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Beginning Another Awesome Year



Dr. Brad Mason

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! We begin the year excited to welcome new and returning students back to our excellent schools.

As we move into this new school year, BOUSD is dedicated to an ongoing cycle of improvement. Recent enhancements for the upcoming school year include the implementation of AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) at Brea Olinda High School and Arovista Elementary School. Additionally, the college and career pathways program at Brea Junior High will be expanding to include Project Lead the Way (PLTW) and ROP offerings in Introduction to Computer Science and Introduction to Medical Careers.. Brea Olinda High School entered into a partnership with the Foundation for Korean Language & Culture in U.S.A. and will offer Korean 1 and 2 this year, with approximately 60 students already signed up to begin this world language program. Brea Olinda and Brea Canyon High Schools will also be expanding their Career Technical Education (CTE) offerings and will continue to grow their wonderful partnership with Fullerton College. This partnership allows students to take college-level courses for free while earning college credit in courses offered at Brea Olinda High School.

We love to share the good things that are going on in our district and ask that you please "like" us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and Instagram and view our YouTube Channel. You can also download our free mobile app from your app store listed as "Brea Olinda USD."

We are looking forward to an awesome school year!!

BOUSD Recognized for PBIS Program



BOHS staff members get WILD to kick-off their PBIS program for the 2017-18 school year.

By: Nichole Pichardo, Communications Specialist

Exciting things are happening in the Brea Olinda Unified School District! This summer three Brea Olinda Unified schools were recognized for fostering positive and supportive campus environments, which lead to greater student excellence and fewer behavioral issues. The recognition came from the California Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Coalition.

Earning a gold certification was Arovista Elementary School, while Laurel Elementary Magnet School of Innovation and Career Exploration and Mariposa Elementary School earned silver certifications. They are among the state's 807 schools recognized with silver and gold awards for incorporating intervention strategies to define, teach and support appropriate student behavior, and achieving positive results. The schools will be recognized at the California PBIS Coalition conference Oct. 11-12 in Sacramento.

All schools across the district are rolling out PBIS in unique ways with Brea Olinda High School rolling out

their program this year. To kick-off the new school year, students and staff at Brea Olinda High School held a PBIS kick-off event the first week of school to mark the launch of their program aimed at reinforcing good behavior. Students will be rewarded for demonstrating expectations set by the school's WILD program. WILD stands for: Work with Purpose, Initiate Positive Change, Lead by Example and Demonstrate Personal Responsibility.

All schools in the district have implemented PBIS in their own way to suit the needs of their individual schools, and as a result it looks different at each school, but generally the schools' use of the framework is evident in signs that hang on the walls reminding students of expectations, rewards for behavior that students can redeem, the verbal recognition teachers give students for their positive behavior, and the celebrations that take place.

We are extremely proud of our schools along with their teachers and staff for being recognized as leaders in embracing the PBIS philosophy and successfully strengthening their campus culture. We are looking forward to a great year!

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Welcome back to another school year. This is always an exciting time for students meeting old friends, making new friends, finding their way around the school, meeting their teachers and settling into a routine. It is an exciting time to be a student. Thank you for continuing to include *School News* among your reading choices. On the front page Superintendent Dr. Mason brings you up to date on the plans for this school year as do each of the principals on the following pages.

Our next issue is November 8.
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Karen VanDine
Principal

Arovista's Theme – The Power of Yet

You will hear a very important 3-letter word this year at Arovista -YET. As a school site, we will be empowering and encouraging our students about the “Power of YET” and the concept of a “growth mindset.” Research shows that a growth mindset is the belief that with practice, perseverance, and effort, people have limitless potential to learn and grow. People operating in this growth mindset tackle challenges and are more interested in growth and not concerned with making mistakes.

In the classroom, having a growth mindset can significantly improve student achievement. When students are struggling with a concept and feel they don't understand, we want to emphasize the fact that they may not “get it” yet, but they will with continued effort. When a student says they can't do something, we will remind them to add the word “yet” to the end of their sentence!



Brea *Junior High School (7-8)*

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Kelly Kennedy
Principal

Two Elective Opportunities for All Students!

Brea Junior High prides itself on “Preparing Students for 21st Century College and Careers” and updated this year's school schedule to provide students with two elective opportunities, instead of just one. This schedule gives students a chance to explore their interests through a variety of specialized classes, so that they can discover what they are passionate about before they head into their high school and college futures. Elective classes include: Band, Art, Spanish, Life Skills/Foods, Industrial Arts, Show

Choir, Student Government, Drama/Play Production, Digital Photo, Yearbook, Broadcasting (BCTV) and AVID and new elective classes include: Exploring Computer Science, Exploring Medical Careers, PEERS, Science Olympiad, Forensics, Marine Biology, Speech & Debate, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Greek & Roman Mythology, Leadership 101, Bobcat Academy and two Project Lead the Way (PLTW) classes, Design & Modeling and Automation & Robotics. BJH is proud to be investing in our students now, in order for our students to excel in their futures!



Brea Canyon *High School (9-12)*

689 N. Wildcat Way, Brea, CA 92821 • 714/990-7882 • <http://bchs-bousd-ca.schoolloop.com>



Eric Barrientos
Principal

Brea Canyon Coyotes HOWL to Another Year of Success!

Whether they were walking, skating, or driving up Wildcat Way, Brea Canyon High School students were welcomed back to the 2017-18 school year with a very visible sign reflective of the hard work and efforts our school enacts on a daily basis to ensure the success of all Brea Canyon Coyotes - our new model continuation high school seal. The Brea Olinda Unified School District, along with Boss Graphics and BCHS administration, proudly collaborated to ensure that the 2016-19 school designation was ready to display as teachers, parents and students returned to campus on Tuesday, August 29th.

This year, the focus of Brea Canyon High School is set on the pursuit of community collaborations to build interest-based career networks for our students. The goal is to blend the rigor and relevance of their academic instruction with community network opportunities so that our Brea Canyon students can truly be college-and-career ready as they transition from the halls of our den to becoming productive, contributing members of our local and more global society. Initial talks with the Brea Rotary Youth Services Program and the City of Brea Chamber of Commerce have brought promising future possibilities for current and future Brea Canyon students. Our very unique graduation requirement course, “On Your Own”, will be the foundation upon which we will begin to construct our industry-focused community network infrastructure. These collaborations combined with our continued partnership with the North Orange County Regional Occupational Program and Fullerton Community College allow us the opportunity to provide our students with a well-rounded base for entering their post-secondary endeavors.

“Brea Canyon High School Coyotes H.O.W.L. to success!” Our efforts this year are to ensure our “H.O.W.L” comes to life - that our students are Honorable Organized Well-Rounded Learners of Brea Canyon, of the Brea community and beyond.

Brea Country Hills *Elementary (K-6)*

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Trish Walsh
Principal

Cougars Minds are Set to Grow!

Our minds are set to grow at Country Hills, and our Cougars are excited about the 2017-2018 school year! We strive to demonstrate our ROARING good behaviors and habits on a daily basis in all areas of the campus. This year, we are working on growth mindset - choosing a positive attitude toward school, believing in our ability to grow and improve, putting effort into our work and learning from our mistakes. We believe that with the correct mindset, we can achieve anything, and we plan to prove it now and into the future.



In addition to our curricular studies, we are looking forward to many enriching activities to come. We are excited to introduce a new program - Peer Assistance & Leadership. The PAL program will focus on students helping students and the community, enhancing our positive school climate. There are many opportunities for Cougars' minds to grow, so let's get started!

Brea Olinda *High School (9-12)*

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Jerry Halpin
Principal

Outstanding Beginnings!

Brea Olinda High School (BOHS) students and staff began the 2017-18 school year going “WILD!” WILD is the school’s acronym for implementation of the PBIS program at BOHS: Work with purpose, Initiate positive change, Lead by example, and Demonstrate personal responsibility are the hallmarks of the BOHS implementation. The BOHS campus is excited about this new program!

BOHS is also starting a few other programs new to the school. AVID will begin for ninth- and 10th-grade students during this year, supporting districtwide implementation. BOHS is also adding Korean to the strong World Language Department, which already includes courses in Spanish, French, Japanese and Chinese. The school’s AP program has been bolstered with the addition of AP Art History as a choice for students.

The Wildcats are looking forward to their WASC midterm visit that occurs in March. It will give the school community the opportunity to review practices we have in place and any changes that have been made, and to measure how the school has advanced since the last WASC visit.

Student leaders in both ASB and Link Crew have helped set an outstanding tone to the start of the school year, and the entire school community is looking to going WILD!

William E. Fanning *Elementary (K-6)*

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Theresa Stevens
Principal

S.O.A.R.-ing to Success!

When Falcons S.O.A.R., we achieve! Through the positive-behavior interventions and supports program (PBIS), students will be learning what it means to “Stay Safe, Own Your Actions, Act Responsibly, and Respect Everything and Everyone.” Fanning staff launched S.O.A.R. the first week of school through a SOAR Kickoff Assembly and daily lessons in their classrooms that teach different parts of character and behavior development.

A year of planning was dedicated to creating a program that was unique to Fanning Elementary. The climate of each learning community is different; therefore, a “one size fits all” approach is less effective than interventions based on the needs of each school. The PODS structure of Fanning guided our PBIS team to be creative in creating expectations that support our environment. Our goal is focused on creating and sustaining a schoolwide systems of support that can improve each student’s personal safety, social interactions, academic achievement and community awareness.



Brea Olinda Unified School District



Now Enrolling! School Age and Teen Programs

BOUSD’s Before and After School programs offer a safe place for students and include homework assistance, enrichment activities, indoor play and outdoor recreation. Programs are located at every elementary school and Brea Junior High School. All program centers open at 7:00 a.m. each day and are open until the start of the school day. Sites reopen at school dismissal and remain open until 6:00 p.m. TK/Kindergarten Connection wrap-around programs compliment the traditional school day and provide a full day learning program for all of its participants and is also offered at each campus.



Full Day and Part Day Preschool

BOUSD’s Early Learning Program was created to provide an enriched environment for early-aged children with benefits to their intellectual, physical, emotional and social development. State Preschool (income qualifying program) and Fee-Based programs are designed for potty-trained 3- and 4-year olds and are held at Arovista, Country Hills, Laurel, Mariposa, and Olinda. Full time and Part time options are available.

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Heather Bojorquez
Principal

Dream Big Leopards

“Mission POSSIBLE!” is Laurel’s 2017-2018 annual theme. As Laurel Magnet School of Innovation and Career Exploration we foster a forward thinking and problem solving mindset. Students are challenged to think outside the box and embrace that learning can often be difficult, but we persevere. As a magnet school, our theme of innovation and career exploration is embedded in all lessons and all content areas throughout the day. We are building future ready students one day at a time by consistently upping our expectations for technology integration and critical thinking skills. Teachers attend trainings and participate in self guided learning year round to consistently ensure that they are on the cutting edge of educational practices. We promote a team atmosphere professionally and academically. Our mission is to build a community of learners that is student centered and technology rich. At Laurel, we encourage Leopards to dream big, our mission is POSSIBLE!



Laurel Student Special Agents - Mission POSSIBLE!



Daryn Coburn
Principal

Mariposa Monarchs are inspired to #ChooseKind

Mariposa students are learning an incredible lesson in empathy. Teachers will read the novel, *Wonder*, or short story, *We're All Wonders*, by RJ Palacio to their classes this fall. Monarchs will discover how Auggie, the main character, born with a severe facial difference, can inspire kindness in others. Besides reading the book, the children have daily journal writes they can answer individually or discuss as a class.



The inspirational notes appear weekly in the school’s Monday Newsletter, Mariposa’s web page, and Instagram. Nevertheless, students will share ways how they #choosekind all year long. Additional excitement for Mariposa students, along with the nation-wide movement, is the fact that the movie, *Wonder*, comes to theaters on November 17th. The school is planning a movie party like no other. Mrs. Coburn, Mariposa’s Principal, and the faculty encourage everyone to read the book, take the pledge, and #choosekind.

Whole Health Everyday Word Search Contest

Rules! One word in the list is NOT in the word search.

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Congratulations **Shawna Trimmel, Winner of Our May Contest!**

Olinda *Elementary (K-6)*

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Robert Rendon
Principal

A Wonderful Start

Olinda School celebrated the beginning of the 2017–2018 school year with over 650 students in attendance on the first day of school.

We were excited to welcome our newest staff member, Mrs. Angela Hobby. She will be working with the upper-grade students as our educational learning specialist. We would also like to welcome Mrs. Amy Mueller to Olinda School. She is our new administrative assistant who started with us in the spring, and is experiencing her first opening of the school year.

Our school is continuing to implement its PBIS program with enhancements to the Eagle Awards program. Students can earn Eagle Awards to become

eligible to participate in a monthly drawing at our Flag Assemblies. In the accompanying photo some of Mrs. Cerwinski's fifth-grade students are reviewing literature books for an upcoming assignment.

In June of 2017, construction was begun on our much anticipated new Multi-Purpose Room. With construction taking place during the school day, we have had to make some adjustments to our routine, but we are looking forward with excitement to its completion in August of 2018. The students are getting a front-row seat to how a building is constructed from the ground up.



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