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## **GGUSD Scholars have a Strong Start to the School Year**



## Recognizing Gastrointestinal (GI) Conditions in Your Child



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Pediatric gastrointestinal (GI) conditions affect a child's gastrointestinal tract, or organs of the digestive system, which include the esophagus, stomach, large and small bowel, liver, gallbladder and pancreas.

Millions of children are living with pediatric digestive and nutritional disorders. Some of the most common conditions, include:

- **Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)**

GERD is a chronic disease which occurs when stomach acid or stomach contents flow back into the food pipe. More than 7 million people in the U.S. have some symptoms of GERD.

- **Crohn's Disease** is a type of inflammatory bowel disease. It causes inflammation of the digestive tract lining. The rate of which Crohn's disease is occurring in children has nearly doubled over the last decade.

- **Celiac Disease** is an autoimmune condition brought on by ingesting gluten, which is a protein in wheat and many other grains. It is estimated that approximately 1 in 500 people in the U.S. have celiac disease.

GI conditions make themselves known in different ways, but there are five common signs that your child could have a gastrointestinal condition:

- Vomiting
- Recurrent abdominal pain
- Alternation of routine bowel patterns, such as constipation or diarrhea
- Abdominal distention (belly swelling)
- Burping and heartburn

If you recognize these signs in your child, they may need a referral to a pediatric gastroenterologist.

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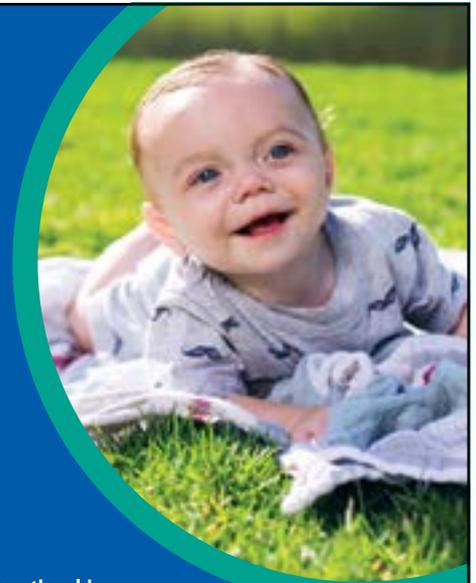
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This school year is well underway and students are settled into their routines and focused on academic goals. On pages 4 & 5, the superintendent brings you up to date on the District's summer activities preparing for this school year and plans to help students Focus, Act and Reflect for success. In this issue,

you will also read about teaching with technology, positive behavior, motivating and empowering with the underlying common thread of high expectations. It truly is an exciting time to be a student!

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## GGUSD Begins School Year with Exciting New Programs

A new school year always brings a sense of excitement and renewal – for students and school district employees. Over the summer, many of our educators invested in professional development that will allow them to improve instructional strategies and student results in the classroom. Our Facilities teams completed many modernization projects, including installing air conditioning in five more elementary schools, completing the stunning Michael A. Monsoor Memorial Stadium, and renovating our Don Wash Auditorium, among others.

We have our data from the state SBAC testing system, CAASPP. GGUSD's test scores show positive growth across all content areas and grade levels. Our students continue to outperform the state average on these standardized tests and our district ranks number one among larger urban districts in California across most grade levels.

At Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD), we know that test scores only tell part of the story and we will continue to focus on what is in our control: providing our students with a world-class education and focusing on the whole child. This year, we have increased mental health services and supports for students at all levels. Supporting our students also often means supporting the whole family. To that end, in August, we opened our first Family Resource Center. In collaboration with local social service agencies and non-profits, it provides one-stop referrals from our trusted community partners in areas like physical and mental health, legal aid, and immigration assistance.

Our annual student survey data revealed that students want additional help building skills around scholarly habits and motivation. Too many students admit to not knowing how to study or feel they cannot learn a certain subject when it doesn't come easy. To address the needs of



**Dr. Gabriela Mafi**

our students, GGUSD put together a working group of instructional leaders from across the district to develop the FAR model. It is a conceptual framework that helps teachers improve instructional strategies that teach students to Focus, Act, and Reflect. These strategies around growth mindset and motivation will help students develop the personal skills needed for success.

Our schools are also focused on ensuring students are college and career ready. Of the 3,300 seniors who graduated with the Class of 2017, 53 percent met rigorous college entrance requirements (a-g requirements) qualifying them to attend UC and CSU schools. Our a-g rates are higher than the county and state average. Last year, our more than 1,600 seniors took 4,000 Advanced Placement Courses and nearly 550 students earned the Seal of Biliteracy and have become fluent in two or more

languages. Our average AP scores rank higher than the state, country, and world average.

New in 2017-18, GGUSD opened a Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion program at Murdy Elementary School for transitional kindergarten students. This makes GGUSD the second district in Orange County and fourth in the nation to offer such a program. Our Spanish dual immersion program

at Monroe Elementary Language Academy is in its second year and is experiencing tremendous success with its now 300 students.

It's my fifth year as superintendent of GGUSD and each year brings new challenges and new successes. But what remains the same is the hard work and dedication of our staff, students, and parents as we work collaboratively to ensure lifelong success for our students: that's the Garden Grove Way.



**Superintendent Dr. Gabriela Mafi explains the FAR (Focus, Act, Reflect) model to a group of students that she mentors.**

## Welcome Back to School!

## SUPERINTENDENT

### El GGUSD inicia un nuevo año escolar con nuevos y emocionantes programas escolares

Un nuevo año escolar siempre nos trae un sentido de entusiasmo y renovación— tanto para los estudiantes como para los empleados del Distrito Escolar. Durante el verano, muchos de nuestros maestros invirtieron su tiempo en asistir a talleres de desarrollo profesional, los cuales les permitirán mejorar sus estrategias de instrucción y los resultados de los estudiantes en el salón de clases. Nuestros equipos de Servicios de Infraestructura, finalizaron muchos de los proyectos de modernización, incluyendo la instalación del sistema de aire acondicionado en cinco escuelas primarias más, y finalizando el impresionante Estadio Conmemorativo Michael A. Monsoor, y la renovación de nuestro Auditorio Don Wash, entre otros más.

Nosotros obtuvimos nuestros datos del SBAC y del CAASPP. Los puntajes de los exámenes del GGUSD, muestran un incremento positivo en todas las áreas de contenido y niveles de grado. Nuestros estudiantes continúan superando al promedio estatal en estos exámenes estandarizados, y nuestro Distrito ocupa el primer lugar entre los distritos urbanos más grandes de California, en la mayoría de los niveles de grado.

En el Distrito, sabemos que los puntajes de los exámenes solamente relatan parte de la historia, y por eso continuaremos enfocándonos en lo que está bajo nuestro control: proporcionándoles a nuestros estudiantes una educación de primera clase y enfocándonos totalmente en el desarrollo integral del niño. Este año, hemos aumentado los servicios de salud mental y el apoyo para nuestros estudiantes en todos los niveles. El apoyar a nuestros estudiantes a menudo también significa apoyar a toda la familia. Con ese objetivo, en el mes de agosto abrimos nuestro primer Centro de Recursos para Familias. En colaboración con los servicios sociales y agencias sin fines de lucro locales, este centro proporciona recomendaciones de nuestros socios comunitarios más confiables, en un solo lugar en áreas como la salud mental y física, ayuda legal y asistencia con asuntos de inmigración.

Los datos de nuestra encuesta anual, revelaron que los estudiantes quieren recibir ayuda adicional para desarrollar habilidades relacionadas con la motivación y los hábitos escolares. Demasiados estudiantes admiten que no saben cómo estudiar o piensan que no pueden aprender una cierta materia, cuando no la entienden fácilmente. Para abordar las necesidades de nuestros estudiantes, el GGUSD formó un grupo de trabajo con líderes educativos de todo el Distrito, para desarrollar el modelo para Enfocarse, Actuar y Reflexionar. Este modelo es un marco de referencia, que ayuda a que los maestros mejoren sus estrategias de instrucción para enseñarles a los estudiantes a Enfocarse, Actuar y Reflexionar. Estas estrategias basadas en la

### GGUSD Khai Giảng Niên Học Với Những Chương Trình Mới Thật Hào Hứng

Đối với các em học sinh và nhân viên học khu, mùa tựu trường luôn đi cùng với sự hào hứng khi trở lại trường để bước vào một niên học mới. Trong mùa hè, nhiều giáo viên của chúng tôi đã tham gia chương trình tu nghiệp chuyên môn để thăng tiến các phương pháp giảng dạy nhằm nâng cao thành quả học tập của học sinh. Nhóm đặc trách về cơ sở vật chất của chúng tôi đã hoàn thành nhiều dự án tân trang, kể cả việc gắn máy lạnh cho thêm năm trường tiểu học, hoàn tất việc tân trang sân vận động thật tân kỳ để tưởng nhớ cựu học sinh, Michael A. Monsoor và Thính đường Don Wash Auditorium, cùng những dự án khác.

Dựa theo dữ liệu báo cáo điểm khảo sát kỳ thi tiểu bang SBAC, CAASPP, điểm thi của học sinh GGUSD cho thấy sự tiến bộ khả quan về mọi lãnh vực của học sinh thuộc các cấp lớp. Các học sinh của chúng ta tiếp tục vượt trên tỉ lệ trung bình của học sinh trong tiểu bang qua các kỳ thi tiêu chuẩn và học khu chúng ta được xếp hạng nhất khi so sánh với những học khu thành thị lớn hơn trong tiểu California về thành tích của đa số các cấp lớp.

Tại Khu Học Chính Garden Grove (GGUSD), chúng ta biết rằng điểm thi chỉ nói lên một phần và chúng tôi sẽ tiếp tục đặt trọng tâm vào những điều có thể thực hiện được trong khả năng của mình: cung cấp cho các em học sinh một nền giáo dục có tầm cỡ quốc tế và chú trọng vào việc giáo dục học sinh một cách toàn diện. Năm nay, chúng tôi có thêm các dịch vụ sức khoẻ tâm thần và hỗ trợ học sinh thuộc mọi cấp lớp. Việc hỗ trợ học sinh thường đồng nghĩa với việc hỗ trợ cả gia đình các em. Với mục đích đó, vào tháng 8, Trung Tâm Hỗ Trợ Gia Đình đầu tiên của chúng ta đã được thành lập. Với sự hợp tác của các cơ quan xã hội trong địa phương và các cơ quan bất vụ lợi, nơi đây sẽ giới thiệu những ai cần được giúp đỡ đến thẳng những cơ quan hợp tác tin cậy trong cộng đồng về những lãnh vực liên quan đến sức khoẻ tâm thần hay thể chất, trợ giúp về luật pháp và di trú.

Dữ liệu thăm dò ý kiến nhận xét của học sinh hằng năm cho thấy các học sinh của chúng ta muốn được giúp đỡ thêm về cách rèn luyện các thói quen học hành chăm chỉ và động cơ thúc đẩy học tập. Còn rất nhiều học sinh thừa nhận rằng các em vẫn chưa biết cách học bài hay không thể học một môn nào khi cảm thấy môn đó hơi khó hiểu. Để đáp ứng nhu cầu của con em học sinh chúng ta, GGUSD đã lập một ban giảng huấn cho toàn học khu để khai triển mô hình 'FAR', một khuôn mẫu dựa trên khái niệm để dạy học sinh biết Chuyên chú 'Focus', Thực hành 'Act' và Suy ngẫm 'Reflect' và giúp giáo viên thăng tiến phương pháp giảng dạy. Những phương pháp này xoay quanh tinh thần cầu tiến và động lực thúc đẩy sẽ giúp học sinh phát triển năng lực cá nhân cần thiết để thành công.

Các trường học của chúng ta cũng chú trọng vào việc chuẩn bị cho con em học sinh sẵn sàng vào đại học và chọn ngành nghề. Trong số 3,300 học sinh lớp 12 tốt nghiệp niên khoá 2017, 53 % đáp ứng những yêu cầu khó khăn (các lớp bắt buộc a-g)

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## GGUSD Unveils New Michael A. Monsoor Memorial Stadium

Our Board of Education was so pleased to host a special ceremony on September 8th to unveil the brand new athletic stadium named in honor of Michael A. Monsoor, a 1999 Garden Grove High School graduate, tight-end on the school's football team, elite Navy SEAL, and posthumous Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. Petty Officer Monsoor sacrificed his life in 2006 while serving in Iraq by jumping on a live grenade to save two of his SEAL teammates.

The event was a spectacular tribute to the life, service and sacrifice of Michael A. Monsoor. The home stands were filled to capacity with nearly 3,000 people attending the ceremony, including elected officials, the captain and crew of the guided missile destroyer USS Michael Monsoor (DDG-1001), Gold Star Parents, Garden Grove High School alumni, community members, and friends and family of Monsoor.

The entire evening was action packed and emotionally moving. As athletes from the three schools who share the stadium unveiled the Navy SEAL trident on the field's 50-yard line and former Navy SEALs from the Patriot Parachute Team skydived onto the field while waving large American flags.

Pacifica's Navy JROTC hoisted up the flag as Garden Grove High School's Vocal Ensemble performed the National Anthem.

Jason Booher, the founder and first commander of the Navy SEAL unit in Ramadi, Iraq, where Monsoor gave his

life, gave an amazing speech and reserved some poignant words of encouragement for the Garden Grove football team who were eagerly watching on from the back of the end zone. Our Board of Education President Lan Nguyen presented Sally Monsoor, Michael's mother, with a football helmet signed by Monsoor's former football teammates.

The grand finale was a military flyover with Navy Seahawk helicopters which rumbled overhead as the whole stadium rose to their feet and cheered.



Following the dedication, Garden Grove High School took the field for their long awaited first home game of the season against the Woodbridge High School Warriors. The state-of-the-art stadium features 4,000 seats, synthetic turf field, a nine-lane synthetic track, energy-efficient lighting, LED scoreboard, well-appointed press box, new restrooms, ticket booths, and a concession stand that honors Monsoor with a plaque describing his heroic actions.

Of course, we would like to thank our community for this amazing new venue as it was made possible in part by Measure P, the district's \$311 million bond measure which received 76.3% approval from voters in November.

## El GGUSD inauguró su nuevo estadio en homenaje a Michael A. Monsoor

A la Mesa Directiva de Educación le complació mucho patrocinar una ceremonia especial, el 8 de septiembre, para inaugurar el nuevo estadio atlético nombrado en homenaje a Michael A. Monsoor, un graduado de la Escuela Secundaria Garden Grove en 1999, quien además jugó como ala cerrada (tight-end) de fútbol americano para el equipo de su escuela secundaria, fue seleccionado por las Fuerzas de Operaciones Especiales de la Marina de EE.UU. (Navy SEAL) y ganador póstumo de la Medalla de Honor del Congreso. El Suboficial Monsoor sacrificó su vida en el año 2006 mientras servía en Irak, al tirarse sobre una granada a punto de estallar, para así salvarles la vida a dos de sus compañeros de la Marina Navy SEAL.

La ceremonia fue un tributo maravilloso de la vida, servicio y sacrificio de Michael A. Monsoor. Las gradas estaban completamente llenas, con casi 3,000 personas que asistieron a la ceremonia, incluyendo funcionarios electos, el capitán y la tripulación del destructor de misiles guiados Michael Monsoor (DDG-1001), padres de familia Gold Star, exalumnos de la Escuela Secundaria Garden Grove, miembros de la comunidad, y los amigos y familiares de Monsoor.

Toda la tarde fue conmovedora y llena de acción. Mientras los atletas de las tres escuelas que comparten el estadio revelaron el tridente de la Navy SEAL, en la línea de 50 yardas del campo, antiguos miembros de la Navy SEAL del Equipo de Paracaídas Patrióticas se tiraban en paracaídas al campo, mientras ondeaban banderas grandes de los EE.UU.

El programa naval de JROTC, de la Escuela Secundaria Pacífica, izó la bandera mientras el grupo vocal de la Escuela Secundaria Garden Grove cantaba el himno nacional.

Jason Booher, el fundador y primer comandante de la unidad de Navy SEAL en Ramadi (Irak), donde Monsoor sacrificó su vida, dio un discurso sobresaliente e incluyó unas palabras emotivas de ánimo para el equipo de fútbol americano de la Escuela Secundaria Garden Grove, el cual estaba escuchando atentamente desde atrás en la zona de anotación. El presidente de nuestra Mesa Directiva de Educación, Lan Nguyen le presentó a la mamá de Monsoor, la Sra. Sally Monsoor, un casco de fútbol americano firmado por los anteriores compañeros de fútbol de su hijo.

El gran final fue cuando los pilotos de los helicópteros de Navy Seahawk realizaron un espectáculo aéreo que retumbaba por encima de todos los presentes del estadio mientras ellos se pusieron de pie y les aclamaron con entusiasmo.

Después de la dedicación, la Escuela Secundaria Garden Grove salió al campo para su anhelado primer partido del equipo local de la temporada, contra los Warriors de la Escuela Secundaria Woodbridge. El estadio de última generación cuenta con 4,000 asientos, campo de césped artificial, hipódromo de material sintético, iluminación de bajo consumo, tanteador LED, cabina de prensa bien equipada, taquillas y baños nuevos, y un puesto de comida

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## GGUSD Khai Mạc Sân Vận Động Mới Tưởng Nhớ Michael A. Monsoor

Vào ngày 8 tháng 9, Hội Đồng Giáo Dục của chúng ta có vinh dự được tổ chức buổi lễ đặc biệt để khánh thành sân vận động hoàn toàn mới, được đặt tên là Michael A. Monsoor để vinh danh cựu học sinh tốt nghiệp Trường Trung Học Cấp II Garden Grove niên khoá 1999, một trung phong trong đội banh bầu dục của trường, một thành viên Lực Lượng Người Nhái Đặc Biệt và là một anh hùng được truy tặng Danh Dự Bội Tinh của Quốc hội. Vào năm 2006 khi phục vụ tại Iraq, hạ sĩ quan Monsoor nhảy chồm người lên trái lựu đạn sắp nổ để cứu hai đồng đội người nhái của mình.

Buổi lễ truy điệu trọng thể nhằm tỏ lòng tưởng nhớ đến Michael A. Monsoor, đã hy sinh cuộc sống mình vì lý tưởng dẫn thân phục vụ. Gần 3000 người tham dự ngồi kín khán đài, trong đó có các viên chức dân cử, thuyền trưởng và toán phụ trách phi đạn điều khiển khu trục hạm USS Michael Monsoor (DDG-1001), các phụ huynh Gold Star, cựu học sinh Trường Trung Học Cấp II Garden Grove, các thành viên trong cộng đồng, cùng gia đình và bạn hữu của Monsoor.

Trọng chương trình buổi tối lần lượt diễn ra chan hoà với những cảm xúc. Phần khánh thành huy hiệu Người Nhái ngay giữa sân cỏ do các học sinh chơi thể thao của ba trường dùng chung sân vận động này thực hiện. Cựu thành viên Đội Nhảy Dù thuộc Lực Lượng Người Nhái nhảy xuống sân vận động với lá đại kỳ Nước Mỹ.

Đơn vị Huấn Luyện Sĩ Quan Hải Quân Trừ Bị (JROTC) tại Trường Trung Học Pacífica dương cao quốc kỳ trong lúc Ban Hợp Xướng Trường Trung Học Garden Grove trình diễn bài quốc ca.

Ông Jason Booher, người thành lập và chỉ huy trưởng đầu tiên của đơn vị Người Nhái tại Ramadi, Iraq, nơi Monsoor đã hy sinh tính mạng, đọc phần phát biểu rất cảm động cùng với những lời khuyến khích thật chân thành dành cho đội banh bầu dục Garden Grove ngồi chăm chú lắng nghe ở cuối sân. Chủ tịch Hội Đồng Giáo Dục, Luật Sư Nguyễn Quốc Lân, trao quà lưu niệm cho bà Sally Monsoor, mẹ của Michael, chiếc nón của đội banh có chữ ký của các đồng đội cũ của Michael.

Buổi lễ kết thúc uy nghi với phần máy bay trực thăng thuộc Lực Lượng Người Nhái bay thấp trên không làm cho mọi người cùng đứng lên để cùng reo hò hoà theo tiếng âm âm của cánh quạt trực thăng.

Sau buổi lễ là trận giao đấu đầu mùa đã được chờ đợi từ lâu giữa đội banh chủ nhà là Trường Trung Học Cấp II Garden Grove và đội khách, Trường Trung Học Cấp II Woodbridge. Sân vận động hiện đại có 4000 chỗ ngồi, sân cỏ nhân tạo, sân điện kính tráng nhựa với 9 lần chạy, hệ thống đèn tiết kiệm điện, bảng điểm LED, khu dành cho giới truyền thông, nhà vệ sinh mới, quầy bán vé, quầy bán thức ăn có tấm plaque vinh danh những việc làm của anh hùng Monsoor.

Dĩ nhiên là chúng tôi không quên cảm ơn cộng đồng đã hỗ trợ Dự Luật P, một phần tài trợ cho việc xây dựng sân vận động khang trang và đẹp đẽ này. Vào tháng 11 năm trước, 76.4% cử tri đã bầu thuận công khổ phiếu \$311 triệu Mỹ Kim dành cho học khu.

## Alamitos *Intermediate School*

12381 Dale St., Garden Grove, CA 92841 • 714/663-6101 • <http://alamitos.ggusd.us>



**Christine Pflughoft**  
*Principal*

### Students Creates Warm Welcome Back

Alamitos Intermediate School students enjoyed a strong start to the school year, thanks in part to the Early Start program which gave AVID seventh graders three days to prepare for success. Almost 100 incoming seventh

graders mapped the campus, used math to plan a vacation, and wrote goals for their road to college. The Early Start culminated with relationship building, including a question and answer hour hosted by eighth grade AVID Excel students and an ice cream social. On day one of the new school year, student leaders and school staff welcomed new and returning students with words of cheerful enthusiasm to ensure students

had a positive start to their middle school experience. The campus halls were filled with Condor pride, words of encouragement, and student projects with words of advice from last year's students.



**Alamitos ASB student leaders welcomed students back to the new school year with cheers, posters, and balloons.**

## Allen *Elementary School*

16200 Bushard St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708 • 714/663-6228 • <http://allen.ggusd.us>



**Andrew Heughins**  
*Principal*

### Students Excel in Academics and the Arts

Ethan Allen Elementary prides itself on our commitment to the highest standards in academics and the arts. In addition to our students receiving top scores on state tests, Allen

students again achieved first place in division one at the Orange County Academic Pentathlon. The Allen community takes great pride in providing our students with a foundation in the arts and local culture. Among other events, Allen students and their families are looking forward to our annual Lunar New Year celebration and another

season of Disney Musicals in Schools with our upcoming production of "Jungle Book."



**The Allen Elementary School pentathletes excel in the county's annual academic competition.**

## Anthony *Elementary School*

15320 Pickford St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/663-6104 • <http://anthony.ggusd.us>



**Tyleen Perez**  
*Principal*

### Ready for Another Great Year

As the opening bell sounded on the first day of school, the Anthony Elementary School teachers gathered together for a first day of school picture.

After days of hard work and preparation for another great year, they were eager to greet their students on what was sure to be an exciting first day! Anthony has a caring and committed staff that is dedicated to inspiring both the academic and social-emotional growth of each child. Our staff has a great year planned with a strong instructional program, after school enrichment activities

and fun community events. Parents are encouraged to contact the school to learn more about school activities, events, and the Parent Teacher Organization.



**Anthony teachers pose for photo on the first day of school.**

## Barker *Elementary School*

12565 Springdale St., Garden Grove, CA 92845 • 714/663-6164 • <http://barker.ggusd.us>



**Wayne Kelley**  
*Principal*

### Barker Hosts Welcome Back Barbecue

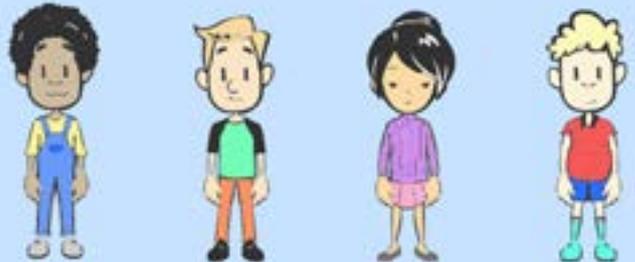
Our sixth grade class hosted a welcome back barbecue on Friday, September 8th. Transitional kindergarten through sixth grade families gathered together to enjoy a hot dog or hamburger meal together. Barker teachers and Principal Kelley welcomed returning families and spent time getting to know new families. It was a wonderful evening of good weather, good food, and great Barker families.



**Families enjoyed a Back to School Barbecue to celebrate the start of a new school year.**

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## Bell Intermediate School

12345 Springdale St., Garden Grove, CA 92845 • 714/663-6466 • <http://bell.ggusd.us>



**M'Liss Patterson**  
Principal

### Everything is Possible

I am thrilled to be serving as the new principal of Bell Intermediate School, a 2016 Gold Ribbon School. I am proud of the many positive opportunities students are provided during their years at

Bell. With a focus on the GGUSD vision and mission statements, Bell teachers and staff strive to create a safe and positive campus and classroom environment that encourages all students to be “successful and responsible citizens who contribute and thrive in a diverse society.” This year, we will focus on the theme, “What Is Possible?” Intermediate School is a short, but pivotal time in each young person’s life. The environment at Bell Intermediate School will help students understand that reaching their goals is “Possible!”



**Bell Intermediate School starts the year with new principal M'Liss Patterson.**

## Bolsa Grande High School

9401 Westminster Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92844 • 714/663-6424 • <http://www.bolsagrande.org>



**Louise Milner**  
Principal

### A Strong Start to the School Year

It's been an award winning year so far for the Matadors! Senior Long H. Ho was named a semifinalist in the 63rd annual National Merit Scholarship Program – a prestigious recognition earned by less than one percent of high school seniors nationwide. Congratulations Long!

It's not just our students who are recognized for their extraordinary accomplishments, but also our teachers. Teacher Kathryn Beck has been named a California finalist for the 2017 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching. This outstanding accolade recognizes Kathryn for her work developing College Board-approved Advanced Placement Physics B and Physics C curriculum, as well as a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) after-school enrichment program. We are committed to providing rigorous instruction and a wonderful high school experience that equips students with the academic and personal skills needed for lifelong success.



**Members of Bolsa Grande's Men's League pose for a photo with Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Kelly McAmis.**

## Brookhurst *Elementary School*

9821 William Dalton Way., Garden Grove, CA 92841 • 714/663-6556 • <http://brookhurst.ggusd.us>



**Dianna Rangel**  
*Principal*

### Focus on Positive Behavior

At Brookhurst Elementary, all learners develop academic skills and scholarly habits in a nurturing classroom environment. Continuing this sense of well-being beyond the classroom requires a joint effort by our entire school community. The African

proverb, “It takes a village to raise a child” was put into action last month as staff and community members took the learning outside of the classrooms. All students were taught in rotations to learn each of the behavior expectations required on the various parts of our school campus. Our goal is to have all students and parents think and act positively about being at school. Brookhurst Elementary is blessed to have teachers, staff, and parents with a true village approach.



**Brookhurst Principal Dianna Rangel and her staff are excited for the new school year.**

## Bryant *Elementary School*

8371 Orangewood Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92841 • 714/663-6451 • <http://bryant.ggusd.us>



**Tanya De Leon**  
*Principal*

### Bears GROWL with Pride

Bryant Elementary is both grounded in traditions, yet always seeking new opportunities to better serve our students and families. One of our strongest traditions is our monthly GROWL

Pride assemblies which highlight our positive GROWL behavior traits: Give & Earn Respect, Remain Safe, Own Your Actions, Work with Pride, and Live Responsibly. Visitors to Bryant always comment that there is something very special about our students: It is our GROWL Pride! Students have so many opportunities to get engaged in school outside of their academics, including arts, sports, and technology.



**Students enjoy learning about agriculture during the Mobile Dairy Classroom.**

## Carrillo *Elementary School*

15270 Bushard St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/663-6230 • <http://carrillo.ggusd.us>

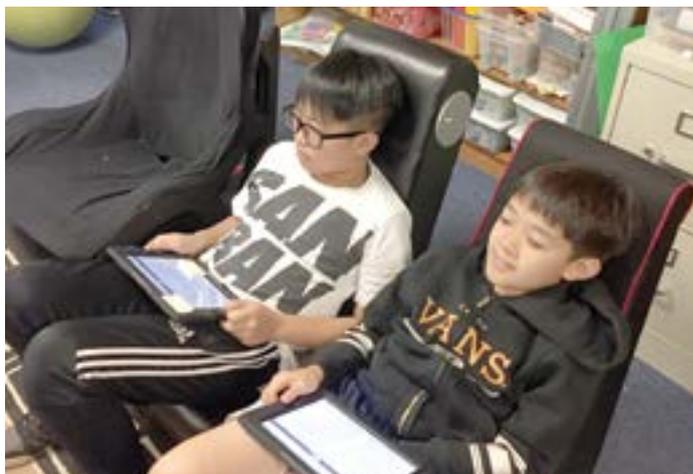


**Kim Kroyer**  
*Principal*

### Teaching with Tech

Carrillo Elementary School is offering students unique opportunities for learning using technology. Teachers work side by side with a technology coach to elevate their teaching and deliver engaging lessons designed to utilize technology to enhance student learning. Teachers and coaches co-plan and co-teach lessons that leverage Google tools and the multimedia capabilities

of the iPads. It is our goal to have students seamlessly use technology as independent learners at school and at home, and to leave the elementary school level prepared to perform exceptionally well at the middle and high school level. It is also our goal to coach teachers to a level of proficiency that allows them to get their students to that level of excellence.



**Carrillo Elementary School students benefit from frequent technology use as part of their everyday classroom experience.**

## Carver *Early Childhood Education Center*

11150 Santa Rosalia St., Stanton, CA 90680 • 714/663-6177



**Sharla Staab**  
*Principal*

### Meeting the Needs of All Students

The Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) is a hub of learning for our students and their families. Our site continues to partner with Head Start, State Preschool, and the Boys & Girls Clubs, to provide a variety of programs and resources to meet the educational and childcare needs of our preschool-aged students. This year we are

excited to be piloting a new curriculum for use in our special day classes serving students with mild-to-moderate disabilities. Students will have continued access to high-quality materials to enhance and enrich their learning of the foundational skills and standards being addressed. We are also excited to be offering parent education classes throughout the year on topics such as nutrition, safety, and discipline.

## Clinton Corner *Family Campus*

13581 Clinton St., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6298 • <http://ccfc.ggusd.us>



**Sue McClellan**  
*Principal*

### Equipping Early Learners for Success

The GGUSD State Preschool Program had an exciting start to the 2017-18 school year! We are using the Big Day preschool curriculum that was piloted last year. Our teachers are looking forward to the new experiences we will be providing for our students. We are also celebrating our Orange County School Readiness Nurse of the Year for 2017, Susan Lin! Susan was honored at

the SRN conference in August and is an integral part of our preschool team. We are planning our Community Resource Fair which will take place on October 18th at CCFC. Our Superintendent, Dr. Gabriela Mafi, will be giving a presentation that evening, so please join us!



**Susan Lin (right) was honored as the Orange County School Readiness Nurse of the Year.**

## Clinton *Elementary School*

13641 Clinton St., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6146 • <http://clinton.ggusd.us>



**Jason Shabet**  
*Principal*

### **Embracing Character Strength Program**

Clinton Elementary School students and faculty have embraced a monthly Character Strength program that highlights skills and attitudes referenced in Paul Tough's book "How Children Succeed" and we have seen great growth in our student's self-perception. We are also thrilled with the success we had last year with highlighting the importance

of reading through our Accelerated Reader Program that allowed for our students to read nearly 50 million words. This year, we are looking forward to being the first elementary school in Garden Grove to install a Friday Night Live chapter. The goal is to provide opportunities for positive and healthy youth development by mentoring students to be leaders and resources in their community. Our entire community will benefit from this partnership.

## Cook *Elementary School*

9802 Woodbury Rd., Garden Grove, CA 92844 • 714/663-6251 • <http://cook.ggusd.us>



**Sandi Ishii**  
*Principal*

### **Nurturing Scholar Leaders**

Cook Elementary School is committed to instilling confidence to take intellectual risks, and inspiring students to reach their potential by focusing on growth and perseverance. Our mission includes nurturing leadership skills and expanding student leadership

roles; including the Peace Ambassador program which supports conflict resolution on campus, the Tech Squad



**Students Create a Caring Environment**

program which trains students to troubleshoot and support tech instruction in primary classes and the K Kids program, a Kiwanis chartered club, led by Bolsa Grande High School Key Club which focuses on leadership. Student Council Leaders will focus on community service and gratitude this year as a way to bring a spirit of service to

our entire community of learners; which included adopting a Houston school destroyed by Hurricane Harvey.

## Crosby *Elementary School*

12181 West St., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6346 • <http://crosby.ggusd.us>



**Kristine Levenson**  
*Principal*

### **Compassion, Consideration, Cooperation**

Crosby is committed to providing all of our students with a rigorous and supportive academic experience. We also encourage our students to follow "The Crosby Three C's: Compassion, Consideration, and Cooperation." Compassion is kindness, Consideration is thinking of others and their feelings, and Cooperation is working well with others. We're fortunate enough to add \$10,000 worth of new books to our library and purchase more Chromebooks so that we are now 1:1 with technology in second through sixth grades. Our kindergarten and first graders have a full computer lab and iPads to use in their classrooms. We are also excited about our enrichment activities scheduled this year, Accelerated Reader, Art Masters and the Imagination Machine writing assembly to name a few.



**Mrs Page's third grade class loves using their Chromebooks**

## Doig *Intermediate School*

12752 Trask Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6241 • <http://doig.ggusd.us>



**Louie Gomez**  
*Principal*

### Rolling Out the Red Carpet

This year the 2017-2018 students received a red carpet welcome as teachers and staff welcomed their students at the gate with a round of applause, handshakes, and high fives. Students were treated like stars as they entered the

campus. Parents stopped to take pictures, honked, and waved happily as they saw their children excited to begin their new school year. Upon entering campus, students observed our newest additions to campus, our positive school banners that hang around campus reminding students of our PBIS core values: Respect, Effort, & Pride. We are hoping that students will see these positive reminders and take it upon themselves to implement these in their daily lives here as students at Doig.



**Doig Intermediate rolls out the red carpet to welcome students back on the first day of school.**

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## Eisenhower *Elementary School*

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**Beth Cusimano**  
*Principal*

### Motivating and Empowering

We are excited to welcome back students and families and are looking forward to a wonderful year! We are expanding our coding/robotics enrichment programs with additional and more sophisticated programs. We are beginning our fourth year of performing a Disney Musical as part of our fine arts program. Eisenhower Elementary School students are celebrating exceptional growth in both math and ELA, based on results of CAASPP data. At Eisenhower Elementary, our goal is to motivate and empower students so they are able to feel successful and ready to take on challenges. We seek to unite our school community to promote students' academic and socio-emotional growth.



**Students put their tech skills to work with their new robotics program.**

## Enders *Elementary School*

12302 Springdale St., Garden Grove, CA 92845 • 714/663-6205 • <http://enders.ggusd.us>



**Michelle Askew**  
Principal

### Welcome to A New School Year

Enders Elementary welcomed our families back with our new rock path project, the newest addition to our campus beatification! In addition to the high quality academic instruction that Enders is known for, we are placing a special emphasis on developing healthy lifestyles. To that end, Enders' teachers, staff, and students take great pride in participating in our recess running club, as well as helping in our garden to provide fruits and vegetables for our school lunches and the community. We even utilize compost from our lunch area to promote waste reduction!

This year we will be partnering with our neighboring schools to promote college and career success with activities such as college fairs and career days.



**Students read the book *Only One You* and painted rocks to represent their own uniqueness.**

## Evans *Elementary School*

12281 Nelson St., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6558 • <http://evans.ggusd.us>



**Lynn Hardin**  
Principal

### Meet Our New Principal!

With the beginning of another amazing school year, Evans Elementary welcomed their new principal, Mrs. Lynn Hardin. Mrs. Hardin joins Evans after spending seven years at Stanford Elementary and six years at Allen Elementary as their principal. Before that she worked as an Instructional Technology Teacher at the District Office and taught third grade in IUSD for several years. When Mrs. Hardin is not at work she enjoys going for

a run with her chocolate lab and being outdoors with her husband Michael. She loves to create art and spend time with her grown children. "I am so grateful and excited to be here at Evans. Working with this talented staff, PTA and getting to know the students and their families is important to me! I am looking forward to using social media to connect and share with our school community. Connect with Evans at:

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<https://www.instagram.com/ggusd.evans.elementary>  
<https://www.facebook.com/evanseaglespta/>



**Evans Elementary School students welcome Principal Lynn Hardin.**

## Excelsior *Elementary School*

10421 Woodbury Rd., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6106 • <http://excelsior.ggusd.us>



**Sarah Mershon**  
*Principal*

### **Growth Mindset & Building Motivation**

The Excelsior community holds high expectations for our students and we are proud to say that Excelsior students consistently work hard to achieve. This year, to push beyond our current success, our school goal is to further develop a strong growth mindset in our students. We are widening the focus of our character traits program to include scholarly habits and motivation. Our parent meetings will incorporate these topics to provide additional parenting tools. We will offer a variety of afterschool programs, both intervention and enrichment focused, to give our students opportunities to develop their perseverance. Learning is an adventure. It's not always easy, but always worth the effort. So, "Let the Adventure Begin!"



**Students are ready for an adventurous academic journey.**

## Faylane *Elementary School*

11731 Morrie Ln., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6253 • <http://faylane.ggusd.us>



**Mike Ingalls**  
*Principal*

### **Soaring to New Heights**

In 2017-18, Faylane Elementary School will embark upon its first year with the Disney musical, *The Jungle Book*. Five onsite directors and two Disney professional artists will lead a cast and crew of many excited students under the proud eye of the school's new principal. Faylane implements its first year of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), dedicated to the essential positive behaviors that will make Falcons "S.O.A.R." (Safety, Ownership, Acceptance, and Respect"). Students demonstrated learning prowess, evident in recent SBAC testing results. This was attributable to the multitude of intervention and enrichment programs that were and will be offered last year and this, ranging from programming/robotics and art mastery to English Language

Development and coding. Technology factors into regular instructional practice, with a device to student ratio of 1:1. It proves to be a banner year, one where SOARing Falcons will press new boundaries!



## Fitz Intermediate School

4600 W. McFadden Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92704 • 714/663-6351 • <http://fitz.ggusd.us>



**Michelle Repsher**  
Principal

### Falcon PRIDE

Fitz students and staff began demonstrating Falcon PRIDE on day one with the roll-out of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). On the first day, students learned about the school-wide behavior matrix and the statement of purpose (SOP). On day two, students were challenged to memorize and recite the SOP for any staff member to earn a PRIDE raffle ticket. On day three, September 1st, students and staff attended an assembly presented by Gabriel Salazar, a motivational youth speaker. Gabe supported our PBIS efforts by using humor and real-life situations to challenge and encourage students to make positive academic and behavior choices each and every day. Everyone's efforts made for a very positive and smooth opening. Go Falcons!



Motivational speaker **Gabriel Salazar** inspired students to make positive choices every day.

## Garden Grove High School

11271 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6115 • <http://www.gghs.us>



**Steve Osborne**  
Principal

### Students Display Spectacular Talent

Congratulations to Garden Grove High School! Our students Althessa Jones and Mya Shimizu placed first and second respectively in the finals of the community singing competition, The Voice of Garden Grove. For the first time in the competition's history, both winners were from the same school. Performing in front of an audience of 3,500 people, Jones' performance earned her a \$500 cash prize and Shimizu was awarded a \$250 cash prize. The GGHS Choir Department, led by Choral Director Kari Galeener, was awarded \$750. The success is a testament to the hard work and dedication of Mrs. Galeener and the talented students of GGHS!



Garden Grove High School's Althessa Jones, Mya Shimizu and Choral Teacher Kari Galeener show off their winnings from the Voice of Garden Grove competition.

# Gilbert *Elementary School*

9551 Orangewood Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92841 • 714/663-6318 • <http://gilbert.ggusd.us>



**Charise Santana**  
*Principal*

## Students Learn Life Skills

In our commitment to the GGUSD's Strategic Plan, Goal 2, motivation, socio-emotional well-being and school climate, Gilbert has made the perfect partnership with the PureGame soccer program. Pairing soccer with character development, PureGame is the perfect enhancement to the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions

& Support) that we already have implemented here at Gilbert. Together, this partnership develops and improves self-confidence, self-esteem, and positive attitudes; equipping our students in second through sixth grade with valuable skills to work through challenging situations, setting and achieving realistic goals, understanding the importance of healthy life style choices, and providing a positive and inclusive school climate.



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## Garden Park *Elementary School*

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**Michelle Morales**  
*Principal*

## Nurturing Growth Mindset and Kindness

Garden Park is off to a fantastic start with a strong focus on helping students develop a growth mindset and learn important scholarly habits necessary to build academic confidence. When visiting Garden Park you will witness students "Sprinkling Kindness". Our staff models and encourages all students to show kindness daily in various ways. These examples of kindness are shared during Mrs. Morales' morning announcements.

Garden Park is grateful to have such enthusiastic parents serving as volunteers in our learning garden! They work in classrooms, help with school activities, and serve on the



PTA participating in fundraising efforts to support school programs, including Accelerated Reader, special awards, field trips, and instructional technology for the classrooms.

**Focus is on encouraging student kindness.**

## Hare High School

12012 Magnolia St., Garden Grove, CA 92841 • 714/663-6508 • <http://hhs.ggsd.us>



**Todd Nirk**  
Principal

### PBIS Begins at Hare

On September 13th, Hare proudly kicked off the start of its PBIS program! Parents came in person to see the live taping of our YouTube

show Top Dawg which was geared towards detailing the PBIS system to its students while they watched simultaneously in their classrooms. Afterwards parents were able to watch their kids participate in carnival style games which were designed to bring out the four behaviors we think are most important for our students' academic success and social growth: perseverance, attentiveness, cooperation, and kindness.



**Students participate in fun games during the school's PBIS kick-off event.**

The entire Hare staff worked very hard to make this a special day for the kids and we are looking forward to seeing this exciting program improve social, emotional, and academic outcomes for all students.

## Hazard Elementary School

4218 W. Hazard Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92703 • 714/663-6403 • <http://hazard.ggsd.us>



**Melissa Sais**  
Principal

### Getting Tech Savvy

Hazard Elementary School is excited to continue and enhance the opportunities for our students to develop 21st century skills. This year we will provide a Makerspace where students learn coding, program Dot and Dash robots and record multi-media

presentations using Green Screen. We will continue to provide classroom instruction that engages students in the four "C"'s; collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity. Hazard has 1:1 laptops in third through sixth grade and multiple tablet carts that are shared school wide. Therefore, many of these opportunities will be technology based in which students use the Google Suite to complete a variety of assignments. Students will also gain valuable experiences during STEM activities and other project-based learning opportunities that occur throughout the school year.



**Students engage in STEM projects to learn 21st century skills.**

## Heritage *Elementary School*

426 S. Andres Pl., Santa Ana, CA 92704 • 714/663-6108 • <http://heritage.ggusd.us>



**Michelle Pinchot**  
*Principal*

### **Building Foundations for Success**

Heritage Elementary School is committed to building life-long learners who Strive to do their best, Overcome obstacles, Achieve excellence, and Respect themselves and others (S.O.A.R.). As a P.B.I.S.

(positive behavioral interventions and supports) school, our students, staff, and families are united in providing Heritage students with a foundation for success! Heritage is excited to announce the opening of the "Heritage Learning Commons" which will debut October 20, 2017. Students will have access to a true 21st century learning environment that

focuses on technology and collaborative working spaces. By integrating computer science, coding and robotics into our curriculum, we are preparing our students be the leaders in a global society.



**Students enjoy a flexible 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment.**

## Hill *Elementary School*

9681 11th St., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6561 • <http://hill.ggusd.us>



**Tricia Chinn**  
*Principal*

### **A New Journey Awaits!**

I'm excited to be the new principal at Hill Elementary and look forward to a new journey with the students, staff, parents, and community to build relationships to support student growth. Our staff has already launched a

great school year by offering a robotics program this past August and Mobile Dairy Classroom Assembly. Many wonderful student-centered and family events are planned, and the Hill staff will continually work with students and parents to present their annual Disney Musical this spring. It is also the mission of Hill Elementary for every student to feel connected socially and emotionally and develop a passion for learning that will extend throughout elementary education and beyond. Here is to a successful school year Hill Hounds!



**Students enjoyed a summer coding and robotics program.**

## Irvine *Intermediate School*

10552 Hazard Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6551 • <http://irvine.ggusd.us>



**Bill Gates**  
*Principal*

### Going FAR!

Irvine Intermediate students will go FAR this year! On September 14th, Irvine Intermediate School students participated in a “Student Professional Development Day.”

This day was dedicated

to strengthening and deepening our students’ scholarly habits and motivation so that they meet with both academic and personal success. In particular, they learned about our district’s FAR model, which is a self-regulation process for students to Focus, Act, and Reflect in order to take charge of their learning, keep a growth mindset, visualize success, apply study skills, monitor their grades, and evaluate their progress along the way. The Irvine Intermediate staff is dedicated and determined to support our students with reaching their academic potential, developing their personal skills, and realizing a successful future.



**Principal Bill Gates equips students with skills around scholarly habits and motivation during a “Student Professional Development Day.”**

## Jordan *Intermediate School*

9821 Woodbury Rd., Garden Grove, CA 92844 • 714/663-6124 • <http://jordan.ggusd.us>



**Tracy Conway**  
*Principal*

### Jaguars Welcome 7th Graders!

Middle school can be an intimidating transition for many students and parents. At Jordan we offer a Seventh Grade Bridge program to welcome our new students and provide them with strategies and tools for success. Through a four-period rotation, the students are introduced to Jordan’s PBIS school-wide expectations; they learn to navigate Google classroom and develop

scholarly habits; and they are provided with supplies and spirit wear (Jordan PRIDE shirt as seen in photo). As students rotate through classes, parents attend a Welcome Meeting geared specifically toward answering academic and social questions pertaining to middle school. The 2017 Seventh Grade Bridge brought over 200 seventh grade students and 125 parents to our campus in August! We know these students will be successful!



**Jordan Assistant Principal Nick Clark sports a Jordan PRIDE t-shirt during the 7th Grade Bridge Program.**

## Jordan Adult Transition Program

9915 Woodbury Rd., Garden Grove, CA 92844 714/663-6486 • <http://jslc.ggusd.us>



**Chad Ouellette**  
Principal

### Empowering Students Toward Independence

The Adult Transition Program at Jordan empowers students in Community Based Instruction and classroom activities. Students gain important skills through work experiences at our local businesses and school sites. We explore the community to participate in age appropriate recreation activities. While on campus, students

are actively engaged with our curriculum that includes cooking lessons, communication topics, and comprehensive lessons. We are implementing new tools to best identify our students' abilities and tailor our instructional strategies. Students reflect daily on their own goals and participate in their IEP meetings.



**Students gain confidence by presenting their class projects.**

## La Quinta High School

10372 McFadden Ave., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/663-6315 • <http://www.laquintahs.org>



**Denise Halstead**  
Principal

### #AztecsAchieve

Through academic pathways like Business and Computer Science, La Quinta High School students attended a business leadership development camp at Brown University over the summer. Students apply the skills learned at the camp in their Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science class in preparation for a new season of Cyber Security competition. Last year,

students in both pathways placed at the state level and DECA students competed at the international level. Our varsity football team is gearing up for another successful season, while Movement, our urban dance team, has high hopes to showcase their talents at the state competition again this year. Our extra-curricular programs feature on campus coaches who support students in and out of the classroom. We cannot wait to see what's #LQPossible when #AztecsAchieve!



**Students have many opportunities to get involved in extra-curricular and leadership opportunities at La Quinta High School.**

## Lake Intermediate School

10801 Orangewood Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6506 • <http://lake.ggusd.us>



**Margaret Feliciani**  
Principal

### Exceeding Expectations

Lake Intermediate is very excited to be named a 2016 California Honor Roll School by the Educational Results Partnership and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence. They stated that after an extensive analysis of student data from every public school in California,

Lake Intermediate was a clear leader in getting students to grade level and beyond. This year, we will continue to implement state standards, literacy through summary writing, new advisement lessons, new Words of the Week using the Focus-Act-Reflect model, and citizenship/digital literacy. Along with STEAM classes, which focus on design, modeling, automation, and robotics, Lake is also utilizing an extended learning mathematics program called IXL. This online program enables students to focus on specific math standards.



**Students are proud that Lake Intermediate School was named a California Honor Roll School.**

## Lawrence Elementary School

12521 Monroe St., Garden Grove, CA 92841 • 714/663-6255 • <http://lawrence.ggusd.us>



**Marie Kennedy**  
Principal

### Ready for a Great Year

The Lawrence Elementary School community is ready for a successful year with the additional support of OC GRIP. OC GRIP is a collaborative effort between the Orange County

District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Department, Probation Department, local police departments, and community agencies. Student mentoring opportunities for school staff and law enforcement are provided. There are programs for students to set goals in specific areas in order to receive incentives throughout the year. One of the highlights of this program is the Parent Greeter Program. This wonderful group of dedicated parents are the welcoming smiles that start off the day for our students!



**Local police officers serve as mentors for Lawrence Elementary school students.**

## Lincoln *Adult Education Center*

11262 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove CA 92843 • 714/663-6291 • <http://cte.ggusd.us>



**Connie Van Luit**  
*Director*

### Opportunities for Lifelong Learning

Lincoln Education Center had another successful opening and now serves 1,902 adults with a current waiting list of 82 students! Our classes are taught by highly-qualified, credentialed teachers and our programs focus on English as a Second Language (ESL), vocational ESL, citizenship, obtaining a High School Equivalency Certificate (HiSet), GED, high school diploma, computer courses, and first aid/CPR.

English Language Civics units are embedded in classes. The Regional Center uses our site to house one of their Adults with Disabilities programs. We are a member of three consortiums to prepare and encourage students to attend community college. Our main goal is to make sure that students are making progress learning the English language so that they may have a better future and enroll in community college, obtain viable jobs and advance in their current occupations. The students are always anxious to learn. Save the date for our annual Cultural Diversity Fair on October 18.

## Los Amigos *High School*

16566 Newhope St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708 • 714/663-6288 • <http://www.losamigoshs.com>



**Vicki Braddock**  
*Principal*

### Lobos for the Environmen

As Los Amigos High School's buildings get modernized, science teacher Jeannine Verellen is leading a project to create an environmentally efficient campus and to increase the environmental awareness of students, staff, and the community. The DROPS (Drought Response Outreach Program in Schools) is a collaborative effort

between the Orange County Coastkeeper, Climate Resolve, and the Garden Grove Unified School District that brings nearly two million dollars to the district to fund water conservation efforts, and install landscape architecture that benefits pollinators on the Los Amigos campus, and, by extension, the community. Students will be trained to test water and make pollinator measurements, while the maintenance crew will be trained in the care of the new landscaping.

## Mark Twain *Special Education Center*

11802 Loara St., Garden Grove, CA 92840 714/663-6050 • <http://marktwain.ggusd.us>



**Chad Ouellette**  
*Principal*

### Meeting High Expectations

At the Special Education Center at Mark Twain, we are striving to meet the high expectations we have for our students, parents, staff, and surrounding community. This year we will be implementing new practices so that our students continue to experience the monumental gains we have made over the past few years. Staff

remains committed to students being actively engaged with our curriculum, while paying close attention to lesson objectives and assessments. Monthly parent meetings will cover a variety of topics to best support our families. Staff members will be trained following our district's instructional model. Community based instruction continues to be a focus with our students to develop appropriate social pragmatics and build new friendships with our local businesses.

## Marshall *Elementary School*

15791 Bushard Ave., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/663-6528 • <http://marshall.ggusd.us>



**Lorrie Klevos**  
*Principal*

### Welcoming New Faces

Teachers and staff welcomed instructional teams coming from sites across the district who will provide services to our incoming Special Education students. We are excited to add five classrooms as it gives lots of opportunities to make new friendships and develop additional opportunities



for all students. We also welcome our new principal, Lorrie Klevos, to Marshall Elementary. She grew up in Garden Grove and is proud to be a Marshall Roadrunner! She has been a part of GGUSD for 26 years. She looks forward to being a part of the Marshall community of parents, teachers, staff, and students who have worked hard to make Marshall a great place. Welcome to all who have joined the Marshall team!

# McGarvin *Intermediate School*

9802 Bishop Pl., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/663-6218 • <http://mcgarvin.ggusd.us>



**Tahnee Phan**  
*Principal*

## Full STEAM Ahead!

McGarvin Intermediate is in its second year of offering STEAM elective courses to further compliment an already robust Arts and Technology program. We offer our scholars the opportunity to take courses such as Design & Modeling, Automation & Robotics, App Makers and Computer Science (coding).

Through these courses, students also learn about career options in each of these fields. We have technology all across our campus and in every classroom with a combination of Chromebooks, laptops, desktops, tablets and 3-D Printers. We have two teachers who serve as site technology coordinators to support our staff around instructional technology as we learn new and better ways to strategically embed technology into our classrooms.



**McGarvin Intermediate students enjoy competing in the annual Orange County Pentathlon to put their academic skills to the test.**

# Mitchell *Elementary School*

13451 Taft Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6131 • <http://mitchell.ggusd.us>



**Chris Francis**  
*Principal*

## Soar Eagles Soar!

Mitchell Elementary School continues to thrive in supporting the academic, social and emotional needs of our students. As indicated by the SBAC state test and district benchmarks, student

achievement is on the rise across the board. In September, we fully implemented Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) which has created a more positive learning environment in addition to better student behavior in the areas of respect, responsibility, and safety. Students have also been trained as part of the “Peacekeeper” program where key students learn how to facilitate conflict resolution amongst their peers. After school academic intervention and robotic coding classes are offered on a regular basis. With the support of a caring staff and loving parents, the Mitchell Eagles continue to soar!



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## Morningside *Elementary School*

10521 Morningside Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6328 • <http://morningside.ggusd.us>



**Nathan Bellamy**  
*Principal*

### High Expectations

Morningside Elementary School welcomed families to our annual Back to School Night on Thursday, September 14th. Staff highlighted all of the exciting things parents can look forward to for the coming year. Teachers shared about our new curriculum in math and language arts. Our upper grade

students are learning computer science skills through coding and our entire school will continue with our new school garden. Morningside teamed up with Bolsa Grande High School's Men's League to help our parents sign up for our Parent Portal. We also introduced new teachers who joined our staff for the first time. We have started off the year with high expectations!



**The staff of Morningside Elementary School are ready for another exciting school year.**

## Monroe *Elementary Dual Language Academy*

16225 Newhope St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708 • 714/663-6264 • <http://monroe.ggusd.us>



**César Loya**  
*Principal*

### Growing and Expanding

On behalf of the entire Monroe Elementary Language Academy staff, we welcome all of our families to the 2017-2018 school year! We are very excited to have expanded our Monroe staff by four teachers this school year: Maestra Sturtz, Maestra Cornelison, Maestra Ayala, and Maestra Tavares. In addition,

we are welcoming an additional 100 families to our unique Spanish Dual Language Immersion program. Through participation in our program, approximately 300 students will develop their bilingual, biliterate, and multicultural skills, which will prepare them for success in our global society. We will be holding our enrollment orientation meetings in the months of December and January for any family interested in enrolling their child in Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year.



**Monroe welcomes four new teachers to the growing Spanish dual language immersion program.**

## Murdy Elementary School

14851 Donegal Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92844 • 714/663-6405 • <http://murdy.ggusd.us>



**Marcie Griffith**  
Principal

### Great Things Ahead

2017-18 promises to be another exciting year at Murdy Elementary! This year we were proud to launch our Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion Program, which begins in transitional kindergarten. In addition to this new

program, Murdy students will continue to have many rich learning opportunities. We will continue our STEAM Focus with our second year of schoolwide participation in the Hour of CODE, expansion of our robotics and engineering after school enrichment program, and participation in visual and performing arts. We are proud to serve all our students and continue our onsite GATE (gifted and talented education) program. Follow us on Facebook and other social media @murdyelementary.



**Teacher Van Anh Vu leads engaging instruction as part of the district's new Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion program.**

## Newhope Elementary School

4419 W. Regent Dr., Santa Ana, CA 92704 • 714/663-6581 • <http://newhope.ggusd.us>



**Adam Bernstein**  
Principal

### Exciting Art Programs

Approximately 30 first through sixth grade students participated in a week long "Summer Art Club" in the middle of August at Newhope Elementary School. During the Summer Art Club, these students worked with

Newhope special education teacher and art enthusiast, Maria Livieratos. Under her guidance, the students created five paintings of subjects such as guitars, sharks, and trees. They learned artistic concepts such as texture, perspective, and color mixing while using different materials such as acrylics, canvas, and wood to create their artwork. We are excited to continue to enrich our curriculum throughout this school year by offering a variety of classes in the arts during the school day and after school for students at Newhope Elementary.



**Students show off their outstanding artwork.**

## Northcutt *Elementary School*

11303 Sandstone St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708 • 714/663-6537 • <http://northcutt.ggusd.us>



**Gary Gerstner**  
*Principal*

### Character Counts

Northcutt Elementary School is proud to welcome our students to the 2017-18 school year. Each school year brings opportunities for academic and personal growth for our students and this year is no different. Flexible teaching with technology will take place on a daily basis. Not only do we have an up-to-date computer lab

but also Chromebooks and iPads. In addition, our students will be learning about character traits. All grade levels will be learning about the six pillars of character through the research based program called CHARACTER COUNTS! Dr. Gerstner, teachers, and supporting staff will continue to bring to Northcutt Elementary School a wealth of knowledge, high expectations, and a commitment to ensuring that all students will learn at their highest levels.



**Northcutt Elementary School students use technology as part of 21st century teaching and learning.**

## Paine *Elementary School*

15792 Ward St., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6118 • <http://paine.ggusd.us>



**George Martinez**  
*Principal*

### Great Things Ahead

Thomas Paine Elementary School is excited about the 2017-2018 school year. We welcomed our new Moderate Severe and Mild Moderate Special Education students with open arms and look forward to a wonderful year together. There are many exciting opportunities and events for students and parents this year, including a Tet Carnival, student performances, Sixth Grade Science

Camp and several parent meetings. Once again, Thomas Paine students exceeded expectations on the California state assessments. We hope to do the same this year. We are committed to equipping all students with the academic and personal skills needed for lifelong success.



## Parkview *Elementary School*

12272 Wilken Way, Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6266 • <http://parkview.ggusd.us>



**Ryan Baker**  
*Principal*

### A New Era

Parkview Elementary School students were eager to return for the 2017-18 school year. They welcomed new principal Ryan Baker, who came to Parkview after six years as principal at Violette Elementary School. There was much to celebrate as Parkview students easily beat state and county averages in Math and English Language Arts

on the annual California State Assessments taken in May. This year, many classrooms feature flexible seating which allows students to easily group themselves together for peer discussions and projects. It also marks the first year where all students will have access to their own technology (iPad or Chromebook) to assist with research, word processing and creating amazing projects. There is much to be thankful for at Parkview Elementary School.

## Pacifica High School

6851 Lampson Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92845 • 714/663-6515 • <http://www.pacificamariners.com>



**Robin Patterson**  
Principal

### Mariners Sailing Strong

Great things are happening at Pacifica High School this school year. We moved into our brand new buildings and are anticipating the construction of three more. In the classroom, we are picking up right where we left off with a commitment to rigorous curriculum and helping students achieve academic success. Recently, it was announced that Pacifica has three National Merit Scholar finalists, including Lynn M. Gao, Jerlene Hsueh, and Ryan Stevens. Athletically, our football, cross country, and water polo teams have all had great success to start their respective seasons. Both football and water polo started the year off in winning style, while both girls and boys cross country teams have had strong showings at their first events of their season. We look forward to another great year.



**Pacifica High School's junior girls cross country team placed second in their division at the Laguna Hills Invitational.**

## Patton Elementary School

6861 Santa Rita Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92845 • 714/663-6584 • <http://patton.ggusd.us>



**Dr. Jennifer Carter**  
Principal

### Spreading Kindness

The 2017-2018 school year at Patton Elementary is off to a wonderful start! This year, the Patton PTA's focus is on spreading kindness throughout the campus. The students and teachers enjoyed a kick-off assembly which focused on kindness, friendship, tolerance, and bullying prevention. Students are encouraged to participate in random acts of kindness during the school year. The PTA is hosting a service night and events that give back to the community. The Patton staff and families are looking forward to an amazing year.



**Patton students begin the year with an assembly focused on kindness.**

## Peters K-3 Elementary School

13162 Newhope St, Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6085 • <http://petersk3.ggusd.us>



**Kyle Benham**  
Principal

### Students Gear Up for An Exciting Year

Peters K-3 Elementary School is excited for the 2017-18 school year. Teachers are working together to foster critical thinking, creativity, communication, and collaboration skills across curriculums. Students actively engage with technology to enhance learning through various applications along with practicing coding and robotics. We want all learners to develop the personal skills necessary to achieve life-long success. Our

focus on monthly character strengths help students foster relationship skills by developing empathy and embracing diversity along with learning how to strengthen one's self-control, integrity, and grit. This year we have also partnered with the Second Harvest Food bank to bring a free Farmer's Market that offers fresh fruits and vegetables to family and community members each month.



**First graders at Peters K-3 Elementary School begin their Fridays with a dance party.**

## Peters 4-6 Elementary School

13200 Newhope St, Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6070 • <http://peters46.ggusd.us>



**Gurprit Dhillon**  
Principal

### Rewarding Positivity

Peters 4-6 is excited to be launching our first year of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). The goal of PBIS is to change the mindset of the school community to focus on positive incentives and rewards. Each month a positive character trait will be introduced. The month of October will highlight how to be a caring Peters Panther. One example of PBIS in action is our first

free farmer's market. The farmers market will be held monthly and is open to the entire school community. Our first farmer's market served over 180 families! Go Peters 4-6 Panthers and here's to a great new year.



**Peters 4-6 hosted a Mobile Food Pantry which provided free fruits and vegetables to parents and community members.**

## Post Elementary School

14641 Ward St, Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/663-6354 • <http://post.ggusd.us>



**Joy Ellsworth**  
Principal

### Flex Seating has Come to Post

Students at Post Elementary School have the opportunity to participate in classrooms that offer flexible seating. Fifth grade teacher Mrs. Tran recently shared with parents the benefits of flexible seating, including greater collaboration and communication to engage in critical thinking. It also increases student motivation and engagement, provides students an opportunity to be responsible for their learning, and it's linked to improved

behavior and better health. Post teachers are very creative in the various ways flexible seating is accessible in their classrooms. Mrs. Tran sums it up by saying, "It alleviates stress and allows students to learn in their choice of setting."



**Post scholars take to the floor to collaborate on their class assignment.**

## Ralston *Intermediate School*

10851 Lampson Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6366 • <http://ralston.ggusd.us>



**Ruth Dietze**  
*Principal*

### Modernized School

Over the summer, Ralston Intermediate School underwent major modernization projects. We began the school year with a new multipurpose room complete with new drapes and air conditioning. Additionally, the PE locker rooms were renovated and have a new epoxy flooring. The school's library was also remodeled and a new classroom was added next to the office that will be used for staff development, and faculty and parent meetings. Ralston scholars and teachers are excited to be back and love their new modernized classrooms equipped with interactive projectors and air conditioning. Even our front office was reconfigured so we

can provide excellent customer service to our families. Other major changes include a new parking lot, marquee, drought tolerant landscaping and a new entrance to welcome our students, staff and families. We look forward to another wonderful year at Ralston.



**Students are excited to return to school after major modernization improvements were completed over the summer.**

## Rancho Alamitos *High School*

11351 Dale St., Garden Grove, CA 92841 • 714/663-6415 • <http://www.ranchoalamitoshs.com>



**Mary Jane Hibbard**  
*Principal*

### RAHS Launches PBIS!

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program, "We Are Rancho." Building on our already positive school culture, our focus will be on recognizing students for exhibiting behaviors that support our core values: **R**esponsible **A**ccountable **H**onorable **S**uccessful (RAHS). All adults on campus have the ability to scan a student's ID card when they observe a student displaying these characteristics. Students who are recognized by staff are eligible to win Rancho gear at a monthly drawing. Staff who take the time to "catch kids" doing the right thing will also be acknowledged at monthly faculty meetings. We are also happy to welcome Assistant Principal Steve Yoon to the Vaquero family. We're lucky to have him at Rancho.



**Rancho Alamitos High School students play Plinko to earn prizes during the school's PBIS assembly.**

## Riverdale *Elementary School*

13222 Lewis St., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6563 • <http://riverdale.ggusd.us>



**Chris Ash**  
*Principal*

### Engaged and Motivated

As we enter into the 2017-2018 school year, Riverdale students are engaged and motivated in order to advance their academic skills. The students have been provided an optimal environment of dedicated

teachers, staff, and parents to help them feel supported and challenged. Riverdale students will continue to expand their math and English skills through the use of technology, coding and robotics. Art history and technique will be taught and experienced. In addition, there will be opportunities to sing, dance, and act through our Disney Musical in Schools program. To

watch our progress throughout the school year, follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/RiverdaleGGUSD](https://twitter.com/RiverdaleGGUSD) and Facebook at [facebook.com/RiverdaleGGUSD](https://facebook.com/RiverdaleGGUSD).



**Riverdale Elementary School students took to the stage with the performance of *The Jungle Book* through the Disney Musicals in School program.**

## Rosita *Elementary School*

4726 W. Hazard Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92703 • 714/663-6418 • <http://rosita.ggusd.us>



**Don Terreri**  
*Principal*

### Air-Conditioned School

This past summer Rosita had air conditioning installed throughout the campus, thanks to the voters, who approved Measure P to modernize our schools. We continue to show growth in our SBAC testing for third through sixth grade students in both Language Arts and Math. Students and parents have access to more resources online from home for both our reading and math programs. We are also incorporating technology into everyday instruction to prepare and support our students for 21st century learning. Our Rosita scholars continue to grow and succeed under our dedicated staff using research-based strategies to meet the needs of our diverse population. Many rooms utilize flexible seating which allow students to sit where they learn best.



**Students enjoy flexible seating for an optimal learning environment.**

## Russell *Elementary School*

600 S. Jackson St., Santa Ana, CA 92704 • 714/663-6151 • <http://russell.ggusd.us>



**Kai Chang**  
Principal

### Rams Ready to Go Far

Russell Elementary is continuing to build leadership qualities within all scholars on campus! One way leadership is promoted at Russell is through our Ram Leadership Club. With a focus on scholarly habits and demonstrating care for our school and community, the Leadership Club helps our school with fundraising events, enrichment

clubs such as Art Club, and activities that engage all students and staff in building a positive school culture and climate. Through our Leadership C.A.R.E. campaign, Russell raised \$2,000 to support children with Leukemia. More recently, Russell Rams will unite to provide relief for those affected by natural disasters, through our “Care with Coins” campaign. Russell Rams are ready to go *FAR* this year with a **F**ocus on Academics, **A**cts of Kindness, and **R**eflecting on a Growth Mindset.



**The Russell Leadership Club raised \$2,000 to support children with Leukemia.**

## Santiago *High School*

12342 Trask Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6215 • <http://www.santiagohs.org>



**Michael Kennedy**  
Principal

### Earth Advocates

Santiago High School's Student Sustainability Council (SSC) is an exciting student-led program that provides our youth with experiences focused on environmental protection through adopting sustainable lifestyles. The SSC encourages students

to become leaders who will make a positive difference at their school, in their communities, and beyond. We also help manage the exciting nearly two million dollar Drought Response Outreach Program for Schools (DROPS) grant recently awarded to our school and district. Last year, we created a dynamic school wide assembly focusing on the DROPS program and climate change. This year we plan to further our actions in advocating for climate action, reducing ocean pollution, creating an organic food garden, and more! Santiago students are leading the way toward a better future!



**Santiago High School's Student Sustainability Council advocates for environmentally sustainable lifestyle choices.**

## Simmons *Elementary School*

11602 Steele Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6096 • <http://simmons.ggusd.us>



**Jaemie Johnson**  
*Principal*

### **Students Take on Technology**

A one-to-one digital device for every student at Simmons Elementary School allows all students to access digital pathways embedded in our adopted curriculum and helps students to get excited about learning. Technology provides opportunities for students

to receive targeted intervention programs to meet a plethora of academic needs. Students are able to access programs outside of school as well, enabling them to extend their learning all day long and even into the weekends, whether at home or at local public libraries. In addition to specific programs, teachers are dedicated to teaching students how to use technology in various ways to develop 21st century skills that will support current academic success and build a foundation for each student's future career endeavors.



**Simmons Elementary School students engage in online learning to support their academic growth.**

## Stanford *Elementary School*

12721 Magnolia St., Garden Grove, CA 92841 • 714/663-6458 • <http://stanford.ggusd.us>



**Melanie Mathovich**  
*Principal*

### **Stallions Focused On Academic and Personal Skills!**

Every school year brings new opportunities for academic and personal growth for students and staff. This year also brings a new principal, Melanie Mathovich. Melanie has worked in GGUSD for 19 years with 11 of those as an elementary principal. In addition to welcoming a new principal,

Stanford teachers and staff are celebrating the continued academic achievement and positive social-emotional development of students! Not only is there a strong emphasis on academics, Stanford also uses positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS) to encourage good behavior and support the development of students' personal skills. Mrs. Mathovich is honored to join this incredible school community and build on the great successes they have already achieved!



**Stanford students are committed to achieving academic success.**

## Stanley Elementary School

12201 Elmwood St., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6484 • <http://stanley.ggusd.us>



**Jamie Shippee**  
*Principal*

### Learning with Technology

At Stanley Elementary School, we provide an education that meets the instructional and social-emotional needs of all students. Students strive to meet the teachers' high expectations. The morning instructional time focuses on English language arts and mathematics, with social studies, science, and physical education taught in the afternoon. Technology enhances instruction and gives students learning opportunities that are fun and engaging. Each student in third through sixth grade has access to a ChromeBook or laptop to use throughout the day, thanks to the School Site Council's vision of moving towards a one-to-one environment. Students in transitional kindergarten through second grade use iPads with partners and small groups to meet grade level standards.



## Sunnyside Elementary School

9972 Russell Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92844 • 714/663-6158 • <http://sunnyside.ggusd.us>



**Susie Dollbaum**  
*Principal*

### Working Together

The 2017-18 school year is underway. Our teachers and students are excited to have begun the work that we love, teaching and learning. This year, we welcome our mild to moderate students to Sunnyside. Students from transitional kindergarten to sixth grade have acclimated well into their learning environments, supported by their homeroom teacher and mainstreamed into our general education classes. As caring educators, we embrace the diversity of learners that attend our school. We collaborate regularly to ensure that we are meeting the needs for those that struggle to students needing extended learning in GATE cluster classes. We believe that by working together and embracing the students at our school as "ours" everyone reaps the rewards for the success of our students.



**Sunnyside Elementary School students use critical thinking and problem solving skills as part of a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) project.**

## Violette Elementary School

12091 Lampson Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6203 • <http://violette.ggusd.us>



**Erin Lara**  
Principal

### A Tradition of Excellence

Violette Elementary School has plans to carry on long standing traditions with family events. The Father-Daughter Dance and Mother-Son Dance are two special evening events the community cherishes. The teachers and community come together to provide a memorable evening for students and their parents. The

teachers and students are celebrating their efforts after reviewing state test results. All grade levels improved their performance on the state assessment. At back to school meetings, teachers began looking at ways to bring all students to standards mastery. This a big step in the right direction for Violette Vikings. Students returned to Violette this fall with more access to technology. Teachers are planning lessons and adapting their teaching to utilize Chromebooks and iPads that are 1:1 in third through sixth grades and available by grade level in kindergarten through second grade.



**Violette students have increased access to technology during the 2017-18 school year.**

## Walton Intermediate School

12181 Buaro St., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6040 • <http://walton.ggusd.us>



**Jan Cody**  
Principal

### Hear Us ROAR!

The Walton staff is committed to preparing our students for lifelong success.

We support our district goals which focus on the development of academic skills and personal skills that will lead to

lifelong success. Through Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Walton Wildcats are recognized for demonstrating our ROAR character traits - respect, ownership, attitude and responsibility. Both inside and outside of the classroom, students are appreciated for their treatment of others, when they advocate for their own learning, demonstrate a positive attitude, and come to class prepared. Teachers select students to honor at a special monthly

luncheon. Quarterly awards ceremonies honor students for grades and attendance. We look forward to recognizing our students' growth this year!



**Walton Intermediate School's AVID students put their problem-solving and teamwork skills to the test during a fun class project.**

## Wakeham *Elementary School*

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**Michelle Rushall**  
Principal

### Students Return to Modernized Campus

Wakeham Elementary School is proud to welcome parents and students back to our beautiful, modernized, and air-conditioned school site. Families and school staff returned to a modernized school, made possible by Measure P. This school year, all students in third through sixth grade will have access throughout the entire day to Chrome Books. Students in kindergarten through second grade will continue to grow with their

technology skills while using iPads. Teachers are excited at the prospect of having this increased technology to enhance the classroom instruction. Wakeham Elementary School will once again collaborate with our community partners: GRIP, Padres en Acion, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Clubs, PureGames Soccer, and The Stanton Foundation. These organizations' contributions continue to allow the school site to provide mentoring opportunities, parent trainings, character building, after-school clubs, incentives, and physical fitness opportunities.

## Warren *Elementary School*

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**Eileen Young**  
Principal

### Hopping with Excitement

Prior to the first day of school, teachers welcomed transitional kindergarten and kindergarten students, as well as special education students new to Warren. In the hopes of alleviating any undue nervousness, parents and children were invited to an orientation and tour of the campus and classrooms on Tuesday, August 29th.



**The Tree Frog helped students begin the school year with a smile.**

Adding to the excitement, friends including Cha-Cha the Tree Frog, joined in the fun. Cha-Cha welcomed students with froggy "crowns" as well as raffling off backpacks filled with school supplies. As students left, PTA parents treated all to cookies and juice. Students left with a smile on their faces and an excitement in their hearts to begin school. Welcome to our new Wildcats!

## Woodbury *Elementary School*

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**Rose Jansz**  
Principal

### Instilling a Love of Reading

Our wonderful staff, families, and community are committed to working together to ensure that students gain the academic and personal skills for lifelong success. Teachers are integrating technology into instruction through Chromebooks in upper grades, and additional technology school-wide. Through the Reading is



Fundamental program, all students will receive three free books this year as we build students' reading skills and encourage a love for reading. Our school is also committed to developing healthy habits through participation in the 100 Mile Club and Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program. A school-wide focus on growth mindset teaches students to try their best and work hard to achieve their goals. We're also excited to be receiving new primary playground equipment this school year!



**Sarah Van Dam**  
Principal

## Scholars Committed to Growth

Zeyen Elementary School staff, scholars, and families started the 2017-18 school year with gratitude, curiosity, and zest! Thanks to the passing of Measure P, Zeyen is a brand new school! This summer, our site was modernized with new air-conditioning, new windows and cabinets in all classrooms, adjustable LED lighting, and new security fencing. In addition,

the office has moved to the front of school providing easier access to families and our community. We are proud to continue our tradition of outstanding academic growth! State measures show that 20% more students at Zeyen met standards in 2017 than in 2015!



**Zeyen Elementary School students are hard at work at the start of the 2017-2018 school year.**

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motivación y la mentalidad en crecimiento, les ayudará a desarrollar las habilidades personales necesarias para lograr el éxito.

Nuestras escuelas también se enfocan en asegurar que los estudiantes estén preparados para la Universidad y una carrera profesional. De los 3,300 estudiantes del doceavo grado que se graduaron con la Clase del 2017, el 53 por ciento de ellos cumplieron con los rigurosos requisitos de admisión para la Universidad (a-g requirements), calificándolos para asistir a las Universidades de UC y CSU. Nuestros tasas a-g son más altas que las del promedio del condado y del estado. El año pasado, más de 1,600 de nuestros estudiantes del doceavo grado, tomaron 4,000 clases AP y casi 550 estudiantes obtuvieron el Sello de Alfabetización Bilingüe, y se convirtieron en estudiantes con dominio fluido en dos o más idiomas. Nuestro promedio en los puntajes AP tiene el rango más alto que los del estado, la nación y el promedio mundial.

El GGUSD abrió en este año escolar 2017-2018, un Programa de Inmersión en Dos Idiomas, en vietnamita, en la Escuela Primaria Murdy, para los estudiantes en Kinder de Transición. Este nuevo programa hace que el GGUSD sea el segundo Distrito en el Condado de Orange, y el cuarto en la nación que ofrece dicho programa. Nuestro Programa de Inmersión en Dos Idiomas, en español, en la Academia de Idiomas de la Escuela Primaria Monroe está en su segundo año de enseñanza, y está teniendo un tremendo éxito con los 300 estudiantes que tiene actualmente.

Este es mi quinto año trabajando como superintendente del GGUSD, y cada año trae nuevos retos y nuevos éxitos. Pero lo que permanece igual, es el arduo trabajo y dedicación de nuestro personal, estudiantes y padres de familia, mientras trabajamos colaborativamente, para asegurar que nuestros estudiantes tengan una vida exitosa: eso es “a la manera de Garden Grove.”



**Dr. Gabriela Mafi**

để được tuyển vào các trường đại học UC và CSU. Tỷ lệ hoàn tất các lớp bắt buộc a-g của chúng ta cao hơn tỷ lệ trung bình của quận hạt và tiểu bang. Năm trước, trên 1600 học sinh lớp 12 của chúng ta đã ghi danh trên 4,000 lớp thuộc trình độ cao (AP) và gần 550 học sinh nhận Ấn Chứng Song Ngữ- thông thạo hai ngôn ngữ hay nhiều hơn. Tỷ lệ điểm AP của chúng ta của cao hơn tỷ lệ trung bình của tiểu bang, trên toàn quốc và thế giới.

Mới đây trong niên học 2017-18, GGUSD khai mạc Chương Song Ngữ Anh-Việt tại Trường Tiểu Học Murdy dành cho học sinh mẫu giáo sơ học. GGUSD sẽ là học khu thứ hai trong hạt Orange và là học khu thứ tư trên toàn quốc có chương trình này. Bước vào năm thứ hai, Chương Trình Song Ngữ Anh-Tây Ban Nha đang gặt hái nhiều thành công với 300 học sinh hiện theo học tại trường Tiểu Học Monroe.

Đây là năm thứ 5 của tôi trong cương vị học khu trưởng của GGUSD với những thử thách và thành công mới gặt hái được trong mỗi niên học. Tuy nhiên một điều không thay đổi là sự nỗ lực và nhiệt tâm trong công việc của các nhân viên, học sinh và phụ huynh trong việc cùng nhau hợp sức giúp con em học sinh chúng ta được thành công trên đường đời: đó chính là Đường Hướng Garden Grove.

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que rinde homenaje a Monsoor con una placa cuya inscripción describe sus acciones heroicas.

Por supuesto deseamos agradecerle a nuestra comunidad por este increíble nuevo estadio, ya que fue posible en parte por la Medida P, la medida de bonos del Distrito de 311 millones de dólares, que se aprobó con el 76.3% de los votos en noviembre.

## Note-ables



**Kate Karp**

### Camp Songs

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.

School districts camping and field trips, and scout gatherings and youth groups are going to love these songs.

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

## Contest!

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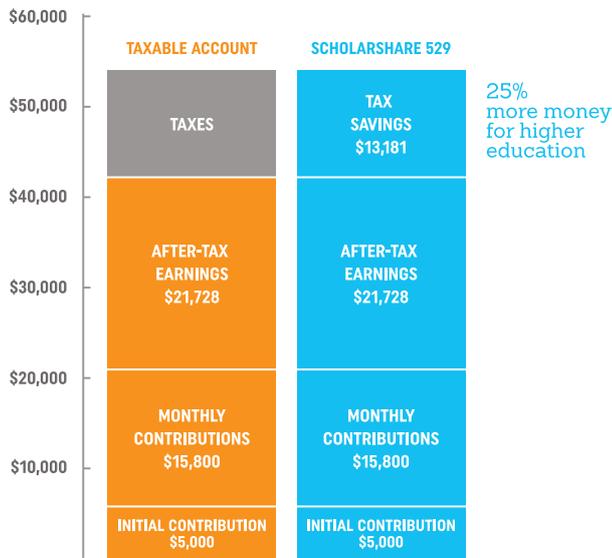
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