-motor skills while they are having fun. Finger grasping and jumping exercises are exciting if

you’re holding an umbrella while a mist comes down from the hose or jumping in puddles with your rain boots on! Parents are both audience and participant as they guide their children through the “circus” acts they’ve been practicing such as: tightrope walking (walking on a balance beam carrying a pole); leaping through rings of fire (jumping through upright hula hoops with streamers for flames); and squirting the ducks (squeezing water bottle triggers to move ducks in the water across the bucket). Children are learning through play and also strengthening their bodies.

Chess Comes to Cabrillo

For the first time, Cabrillo is offering an after-school chess class to all students. You may think that kindergarteners are too young to understand and apply the rules of chess, but some of ours are chess masters! Chess is a game that strengthens the mind, and we are seeing students in kindergarten through second grade successfully increasing their thinking and strategies. We have 91 students enrolled in chess on Mondays!



Cabrillo Kindergarteners, first, and second graders participate in after school chess lessons and practice.

Cabrillo Gardeners Partner with Vistamar High School

Cabrillo students are learning firsthand about growing and eating healthy foods. Student gardeners from each first- and second-grade classroom meet together with Vistamar High School students every Wednesday to work in the garden boxes. Students plant, tend, and pick the vegetables and herbs that are growing. They especially delight in the samples they harvest to take back to their classrooms and try. This month a grant from Enrich Los Angeles and Kaiser South Bay will renew and expand our garden, creating a work station for more formal lessons about growing healthy foods. At the end of the school year, Cabrillo gardeners are looking forward to visiting Vistamar High School and having their high school buddy gardeners give them a tour through their garden!



1st and 2nd grade gardeners (L to R): Samuel Jassim, Noel Aguirre, Victoria Hernandez, Ivan Sandoval, Hadlee Fuller, and Bella Heredia check the growth of tomato plants.

Adapted Physical Education

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Adapted Physical Education is required for those students with disabilities who require specially designed instruction in physical education, including physical and motor fitness, fundamental motor skills and pattern, and skills in individual and group games and sports. The Wiseburn School District has an adapted physical education teacher who designs and provides individualized instruction to any student who is unable to participate in the general physical education program, so that all students increase their fitness.



Adapted P.E. instructor, Kevin Hayakawa, comes to Cabrillo with a wagon full of equipment for students.

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

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Dana Stays Fit in Body and Mind

Every day our Dana students are given countless opportunities to exercise both physically and mentally. With a comprehensive physical education program, a strong lunchtime sports league, and 14 after-school athletic teams, our Dolphins are definitely staying fit. This year three new athletic options were offered to support our students' active interest in fitness.

This year the FLEET Club was developed to serve sixth-grade girls who are interested in running and overall fitness. Members met twice a week for 10 weeks to exercise and learn about making healthy choices, not only in terms of diet and exercise, but also in terms of stress management.



(L to R): Brooke Papillion, Emily Moreno, Alexandra Jurado, Alexis Sazo, Deja Yarberough, Justine Garcia, Olivia Duarte, Miss Glotz, Sloane Campbell, and Zariah Watson.



Kaelyn Kearney, Imani Moore, Samantha Papagno, Kayla Calderon, Evelyn Ceballos Pineda, Sophia Zago, Inessa Smith, Chloe Truhlar.



Back (L to R): Jaylen Bernard, Michael Culpepper, Noah Jassim. Front (L to R): Jatan Desai, Geovanni Branaugh, Alex Ron, Joshua Rosby, Jordan Irby, Matthew Barrantes, Chris Kuh.

The FLEET season culminated in a 5K run to showcase the improvement our students made during their weeks of training. For many, this event marked the first time they have competed in an organized athletic event.

Our FLEET participants have gone on to try out for other school athletics and extra-curricular activities that they would not have considered before joining FLEET. The CrossFit Competition boys and girls teams have provided our fittest and most motivated seventh-graders with the opportunity to go that extra mile and take their abilities to the next level.

With CrossFit piloted this year in the seventh-grade PE curriculum, many students were interested in extending this type of fitness beyond the school day, and in learning more advanced skills. Each of the CrossFit teams meets once a week to develop what they have already learned, in addition to acquiring the fundamentals of weightlifting, rowing and the more technical gymnastics movements.

The teams will look to compete at future CrossFit Kids competitions in Southern California by the beginning of next year, when our athletes can have fun putting all of their hard work to the test against those of similar ages.

Fitness in mind is apparent throughout our campus in lessons designed to encourage, challenge and engage students. During class time and beyond, our students can utilize tools provided by Google Apps for education. This includes the Docs, presentations, spreadsheets and drawings they can use to collaborate online with classmates, develop multimedia projects, and organize their learning in new and creative ways.



8th grader Alberto Galicia works on his math skills using a new iPad in class.

Using Chromebooks and iPads, our students can expand and deepen their understanding of the new Common Core State Standards. It is all part of Dana's emphasis on increasing content knowledge, critical thinking, and student collaboration.

Remember When?

Pumped Up for Pomp & Circumstance



Charlene Ashendorf

Parties, presents, money trees, autograph books and yearbooks: It's that most wonderful time of the year. Graduation is in the air. Kids these days are graduating by the thousands: five year olds from pre-school, six year olds from kindergarten, six graders from elementary school; and, yes, even eighth graders from middle school. I remember when graduation was reserved for high school and college seniors.

Eavesdropping in the checkout line at the grocery store, I recently observed an enlightening conversation. I overheard two mothers talking about preparing their little ones for the big day.

Big day, I thought: a milestone birthday, perhaps? No, pre-school graduation, including a red carpet, caps, gowns and stoles!

Yes, I attended pre-school. I guess you could say I graduated. But I graduated from no more naps. It provided a perfect transition to kindergarten. With the completion of kindergarten, I suppose I had a graduation. In reality, I was moving toward half days in the classroom. In the old days we were expected to achieve levels of competency: separating from mommy and daddy for a couple of half days a week, being able to sit and focus for five three hour days; and ultimately move about a campus and imitate the high school experience.

A neighbor shared that this year's kindergarten graduation plan for her kiddo which includes tassels and the processional song, "When you walk in this world." I am almost positive at the age of five I didn't know what tassels were and the song of the year was "The Mickey Mouse Club."

For ten years, there was the promise of promotion. Fulfilling grade requirements, class participation, getting along well with others, and solid attendance would ultimately result in one's progress and moving on to a higher grade level. Don't get me wrong, there was recognition along the way; stickers for turning in homework, ribbons for good citizenship, and even parties for class participation in special projects, but I would never have considered so much hoopla for doing what was expected.

Then there were report cards. They were much simpler in the old days. We didn't sweat A's or B's in third grade; but looked forward to VG, G, S, and hoped to avoid P's or Needs Improvement. You passed and were promoted or you were held back a grade. I even recall a year when the potential to skip a grade was offered to my parents, who declined, because "Father knows best."

Reserving the honors and medallions, pomp and circumstance for high school or college didn't seem to trouble me then, and over the years there were reasons enough for celebrations and parties.

Charlene remembers growing up in Chicago with hot and humid summers, leaves that turned colors in the fall and endless winters. She is the executive director of Laurel House, a shelter for at-risk teen girls. She is active in her church and community. Her hobbies include reading, writing and visiting art galleries. Charlene resides in Costa Mesa with her husband, Dennis who is a teacher in the Newport Mesa Unified School District. <http://about.me/cmash>

**Be sure to
read this
summer!**



Ask Dr. Shari

Good for the Mind & Great for the Heart



Dr. Shari Sweetnam

The way we choose to spend our time and the activities in which we engage help form our value system. With a wide array of possibilities and opportunities, volunteering is a positive and vastly beneficial way of helping young people develop a strong sense of self.

Volunteering offers benefits spanning from the intellectual and spiritual to the educational and professional. As young people give of themselves and their time, they can learn about being selfless. In a busy world of "pursuit of personal happiness," too often the intrinsic values of empathy and giving are the lessons that are overlooked. Helping others via a structured volunteer program is a positive and safe way to develop oneself in this regard.

Additional Benefits of Volunteerism:

- **Learning:** Acquiring a new trade or skill can help teens see the world in a bigger picture and be inspired to continue to expand intellectually.
- **Networking:** Volunteering brings people of like minds, interests and values together. This will inevitably lead to positive interaction and healthy relationships.
- **Building the Résumé:** Engaging in service to others and taking the initiative to learn new trades or skills is a brilliant way to expand your portfolio. This is especially beneficial for students and young professionals.
- **Personal Growth:** As Mahatma Gandhi said, "The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others." Teens who experience growth at an early age are likely to continue cultivating positive behavior and friendships.

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Over My Garden Gate

Flowers and Life



Nancy

Taking a break from mowing, I decided to participate in one of those silly on line questionnaires a cousin posted, namely "What Flower Are You?". It came back "rose".



I found the rose to be a humorous choice because I had used it as an example of my life in a conversation with a friend recently. I wake feeling like a brand new rose bud, brush my teeth and then as I shut the medicine cabinet door I see myself in the mirror and realize no matter how I feel I shall forever resemble the last rose of summer. We chuckled about that. Now, it seems the internet quiz has decreed me a rose!

Actually, it came to me that at 72 years of age one my very best of the very best days, even with a trampoline, I shall never jump higher than Kareem Abdul Jabar's eyebrows and that on my very lowest of the very lowest days I shall never be able to slide beneath a frog's belly. So, if we use those two as my high and low points and if we realize none of us remain at our very high or our very low points for a long period of time, life is purely manageable.

There! The random thought through the garden of my mind today.

Publisher's note: Nancy is a rancher in Northern CA. I don't think I have ever known anyone quite as appreciative of nature as Nancy. She can stand in the middle of a field of weeds and find beauty in the gentle swaying of the tassels. At the end of her busy day, rather than settle down for a much needed rest, Nancy is preparing sugar water to not disappoint the hummingbirds the following morning. After much arm twisting, I convinced Nancy to share with our readers a few tidbits of her days on the farm. Enjoy!

Healthy Summertime Tips

This column provides insight from Carol Berg Sloan RD, (a registered dietitian for 37 years) and her daughter Kelly Sloan, (a dietetics student at the University of Hawaii). Both give their perspective and tips to help make healthier food and beverage choices.



Carol Berg Sloan, RD

Summer sometimes leads to, shall we say, more “laid back” habits. The days are longer, trips are being planned and routines are interrupted. How can you stay on track with eating well when it seems everything is in vacation-mode?

As much as I hate to say it, routine becomes even more important when things become chaotic and unplanned. For example, if the kids are sleeping in, it’s easy to skip a meal or consume snacks that may not be the most nutritious. Younger children are easier to get up, dressed and fed, but teens love to sleep in until noon. Make sure a plan is in place with pre made meals, chores, activities and notes to keep everyone on track.

Eating three meals a day is a routine that should not be broken. Having good meal choices ready to go will keep everyone on schedule. Breakfast continues to be the best way to start the day both mentally and physically. Keep frozen waffles on hand along with unsweetened cereals such as Cheerios® or corn flakes. Berries, bananas and raisin are great add-ons. Check out the Cheerios® Nuts and Bolts Snack Mix below for a fun snack for mid-morning or afternoon. Sandwiches for lunch are a great stand-by and are easy to prepare. Having whole grain bread on hand with favorite fillings (PB&J, tuna, egg salad, sliced turkey or ham, with lettuce, sliced tomato and pickles) is a must! Working outside the home or not, a crockpot is one of the most important pieces of equipment in my kitchen. Chicken legs and thighs can be placed in the pot in the morning with a favorite sauce and be ready for a 6:00 pm sit down dinner. Don’t forget pot roast, pork roast or chili beans can also cook all day and be ready for a complete meal with added vegetables and salad.

Cheerios® Nuts and Bolts Snack Mix

Makes 15 servings — Courtesy of <http://www.cheerios.com/recipes/cheerios-nuts-and-bolts-snack-mix/2651e989-d12a-4459-b628-92970af13cc8>

Ingredients:

4 cups Cheerios® cereal 2 cups pretzel sticks 1 cup nuts
1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon paprika 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt

Directions:

1. Heat oven to 275°F.
2. in ungreased 13x9-inch pan, mix cereal, pretzels and nuts. Stir together melted butter, Worcestershire sauce, paprika and garlic salt. Pour over cereal mixture, tossing until evenly coated.
3. Bake 30 minutes, stirring occasionally; cool. Store in airtight container.



Kelly Sloan

Students really look forward to the summer when stressful classes are over and the fall seems faraway. I ask for a consistent schedule at my work and keep up with my exercise classes. I do take a week off and catch up on my sleep and “fun” time, but get back into a routine soon after.

As much as parents would like, college students are just not going to make good food choices all the time. Living in Hawaii, I do have access to lots of fresh fruits and vegetables but prices are higher and many times it is just easier to go to the local coffee house or smoothie shop for a blended drink. I tell students in the nutrition column that I write for the university paper how many calories are in these types of beverages (600 and up) so they can make a choice knowing how these calories can add up. One of the best purchases I made recently was a blender so I can make fruit drinks at home with fresh and frozen fruit. One of my favorite drink recipes that has been on my blog is Pineapple Green Machine.

All the best for a great and relaxing summer!

Pineapple Green Machine

Courtesy of <http://kellyfoodparadise.com>

Ingredients:

1 cup spinach
1 cup fresh pineapple, sliced
1 banana
1 cup almond coconut milk
1 teaspoon honey
1 cup ice

Directions:

1. Add all ingredients into blender and blend until smooth! Add water to smooth out chunks.



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Note-ables

Buy One Get One Flea, Dog on Fleas



Kate Karp

For some time, creators and performers of young people’s music have been dispensing with the cheap, synthetic sound of electronic tracks and replacing them with real live instruments. I’m surely not the only one who’s delighted beyond words. Dog on Fleas is one of the groups that plays in its own band, called the Backyard Orchestra; the combo includes but is not limited to a sousaphone, duck calls, a bass drum, a bassoon, a clarinet and several kazoos. The wacky instrumentation and the wordplayful monikers of group and band indicate one slaphappily good CD.

The content is composed of songs original, familiar and obscure. Imagine, if you will, “Over the Waves” and the “Grand March” from the opera *Aida* played solely by kazoos, albeit skillfully. The original songs, written by Grammy Award-winning producer and band member Dean Jones, are based on themes that both child and parent will appreciate. “Hundredaires” is about the joys and disadvantages of a simpler life and a lighter wallet. “It’s a Ruse” warns about things that seem too good to be true and likely are. “Pardon My Pajamas”—well, who hasn’t longed to spend an entire day in jammies?

And “Hinterlands” is plain wonderful—brilliantly arranged and tuneful, with an energy that you can jump on and ride. You’re certain to get an itch for Fleadom.

Kate Karp is an editor for *School News Roll Call* and a freelance writer and editor.

serves as a foundation for building a quality sports program for the future. Da Vinci Athletic Director Thomas Curry has been working with coaches who have been volunteering their time this year to establish a budding program. Coach Curry commented, "We are really gaining some traction with our programs. We have been able to provide gym time at both the Dana and Del Aire Gyms to run quality practices for our basketball and volleyball teams. Our soccer and running teams have also been practicing regularly and are moving forward. With CIF membership, we will now be able to schedule games and meets with other CIF schools. We are very excited about that prospect."

Under CIF, each sport is designated a specific season. In the fall, both co-ed cross-country and girls volleyball will be competing. The winter sports include basketball and soccer for both boys and girls. In the spring, boys volleyball and co-ed track will be offered.

Facilities have been a barrier in the past to the establishment of a CIF sports program. To support field space for soccer practices and games, a variety of fields will be used including the Da Vinci Design, Peter Burnett, and R.H. Dana fields. To secure gym time, the Wiseburn Unified School District has provided notice to Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation for use of the Del Aire Gym to support our high school sports program for practices and games. The school district is able to get priority usage for the gym, based on the original joint-use agreement that dates back to the building of the gym in 1976. The Dana gym will also be used as site for basketball and volleyball at times that do not conflict with the ongoing Dana sports program. Much greater flexibility will be available for facilities with the opening of field, gym and pool spaces at 201 N. Douglas, projected to be available in 2017.

Superintendent Dr. Tom Johnstone shared his enthusiasm: "I could not be happier about CIF membership for our schools. It was very important to us that we could compete as one unified team, and we have been able to accomplish that. The future is bright!"

Mrs. Staal selected 8th grade students Alexa Ghilardi-Ali, Erica Molio'o, Guadalupe Galvan, and Francisco Gomez to fully develop their ideas. The logo team met with District Webmaster Alicia Galindo for four consecutive Friday mornings. Mrs. Galindo helped facilitate the students in improving their logos. They added and/or subtracted elements on their logos.

After discussing the purpose of the logo at the first class, Mrs. Galindo showed several samples of effective and ineffective logos. The students brainstormed words or phrases that came to mind when they thought of Wiseburn and then drew symbols to present those adjectives. Once they were finished, the students selected 3 to 4 symbols to incorporate into their logos.

During the second class, the students received a quick tutorial on Adobe Illustrator. The next two classes were devoted to finishing their logos. It was a wonderful process witnessing the students develop their logos from conception to the finished product, and most importantly being receptive to class critiques and suggestions. The students presented their logos to the Wiseburn School District Board of Trustees on May 8th at the board meeting. The students were presented with certificates of appreciation and gift bags of art materials for their hard work and dedication. We would like to personally thank Alexa Ghilardi-Ali, Erica Molio'o, Guadalupe Galvan, and Francisco Gomez for all of their hard work and for graciously giving up their personal time and working as a team! All of you are winners!



Summer Fun Word Search Contest

Rules!!! One word in the list is NOT in the word search.
 When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that word you email to: Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com (Please put Wiseburn in the subject line)

Entries must be received by July 15, 2014

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift certificate redeemable at Barnes & Noble.

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| Barbeque | Lifeguard | Surfing |
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| Fun | Popsicles | Volleyball |
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| Ice Cream | Summer | Wave |
| Lemonade | Sunny | |

**Congratulations to Jess Cee
 Winner of the April Word Search Contest!**





Update

By Danny Juarez, Community Relations Director

During the first player registration of the year the buzz was about the upcoming World Cup. The 2014 FIFA World Cup will be the 20th FIFA World Cup, an international men's soccer tournament that is scheduled to take place in Brazil from 12 June to 13 July 2014. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_FIFA_World_Cup - cite_note-2. It will be the second time that Brazil has hosted the competition, the previous being in 1950.

The national teams of 31 countries advanced through qualification competitions that began in June 2011 to participate with the host nation Brazil in the final tournament. A total of 64 matches are to be played in twelve cities across Brazil in either new or redeveloped stadiums, with the tournament beginning with a group stage. For the first time at a World Cup Finals, the matches will use goal-line technology.

With the host country, all world champion teams since the first World Cup in 1930 (Uruguay, Italy, Germany, England, Argentina, France and Spain) have qualified for this competition. Spain is the defending champion, having defeated the Netherlands 1-0 in the 2010 World Cup final to win its first World title. The United States is in Group G which includes Germany, Ghana and Portugal. The host country Brazil plays Croatia in the opening match and the United States plays Ghana on June 16 at the Arena das Dunas, Natal.

AYSO continues to celebrate the 50th Anniversary with more activities and events. From the float in the 2014 Rose Parade on New Year's Day, setting the world record for biggest pick-up game on earth with 4,628 soccer players in 136 communities across the U.S. participating in this one-day SoccerFEST, to the upcoming National Games this summer. In 1979, AYSO held its first national tournament called The Pepsi Cup. This year the National Games returns to its birthplace of AYSO - Southern California. It's the first time Torrance has hosted the National Games since 1992. AYSO estimates the annual event has an economic impact of as much as \$15 million. Nearly 500-plus teams are expected to attend the National Games with two venues: Torrance and Riverside. Participants are selected through a lottery. AYSO Region 21 Hawthorne will be sending two teams to the event - Girls Under-19 and Girls Under-12. Good Luck!

To date, AYSO Region 21 Hawthorne has held a total of four registrations for the 2014-2015 Fall Season. Soccer age is determined by the player's age on July 31, 2014 or be 4 years old by September 1st. Regional Commissioner Darryl Letchworth has announced that there will be two additional registration dates - Wednesday, June 11th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Juan Cabrillo Elementary School in the Performing Arts Center and Saturday, June 14th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Dana Middle School Multi Purpose Room. All player registrations will be done on-line through eAYSO - www.eayso.org. You must print out and bring two copies of the eAYSO form with you to registration. If you are new to AYSO Region 21 Hawthorne you will need to bring the child's original birth certificate. For those families without a computer and Internet, RC Letchworth has three laptops and a printer to assist you in completing your on-line registration.

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 these participants. The 2014 Fall season starts September 6, 2014 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 Educational 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. 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 some time out of your busy schedule and volunteer.

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And speaking of volunteers, the City of Hawthorne held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Day recognizing over 250 volunteers from non-profits throughout the city. AYSO Region 21 had the opportunity to honor five exceptional volunteers who played a major role in the success of last year's youth soccer program. The volunteers were Kathy Chavez, Edson Chavez, Joseph Hiney and Laura Heredia and Eddie Reyes and Ramon Pulido. Congratulations!!!

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 players' families who showed up to walk in this 24 hour event.

Regional Commissioner Darryl Letchworth and the Board are continuously looking at ways to maximize the best utilization of the funds received during the year. This also applies to keeping our registration fees as low as possible. To this end, we were fortunate to have the lottery to sell safe and sane fireworks. The fireworks stand will be located at the Rosecrans/Oceangate shopping center. To help us help our participants please consider purchasing your safe and sane fireworks from us. If you have some time, then please volunteer a few hours at the fireworks stand.

We once again, want to thank the Wiseburn School District for the use of all soccer fields - Dana, Burnett, Cabrillo, Anza and Aviation. This allows all age divisions to have home games. We are looking forward to the next and final field to be constructed on the current Da Vinci School site. We are all hoping this will be an artificial turf field to complement the state-of-the-art schools.

See you all on the pitch (soccer field)!





Dr. Tom Johnstone

School District will cease to exist and the Wiseburn Unified School District will be officially launched!

With the coming of the new school year in August, a physical fitness seed will be planted at the high schools as Wiseburn/Da Vinci will launch the CIF high school sports programs that will combine all 3 Da Vinci Schools – Science, Design and Communications, on one CIF team for 8 different sports that will include boys’ and girls’ soccer, boys’ and girls’ volleyball, boys’ and girls’ basketball and boys’ and girls’ track/cross country. These sports will build on the fine athletics programs that have been developed at Dana over the past 4 years.

At Dana, “Crossfit” was launched this year serving every 7th grader. The crossfit course, taught by Mr. Corrinet is one of the most popular classes on campus and has greatly impacted the overall physical fitness level of Dana Middle School.

Throughout the 2013-14 school year and the two previous years, Wiseburn teachers and staff have been working very hard with the Talking Teaching Network to prepare for Common Core. This process has been enlightening for our teachers, staff and students and we are excited to implement the new standards that, in comparison with the 1999 standards, are “fewer, higher and deeper” and put much more emphasis on conceptual understanding, problem solving and communication.

Complementing our work on Common Core, the District has invested in the technology infrastructure, utilizing common core funds. This upgrade in technology was made necessary by the fact that all of the current, and future SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessments) that will replace the California Standards Test, beginning in spring 2015, will be taken on computers.

One other significant “academic fitness” element that we worked on this year was a future mathematics pathway for Dana Middle School and the Da Vinci schools that will ensure that students (particularly science and engineering students) will be able to take calculus as seniors in high school. The Common Core mathematics is significantly more rigorous than the previous standards and most specifically in 8th grade algebra.

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Another bright spot in the Wiseburn academic fitness has been the blossoming of the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) engineering programs at the Da Vincis and Dana. Through the generosity of Chevron and local businesses, we have funding to spread PLTW to the upper elementary level at Anza and Burnett Schools in 2014-15.

Two very impactful and significant program launchings this year in Wiseburn have been the Wiseburn Child Development Center (that replaced the former Rainbow River Program) and the Guiding Hands after school program at Dana. Both of these programs are well articulated with the regular Wiseburn instructional program and both programs are thriving!

In closing, I wanted to share that construction planning for the high school continues at a steady pace and before the end of June, we will submit our construction documents to the Division of the State Architect (DSA) for approval. We expect the approval process to take 6-8 months so the timeline to start construction is early 2015 with anticipated completion in early 2017! Lots of excitement ahead!

We wish all of you a very happy and healthy summer and lots of time for renewal and rejuvenation! Thanks for all that you do as a community to support education in Wiseburn!!



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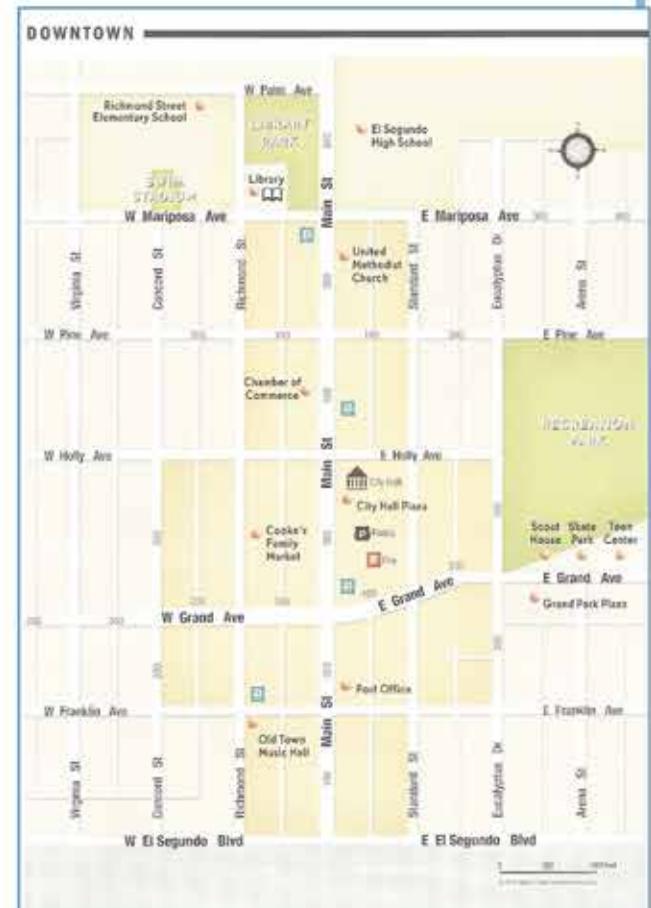


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