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From Great to Elite!

By Gregory Haulk, Superintendent
Huntington Beach City School District

We are working hard to become an *elite* district!

Huntington Beach City School District is already one of the great school districts in Orange County. Our performance on state assessments places HBCSD as one of the top five districts in Orange County, performing far above the state average at every grade level. HBCSD schools continue to win awards from the State, such as the California Golden Ribbon Award given to those schools that demonstrate innovations in academic achievement. HBCSD continues to offer one of the highest-quality music programs in the County at each of our elementary and middle schools, with every student learning keyboarding and receiving vocal lessons during their elementary school years. Our middle schools have award-winning concert bands, innovative programs for guitar and rock bands, and drama performances that consistently receive rave reviews and accolades at regional festivals. HBCSD is now partnering with the Huntington Beach High School's Academy of Performing Arts (APA) with a Junior APA program available to both middle school and elementary students. All of these programs, awards and more illustrate how HBCSD is a leader in the State of California.

However, we are working hard to become an *elite* district!

21st Century Classrooms

We are very excited to be opening a 21st century learning environment at every school site for the 2017-18 school year. These rooms will be equipped with the latest technology to provide personalized learning for every student, increase engagement for students, and allow for greater depth and complexity as students explore new concepts. Perry Elementary School will also be our first school to have a state-of-the-art classroom for science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM). Students at the school will have the opportunity to utilize this room on a regular basis with specialized instruction to bring our science curriculum to life. With all of these changes, HBCSD will be holding parent-engagement nights at each school to showcase our new technology and classrooms and allow parents and community to provide feedback.



Architect Rendering of Sowers Middle School STEM Lab and Gym/Multi Purpose Room.

During the 2017-2018 school year, HBCSD will be finalizing plans for our new facilities at both middle schools, which will include full-size gyms for athletics and school performances. In addition, we are also adding STEAM labs, which will include a computer and a demonstration room, a full fabrication lab, and areas to allow students to develop a concept and then bring that concept to life utilizing the latest technology. During the school year, HBCSD will continue to receive feedback from our students, parents and staff to determine our most effective design of the 21st century classrooms and then bring those designs to life in every classroom throughout the district over the course of our construction phases. Our students and staff will have access to innovative materials and technology as we continue to improve what we teach and how we teach.

Updating for Our Future!

During the 2017-18 school year, HBCSD will also be utilizing new curriculum in English language arts (ELA)/English language development (ELD), bringing the newest materials and concepts into each classroom for our students. HBCSD was very successful in the implementation of our new mathematics curriculum over the past couple of years by utilizing a pilot program followed by selecting coaches at each school site for collaboration. HBCSD is utilizing the same process to successfully implement our new ELA materials this school year. The Huntington Beach City School District continues to be a leader in education in Orange County and the state.

We invite all to come and be a part of the exciting and innovative programs we are implementing at all of our schools to educate the whole child.

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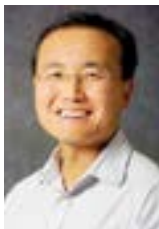
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Acing the Back-to-School Wellness Exam

With school starting again, there is likely a lot going on in your family. One thing you don't want to forget: your child's annual wellness exam.

Regular check-ups can help your child stay healthy year-round. One important component is making sure your children are up-to-date on their vaccines. Immunizations are safe and effective, and offer protection from 16 potentially serious conditions. When parents immunize their children, they also help protect other people who cannot be immunized due to a weak immune system, such as infants, older adults and those on chemotherapy.

The annual back-to-school wellness exam is also the perfect opportunity to ask the doctor questions you may have about your child's health, including:

- Are there any vaccines my child may need for this visit or in the future?
- What are the available, recommended immunizations?
- Are there any physical or emotional signs I should monitor in my child?
- Is my child's BMI and weight appropriate for his/her age?

During a comprehensive exam, your physician will do more than simply update your child's vaccines; he will also perform a head-to-toe physical examination of the child that includes:

- Listening to the heart and lungs;
- Examining the back for any curvature of the spine or other abnormalities;
- Checking blood pressure and vision; and
- Evaluating your child's overall growth and development.

Depending on the results of the physical exam, your doctor may order tests to assess your child's risk for anemia, high cholesterol, tuberculosis or other conditions.



Kay Coop
Founder/Publisher



Welcome back to another school year. This is always an exciting time for students seeing their old friends, meeting new friends, meeting their teachers, finding their rooms and settling into a routine. We are excited to be publishing the excellence as it unfolds. Thank you for including School News among our reading choices.

This issue we asked the principals to write about themselves. It is always nice to know where they went to school, about their families, hobbies and pets.

Our next issue is November 8.

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A Nice Place to Live

There are many challenges in keeping our City “looking good.” Visitors to Fountain Valley are constantly commenting about the fact that our City has a cleaner, sharper, more pleasant visual appearance. Fountain Valley neighborhoods are pleasant by design helping to create a close neighborhood atmosphere

Through the years, various City Councils have adopted ordinances to further enhance our community’s “livability.” As a result, we enjoy one of the most pleasant community environments in Orange County because of specific rules about such things as:

Graffiti: The City’s Streets Division strives to remove graffiti from public property within 24 hours of discovery. You may report graffiti on public property at 593-4604; on private property at 593-4512 (Code Enforcement Division); and graffiti in progress should be reported to the Police Department at 593-4485.

Signage: All signs on public property (e.g., street signs, telephone poles, mailboxes) are prohibited. Political signs are allowed on private property but must be removed within 10 days after an election. Our Retired Senior Volunteers routinely perform sign removals from public rights-of-way areas.

Property Maintenance: The Municipal Code requires owners to maintain their properties in a clean, well-kept manner consistent with the standard of care maintained in the surrounding neighborhood. The Code Enforcement Division administers this code section and may be reached at 593-4512.

Trashcan Carts: The Municipal Code specifies trashcans may not be put out earlier than 4:00pm the night before a scheduled pickup day and must be taken in the same day of pickup. Trash carts are to be stored out of public view.

The overall appearance of our community is the result of a partnership among community residents, businesses and government. For 60 years, these entities have worked together to ensure our City is indeed a “Nice Place to Live.”

John J. Collins
Mayor

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Welcome Back to School!

I hope you had an excellent summer and that you are ready for a new school year. As your Mayor, I’m excited to share with you something that is near and dear to my heart – and that is a campaign for everyone to be kind.

The City of Huntington Beach has joined the national campaign to be a “City of Kindness.” Students, parents, teachers and staff are encouraged to count acts of kindness within our city and schools. Every act is one step closer to creating a kinder community and world. Submit your acts of kindness to

www.cityofkindness.org. Let’s make Huntington Beach an even better place to live, work, visit and play!

Have a great school year and remember to be kind!

Barbara Delgleize
Mayor



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Year Round Sports Can Lead to Overuse Injuries in Kids

Between club and travel teams, youth sports are more competitive than ever. In order to take their skill to the next level, young athletes are often driven to play and train year round. While organized sports are a great way to stay active, too much physical stress on a child's growing body can put them at risk for overuse injuries.

Overuse injuries occur over time in the bone, muscle, ligament or tendon when stress happens to the same part of the body repetitively. Overuse injuries are different from acute injuries, such as a broken bone caused by a fall, since the damage is not done immediately.

Overuse injuries are common in young athletes who focus on one sport for multiple seasons or year round.

Signs of Overuse Injuries

- Pain not caused by an acute injury
- Pain that increases with activity
- Swelling • Changes in form or technique



Strategies to Prevent Overuse Injuries

- **Children should be encouraged to play a variety of sports.**

Different sports require different body movements. Rotating sports by season will give the specific muscles and joints used in that sport time to heal and rest.

- **Plan for adequate rest time.** Once a full season is finished, the child should take about a month off. It's also important to schedule rest days each week to prevent over training.

- **Don't play through the pain.**

Pushing through the pain can cause more damage to their growing bones. Pain that doesn't go away with normal pain management techniques may be a sign of something serious.



Dr. Andrew Harner
Orthodontist

Orthodontic Treatments

When I meet parents for the first time in my office, I find many of them don't understand the different classifications of orthodontic treatment. Below I highlight the types and give a brief description.

Phase I treatment – Sometimes called interceptive orthodontic treatment. It is performed on younger patients (usually ages 7-10) with the goal of preventing more serious dental problems that may develop and/or reduce the severity of an orthodontic problem. It is recommended for any of the following: 1. help eliminate harmful oral habits (thumb-sucking), 2. prevent trauma to teeth, 3. help guide growth of the jaws (extreme underbites or overbite), and 4. help develop/expand the dental arches to ensure there is enough room to accommodate the permanent teeth. Phase I treatment can significantly reduce the length of Phase II treatment required at a later time. Only about 25-30% of patients need Phase I treatment. It is typically performed with partial braces and sometimes expander(s), habit appliances, etc.

Phase II treatment – Performed after Phase I treatment has been completed and once all the permanent teeth have erupted. The goal is to align the remaining permanent teeth and to optimize the bite usually with upper and lower braces or clear aligners.

Comprehensive treatment – This treatment focuses on the correction of existing orthodontic problems by aligning the teeth and establishing a perfect bite with upper and lower braces or clear aligners.

Limited treatment – Orthodontic treatment focused on a specific tooth or group of teeth. Quite often limited treatment is used to move a tooth or teeth in order to allow other dental work to be performed (such as implant placement).

Dr. Andrew Harner is the President of the California Association of Orthodontists. He is an orthodontic specialist and maintains a private practice in Huntington Beach. He has served on the Board of the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists, and is a member of the American Association of Orthodontists. (714) 842-9933.

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SUPERINTENDENT



Dr. Mark Johnson

Mark Johnson has been the Superintendent in Fountain Valley School District since January 2015. Prior to becoming a part of the FVSD family, he spent considerable time in the Los Alamitos Unified School District, where he served for 15 years as a middle school teacher, site administrator and, most recently, as Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services.

Under his leadership, Fountain Valley School District successfully passed Measure O, the first general obligation bond passed in the District's history. This \$63 million bond will dramatically enhance the teaching environment in our classrooms with plans to improve air quality and air climate through much needed facilities upgrades.

Over the last several years, Dr. Johnson has led numerous change initiatives in education related to improving student outcomes. Some of these changes include: long-term facilities planning; leadership and principal development; educational technology and online learning; Depth and Complexity; Cognitively Guided Instruction; Advanced Placement for All and College and Career Readiness. In addition, Dr. Johnson is committed to developing new and emerging leaders as an adjunct professor in the Rossier School of Education Doctoral Program at the University of Southern California.

Dr. Johnson earned a Bachelor of Science in biology and a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Alaska Fairbanks, a Master of Arts in education administration from National University and a Doctor of Education in educational leadership from the University of Southern California.

Family is a big part of Dr. Johnson's life, and he resides locally with his wife Susan, an elementary school teacher, and three young daughters.

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Sandra Crandall
President

Sandra Crandall was elected as a Trustee in November, 2010. She taught at the elementary level in FVSD for 39 years. It was a natural interest of hers to continue to serve the students, parents and community.

The past nine months of her Presidency have been filled with workshops and meetings to ensure that the Board and the public are informed of the vastly important work of the District, some of which is highlighted below.

Elite staff development, aligned with our Local Control Accountability Plan, in the areas of math, reading, history and science is on-going.

Teachers on Special Assignment (TOSA) are facilitating work in reading and math as model lessons are presented, data analysis is being parsed and coaching is being implemented.

Reading intervention, with increased student outcomes, is being provided by part-time, credential teachers using a researched-based program.

Data is being analyzed by talented teachers for strategic use to even better instruct students.

Much of the work has centered around making solid decisions for project delivery, bond sales, prioritization of sites and architectural and construction firms suited for the upcoming facilities modernization. A first-ever general obligation bond was passed in 2016, We are eagerly anticipating the first two projects to be complete in late 2018.

Mrs. Crandall thoroughly enjoys serving with her fellow Board members. She is in awe of the work being led by Dr. Mark Johnson, which is propelling FVSD to new heights. Mrs. Crandall and her husband enjoy four grandchildren, ages 3 to 11, all of whom attend FVSD schools.

Fountain Valley Schools Foundation



Judy Edwards
President

Think, Create and Achieve

The Fountain Valley Schools Foundation kicked off the new school year with an Officers/Directors Retreat. The members of the Foundation are made up of business owners, city officials, parents and volunteers who work together "to enrich each Fountain Valley School District student's academic experience by providing cutting edge technology and resources to inspire them to think, create and achieve." This is the mission statement of the Foundation that helps us focus on providing unique activities for all our students, in the areas of science, music and the arts, and robotics.

At the retreat the Schools Foundation reviewed their priorities for the coming year and set our fundraising goals. We are kicking off the ongoing funding approach of Give 10 for Kids. This will allow individuals to pledge a certain amount for steady, reliable giving Letters will also go out to parents requesting support for our programs. The backbone of our fundraising is the Marc Ecker Golf Tournament to be held October 23, 2017. We also support the Polar Day event for the schools held in December, and the Art Fair in the Spring. Our cornerstone event is the Taste of Fountain Valley that will be held in April of 2018.

Our fundraising allows the Foundation to provide support for the music programs, enrichment in science and expansion of the robotics programs in the elementary schools. Beside these programs the Foundation supports the Summer Enrichment Academy, a summer school program for students of our district as well as other districts. We are looking to expand the opportunities for students by having the Enrichment Academy provide offering in the Fall

To follow our activities and events look for us at fvschools.org. Help us enrich the lives of the students of the Fountain Valley School District.
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Roch Courreges *Elementary (K-5)*

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Chris Christensen
Principal

I look forward to an exciting and rewarding year serving as your principal here at Courreges Elementary School. We are thrilled to celebrate our recent CA Gold Ribbon award, as well as our outstanding overall school results on the 2017 state CAASPP testing, which was administered last year to all 3rd-5th grade students.

For those of you new to Courreges, this is my 17th year working as an administrator in the Fountain Valley School District. Prior to Courreges, I served as principal at Fulton

Middle School from 2006–2011, principal at Moiola School from 2003–2006, and assistant principal at Masuda Middle School from 2001–2003. Prior to working in the FVSD, I was a middle school instrumental music teacher in the Long Beach Unified School District. I graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a Bachelor's Degree in Business/Economics and earned my Master's and administrative credentials from UC Irvine and National University. I have three children of my own: Brittany, 21; Miranda, 16; and Conner, 14.

I look forward to leading all of the students, teachers and parents through another rigorous and fun-filled year at Courreges Elementary School.

James H. Cox *Elementary (K-5)*

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Patrick Ham
Principal

Mr. Patrick Ham has a foundational belief that learning is a lifelong process. He graduated summa cum laude from UCLA in 1999, earned his Master of Science in Education in 2008, and will earn his Doctorate of Educational Leadership in 2019 from CSUF. He has taught elementary and middle school for nearly a decade before becoming an administrator in 2009.

Mr. Ham is bilingual, and lived in Seoul and Incheon, South Korea for the first 8 years of his life. When Mr. Ham is not working, he enjoys coaching his children's basketball teams, learning about real estate, spending time with his wife and four children, following his favorite pro and collegiate teams (Lakers, Dodgers, and UCLA Bruins), and taking part in his newly discovered enjoyment: fishing.

When asked to share about Cox Elementary School, Mr. Ham said: "I love the multicultural diversity and the high academic priority of Cox. The Cox staff and community are truly dedicated to working in a respectful and inclusive environment to ensure that all students are motivated to achieve personal growth and academic excellence. We firmly believe that, together with our students, parents and the community, we have and will continue to strive towards the goal of creating the exceptional educational experience for ALL students."

The 2017–2018 school year promises to be another great year of academic excellence, where our staff continues our pursuit of a comprehensive, consistent, and collaborative instructional program for our students. Our signature practices of Cognitively, Guided Instruction (CGI), Differentiated Instruction/Small Groups, and Thinking Maps: Write from the Beginning & Beyond will be implemented collaboratively in our classrooms.

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Kevin Johnson
Principal

Kevin Johnson, the principal of Fulton Middle School, has served nearly 15 years in public education at both the middle and high school levels. He began his career as an English language arts/social studies core teacher in Riverside, California, where he worked for three years. After a two-year contract as a curriculum developer, he then returned to the middle school classroom as a reading specialist and a Gifted And Talented Education (GATE) instructor. He then entered middle school administration and served for the next five years as an Associated Student Body (ASB) director, California Junior Scholastic Federation (CJSF) coordinator, Academic Pentathlon coach, Science Olympiad coordinator, and assistant principal.

In addition to a bachelor's degree and teaching credential in English language arts, he also holds a master's degree in cross-cultural education and another in leadership from Pepperdine University. He completed his administrative credential at the University of California, Irvine and was certified in business management by California State University, Fullerton. He is currently enrolled in doctoral studies at the University of Southern California.

Kevin's guiding educational philosophy is to make every decision according to what is truly best for students. As an Orange County native, Kevin is proud to serve on the Leadership Association of Student Councils for Middle Schools (LASC) as both a Board member and the treasurer.

Robert Gisler *Elementary (K-5)*

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Erin Bains
Principal

Ms. Bains has been an educator for over 20 years. She taught for 11 years at Eastwood Elementary School in the Westminster School District. While there she taught 4th grade, a 1st-3rd grade multi-age class, and 6th grade. She came to Fountain Valley as the Assistant Principal at Masuda Middle School and then became principal at Moiola School before moving to Gisler Elementary School.

Ms. Bains attended college at Loyola Marymount University and received her Masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction as well as her administrative credential at Cal State University, Fullerton.

She feels very fortunate to be a member of the Fountain Valley School District and to have worked with amazing staffs. At Gisler, the staff is committed to the success of students and truly believes in the power of professional development and continuous learning. They readily take on new curricular challenges; programs and strategies are often brought to the staff from the professional readings done outside of the classroom. The passion of the staff is contagious and Ms. Bains is looking forward to another year with this fantastic group.

The community of Gisler also wants the best for their students giving countless hours of their time inside and outside of the classroom. Students cherish the support they receive and without the volunteer moms, dads, grandparents and other family members, Gisler would not be able to run as many programs and activities as it does, nor be as successful as it is. Ms. Bains is looking forward to the 2017-2018 school year!

Kazuo Masuda *Middle School(6-8)*

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Jay Adams
Principal

My name is Jay Adams and I am so excited to be at the helm as the Masuda Monarchs' Principal! I grew up in Colorado, graduating with my BA from the University of Northern Colorado. I moved to California at 22, began teaching, and then earned my MA from Azusa Pacific University. My favorite part of being a principal is getting to watch students grow and change from "in-betweeners" into confident young men and women. They experience so much transformation from fifth through eighth grades! I especially enjoy working with At-Risk students, developing strategies and plans to help them learn and to keep

them moving on target. One of my main goals is getting each Monarch to internalize our school motto: "Take a Second. Make a Difference." Values and making change to better our world are important tenets which I hope to impart to each and every Masuda student!

At home, my name is "mom" to four children—Julian (nineteen), Isaiah (seventeen), Kaia (fourteen), and Asia (twelve). We have a busy household including twelve pets: four rabbits, four cats, and four birds! My favorite activity in my free time (when there is some) is SCUBA diving. I especially like to travel to Catalina Island, where I have dived with the Garibaldi, bat rays, lobsters, sea lions, and even an angel shark! I am also a Tim Burton fanatic! I love Jack Skellington, Beetlejuice, Edward Scissorhands...you name it!

Next time you're in the area, stop by and say hello to me at Masuda. I look forward to meeting you and to working with you to ensure your student's success!

William T. Newland *Elementary (K-5)*

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Christopher Mullin
Principal

Christopher Mullin has lived in and around Fountain Valley for over 35 years. He attended Moiola Elementary and graduated from FVHS. After high school, Mr. Mullin decided to take the road less traveled and worked as a forest firefighter with CDF and with US Forestry as a backcountry ranger.

In time, Mr. Mullin enrolled at Montana State University. Upon completion of his bachelor's in education, he immediately found a job as a fifth grade teacher at a K-12 school in the small rural town of Three Forks, MT. working there for three years. Eventually he made his way back to the Fountain Valley School District teaching science and PE at Masuda Middle School, where he taught for five years.

As an administrator, Mr. Mullin worked at both Fulton and Masuda Middle Schools. For the past four years, he has been the principal at Newland Elementary! Newland is a school with a proven record of high academic achievement and one that promotes a learning community characterized by child-centered differentiated instruction. Our staff and students have a history of making educational excellence a habit. The faculty at Newland is dedicated to creating a learning environment where students may achieve to their highest ability.

When not at school, Mr. Mullin can be found enjoying time with his wife and children. Free time is often spent fishing from his kayak, going to Angels games, camping, or cooking for family and friends.

Isojiro Oka *Elementary (K-5)*

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Erik Miller
Principal

Erik Miller is beginning his seventh year as principal of the Isojiro Oka Elementary Wolfpack. Even after all these years, he feels so blessed to be part of a fantastic Fountain Valley School District team and specifically lead an Oka staff that is all about putting students “not only first, but at the core of everything we do and dream!” Oka is consistently ranked in the top tier of schools in Orange County and throughout California for their academic excellence and ensuring students get a strong educational foundation.

Mr. Miller is proud of the Wolfpack, because they represent the strength of being team-oriented and achieving great things together. Recent highlights include: having the most successful Jog-A-Thon ever, by raising over \$45,000. This wouldn't have been possible without amazing parents

and an incredible PTO. Oka has continued to add more technology throughout campus, in order to put devices in the hands of every student, every day.

Prior to arriving at Oka, Mr. Miller was a teacher and then an assistant principal at both the elementary and middle school levels. A few random facts about Mr. Miller include the following: His favorite subject is math and one of his best friends is his own first grade teacher from a few decades ago. If Mr. Miller were not a principal, he would probably be a police officer. Away from Oka, his favorite hobbies are playing golf and basketball, going to Angels or Ducks games, and hanging out with his family. His wife, Kelley, is a teacher, and together, they are parents of three adorable kids. Their daughter is in high school, and both boys are in middle school. All five of them are pretty involved in their church, and enjoy spending time in Pismo Beach, and Colorado, whenever possible.

Urbain H. Plavan *Elementary (K-5)*

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Julie Ballesteros
Principal

Julie Ballesteros has been an educator for the past 21 years. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in education from Arizona State University. She began her career in education as a reading specialist in Phoenix, Arizona. Mrs. Ballesteros then returned to her hometown in California to teach kindergarten and first grade for nine years in the Glendora Unified School District.

Mrs. Ballesteros continued her education and received a Master of Arts in Educational Administration at Azusa Pacific University. This led her to becoming a Glendora middle school assistant principal for two years. She actually worked at the

same school she attended as a child! This opportunity ignited her passion for educational administration.

Mrs. Ballesteros is now beginning her tenth year as the proud principal of Plavan Elementary School in the Fountain Valley School District. “I am blessed to work with an incredible staff and community that are truly committed to educating the minds and the hearts of all our students,” she said. “My experiences in Fountain Valley have helped me grow as an educator, and I look forward to learning together again this year.”

When Mrs. Ballesteros is not working, she enjoys spending time with her husband, daughter and son. They currently reside in Mission Viejo, where they love to go to the beach and spend time with family and friends.

Samuel E. Talbert *Middle School (6-8)*

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Jennifer Morgan
Principal

Jennifer Morgan is serving her fourth year as principal of Talbert Middle School in the Fountain Valley School District. She previously served as math teacher, school counselor and assistant principal in the Garden Grove and Westminster School Districts. Ms. Morgan has a Bachelor of Science in business administration from the University of California Riverside, and a Master of Arts degree in counseling from Chapman University. In addition to her passion for teenagers and education, Ms. Morgan values spending time with her two children, who are entering fifth and sixth grades.

Ms. Morgan has really enjoyed working with the amazing staff and students at Talbert Middle School during the last few years. The learning environment at Talbert is welcoming and student-centered. There is a great sense of community and character on Talbert's campus. Ms. Morgan looks forward to a great 2017-2018 school year as students continue to be challenged and grow as individuals.

Hisamatsu Tamura *Elementary (K-5)*

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Kathy Davis
Principal

I welcome everyone to the 2017-2018 school year. I am very excited as I enter my fifth year as the principal of Tamura. This last school year was full of so many successes, and I am very much looking forward to watching our Tigers set new goals and endeavors for 2017-18.

We have such an amazing family of students, teachers and staff members, as well as incredibly supportive parents, and I feel very fortunate to be working with this inspiring and talented community.

I started my career teaching in the Westminster School District, and began my administrative career working two years as an assistant principal before I joined the Fountain Valley School District. This is my

twelfth year as a principal in the Fountain Valley School District. I served my first seven years as principal of Newland, and am absolutely thrilled to be entering my fifth year as part of an incredible staff and community support network here at Tamura.

This school year our teachers will continue their work with Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI), fine tuning their reading instruction, and will work collaboratively within and across grade levels to provide students with the best learning opportunities possible. We will also continue our efforts to embed PBIS strategies into the school culture to help build our students' awareness of their roles at Tamura, and provide them with an opportunity to make good choices both academically and socially.

We will continue to Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Our Best!

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Gregory Haulk

Gregg Haulk has 27 years of experience working in public education and more than 17 years experience as a school administrator. He has worked as a teacher, vice-principal, principal, and superintendent at several school districts. In 2011, he became the Huntington Beach City School District Superintendent. Mr. Haulk is a graduate of the California State University, San Bernardino with a Master Degree in Education from National University. He received his Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential from the University of LaVerne and his Professional Clear Administrative Services Credential from California State University, Chico. Mr. Haulk serves on several committees and has chaired the West Orange County Consortium of Special Education (WOCCE) Superintendents' Council in 2013 and 2016, chairs the Children and Families Commission Advisory Committee, Pediatrics Health Services Subcommittee, and participates in the Special Education Alliance Committee.

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Carolyn Wertheim
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Growing and Learning Together

Perry Elementary School's Preschool Academy received a grant for a native plant garden! Installed in May, the native plant garden was designed with young children in mind. Since then, children have been watering the plants to help get them established. As part of the grant, a naturalist visited and introduced the children to several native animals.

During the Preschool Academy's summer camp, the garden provided the perfect environment for 3-to-5-year-olds to investigate, observe, and care for living and nonliving things. In addition to conducting examinations of the three plant varieties, children assisted with a ladybug release, compared saltwater and freshwater, and created an earthworm habitat.



Through these experiences, children build their understanding of living and nonliving objects. As they build their knowledge of the world around them, they become stewards of our planet!

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Dr. Paul Morrow
President

Dr. Morrow has worked in the education field for 37 years as a teacher and administrator in all levels of public education, kindergarten through 12th grade. During that time, he has worked in the City of Huntington Beach for 28 years as the principal for Moffett School, Sowers Middle School, and Marina High School. Under his leadership at Sowers Middle School (1999) and Marina High School (2009), the schools received the California Distinguished School Award and Sowers Middle School received the National Blue Ribbon Award in the 2001/2002 school year; the first for our district. He received his doctorate degree in Organizational Leadership from the University of LaVerne.

Dr. Morrow has been asked to serve on numerous committees with both districts as the chairman because of his strong leadership and organizational skills, dedication, ability to be a team builder, and a visionary leader.

Dr. Morrow's term ends in 2018.

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Christa Glembocki
Principal

Christa Glembocki is starting her first full year as principal of Ethel Dwyer Middle School. She began her tenure as principal in March of 2017. Mrs. Glembocki graduated from California State University, Fullerton with a Master of Science in Educational Leadership and a Bachelor of Science in Child Development. She has been in education for 16 years, serving students in the Cypress School District, Tustin Unified School District, and now Huntington Beach City School District. Mrs. Glembocki taught upper grade elementary, including GATE and ELD programs. She then became a middle school assistant principal at

Columbus Tustin Middle School, Utt Middle School, and Pioneer Middle School, all in Tustin Unified.

Mrs. Glembocki really enjoys being in administration. She feels that as a teacher she was able to influence students in her classroom, but as an administrator she influences so many more lives, including teachers and staff. Her passion is school culture and believes that you cannot capture a student's mind until you capture their heart. Students need to feel that they belong and that the adults around them truly care about each individual. With this in mind, Mrs. Glembocki is bringing many of these tenets to Dwyer. "Dwyer is such a family and I want to make us even stronger as a community," she stated.

Mrs. Glembocki is also very excited to grow the Jr. APA (Academy of the Performing Arts) at Dwyer and make the strong connection to Huntington Beach High School's APA program. She added, "We have such incredibly talented students here; why not help them prepare for a pathway in high school and beyond."

Mrs. Glembocki is a Huntington Beach resident and is so excited to be serving her community. She is blessed with a wonderfully supportive husband and two beautiful daughters. In her free time she enjoys family bike rides, stand-up paddleboarding, and she bakes a mean cupcake!

John H. Eader *Elementary*

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Debbi Randall
Principal

Mrs. Debbi Randall is going into her sixth year as the principal of Eader Elementary School and has been a site administrator in Huntington Beach City School District for ten years and in other districts for a total of fourteen years. Prior to becoming an administrator, she taught for eighteen years, from preschool through high school levels. Mrs. Randall was a district grant facilitator and a BTSA (Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment) coordinator, which she thoroughly enjoyed.

She earned her undergraduate degree at California State University, Long Beach, a master's degree in education administration, and an administrative credential at National University. She loves collaborating with students, staff, and parents to create the best learning environment possible for all children, and is looking forward to another successful school year with the Eagles community. Mrs. Randall has one adult daughter and lives with her husband, Mike, and their adorable furry pooch, Harley, in Huntington Beach!

Dr. Ralph E. Hawes *Elementary*

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Julie Jennings
Principal

Julie Jennings is starting her 31st year in education, serving as an elementary school teacher, an assistant principal, a principal and an assistant superintendent of personnel services. Her teaching career began in Bonsall Union School District after she completed her bachelor's and master's degrees from Occidental College. In Morongo Unified School District, Ms. Jennings served as a site administrator for seven years. In South Pasadena Unified, she spent seven years as a principal of Arroyo Vista Elementary School, a California Distinguished School and Blue Ribbon School, before serving six years as the assistant superintendent of personnel.

Beginning her sixth year as the principal of Hawes Elementary School, a California Gold Ribbon 2016 school and a CA Distinguished School 2014,

Ms. Jennings is passionate about the collaborative, learning community that thrives at Hawes. Working beside a staff that pushes themselves to learn and grow coupled with an actively involved parent group, our students are afforded enriching learning opportunities in engaging ways. Hawes is a positive, exciting place to learn!

Mrs. Jennings has a daughter in college, who is finishing up her last class at Cal Lutheran, as well as about 600 children with whom she spends each day! She loves reading, weight training, and being outside—camping, hiking, beaching, etc.! She loves being part of the amazing community of Hawes and fosters the strength and resources within the school community to ensure that all of the students access enriching opportunities. Through our work together, we strive for “hAWEs!” #BeHawesome

Huntington Seacliff *Elementary*

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Dr. Monique Huibregtse
Principal

Dr. Huibregtse has been in education for 32 years as an elementary school teacher, a middle school and elementary school assistant principal, and an elementary school principal. In the Huntington Beach City School District, Dr. Huibregtse served as the principal of Perry Elementary School for six years and is entering into her fourth year at Huntington Seacliff Elementary School for the 2017–18 school-year.

She holds clear California credentials in teaching and administration, and earned her Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

In California, she completed her Master of Arts degree in educational administration at Cal State Bakersfield University and her Doctorate in education with the University of LaVerne.

Dr. Huibregtse is married and loves running, cycling, sailing, and outdoor activities anywhere in beautiful Orange County. Building collaborative relationships with all members of the school community to strengthen student achievement is the focus of her work. As Huntington Seacliff is a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School, a 2014 California Distinguished School, a 2015 California Gold Ribbon School, and a 2016 Honor Roll School, the focus of the work is to keep moving student achievement forward to the next highest level!

S. A. Moffett *Elementary*

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Michael Andrzejewski
Principal

Michael Andrzejewski, or “Mr. A.,” has been in education for 30 years, with teaching experience in both the middle and elementary levels. He has also served as an elementary principal for 24 years. Having taught in Iowa, Mr. A. served as an elementary principal in both South Dakota and Iowa before continuing in that role in California.

Upon moving to California and beginning work in the Huntington Beach City School District, Mr. A. was principal of Agnes Smith Elementary School for 11 years. Seven years ago, he transferred to Moffett Elementary School, where he continues to serve. Mr. A. earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of South Dakota, and completed his Master of Arts degree at Drake

University in Des Moines, Iowa. He holds “Clear” California credentials in teaching and administration.

Mr. Andrzejewski says, often, that even on the worst day he still serves in the best job in education. He believes in keeping a student-centered focus on the work that needs to be done, and in building a positive culture that stresses goal attainment, collaboration, and continuous improvement.

Mr. A. also works to forge strong relationships within the school community, which helps to build an environment that can best support student learning and effective instruction. He continues to be proud of the work that his students, staff and parents accomplish. Working together as a team, they promote a well-rounded education for all of the Moffett Mustangs.



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Dr. Renee Polk Johnson
Principal

Dr. Renee Polk Johnson grew up in Irvine, California and is a graduate of University High School. Dr. Polk Johnson attended University of the Pacific, where she earned a bachelor's degree in political science and her multiple-subject teaching credential. She completed her master's degree at California State University, Dominguez Hills and she completed her doctorate in educational leadership at California State University, Long Beach. Dr. Polk Johnson has been in education for 17 years and has worked as

a kindergarten and first-grade teacher, a middle school Special Education teacher, a district reading specialist, an assistant principal, and as a principal. This will be her fourth year as principal at Perry Elementary. Perry has an incredible staff and amazing students and she anticipates a fantastic 2017-18 school year! When Dr. Polk Johnson is not at work she enjoys snow skiing, scuba diving, and traveling with her husband. She and her husband also enjoy spending time with their dog, Sam.

John R. Peterson *Elementary*

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Dr. Constance Polhemus
Principal

Dr. Polhemus has been in education for 29 years as a school board member, special education, GATE and general education teacher, assistant principal, principal and Director of Student, Community and Personnel Support. She began her career in education as a School Board member for the Hemet Unified School District.

For 13 years she served the children of the Hemet Unified School District as a teacher before moving across town to the San Jacinto Unified School District as an assistant principal. After serving as AP at three schools in the district she was promoted to principal of Hyatt Elementary School where she lead the

Hyatt team to garner the title as first school in San Jacinto to exit Program Improvement under NCLB. Seven years ago she was promoted to Director of Student, Community and Personnel Support. Her leadership style is founded

in strong relationships with all stakeholders. "Educating our children is a team effort," she states. Dr. Polhemus holds a B.S. in Home Economics, a M.A. in Management and a doctorate from the University of La Verne in Organizational Leadership. Dr. P, as her students call her, embraced the opportunity to move to Huntington Beach in 2014 after living in Hemet for 40 years. Her love of the HB community began during her first Surf City Half Marathon in 2009. She is a dedicated runner and completed the Boston Marathon in 2015 and 2016, and has been selected as one of only 26 runners to participate in the 2017 New York Marathon as part of TEAM MEB26. This team was selected by America's champion long-distance runner, Meb Keflezigni based on their contribution to children and running.

Dr. Polhemus is looking forward to her fourth year serving the children and families of Huntington Beach, while promoting health, wellness and a balanced life among students and staff of HBCSD.

Agnes L. Smith *Elementary*

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Carolyn Beck
Principal

Mrs. Carolyn Beck has been in education for 27 years as an elementary school teacher, teacher on special assignment and principal. In the Huntington Beach City School District, Mrs. Beck has served as the principal of Agnes L. Smith Elementary School for the past seven years. She has been at Smith School for a total of 18 years and loves being a Smith Surfer. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles

and completed her master's degree in educational administration at California State University, Long Beach.

Mrs. Beck and her husband have been married for 27 years and have an adult son and daughter. She enjoys spending time with her family hiking, boating and relaxing with a good book. She loves being a part of the Huntington Beach community and helping her students to reach their full potential.

Isaac L. Sowers *Middle School*

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John Ashby
Principal

John Ashby is excited to start his first full year as Principal at Sowers Middle School. He came to HBCSD at the end of February last year.

Mr. Ashby double-majored in Spanish and Public Relations at Pepperdine University while also competing on the Waves' Division 1 Men's Water Polo team. He then taught high school Spanish and coached water polo in Bonita USD for seven years. He completed his Master's in Education degree with an emphasis in Cross-Cultural Teaching at National University. As a teacher, he helped to align curriculum, pacing, and instructional strategies through active collaborations with colleagues. As a coach, his teams won two CIF championships.

Mr. Ashby served as a student-centered administrator in Alhambra USD and Chino Valley USD for five years. His responsibilities over the years included curriculum and instruction, activities, athletics, facilities, and community

outreach. He spearheaded a grass-roots, comprehensive school-based mental wellness program for all students at a high school using a proactive, instead of a reactive, service model lens. The program garnered support from students, parents, staff, the district office, the city of Chino, and the Chino Police Department. Mr. Ashby also recently finished all coursework for a Doctorate in Education from Brandman University. His dissertation focuses on exemplary middle school principals who lead through conversation.

Mr. Ashby is a proud father of three daughters (14 years, 6 years, 4 years) and engaged to an amazing woman, who is also an educator. In his free time he enjoys playing with his kids, surfing, playing the guitar, and traveling.

Mr. Ashby is "excited for the future of Sowers Middle School as it moves forward with progressive plans to provide an incredible, personalized learning environment for all Sowers Vikings." He encourages you to stay connected with all things Sowers on Instagram and Twitter (@SowersVikingsHB).

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Dr. Carol Hansen

I would like to welcome back to school our returning students and families. The Ocean View School District staff has been working throughout the summer to get the 2017-2018 school year off to a great start. To our new students and families, welcome! You are now a part of the OVSD family.

As your Superintendent, I would like to share a little bit about myself. My career has been focused on public education for more than 32 years, but my enthusiasm for educating students continues to grow, particularly since coming to OVSD. In 2015, I was named the Superintendent of OVSD after serving in the

ABC Unified School District (ABCUSD) as the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources. While in ABCUSD, I was fortunate to be actively involved in fostering a nationally recognized labor-management partnership. I am proud to say that since my first year at OVSD, our new administrative team and union leadership have negotiated positive labor contracts for our teachers and classified staff and formed a Partnership of Administration and Leadership, or PAL, in support of a positive PAL culture for future years. We continue this important work today.

Our focus on your child's achievement continues as we introduce this fall our newly adopted English Language Arts instructional materials for all students from Transitional Kindergarten to grade 8. Our new materials are fully aligned to state standards and provide rigorous comprehensive content to engage our students and prepare them for their future in high school, college, and beyond. In June, I shared that our Board of Trustees made some critical decisions about Measure R modernization projects, fiscal efficiency, and school consolidation/interim housing. Thanks to their vision and the community's passage of Measure R, all classrooms and offices are now equipped with a new phone system to increase efficiency and safety, provide more reliable service and connections, and boost productivity with additional features. As a reminder, school modernization projects will begin in 2018-2019. We invite you to stay informed about Measure R projects, using the Measure R link on your school website or at www.ovsd.org/MeasureR.

Engaging you with transparent, consistent communication will continue to dominate my work and focus this year. I ask each of you to download our easy-to-use OVSD app and follow us on our official OVSD social media feeds. Our District and school websites continue to grow, so check out all of the information available and bookmark them! With our team of education professionals and your commitment to your child's education, I believe we can create a powerful partnership and, as a result, the Ocean View School District will become the destination district in Orange County.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Gina Clayton-Tarvin
President

As the president of the Ocean View School District Board of Trustees for the third consecutive year, it is my honor and pleasure to help kick off the 2017-2018 school year with a team of incredible administrators, managers, teachers, classified staff, and of course, our wonderful students and families. I am proud to say we are continuing to sustain and strengthen our positive momentum, all in the name of providing every student in OVSD with the best, most innovative education programs possible.

For the past 21 years I have been an educator in the ABC Unified School District, serving for the past 11 years as a sixth-grade Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) teacher. Prior to that, I was a seventh- and eighth-grade math and science middle school teacher and a coordinator for a federally funded magnet school. I have also worked as a Special Education homeschool teacher. These experiences gained through teaching in the classroom and serving as a member of the PTA have helped me to understand and identify the needs of students, parents and educators in OVSD. Throughout my career, I have served as a leader in the ABC Federation of Teachers. I am the proud mother of two boys and a 26-year resident of Huntington Beach. I believe this area is the best place to raise a family.

Our Board continues to extend its vision for OVSD as the destination school district in Orange County under the steady leadership of Superintendent Carol Hansen and Deputy Superintendent Michael Conroy. As your Board President, I will keep you informed about important initiatives and issues in OVSD, including our Measure R modernization projects. I wish you all a fantastic school year!

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Paul James
Principal

Welcome to Pleasant View School/OVPP and the 2017-2018 school year! My name is Paul James and I was born in Long Beach, California. At the age of two, my family moved 10 miles north to Norwalk, California, where my parents have lived now for over 57 years. My mother worked at Sears for over 30 years and my father worked for Gulf Oil/GoldenWest Refinery in Santa Fe Springs for 35 years. I attended Niemes Elementary School, Faye Ross Junior High School, and Gahr High School, which are all part of ABC Unified School District. During this time I was fortunate to have many outstanding teachers and role models

that helped shape my future career goals in education.

I am starting my 34th year in education. I taught elementary school for eight years, middle school science for 15 years, and have been a principal for the last ten years in the Ocean View School District.

I have been married to my wonderful and beautiful wife for over 17 years. She currently teaches middle school and high school science. Our three sons are ages 14, 12 and 11, and they attend school in our own Ocean View School District. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, taking summer camping vacations, crosswords, exercising, and coaching and playing sports with my boys.

Our staff is looking forward to an exciting school year and welcoming our new and returning students in September!

Circle View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Kristi Hickman
Principal

Now in my third year, I am thrilled to continue serving as your Principal for the students, staff and community of Circle View Elementary School! I enthusiastically welcome the opportunity to build on our school's foundation and tradition of excellence. Circle View cultivates a solid community of high-caliber teachers, successful students, an incredibly supportive parent community, and many wonderful business partnerships. We will continue to work toward solidifying the necessary 21st century skills of our students, as well as integrating the best teaching and learning practices in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts,

and Math. We provide universal opportunities for all students, and we are proud to house the District's premier GATE Magnet Program.

Prior to working in OVSD, I served in the Torrance and Garden Grove Unified School Districts and earned my credentials from Pepperdine University and the University of California at Irvine. I come from a family of educators and love this important work.

The new school year promises many powerful learning activities, enriching programs and successful experiences for all students. We welcome our new and returning faces and look forward to connecting with friends and families, while continuing to create lifelong memories!

College View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Katherine Smith
Principal

This year I will be celebrating my 19th year with the Ocean View School District. During my tenure I have enjoyed serving in variety of roles: classroom teacher for multiple grade levels, Title I teacher, summer school principal, and an elementary principal at Hope View and College View. I have also served as the District's Principal Advisor for the Arts. Working with arts professionals at the District and County levels was a position that I thoroughly enjoyed. My philosophy of education is embedded in the arts, and I have personally experienced the positive results that the arts can have on student achievement. The arts inspire collaboration, problem-solving, creativity, innovation, and communication. I believe that these 21st Century skills are the cornerstone for success, and they should be an integral part of every student's education. It is through these interactions and experiences that children learn the skills they will need to flourish in an ever-changing, challenging, and amazing world.

In addition to my professional career, I also have a fulfilling personal life. My husband Greg and I have three amazing children; Garrett, Tanner and McKenna. We recently welcomed our first grandchild, Avery, and we are surrounded by a menagerie of pets. I have been married for 33 years, and I am a resident of Huntington Beach. I love to travel, ride bikes, play golf, and bowl. I am active in the Huntington Beach Kiwanis Club, and I am also an advocate for Bunny's Kids, a non-profit charity that supports our Orange County's homeless.

Before moving to California in 1981, I had the pleasure of growing up in Rochester Hills, Michigan. I graduated from Western Michigan University with a degree in Physical Education and Dance Education. In 1997 I earned my multiple subject credential, and in 2005 I earned a master's degree in School Administration from Alliant University.

Golden View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Brett Hardy
Principal

I am very excited to be returning for my third year as the principal at Golden View Elementary School. The Golden View staff and I would like to welcome all new and returning students and families to the 2017-2018 school year. We have been working hard to get ready for yet another wonderful school year and we are very excited to see all of your smiling faces. For the past two years, we have been focusing on the 4 C's of the Common Core: Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, and Creativity. We have also been placing greater emphasis on using technology and helping students become independent thinkers in a 21st Century learning environment.

This year, we will be challenging our students to build on their prior knowledge and expand their learning. We will also be bringing the outdoors inside by having our students spend more time in our outdoor learning

facility. Finally, we will be working with our students to promote a positive school environment and to foster a culture of #kindness. We invite all families and community members on campus to be part of the process and see the many great things our Golden View Kids will be doing in the 2017-2018 school year.

Prior to coming to OVSD, I worked in the Huntington Beach City School District as a teacher and administrator at Dwyer Middle School and Huntington Seaciff Elementary School. I earned my B.A. from the University of California at Santa Barbara and a master's degree from California State University at Long Beach. Before I began my teaching career, I was fortunate enough to spend two years playing professional baseball in the Arizona Diamondbacks system. When I am away from school, I enjoy spending time with my wife and two children, who will be starting 9th and 7th grade this fall.

Harbour View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Cindy Osterhout
Principal

On behalf of the entire staff, I would like to welcome you to Harbour View Elementary, a California Distinguished School. I believe that we are all partners at Harbour View and share a common goal: To provide a safe, happy and successful learning experience for each of our students. With this in mind, as we help our students prepare for the upcoming school year, we will all need to be very thoughtful about how best to assure that it is, indeed, a safe, happy and successful experience for them. Please know that this is your school, and we welcome your involvement. Families are children's first and most important teachers, and we need your cooperation and involvement to provide your child with the best education possible.

While serving as Harbour View's principal for the past 11 years, I have had many District leadership opportunities, including serving on the CCSS Implementation Committee. I have provided mentoring to countless student teachers, teachers and fellow administrators. As a student myself, I attended California State University Long Beach and earned a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies. I later earned a master's degree in Education from the United States International University at Irvine.

The Harbour View community is composed of enthusiastic students, helpful parent volunteers and top-notch professional educators who work hard each and every day to provide your child with a challenging and rigorous curriculum. I truly look forward to another exciting and productive school year...our students deserve nothing less!

Hope View *Elementary (K-5)*

17622 Flintstone Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/847-8571 • www.ovsd.org



Paul Kraft
Principal

Welcome to Hope View Elementary School, where we are HOPE-FUL about the future and make a difference today! Our vision at Hope View is to inspire a passion for learning in our students. I am proud to be the principal of this fabulous school community, which includes extremely dedicated teachers, supportive families and outstanding students. Along with providing challenging instruction, setting high expectations and encouraging every student to do his or her best, our diligent Hope View staff ensures that each student is learning in an environment that educates our Hawks to be safe, responsible and respectful individuals. We are confident that the 2017-2018 school year will be another fantastic journey for our students!

This school year our staff will be focused on two priorities that are shared

across the Ocean View School District: literacy across the curriculum and active student engagement through effective lessons, signature practices and project-based learning. Furthermore, through an amazing relationship with our active Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), we are committed to increasing our access to technology and relevant learning opportunities that will prepare all of our students for the rigors of the 21st Century.

I started my teaching career in the Bellflower Unified School District in 1994. I then worked in the Cypress School District as a teacher and instructional coach from 1997 until 2014. I became a principal in the Capistrano Unified School District in 2014, where I worked for two years. In 2016, I had the wonderful opportunity to join OVSD, where I begin my second year as the Principal of Hope View. I am married and have two children in their 20s. Go Hawks!

Lake View *Elementary (K-5)*

17451 Zeider Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/842-2589 • www.ovsd.org



Jamie Goodwyn
Principal

Here at Lake View Elementary School, we are so excited to begin our second year as a designated innovative program, featuring a fully integrated STEAM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Arts-Math) curriculum. Our teachers, staff, and students experienced much success in the previous school year and look forward to building on the great work that was established. Using collaboration, innovation and experimentation, our teachers have been able to focus on integrating STEAM across the disciplines, in addition to developing programs in robotics, 3-D printing and engineering.

I have served in education for 16 years and am thrilled to begin my sixth

year with the Ocean View School District as your principal. I am a dedicated educator and lifetime student of teaching and learning. I received a bachelor's degree from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, a master's degree in Crosscultural Education from National University, and a master's degree in School Counseling from the University of La Verne. I have served as a teacher, school counselor, assistant principal, and principal. You will see that I love working with children and families within the school community I serve, and I am passionate about integrating technology within the classroom and exploring every avenue of innovation. The integrated STEAM curricular program at Lake View is designed to do just this, and I am honored to continue to lead the way!

Marine View *Middle School (6-8)*

5682 Tilburg Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/846-0624 • www.ovsd.org



William Lynch
Principal

It is a pleasure to open the 2017-2018 school year! I am now entering my fourth year as the Principal of Marine View Middle School in the Ocean View School District. Prior to serving at Marine View, I was an assistant principal at Buena Park Junior High School in the Buena Park School District. I am originally from New England and I knew from a very early age that I was not well-suited for cold weather. Finally, I made it to California 15 years ago, working at first for a public relations-lobbying firm. It was during this time that I had brushes with education policymakers in Sacramento, and it changed my life forever.

There was an essential question that needed an answer: How do we, as a diverse society, prepare all students for a successful future? At this point, I began my chosen profession in education. In the subsequent years, I had the

pleasure of sharing my continued love of government and American History at both the high school and middle school levels, before moving my career in the direction of school administration.

I received my bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Arizona, and my master's degree in Secondary Education from the California State University at Long Beach. I serve as a Vice President on the Board of the Directors for the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), Region 17, and I also serve on the Advisory Council for the Huntington Beach Youth Shelter. When I am not at Marine View, I enjoy spending time with my wife and our two small children, ages seven and nine.

This school year is going to be one of the best yet, and I look forward to welcoming all of you!

Mesa View *Middle School (6-8)*

17601 Avila Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/842-6608 • www.ovsd.org



Randy Lempert
Principal

I am excited to start my fourth year as Principal of Mesa View Middle School. Each day I feel it is an honor to serve as the principal of the Mighty Eagles. I feel Mesa View is a special place where I experience a positive school climate and innovative learning experiences taking place inside the classroom. I am proud to lead a middle school where students are safe to grow, create, learn, and experience life. This greatness is due to the amazing staff that continues to put the academic and emotional needs of middle school students first. Through a strong partnership with our parents and community, we

continue to maintain a positive school climate and culture. I'll shout from the mountain tops, "Mesa View Middle School has great teachers, parents, and most important, STUDENTS!"

Before joining the Mesa View team, I was the assistant principal of Spring View Middle School in OVSD and had taught at Dwyer Middle School in the Huntington Beach City School District. Graduating from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, with a degree in education, I continued on to obtain a master's degree in school administration from Concordia University in Irvine. Through and through, I am local to the area, proudly working in a community I love.

Outside of Mesa View, I have a supportive wife and a four-year-old son. I am passionate about Angels baseball and have served as a lifeguard for the city of Newport Beach since 1995.

It is going to be a great school year and I look forward to working with our Mesa View community!

Oak View *Elementary (K-5)*

17241 Oak Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/842-4459 • www.ovsd.org



Dr. Rosa Guerra
Principal

I am thrilled to begin my third year as the Principal of Oak View Elementary School in the Ocean View School District! I began my teaching career in the Rialto Unified School District and later became an elementary administrator in the same district. I have served as an elementary school principal in both the Pomona Unified School District and Fontana Unified School District.

I attended San Bernardino Valley College where I received my associate's degree, then went on to the California State University at San Bernardino for my bachelor's degree. Finally, I transferred to Azusa Pacific University where I earned a multiple-subject teaching credential, master's degree, administrative credential, and a doctorate in K-12

Educational Leadership. I have also served as an adjunct professor with Point Loma of the Nazarene University at various satellite campuses. I am an avid reader and traveler, and I enjoy mentoring and public speaking.

At Oak View Elementary, we set grade level goals in English Language Arts and Math and we use collaborative inquiry and our focus on student achievement to make progress and academic gains. The level of commitment from each and every one of our staff members is extraordinary! It is their dedication that truly makes a difference for our students, parents and community. The 2017-18 school year promises to be filled with excitement through learning, engaging lessons, as well as opportunities to extend and explore concepts. We are committed to excellence for all of our students!

Oak View *Preschool & Pre-K*

17131 Emerald Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/843-6938 • www.ovsd.org



Nicole Baitx-Kennedy
Director of Child Development Programs

I am thrilled to join the team at Oak View Preschool. I have served in education for over 30 years, specializing in Expanded Learning and Early Learning Programs. Early Learning is a wonderful opportunity to support your children and teach them the skills they will need to transition to one of our outstanding elementary schools. Since 2015, the Ocean View School District has been my home. I first served as the Child Care Supervisor and now as the Director of Child Development Programs. In this newly expanded and renamed position, I will oversee our District's state preschool program. I am especially excited to meet and work with you, the families of Oak View Preschool.

The majority of my experience has been in Expanded

Learning. I worked in Orange Unified School District in the Centers for Afterschool Recreation, Enrichment, and Safety Program (CARES) as Child Care Lead Teacher and Program Curriculum Planner. I enjoyed spending five years in the classroom as an Early Learning Educator. I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in child development from Ashford University, an Associate's Degree in Early Learning/Child Development, a Child Development Program Director Permit with Commission on Teacher Credentialing, and am a certified trainer in CPR/First Aid through the American Red Cross.

Expanding and enhancing Early Learning and building a seamless transition between preschool and elementary school are a few of my goals. I look forward to serving the families of Oak View Preschool in the coming years!

Spring View *Middle School (6-8)*

16662 Trudy Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/846-2891 • www.ovsd.org



Jason Blade
Principal

My name is Jason Blade, and I have been an educator in the Ocean View School District for over 19 years, having served in a variety of roles – teacher, assistant principal and principal. I grew up in a family of educators, with my mother serving as a high school English and reading teacher in the Garden Grove Unified School District and my father working as both a school site and district administrator for various neighboring school districts. I was born and raised in Southern California and attended California State University at Long Beach for my undergraduate work, and both National University and the University of Southern California for my post-graduate education.

When asked what it is like to be the Principal of Spring View, I tell people, "The Spring View staff is totally committed to the wellbeing of our students. We are devoted to providing a safe, structured learning environment for all of our students, while at the same time setting high academic standards for everyone."

When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, traveling, coaching soccer, and surfing as often as possible. I am looking forward to a fantastic 2017-2018 school year!

Star View *Elementary (K-5)*

8411 Worthy Ln., Midway City, CA 92655 • 714/897-1009 • www.ovsd.org



Carrie Haskin
Principal

On behalf of the entire Star View Elementary School staff, we welcome you to the beginning of a new school year! I am thrilled to be the principal of Star View, a California Distinguished School. For the past six years, I have served in the Ocean View School District as a principal. This is my second year being a part of the stellar Star View team! My credentials include a master's degree in Education, a Reading/Language Arts Specialist Credential, as well as a Clear Administrative and Teaching Credential. Over the past six years, I have been fortunate to serve on various District committees.

Prior to OVSD, I worked in a nearby school district for 14 years, 11 of those years as a classroom teacher, working in multiple grade levels. In 2001, I

became a Nationally Board Certified teacher, and in 2011, I earned the title of Nationally Board Recertified teacher. In 2008, I was fortunate to move in to an administrative role, serving as a teacher on special assignment, and then as an assistant principal at the elementary and middle school levels. It was exciting to join the OVSD team in 2011 as an elementary school principal.

On a personal note, I have two incredible children who are now thriving as young adults. My husband of 34 years is a car enthusiast, so I reap the benefits of enjoying vintage cars and car shows. During my free time, I enjoy our dog, love to read and travel whenever I can. It is going to be an incredible year continuing to work with Star View's wonderful students, staff, families, PTO, and community. I truly cannot wait to see you and your child at Star View!

Sun View *Elementary (K-5)*

7721 Juliette Low Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/847-9643 • www.ovsd.org



Elaine Burney
Principal

Welcome to the 2017-18 School Year!

As the principal of Sun View Elementary School, it is with great pleasure that I welcome all students and families to our school! I am so fortunate to work with such a wonderful staff, group of students and school community. Having worked in the Ocean View School District for the last 10 years, I have gained invaluable experience in helping to create a successful, nurturing and safe school environment, and my expectation is that we will do so again this year.

The staff and I plan to continue on the path of educational excellence and we are committed to providing all Sun View students with the academic and pro-social behaviors that will be the foundation of their present and future success.

To give you a little background on me—I received my Bachelor of Science in Business Marketing from California State University at Long Beach, along with a Liberal Studies Certificate and Teaching Credential. I earned my Master of Science in Education Administration from Pepperdine University.

“Enjoy the little things in life for someday you will realize they were the big things.” I am not sure who said it exactly, but thank you to the “someone” who did. I think it is so important that in the busyness of our days, we stop and take the time to appreciate all the successes that happen all around us each day.

When I am not at work, I enjoy spending time with my wonderful family and friends. I am married to my high school sweetheart, Craig, and we have two beautiful daughters, Sarah and Lauren, and two cats. Living a healthy life-style is a priority for me. I also love to go to the beach and be spoiled by my husband’s fabulous cooking!

Village View *Elementary (K-5)*

5361 Sisson Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92649 • 714/846-2801 • www.ovsd.org



Francesca Ligman
Principal

Welcome Back Village View Dolphins!

I hope all of our families and students had amazing experiences this summer and are ready to return for another year of rigorous academics, arts enrichment and tons of school spirit. I certainly am! It is my honor to return as Village View’s Principal. Between the talented staff, inspiring students and gracious community, I know I could not be at a better school.

Beginning my 21st year with the Ocean View School District and my second year with Village View, I am thrilled to guide our school and help prepare our students today for a changing tomorrow. With that vision, we will continue to build on computer science, from coding to strengthened technology access with more Chromebooks (thanks to our PTO) and continued momentum moving forward. Additionally, we have a

new music and movement program coming for grades TK-3. Our extraordinary Art Explorers program will serve our students another year. Village View staff strives to prepare students as we focus on literacy across the curriculum and active student engagement. With these initiatives, Village View students will be more than ready for the exciting future that awaits them.

It is such a pleasure to serve this wonderful community. I live in Huntington Beach and have two children attending schools in Ocean View. Did you know I began my career in education as a third grade teacher at Village View? I even have a tile on the wall to prove it! I went on to work at various schools and grade levels in our District and spent the last few years serving as a District Instructional coach and interim Principal at Oak View Elementary School. I enjoy surfing, stand-up paddling and watching my kids BMX race. Let’s all make some big splashes in the 2017-18 school year!

Vista View *Middle School (6-8)*

16250 Hickory St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708 • 714/842-0626 • www.ovsd.org



Scott Mooney
Principal

I am excited to begin my second year as the Principal of Vista View Middle School. I am proud to lead a school where all adults are focused on doing what is best for students. Recently, Vista View was recognized for the second time by the Educational Results Partnership (ERP) and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE) as an “Honor Roll Star School.” This award recognizes our consistently high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement levels over time, and a reduction in achievement gaps among student populations. We will continue our collective work to improve and

expand the learning experience for all students. An additional area of focus for Vista View this year will be increasing parent and community engagement in our education process.

I received my undergraduate degree at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, New Jersey, where I majored in mechanical engineering and was captain of the volleyball team. Upon graduation, I decided to change my career path to make a difference in the lives of students. I was a high school science teacher and volleyball coach for 10 years, primarily at San Marino High School. I spent the 2007–2008 school year teaching English at Quy Nhon University in Vietnam. I received my master’s degree in Educational Leadership from Cal Poly, Pomona, and I am pursuing a doctoral program at Cal State Fullerton. I served as an assistant principal at the high school and middle school levels before joining the Ocean View team.

My wife, Lauren, and I have been married since 2010 and enjoy camping, hiking and travel. Our favorite places to visit are Avila Beach, Portland and Ireland. You can find me on Twitter @smooney5. #GoFalcons!

Westmont *Elementary (K-5)*

8251 Heil Ave., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/847-3561 • www.ovsd.org



Susan Broderson
Principal

The Westmont Elementary School staff is so excited to start the new year as a Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) school! We have spent the last year developing a comprehensive and well-rounded educational experience that encompasses the arts and core curriculum. Students will have explicit teaching in theatre, dance, visual arts, and music. It is such an exciting time at Westmont for our students, families and staff.

I am very thankful to begin my fourth year leading the Westmont staff. I have been in education for the past 17 years and the past five as an administrator. I earned my B.A. at the California State University at Long Beach and a Master of Social Work at the University of Southern California. I spent 10 years working for the County of Orange as a social worker before making the decision to switch careers and become a teacher after I started my family. I taught multiple grade levels at

multiple schools before becoming an administrator. My passion is working with children to assist them in reaching their full potential and becoming productive, well-rounded community members.

What I love the most about being a school administrator is that instead of having 32 children, I get to have 300 children. I love working with all my students! I also love working with our families. Our Westmont parents are committed to improving the lives of children, and not just their own. It makes me very proud to work alongside such caring and compassionate adults. Our strongest asset at Westmont is our outstanding staff. Our teachers are committed to every student on campus. Being a smaller school gives us the opportunity to genuinely know our students. The entire Westmont staff prides itself on putting children first and always asking, “Is it good for kids?” I am honored to work at Westmont!

Westminster School District

14121 Cedarwood Ave., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/894-7311 • www.wsd.k12.ca.us

SUPERINTENDENT



Dr. Cyndi Paik

Dr. Cyndi Paik was named superintendent of the Westminster School District on June 1st. She previously served the District as the assistant superintendent of educational services. In her 20 years as an educator in Orange County, she has also served as a K-12 administrative director of accountability and special programs, an elementary principal, an elementary and middle school assistant principal, a K-6 teacher and a literacy coach

Dr. Paik was named the 2017 Westminster School District and Orange County ACSA Central Office Administrator of the Year. She was the 2017 California Bilingual Education Chair and has successfully implemented Mandarin, Vietnamese, and Spanish Dual Language Immersion Programs in schools across two districts. She has served as an adjunct faculty instructor at Concordia University, was appointed to the State Superintendent Committee for California Teacher of the Year and is a recipient of the Milken Educator Award.

Dr. Paik earned a Doctorate in K-12 Urban Leadership from University of Southern California, a Master of Arts in Teaching & Administration from United States International University and a Bachelor of Arts from University of California-Irvine.

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President

Mrs. Penny Loomer was appointed to the Board in January 2014 and then elected to the Board in November 2014. She is retired from the City of Westminster where she enjoyed a 40-year career in public service as the Community Services Director and the Assistant City Manager. In addition, Mrs. Loomer has served on numerous community boards, including: Westminster Parks and Recreation Commission, Boys & Girls Club, Rose Theater Foundation, and Westminster High School All Class Reunion. Mrs. Loomer is a former Westminster Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year and a Soroptimist Woman of Distinction. She holds a bachelor's degree from Cal State University at Fresno and is proud to be a product of the Westminster School District. Mrs. Loomer has lived in Westminster with her husband for over 50 years. She enjoys spending time with her family, including two daughters and one granddaughter.

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Anderson *Elementary (K-6)*

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Kim Breckenridge
Principal

This will be an amazing year at Anderson. Our focus on comprehension, student talk and collaboration will be the vehicles leading all learners to a bright future. Mrs. Breckenridge will continue as the site principal, her tenth year in this position. As a graduate of the Westminster School District, it's great to be home, where she has had the opportunity to be a student, teacher, and administrator.

Mrs. Breckenridge obtained her bachelor's degree and teaching credential from Westmont College in Santa Barbara,

California. She earned her master's degree and administrative credential at California State University, Long Beach. She has held many different positions in her 20+ years in education having worked in six different schools in two different districts.

Anderson is proud to announce that it was recognized with a GOLD award for its implementation of Positive Behavior Interventions & Support (PBIS). This is a great achievement showing commitment to meeting students' needs - educationally, emotionally, socially and behaviorally. Way to go Anderson Tigers!

Clegg School

6311 Larchwood Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/894-7218 • <http://clegg.wsdk8.us>



John Staggs
Principal

Mr. John Staggs has been an educator for over 19 years at both the middle and elementary levels. Mr. Staggs is currently the principal of Clegg Elementary School and has been in this position for eight years. He was very proud of all of the great work taking place at Clegg in their STEAM Magnet program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Technology) that was established during the 2013-14 school year and looks forward to another great school year.

Prior to beginning his time as principal at Clegg, Mr. Staggs served as the Assistant Principal at Stacey/Clegg School when Clegg was combined with Stacey Middle School as a K-8 school. His teaching years took place in Norwalk/La Mirada, where he taught seventh grade, as well as an at-risk class for middle school students. He later went on to serve as a Title I Coordinator before moving into administration with the Westminster School District. While teaching, Mr. Staggs was always very involved with sports programs throughout the district.

Mr. Staggs attended the University of Maryland at the campus in Munich, Germany, as well as California State University, Long Beach and Walden University. He also recently completed a CBO Certification Program at USC.

DeMille *Elementary (K-6)*

15400 Van Buren St., Midway City, CA 92655 • 714/894-7224 • <http://demille.wsdk8.us>



Shannon Villanueva
Principal

The 2017-2018 school year will mark, Ms. Shannon Villanueva's 26th year in education! As a teacher, she taught at both the elementary and middle school levels. She has been the proud principal of DeMille Elementary School for eight years. Exciting things are happening at DeMille, and Ms. Villanueva considers it to be a privilege to be a part of the innovative ways our students are being prepared to be global citizens and 21st century learners.

DeMille Elementary School is the home of the first Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion program in the state of California. We are in entering our third year of implementation with two second grade classes, two first grade classes, and three Kindergarten classes! A new grade level will be added each year until Vietnamese Dual Immersion classes are offered across all grade levels. DeMille is thrilled to provide our students the opportunity to learn and become literate in two languages. As an educator

and as a parent, Ms. Villanueva believes that students will reap tremendous benefits socially and academically given the gift of biliteracy.

Ms. Villanueva considers herself to be a life-long learner. She attended the University of California, Irvine, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Ecology with a minor in vocal music and her multiple subject teaching credential. She received her Master of Science degree in Educational Administration and Leadership from National University. This fall she began the pursuit of a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership at California State University, Fullerton.

When Ms. Villanueva is not working or studying, she keeps herself busy and enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling, going to Disneyland, going to baseball games, and more. Ms. Villanueva enjoys being the principal at DeMille. "We have wonderful students, dedicated parents, and a great staff. DeMille is a great place to learn and grow." The 2017-2018 school year promises to be filled with lots of learning and amazing accomplishments.

Eastwood *Elementary (K-6)*

13552 University St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/894-7227 • <http://eastwood.wsdk8.us>



Dr. Jason Kuncewicki
Principal

Dr. Jason Kuncewicki is thrilled to be starting his third year as a principal in the Westminster School District and his 22nd year in education. He is excited to continue to serve Eastwood School this year and in years to come.

Prior to serving at Eastwood, Dr. Kuncewicki was a principal in the Buena Park School District at Carl E. Gilbert School. He felt "blessed" to be able to serve the Gilbert community for nine years and see the staff and families grow and meet their potential. He has also had the opportunity to work in the Bellflower Unified School District as a high school assistant principal in charge of the middle school program at Mayfair, and he served as an assistant principal in an elementary setting as well. Dr. Kuncewicki has also taught special education and kindergarten through sixth grade in the Magnolia School District. He is currently an adjunct professor at Concordia University

where he teaches new and potential educational administrators. When Dr. Kuncewicki is not working, he enjoys reading, spending time outside in various sports and being active.

When asked about reflecting on his over 20 years of educational experience within the classroom and in school-based administration, Dr. Kuncewicki stated that "my job is to serve children, teachers and their parents."

"I strive on a daily basis to be the best educator I can be and hope that all stakeholders can walk away each day reflecting on quality teaching and learning that has taken place," he said.

Dr. Kuncewicki graduated from the University of Southern California, where he received his Doctorate of Education in educational leadership. He also has a Master of Arts degree in educational administration and a Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal studies with a focus on creative writing.

Finley *Elementary (K-5)*

13521 Edwards St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/895-7764 • <http://finley.wsdk8.us>



Raul Olivas
Principal

As an educator of 19 years, Mr. Raul Olivas is the 2nd year principal at Finley Computer Science Magnet Elementary School. He is looking forward to this upcoming school year as we are full steam ahead in being Orange County's First Computer Science Magnet School.

Prior to his work in Westminster, Mr. Olivas was an Assistant Principal at Sierra Vista Junior High School for the William S. Hart Union High School District in Santa Clarita. Before becoming an administrator, he worked at Johnnie L. Cochran Jr.

Middle for the Los Angeles Unified School District. During his time there, he served in an out of the classroom capacity: Title 1/English Learner Coordinator for 2 years, and a Dean of Students for 4 years. Mr. Olivas also has 8 years of Pre-Algebra teaching experience: 4 years in inner city Los Angeles and 4 year in his hometown of El Paso, Texas.

Mr. Olivas is a proud father of 2 daughters and is expecting another little girl this November.

Fryberger *Elementary (K-5)*

6952 Hood Dr., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/894-7237 • <http://fryberger.wsdk8.us>



Dr. Dena Kiouses
Principal

Dr. Dena Kiouses is principal at Fryberger Elementary School in the Westminster School District. This is Dr. Kiouses' fourth year at Fryberger School. Dr. Kiouses taught at the elementary level and also middle school algebra, English, and reading. She has worked with GATE. Dr. Kiouses also has administrative experience in both elementary and middle schools.

"I am really excited about the 2017-2018 school year at Fryberger School. Staff, parents, and students, have come together to create a community of learners. We invite all parents to join us in supporting the students of Fryberger. There are

many one-time and on-going opportunities for you to participate in your child's education. I look forward to this school year and all we will accomplish together to support all students. As an educational leader, I am proud to grow with such a dynamic community."

Dr. Kiouses is married and has four grown children and four grandchildren. She enjoys reading and hiking with her husband and dogs.

Dr. Kiouses earned a Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership from CSU, Fresno. She also has a Master of Arts degree in education from the University of LaVerne and a Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal studies from CSU, Bakersfield.

Hayden *Elementary (K-5)*

14782 Eden St., Midway City, CA 92655 • 714/894-7261 • <http://hayden.wsdk8.us>



Mark Murphy
Principal

Mr. Murphy has been an educator for over 19 years all for the Westminster School District. He began his teaching career at Schroeder Elementary where he taught 2nd, 3rd and 5th grades. He then became a Student Achievement Teacher for the district and had the privilege to work at many of the schools in the district including Schmitt, and Meairs. He began his administrative career at Stacey Middle School as the Asst. Principal then was assigned to Hayden Elementary 8 years ago and now begins his sixth year as the Principal of Hayden.

Not only has Mr. Murphy worked for the Westminster School District for the past 19 years but he is also a proud former student of the district. Mr. Murphy stated, "I am extremely proud and honored to be working in the same district that has taught me so much. I am very excited to have the

opportunity to pass on the knowledge that I have obtained throughout my years in the Westminster School District." Mr. Murphy believes that every student who enters Hayden School can succeed. He feels he is the role model for his students and teachers; thus, he should demonstrate respect, honesty, empathy, responsibility and a desire for learning. He tries to develop a safe atmosphere where his students feel that their thoughts and opinions are valued.

Mr. Murphy has had many amazing influences in his career and would not be here today without the guidance and support of these tremendous leaders. They include Linda Baxter, Heidi DeBritton, Jerry Gargus his sister Maggie Villegas. He currently resides in Huntington Beach and enjoys jogging and mountain biking.

Johnson *Middle School (6-8)*

13603 Edwards St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/894-7244 • <http://johnson.wsdk8.us>



Daniel Owens
Principal

Mr. Daniel Owens is beginning his fourth year in the Westminster School District as principal of Johnson Middle School, and his 21st year in education.

Prior to coming to Westminster, Mr. Owens was an assistant principal in the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District for eight years, both at the middle and high school levels. He also taught for nine years at Waite Middle School in Norwalk, primarily in algebra and U.S. history. As a teacher, Mr. Owens was involved in many extracurricular activities, including running the drama department, ASB advisor, newspaper advisor, and coaching several sports.

Mr. Owens received his bachelor's degree in journalism from the University

of Southern California. He loves to spend time with his family, which includes his wife of 15 years and two sons ages 5 and 15. His hobbies include cheering on the USC Trojans in every sport, and his beloved Dodgers.

Mr. Owens is looking forward to continuing the wonderful work at Johnson Middle School by helping to support teachers and students as they tackle many new and exciting challenges. As the school's vision statement says, Johnson is committed to "Empower lifelong learners." This vision will be attained by setting high academic expectations for each student, and then providing a strong support system that will ensure they can be met.

In addition to academic expectations, Johnson is also very excited to be expanding its student enrichment opportunities to help strengthen the overall school experience and prepare students for the future.

Land School

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Beverlee Mathenia
*Executive Director,
Early Education
& Expanded
Learning*

Ms. Mathenia has been in the field of education for over 27 years, having taught in both private- and public-school settings. Ms. Mathenia also volunteers her time as a parent educator for the Orange County Sheriff's Department, teaching incarcerated mothers the basics of parenting.

When asked what it's like to be an administrator at Land School, Ms. Mathenia said, "Land is a very unique place, providing educational services to over 350 special education and general education children between the ages of 6-months and 5 years. Our school's mission is to prepare each child for kindergarten success and beyond—we accomplish this by providing an excellent instructional program and using digital learning tools in every classroom. The entire school staff works hard to make sure we achieve our mission and is very excited

about the new school year."

Ms. Mathenia attended California State University, Fullerton, and has her master's degree. She enjoys web designing in her spare time and volunteering at her church. She lives in Garden Grove with her husband and has two daughters.



Reagan Lopez
*Executive Director,
Student Services*

Ms. Reagan Lopez is the Executive Director of Student Services for the Westminster School District. She has worked in special education for over 14 years.

The thing she enjoys most about her job is providing educational services for all children. She works with a great team at Land School. The Land staff is collaborative, focused, and passionate about their students' success.

Ms. Lopez received her B.A. from Cal Poly Pomona and her Masters degree from University of La Verne. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family, friends, and her pets. She is also an avid lover of nature and enjoys hiking.

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Meairs *Elementary (K-5)*

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Kathy Kane
Principal

Mrs. Kane has been an educator for more than 30 years. During that time she has taught at the elementary and middle school levels in both public and private schools. After many happy years in the classroom Mrs. Kane went back to school to get her Master's Degree in Educational Administration and her administrative credential. For the last 16 years she has served as a principal in the Westminster School District at both elementary

and middle school sites. She is very excited to begin her seventh year at Iva Meairs Elementary, a Gold Ribbon and Title I Academic Achievement School. Mrs. Kane is a local girl. She is a graduate of Orange Coast College, and received her Bachelor of Arts and Master's degree from California State University, Long Beach. When not busy with school Mrs. Kane enjoys reading, baking and spending time in the great outdoors camping, hiking and biking with her husband, two daughters, two sons, and two dogs.

Schmitt *Elementary (K-5)*

7200 Trask Ave., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/894-7264 • <http://schmitt.wsdk8.us>



Orchid Rocha
Principal

Ms. Orchid Rocha has been an educator for since 1990, teaching and serving both elementary and middle school students. She is a certified bilingual teacher with a BA degree in psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), an M.A. degree in multicultural education from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and an administrative credential from Point Loma University. She has served the Westminster School District for the past ten years. Previously, she worked for the Downey Unified School District as an elementary school bilingual teacher, Gifted & Talented Education (GATE) site coordinator, Title I teacher specialist, English Language Development (ELD) teacher specialist, literacy coach, vice principal, and Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) mentor.

The passion for working with children began through her volunteer experiences such as: UCLA's UniCamp mentoring program for underprivileged children; math tutor for UCLA's Prison Coalition at a juvenile detention center, and working with children who are victims of abuse through UCLA's Project MAC. All of these experiences sparked her love for teaching and helping all children. On a personal note, Orchid Rocha is married with two daughters, Sofia and Isabella. This fall, Sofia will begin her third year at UC San Diego in the Aerospace Engineering Program, while Isabella begins her sophomore year at Cypress High School. Orchid enjoys reading, traveling, dancing, and relaxing with her family. Ms. Rocha is honored and humbled with the experience of leading a school and working with a great team at Schmitt School. She looks forward to continuing her work with the Schmitt community as they strive to maintain a high-quality educational experience for all students.

Schroeder *Elementary (K-6)*

15151 Columbia Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/894-7268 • <http://schroeder.wsdk8.us>



Carrie Hernandez
Principal

Mrs. Carrie Hernandez has been in education for over 25 years beginning her teaching career in 1992 at Midway City School in Westminster School District teaching state preschool. She then moved to Savanna School District where she taught 1st, 4th and 5th grades. While teaching in Savanna, she earned her master's degree in Educational Administration at California State University, Long Beach. In 2000 she became a Visiting Educator with the Los Angeles Unified School District. She worked with 43 schools supporting the district's reading initiative in the elementary schools. In 2004, she returned to Westminster School District where she enjoyed being a Student Achievement Teacher

at Sequoia Elementary and teaching Transitional Kindergarten at Schmitt School. She then moved to Hayden Elementary School where she was the Assistant Principal.

Mrs. Hernandez is a resident of Cypress and enjoys spending time with her husband of 19 years and their three children. She spends a lot of her family time doing scouting activities, sports, motorcycle riding and camping. She also loves to read and plays in a professional handbell choir in her spare time.

Mrs. Hernandez is excited to be returning to Schroeder Elementary School for her 4th year as principal. She looks forward to another great year working alongside the staff, parents, and community to continue the great traditions and successes here at Schroeder!

Sequoia *Elementary (K-6)*

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Michelle Watkins
Principal

Mrs. Watkins has been an educator for over 20 years. She taught at Schroeder for 13 years, where she was also an administrative designee, a district GATE coordinator and trainer, a Common Core trainer, a STEM specialist, and a mathematical grant program director. Mrs. Watkins specializes in differentiated instruction using the depth and complexity framework. She also develops curriculum and trains teachers nationally.

Mrs. Watkins has lived in and around the Westminster area her whole life, and is proud to be a product of the Westminster School District. She attended Eastwood, Stacey, and Westminster High School. After high school, Mrs. Watkins obtained her bachelor's degree in child development and family studies and her teaching credential from

CSU Long Beach. She also holds a Masters in Education and Curriculum from National University. In addition, Mrs. Watkins received her administrative credential at UC Irvine.

In addition to a passion for students and education, Mrs. Watkins cherishes spending time with her family and friends. You will often find her cheering on her 15-year-old son at his baseball games. She also enjoys going to sporting events, and is looking forward to working closely with staff, parents, and community to help our school continue Soaring to Success!

Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Stacey *Middle School*

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Heidi DeBritton
Principal

Mrs. DeBritton has worked in the Westminster School District for 25 years. She began her career in WSD as an eighth-grade English language arts and social science teacher at Stacey before moving to an administrative position in 1998. She has been the assistant principal of Warner Middle School as well as the principal of Schroder Elementary, Johnson Middle and Stacey Middle schools. She has been recognized as both the Teacher of the Year and Principal of the Year for the WSD.

Mrs. DeBritton has taught in both the Ocean View and Huntington Beach City school districts. She also attended Stacey Middle School as a student and then went to Marina High school and the University of California, Irvine. She received her Master's degree in educational administration from the United States International College. She has two wonderful daughters and 3 grandchildren. She resides in Huntington Beach and enjoys gardening, reading and spending time with her family. When asked what it is like to be the principal of Stacey, Mrs. DeBritton said, "The Stacey community works together to ensure the best education for our students. We are committed to building successful motivated scholars for life."

Warner *Middle School (6-8)*

14171 Newland St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/894-7281 • <http://warner.wsdk8.us>



Amy Pham Kwon
Principal

Mrs. Amy Pham Kwon is beginning her fourth year as principal of Warner Middle School. She returned to Orange County after spending more than 15 years in Northern California's Bay Area. Prior to being at Warner, she was a K-12 math specialist for Fremont Unified School District, where she led teachers and administrators from 29 elementary schools and 11 secondary schools in rolling out and implementing a district Common Core Transition Plan. She also brings high school mathematics teaching experience and was a high school assistant principal and junior high principal for Fremont.

Mrs. Kwon also coached Boys Volleyball and made two Northern Coast Section Finals appearances. She received her Bachelor's degree from the University of

California, Berkeley and her Master's degree in Education Administration from Santa Clara University. When she isn't working, Mrs. Kwon enjoys spending time with her husband and her newborn son. Currently, the family's favorite activity is spending time at the beach to watch the surfers and sand volleyball players.

Mrs. Kwon is humbled and honored to continue to be the leader of the Warner community. She is excited to see Warner's robust electives programs continue to grow such as World Languages (Vietnamese and Spanish), Robotics, Math and Science Olympiad, and Speech and Debate. Warner prides itself on offering multiple ways to prepare students to become global citizens of the 21st century.

Webber *Elementary (K-6)*

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Kevin Whitney
Principal

Mr. Kevin Whitney has 19 years of experience in education and has taught in both elementary and middle schools. He is excited to start his fourth year as the principal at Webber Elementary. He looks forward to working with the Webber Wolf Pack so we howl with Self-Control, Responsibility, Safety, and Respect. Mr. Whitney is a strong proponent of technology. He is looking forward to supporting the Webber Educational Community to create an instructional environment based on 21st Century Learning where each student will grow to become a leader in his/her own life. Mr. Whitney holds a Masters in

Curriculum and Instruction from Cal State Long Beach, and a Masters in Applied Anthropology as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Cal State Fullerton. It is his passion for educational excellence which drove him to become a teacher, a teacher leader, and now the principal of Webber Elementary. When he isn't busy working for the Webber Educational Community, Mr. Whitney can be found reading books, walking with his dog, camping and hiking in the Sierras, or connecting with his friends and family.

Willmore *Elementary (K-5)*

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Dr. Nicole Jacobson
Principal

Dr. Nicole Jacobson is honored and proud to continue in her second year as principal at Willmore Elementary School, a California Gold Ribbon and Title 1 Achievement Award School. Willmore is excited to expand the Spanish/English Dual Language Immersion Academy by including Transitional Kindergarten and 1st grade, in addition to our current preschool and Kindergarten classes. Coding will be introduced as a "third language", as we strive to prepare all of our students to be multilingual, multiliterate, and multicultural global citizens.

Prior to Willmore, Dr. Jacobson served as the Assistant Principal at Meairs Elementary School in the Westminster School District. Before coming to Westminster, she was an elementary teacher and an Instructional Mathematics Coach/Intervention Coordinator at both the elementary and secondary levels in the Los Angeles Unified School District. She has a lifelong love for learning and teaching, and believes in high quality education and expectations for all students.

On a personal note, Dr. Jacobson enjoys spending time with her family, which includes her husband and two children, ages 8 and 10. She likes running along the beach, attending sports events, and being around friends and family. She lived in Italy for a year after graduating from college, and likes to travel whenever possible.

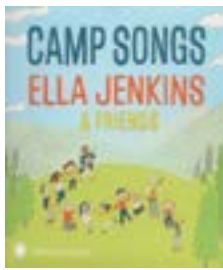
In May 2016, she earned a Doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Southern California. Dr. Jacobson graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Social Behavior and a Master of Arts in Teaching from the University of California, Irvine. She then received her Master of Arts in Educational Administration from California State University, Northridge. She is excited and looking forward to another year of growth, collaboration, and fostering best practices, while working alongside the wonderful staff, parents, and Willmore community!

Camp Songs



Kate Karp

Camp songs are very dear to Ella Jenkins, the national children's-singalong treasure who at 93 is still performing. She cherished songs that her brother brought home from Boy Scouts and had always wanted to record a camp-song CD.



For this project, Jenkins assembled a literal band of brothers and sisters who have veritable campground DNA: Kate and Tony Seeger, nephew and niece of the legendary Pete Seeger, and Judy Seeger, the late folk singer's wife. A team of musicians, children, parents and teachers rounds out the rounds, spirituals, campfire singalongs, protest songs and just plain silliness.

Camp Songs opens with Jenkins's harmonica and the round of all rounds, "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." Following are 24 more familiar and yet-unheard numbers: "This Little Light of Mine," "Down in the Valley"; "Sipping Cider Through a Straw," and the hilarious but complicated round "One Bottle of Pop." On "The Hill Was Steep and Tall," Jenkins relates how she reluctantly signed up for a hike with some campers and then got hopelessly lost.

You may know that Woody Guthrie had written "This Land Is Your Land" as a protest song and might have wondered about it. One of the two sociopolitical verses not sung at school is included here—good fodder for a social studies lesson.

Our school districts provide numerous school-year camping opportunities and field trips, and there are scout gatherings and youth groups who are going to love these songs. Sing out!

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



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Fun Fall Programs

By Erik Oviedo, Children's Librarian

We will have many fun and free programs at the Fountain Valley Library in September and October, join the fun! Our Fall storytime session begins September 6th and we have two times available, 10:30am and 11:30am every Wednesday until November 15th (on break in December). The monthly BARK reading with therapy dogs program will be in our children's area September 16th and October 21st from 3:30- 4:30pm. Halloween craft day will be held on October 19th from 4-5pm. Finally, our Fall Let's LEGO! sessions will be on September 26th and October 24th from 4:30- 6:00pm.

Our TAB (teen advisory board) will have a busy Fall! We have Bionerds coming in to do teen science workshops on September 9th and September 16th at 2pm, sign up at the service desk for this fun and educational program for teens 11 and up. We also have a shelving program for teens ages 14 years and older, needing community service hours for graduation requirements, honor society hours or college preparation. Teens may pick up an application from the library.

The Friends of the Library Bookstore sells gently used books for all reading interests, including children's fiction and non-fiction. Donations are also accepted at the bookstore.

Christina's Book Review

These Happy Golden Years



Christina J.

These Happy Golden Years is the 8th book of the series. The story is based on the diaries of Laura Ingalls Wilder. It tells the story of Laura transitioning from a teenager to a young bright lady and having the responsibility of being a teacher. However, the school she must teach at is very far from her house so she

has to stay with Mr. Brewster, a settler. When Laura arrives to the Brewster's house she feels unwelcomed because their family is so drastically different from her own. Mrs. Brewster is a very unhappy woman who deeply resents having to live in that area. Mrs. Brewster dislikes that Laura has to stay with them and is so unpleasant to her that Laura counts the days she has left until the school is over and she can leave. Laura is having a hard time adjusting at school too, feeling that her students don't respect her because they see her as too lenient. Laura feels very lonely and insecure. But little by little Laura starts making friends, feeling warm inside in the freezing cold. Eventually Laura begins having a courtship with a young man that she likes, having little pleasant daily routines like horse buggy riding and such to enjoy together. Things start to look better for Laura. If you want to know what happens next, you must read the book.

I liked this book, even though it was a little sad at the beginning, when Laura, despite being miserable and unhappy, continues doing what she is doing in order to earn enough money to allow her blind sister Mary to stay in college for the visually impaired. I was glad to read that Laura's persistence paid off in the end. I give this book 4 out of 5 stars, with 5 being the best.

Christina J. is an 8th grader. Christina is a hard-working student who did a community service project "Quilts for the cold" last school year. She is an avid reader, who enjoys some peace and quiet with a good book about some great adventure. Christina is a young author herself. In 5th grade she wrote a book *Melody's Stories: I Am a Spy Now*, published by Studenttreasures Publishing (PIN #3582798).



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Cathy S. DeLeon
Regional Branch
Manager

Lots of Choices

Book Babies every Tuesday at 10:30am. Get your littlest one started early with songs, play, and books! Recommended for children 0-2 years old.

Preschool Storytime every Wednesday at 10:30am

Family Storytime every Saturday at 10:30am. Help encourage early literacy skills in your children—and have fun—with stories, songs, and a craft. Preschool Storytime is for children 2-4 years old, and Family Storytime is for all ages.

VolunTEENS If you need volunteer hours for school, church, boy/girl scouts, or just to look good on your college application, come to the library! You must be at least 12 years old to volunteer.

Teen Advisory Board The TAB is a group of teens who meet once a month to help plan programs and give valuable input about what books and magazines to order for the teen section. A fun way to have a say about what goes on at your library (and get volunteer hours)!

College Admission Essay Workshop Saturday, Sept. 16, 3:00-4:00pm. This workshop will give high school seniors the writing tools they need to tackle their personal statements. Discover what colleges are looking for and why application essays are so important. Register in advance at www.thewritedirection.org or sign up at the library.

Pumpkin Carving Saturday, Oct. 26, 2:00-4:00pm. Join us for pumpkin decorating and carving, and other fun Halloween activities. Small pumpkins will be provided, but feel free to bring your own!

Please come to the library for a full calendar, or check online at www.ocpl.org. Library events are always free!

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Homework Club and Online Reading

Central Library has a homework club staffed with volunteer tutors Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. starting September 18. Students and parents will need to register with the onsite coordinator at the start of the homework session. Homework Club is held in the downstairs Maddy Room. Homework Club only meets during the school year and does not meet during school seasonal breaks or holidays.

Have middle schoolers or high school students who need math help? Math tutoring will start September 19, Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Maddy Room. Students will get 30 minutes of one-on-one help. Students will sign in at the door and will be seen in the order of the list. There will be a new list at the start of each Math Club session.

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Children ages 5 and under can join our 1000 Books before Kindergarten Year Round program and children 6 -12 can take part in our Read 20 Minutes a Day Year Round program. Beanstack also offers seasonal reading programs. Starting October 7, children ages 4-12 can choose to join the In-N-Out Cover to Cover program where they can earn a hamburger coupon for every five books they log online up to 15 books for a total of 3 coupons.

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Leveraging Instructional Resources

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This collaboration is being piloted as a national model — and now it looks like the potential benefits will be even greater than we envisioned.

Adding to its menu of tutorials and SAT practice materials, Khan Academy recently teamed up with the College Board's Advanced Placement Program to become the official practice partner for AP. That means Khan Academy users will be able to find free instructional videos, articles and practice exercises that build the knowledge and skills required for rigorous AP-level classes.

Why are Advanced Placement classes important? For starters, they give high school students a preview of the demands of higher education, and they instill the skills they'll need to thrive in college and beyond. As such, college admissions offices tend to take note of who takes these courses.

So do educational researchers, who, as a matter of equity, track access nationally.

With the availability of high-priced workshops and private tutors, equity can be a challenging standard to meet in education. Yet Khan Academy's no-cost model helps balance the playing field, and I believe our nascent partnership will be a boon for Orange County students, particularly those from low-income families.

Starting this year, the Khan team plans to provide planning and implementation support for local schools and districts that wish to leverage its instructional resources. OCDE will assist as needed to streamline the process, contributing research and professional development.

Meanwhile, if Khan Academy's two-year-old SAT prep materials are any indication, its new Advanced Placement materials — created by a team that includes current and former AP teachers — should prove their worth quickly.

According to a recent study, students who spent at least 20 hours with Khan's SAT tutorials saw their SAT scores increase by an average of 115 points over their earlier PSAT/NMSQT exam scores. That more than doubles the average increase of students who did not use the Khan tutorials.

The long-term importance of all this cannot be overstressed. By forging new partnerships and using technology to make these kinds of resources universally accessible, we democratize education, we restore the promise of upward mobility, and we multiply the next generation of contributors to our economy. In doing so, we also expand the marketplace of ideas that may one day solve our greatest national and global challenges.



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