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TUSD Has Much to Cheer About!



The Foothill High School Cheer Team gets into the spirit at the Tustin Public Schools Foundation's seventh annual State of the Schools Breakfast. Tustin Unified School District staff, parents, community members, business and civic leaders attended the event. See the entire story on page 24.

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Jammed Finger. Could It Be Serious?



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Your child just smashed their finger in the door. Or maybe they caught a ball the wrong way. Now their finger is swollen and painful to move. These could be signs of a jammed finger, a condition that occurs when the finger is bent back or compressed at the joint.

As our kids become more active in sports and activities, jammed fingers become more common. When a jammed finger occurs, it can stretch or even tear the tissues around the finger joint, which can cause a sprain. However, if the impact on the finger is great enough, it can cause tendon damage or a bone fracture. Although the bones in the hand are small, a broken (fractured) finger is not a minor injury.

Signs of a finger fracture include:

- Swelling
- Tenderness
- Bruising
- Difficulty moving the finger
- Deformity of the finger

If you see any of these signs in your child, it's important to seek medical treatment to prevent permanent damage. Untreated sprains and fractures in the hand can cause long-term stiffness, loss of motion and arthritis.

There are several treatment options for fractured fingers depending on the severity, including splinting, casting, surgery and rehabilitation.

To determine if your child's finger is fractured, they will need an x-ray. Because a child's bones are smaller and still growing, they will look very different than adult bones. It's important to find a children's hospital and pediatric specialists, such as a pediatric hand surgeons, who are experts in treating kids with conditions affecting the hand, wrist, arm and shoulder.



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TUSD Promotes Healthy Lifestyles for Students



Gregory A. Franklin, Ed.D.
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The Tustin Unified School District celebrated National Red Ribbon Week, a national public-awareness campaign to promote drug-free choices and healthy lifestyles, in October. The national theme was “Life Is Your Journey, Travel Drug Free.”

The purpose of the Red Ribbon Week campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment to the development of a drug-free America. By displaying red ribbons and wearing red clothing, TUSD students, staff and parents symbolized their commitment to a drug-free, healthy lifestyle, with no use of any illegal drugs and no illegal use of a legal substance. Students participated in various activities at their school sites during this week to show their commitment to the cause.

The TUSD Board of Education adopted a resolution supporting Red Ribbon Week and encouraged students, staff, parents and community members to participate in drug awareness education activities.

All schools in the District planned various activities and events during the week. Teachers incorporated mini anti-drug programs into their lesson plans and showed substance awareness videos in the classroom. Students wore red wristbands, signed drug-free pledge cards and decorated school campuses with red ribbons, banners and posters.

The Red Ribbon campaign was launched in 1985 after Federal Agent Enrique Camarena was killed by drug traffickers. The Red Ribbon has become a symbol of the need to reduce the demand of drugs and the commitment to a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.



Tustin Memorial Academy students Emma Johnson, Andrew Dove and Alex Andrade participate in the school’s Crazy Socks Day with the theme “Sock it to Bad Choices - Stay Healthy!” during Red Ribbon Week.

Since the inception of the campaign, activities have expanded beyond one week in October to year-round sponsorship of prevention efforts that advance the goal of drug-free communities and individuals.

Tustin Unified provides a coordinated program of drug, alcohol and tobacco awareness education throughout the year. Activities include student assemblies, parent meetings, “Every 15 Minutes” program, tobacco cessation workshops, drug- and alcohol-free Grad Night parties and an intervention program for drug and alcohol violations called “Project Today,” funded entirely by the Assistance League of Tustin.

TUSD continues to spread the knowledge and importance of drug prevention and encourage students to choose a healthy, positive lifestyle.



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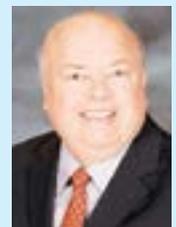
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TUSD Dedicates Gerry Aust Activity Center



*By Mark Eliot
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The Tustin Unified School District dedicated the Gerry Aust Activity Center at Hewes Middle School on October 2. The building was named in honor and celebration of Aust's long-lasting contributions to the Tustin Unified community. Nearly 250 people attended the event, many of them wearing red, white and blue.

The TUSD Board of Education approved the naming of the Hewes activity center at a Board meeting last spring.

Aust, who passed away last year, worked in public education for 39 years – 37 of those in the Tustin school district. He served as a teacher, activities director, assistant principal and principal in Tustin Unified. He retired in 2000, but never really stopped working. Aust served as an interim principal or assistant principal at almost every school in Tustin Unified.

Among his many community service activities, Aust served on the Tustin Public Schools Foundation (TPSF)

Board of Directors for 17 years. Aust and his wife, Diane, were involved in the Dinosaur Dash 2K/5K/10K race since it began 28 years ago and served as co-chairs of the annual event for two years. Aust also served as master of ceremonies for the annual TPSF Teacher of the Year Dinner for 16 years and was Honorary Superintendent of the Foundation's Summer Academy program for elementary and middle school students.



Gerry Aust

For 22 years, the Austs voluntarily led Tustin middle school students to Washington, D.C., shepherding over 2,500 students and making history and democracy come alive for them. Aust's passion for his country is well-known; he was known as "Mr. Red, White and Blue."

Aust was a longtime member of the Tustin-Santa Ana Rotary Club serving twice as its president and coordinating the club's high school scholarships program for many years. He served on the Tustin Area Council for Fine Arts' Encore Group supporting the arts in the community, was a board member for the Assessment and Treatment Services Center, served on the Tustin Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors, and was involved in the Tustin Chili Cook-Off and Tustin Tiller Days.

Aust received several honors over the years, including Tustin Area Man of the Year in 2005, Tustin School

Management Association's Community Service Award in 2000 and 2009 for his contributions to the education of TUSD students, and Orange County Retired Administrator of the Year in 2012 by the Association of California School Administrators, Region 17, for his volunteer work in education and the community.

"Gerry always focused on the students and what better way to pay tribute and honor this TUSD icon," School Board President Tammie Bullard said. "His memory will live on for decades to come for the students, staff, parents and the community."



TUSD Board Members James Laird, Jonathan Ablove, Lynn Davis, Tammie Bullard and Francine Scinto, and Superintendent Dr. Gregory Franklin join Gerry's wife, Diane Aust, who is seated.

TUSD Holds Ribbon Cutting for New Heideman Building

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The Tustin Unified School District held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new classroom building at Robert Heideman Elementary School on September 6. School board members, community leaders, District administrators, teachers, staff, parents, and students attended the ceremony.

The two-story building is approximately 19,000 square feet and includes 12 state-of-the-art classrooms, a staff workroom, restrooms, stairs, and an elevator. The building was designed by HMC Architects and built by Balfour Beatty Construction.

The project cost was \$8 million and was funded through the Measure L modernization program, special reserves and developer fees.

Additional work was done to enhance the front entrance of the campus, which includes a new facade and landscaping, student drop-off area, parking lot, and kindergarten playground area.

“The students, teachers, and staff are very excited about the new classroom building and school entrance,” Heideman Principal Sean Lindsay said. “The entire community feels tremendous pride and gratitude in Heideman’s new look.”



Students and teachers enjoy the new two-story classroom building.



Heideman’s new entrance welcomes all who attend or visit the school.



Heideman Principal Sean Lindsay, TUSD Board Members Francine Scinto, Jonathan Abelove and Lynn Davis, Superintendent Dr. Gregory Franklin, and student Alexandra Avila participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Students lead tours for guests inside the new classroom building at Heideman Elementary School.



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As you read the articles in this issue you can almost feel the excitement of the students and educators.

It is an exciting time to be a student and particularly at TUSD.

We have several student book reviews on pages 27-29 to help with your reading choice during Winter Break.



This time of year we take time to be thankful for our families and loved ones. At *School News* we are thankful for you, our readers, and the privilege

of publishing the excellence from TUSD. We are always mindful and grateful to the men and women in our armed forces.

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A Real Taste of Medicine

Beckman High School's Medical Certificate Program was created four years ago to give our students the opportunity to learn more about careers in the medical field, and additional opportunities to meet and talk to health care professionals.

This is a three-year extracurricular program that awards students with a certificate each year when they meet each requirement. There are currently 500+ students enrolled. Each year our students

learn about their field of interest in medicine and discover the many career options that are available to them when they study science.

As our students progress throughout the program, they can gain additional hands-on experiences. In year one, students are introduced to the medical field by listening and asking questions of a diverse range of health professionals, from nurses and cardiologists to surgeons and dentists. In year two, students are mentored directly by two medical professionals.

Lastly, in year three, Beckman hosts Medical Day in conjunction with U.C. Irvine. For more information, please visit tinyurl.com/BHSMCP.



BHS students in Year 2 of the Medical Certificate Program meet with two medical mentors of their choice on Mentorship Day.

Arroyo *Elementary School*

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Katy Sheyka
Principal

The Spirit of Entrepreneurship

The smell of fresh-baked cookies, the sound of bean bags swooshing, and the buzz of electricity in the air means businesses!

In the spirit of entrepreneurship, our Arroyo School has a long-standing tradition of running several fifth-grade businesses a few times a year. To participate, students must first apply for a business license and outline their marketing proposals describing the item, service, or experience they plan to sell.

To prepare, the students then engage in grand conversations about supply and demand. They discuss how to move inventory and how



Fifth-grade student Andrea Craven sells Endzone Toss opportunities.

to avoid losing money by not having too much left over. Some business owners even hire peers to take over their businesses for short periods of time, going from seller to consumer as they shop around and size up the competition.

Throughout the school year our students can earn money for showing strength of character, mind, and body, which they then use as currency during business transactions. Our Mustangs are enjoying today as they prepare for tomorrow!

Barbara Benson *Elementary School*

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Jackie Christy
Principal

A “Big” Little Library

Benson Elementary School is fortunate to be the recipient of many Eagle Scout projects: a shed to hold bikes for students in our Special Day classes; a beautiful bench that enhances and expands the use of the teachers’ lounge patio; shelving to organize our emergency bin; a shed to house chairs and music stands, which makes our multipurpose room more open and accessible; and, now, a “big” little library.

Little libraries came about as the result of efforts by a nonprofit organization to inspire a love of reading while building a sense of community, both traits that Benson

firmly believes in. The concept is that books are exchanged; you “take a book and leave a book.” Typically, little libraries are small and house anywhere from 12 to 50 books. But, not Benson’s little library!

Through the hard work and leadership of Troy Wilcox from Troop 36, Benson will soon have a little library which will encourage student reading all year long. Our Big Little Library will be placed in front of the school for easy accessibility year round. The large size, as noted in the name, will ensure a wide variety of books, up to 100, which will be available at any given time. And, to ensure Benson will have enough books to start up our library, Troy held a book drive and collected over 375 books!

If you’re in the neighborhood, stop by Benson and take a book or leave a book.

Benjamin Beswick *Elementary School*

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Stephanie Yang
Principal

Peer Mediators Learn to Solve Problems

Beswick Elementary School welcomes Katy Fernandez to the team. Mrs. Fernandez is Beswick’s new academic counselor who supports our students and families on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

School counseling is a way to help children succeed academically, behaviorally, and socially/emotionally. Mrs. Fernandez’s work focuses on helping all students develop

strong social and emotional skills so that they can grow as effective learners in the 21st century. She provides one-on-one support, trains peer mediators, leads small groups, and helps provide school-wide lessons on social skills, self-esteem, conflict resolution, academic success, friendship, and various other topics aimed at teaching children self-responsibility and self-regulation.

Since starting, Mrs. Fernandez has made a great impact working alongside our teachers and families to see that all Beswick students thrive!



Beswick Peer Mediators are equipped with the steps and skills to solve problems out on the playground.

Columbus Tustin *Middle School*

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Maggie Burdette
Principal

Building-Conference Presenters

Last spring, Columbus Tustin Middle School's Science Department sponsored its first Climate Change Summit to address current natural disasters and human impact connected to these disasters. Based on the success of this event and students' continued research on climate change and possible solutions, Columbus Tustin students were invited to participate in the fifth annual NetZero 2018 Conference in September. It is the nation's

largest building conference focused on energy, water, waste and transit.

Columbus Tustin students were the only students in attendance at the conference who were presenting their research and inspiring ideas for solutions to help their school and community. The organization's president pro tem, California State Senator Kevin de Leon, had just flown down from the California Climate Summit and met with our team of students and educated them about the passing of SB100. The bill states that California is committed to 100 percent clean energy by 2045.



Students celebrated the completion of their presentations at the conference to a capacity crowd. They are Bella Salzman, Anne Marie van der Hoek, Priya Bhakta, Adriana Zhou, Landon Thorp, Dylan Richcreek, Clayton Smith and Vishruth Shatgopam.

A.G. Currie *Middle School*

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Erick Fineberg
Principal

Cougars Starting Strong

Wow, what a great start to the 2018–19 school year! Lots of smiling faces, enthusiastic students and focused teachers have been the hallmark of our first quarter.

As the school year moves into our second quarter, students, teachers and staff are entrenched in our programs and their efforts are bearing fruit. Our new math program has brought greater student understanding of mathematical concepts along with improved collaboration and communication between and among students throughout all our math classrooms. Students are not only learning but are also understanding the mathematical concepts behind the math. This, coupled with our expanded use of Writer's and Reader's Workshop, has our Currie students locked in and doing a great job.

What a great time to be a Cougar!



Math teacher Emily Pierotti works with students Jacob Reyes, Josue Robles Tagle and Emilio Mireles as they attempt to earn the "green light" to complete the next problem.

Helen Estock *Elementary School*

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Wendy Hudson
Principal

Lights, Camera, Action!

Nine teachers at Estock School have embarked on a Digital Storytelling learning experience this year under the leadership of Connect Coach Denise Granger. Digital Storytelling is academic movie-making for students. It uses critical thinking, collaboration,

creativity, and communication skills to combine photographs, video, animation, sound, music, text, and narrative voice into one story.

Students begin the process by investigating and choosing a content area. They learn basic movie techniques, movie-making strategies, how to shoot different film shots, and how to identify the small and big moments in stories

Next they plan their story-telling shots with a storyboard. Scripts are written and speaking skills honed

as our students problem-solve different ways to use their words efficiently and be effective.

Revision, editing, publishing, and reflecting all take place before showcasing a student creation. We look forward to seeing the amazing and creative projects our students will produce this year!



Estock teachers Jenna Flores, Pamela Stiefel, Cindy Sakurai, and Wendy McCracken learn about Digital Storytelling from Connect Coach Denise Granger.

Foothill *High School*

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Dr. Michael Williams
Principal

Student-Led Clubs are Knight Strong

Our Knights have several opportunities throughout the year to connect, lead, and organize various activities and events to make their Foothill experience memorable. We encourage all of our students to get involved, build new relationships, and develop their leadership skills in an interest club of their choice.

Two weeks ago our students organized a club rush that encouraged every Foothill High

School student to join. Over 100 clubs were represented, which led to thousands of participants. They met for the first time last week and organized their first fun fundraiser called "Feast and Joust." As a culminating activity to Homecoming Week, the clubs also provided some delicious lunch items for our students and staff members to purchase.

We are excited to see what our clubs will be accomplishing over the year. Some of these clubs include The Blind Children's Learning Center Club, Gay Straight Alliance Club, Food Around the World Club, and Chase Greatness Club.



Foothill Knights enjoy the 2018 Feast and Joust in the school courtyard.

Guin Foss *Elementary School*

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Ray Hernandez
Principal

Diving into the Cove!

Students are diving into Guin Foss' Dolphin Discovery Cove! The Cove is a space dedicated to innovation through technology and hands-on opportunities.

Jennifer Titterud and Elizabeth Cometa led the charge in transforming this space into a multisensory approach to learning.

Learning is happening literally on another level in the Cove. Whether students are designing and engineering on the walls, the floor or in virtual reality, student engagement is through the roof!

Engaging tools include three-dimensional headsets for virtual field trips, building and designing through wooden block toys, a wall of interlocking blocks, a magnetic-ball wall and electronic building kits. Students will continue coding and programming through their robots. A green screen will allow students to further develop their digital storytelling and movie-making skills.

The Cove is quickly becoming a school favorite place to learn and grow!



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Sean Lindsay
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Disney Musicals in Schools

All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them. – Walt Disney
Heideman Elementary School continues to have the courage to dream big with its students.

A “one”: Apply to “Disney Musicals in Schools.”

And a “two”:

Upon acceptance of a successful application, enlist a courageous group of classroom teachers, music teachers, and parents to host the DMIS team’s visit to Heideman so they can learn how committed we are to creating a musical theater program here.

And a “three”: Be one of four schools in Orange County to win the honor of earning acceptance into the prestigious program.

And a “four”: Go to the Segerstrom Center for the Arts in September to meet our

theater-artists-in-residence and begin the 17-week process of creating our first-year production, “The Jungle Book.”

Ta-da! And so begins our exciting journey to creating a sustainable musical theater program at Heideman for years to come.



Principal Sean Lindsay, TUSD elementary music teacher Victoria Cope, Heideman teachers Jewel Peeler and Debra Bessen, TUSD elementary music teacher Davina Leung, and Heideman community liaison Veronica Rivas reveal the school’s chosen musical at the Segerstrom Concert Hall.

Heritage *Elementary STEAM Magnet School*

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Beth Rabel Blackman
Principal

Our New School Garden

The students at Heritage Elementary Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) Magnet School are building a new school garden as part of their science program. Students are learning about life science, physical science, and environmental science through their garden-based learning.

As part of Heritage’s inquiry-based learning model, all projects in the Heritage garden will incorporate project-based learning. Projects in the garden are funded through a variety of grants and resources, as well as generous donations of materials and supplies from parents and community members.

School-based gardening provides endless learning opportunities for students beyond the sciences as well. Students can apply mathematical problem-solving in plotting the garden space and planning garden projects, learn cooperation and communication skills, and develop a love of nature and the environment.

The Heritage Aviators are excited to incorporate a school garden into their robust project-based STEAM curriculum.



Third-grade students transfer seedlings to standing planters in the new garden at Heritage School.

Hewes Middle School

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Eric Kilian
Principal

Activity Center Dedication

Hewes Middle School was honored in October with a dedication renaming it as the Gerry Aust Activity Center. The renaming was revealed during a memorable dedication ceremony honoring the legacy of Gerry Aust. Diane Aust and her family were honored as part of this ceremony for their unwavering support.



Gerry Aust Activity Center at Hewes Middle School.

All in attendance reminisced about Mr. Aust and were honored to have known him. Mr. Aust worked in public education for 39 years, and 37 of those years were in Tustin Unified. Throughout his years in the Tustin Unified community, words could not express the impact Mr. Aust had on these communities, from his impact on past students to his insight regarding colleagues to his fun adventures with friends and family.

Mr. Aust was a man who made things happen, and his memory will be carried in the hearts of the school district and community.

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Deena Vela
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Huskies Giving Back

Hicks Canyon Elementary School kicked off the fall by hosting the annual Team Kids Challenge. Team Kids' mission is to empower children to change the world.

The kick-off was hosted by Team Kids mentors, with assistance from the Irvine Police Department and the Orange County Fire Authority. During the assemblies, mentors and law enforcement officers explained the importance of the mission and got students excited about the weekly challenges.

The leadership team, comprised of fifth-grade students, worked hard each week to learn about critical community issues and to address them, with the guidance of police, firefighters, parent volunteers, and Team Kids mentors. During the three weeks, Huskies collected art supplies for the Children's Hospital of Orange County, gently used towels and blankets for the Orange County Animal Care Center, and non-perishable foods for South County Outreach.



Siblings Mark and Julia needed a wagon for their donation.

The generous students at Hicks Canyon greatly exceeded their goals each week in hopes of making a small change in the world.

Hillview *High School*

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Tim O'Donoghue
Principal

People of Success

One of the most important programs Hillview High School offers students is the "People of Success" assembly. As a principal, I recognize that it is important to prepare students academically for their future. Additionally, I want to make sure students are ready for "the school of life."

During the assembly, I interview three

community members and one of our teachers, while the students take notes. Our most recent panel consisted of business leaders Rob Boyd, Phil Combest, and Dave Wells and Hillview teacher Judy Watts.

High school students have knowledge, but they lack wisdom. I appreciate the panel members for sharing their life experiences with the students, such as information about their education, the various jobs they've held over the years and how they define success.



Speakers share their life stories with Hillview students at "People of Success Assembly."

The common themes that resonated amongst the panel members was the value of hard work, that you shouldn't be afraid to ask for help, and that you should never give up.



Dr. Jennifer Harrison
Principal

Leopards Reduce Waste!

This year, Ladera Elementary School will focus our STEAM challenges around the concept of conservation. We want to empower our students to be good stewards of our planet.

Our first STEAM Challenge of the year has officially begun! This challenge is focused on food waste and nutrition. Our Leopards are learning how to make good food choices, how to take only what they need, and how Ladera can reduce food waste at lunchtime. Our hope is that students will take this learning home and develop good habits in and out of school when it comes to food waste.

Our fifth-grade students have been out every day at lunch assisting students in separating their food into trash, recyclables and food waste. Then, we are weighing our food waste each day to see if we have made improvements. Our goal is under two pounds per grade level. Let's do this, Leopards!



Ladera fifth-grade students assist at lunch time, separating food as trash, recyclable, or food waste.



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Dr. Lauren Steinmann
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Robotics Runs Wild!

Many Loma Vista families participated in our first LV Summer Reading Challenge by reading *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown. Participants were given a free copy of the book and loads of resources to help guide them through the novel.

The Wild Robot is a heartwarming

tale about friendship, innovation and compassion and was a wonderful way for families to share a love of reading. Participants were given the challenge of completing the reading-resource guide or designing and building their very own robot out of “found materials.” We were blown away by the robot submissions that came in!

The Cougar Creativity Lab was transformed into the Wild Robot

Museum, where classes were able to tour and see firsthand what their classmates had created. This challenge combined reading, engineering, technology, writing and more to create an innovative and fun experience for our Cougar families!



The Cougar Creativity Lab became “The Wild Robot Museum.”

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Rena Fairchild
Principal

CH Lab Helps Students Explore

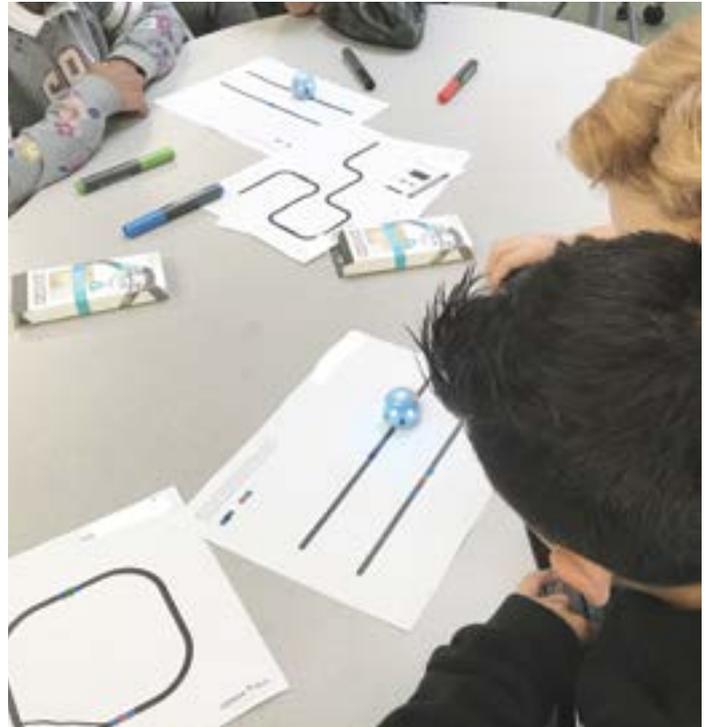
Last spring, Myford School opened its new MakerSpace, where our students can explore, create, build, and innovate. We’ve grown!

This year we have also opened a new TECH lab. Here students will be exploring coding and programming with various robotics. Our teachers are being led by their colleagues, and are learning about these robotics and coding tools during Professional

Development. But we are also finding that our own students are often the best teachers!

Our younger students are examining concepts around directionality, sequencing, and problem-solving with BeeBots. Older students are investigating the many different ways to code Ozobots to control their speed, actions, and behaviors. Myford students will continue to develop their coding skills with the Dash and Dots we received from our Tustin Public School Foundation grant, and they’ll also continue with their Lego WeDo robotics program which was launched last year.

In addition to all of the robotics, our students will also be capturing their learning through their digital storytelling skills.



Myford teacher Cynthia Ayers’s students explore coding with robots.

W.R. Nelson *Elementary School*

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Melinda Smith
Principal

Well-Being is a Top Priority

Schoolwide, the social-emotional development of our students is an important focus. This year, we launched an all-school read of *Only One You* by Linda Kranz, after which students and staff painted their own rocks. We anticipate that we will soon break ground on our rock garden, where our creations will reside. Each trimester, we will read a book together. We just finished reading *I Am Enough* by Grace Byers.

We are thrilled to welcome two new staff members. Sarah Haase, a school counselor, is an additional resource for the staff and students. She is implementing social thinking and Zones of Regulation. She also provides social-emotional lessons to classrooms and social skills to small groups of students. Our new Connect coach, Julie Young, builds on these lessons by offering extension activities, including grand conversations, GooseChase scavenger hunts, and morning meeting ideas. We are fortunate to have both amazing additions to our staff.



Connect Coach Julie Young and counselor Sarah Haase support social-emotional learning at Nelson School.

Orchard Hills *School*

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Cindy Agopian
Principal

Making Our Mark

Literature and art go hand in hand at Orchard Hills School! Library media technician Laurie Lawver organized a moment of creativity during NEST on September 14 for all of our K–8 students as we participated in International Dot Day.

International Dot Day is a global celebration of creativity, courage, and collaboration that was inspired by the book *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds. The main character, Vashti, is encouraged to trust in her own abilities by being brave enough to “make her mark”. The Dot ignites a journey of self-discovery and confidence as students recognize that everyone is an artist and everyone has the ability to discover the power and potential of creativity in all they do. Our collective dots (1,400 of them) are displayed in our administration building for the school year to remind everyone that even small moments can make a huge impact.

Make your mark...see where it takes you!



Approximately 1,400 dots of self-discovery are displayed in the Orchard Hills administration office at the school.

Peters Canyon *Elementary School*

26900 Peters Canyon Rd., Tustin, CA 92782 • 714/730-7540



Brooke Carreras
Principal

Welcome, Art of Teaching!

Lloyd Cotsen (1929–2017), a philanthropist and a CEO of a skin-care corporation, founded The Art of Teaching in 2001. Teachers made a lasting impact on his life, and Mr. Cotsen wanted to support great teachers on their quest to become exemplary educators.

Last spring, Peters Canyon teachers applied to become Cotsen mentors and mentees. Five teachers were selected as mentees and will be supported over the next two years by the Cotsen Foundation and an on-site mentor, also selected from our school. These six educators, already teacher leaders in their own right, will work alongside one another to further expand their teaching knowledge and skills. The mentees have selected focus areas that include science, math and English language

arts. The Cotsen Foundation funds our on-site coach as well as conferences and workshops that our teachers will be attending.

We are so proud of our Cotsen teachers and are eager to learn with and from them over the next two years.



Teachers Tracey Smith, Becky Salazar, Kelly Morgan, Claudia Battle, Sheri Bauer (coach), and Tiffany McMillan share the art of teaching.

Pioneer *Middle School*

2700 Pioneer Rd., Tustin, CA 92782 • 714/730-7534



Tracey Vander Hayden
Principal

Fall Festival Brings Community Together

Pioneer Middle School's fifth annual Fall Festival was another successful community event! This community celebration would not be possible without our amazing parents, partners in education, alumni students, teachers and students.

All guests had the opportunity to participate in rock wall climbing, listening to band, orchestra, and choir performances, competing in slot car races, playing a variety of carnival games, going through a four-foot maze, and having giant zorb ball relays. Everyone enjoyed delicious foods, treats, and amazing raffle prizes.

Five years ago, Pioneer's PTO had a vision of bringing the community together to welcome them into a new school year. Each year this annual event continues to grow and

builds positive relationships within our community. We encourage our community at large to calendar this event for the fall of 2019.

We guarantee that your families will experience fun, creativity, laughs and enjoyment for all ages.



Students Syna Mirsoltani Fallahi, Tasneem Kerdiya and Jenna Hajdari are excited about the Fall Festival.

Red Hill *Elementary School*

11911 Red Hill Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92705 • 714/730-7543



Tracy Barquer
Principal

School Library Has New Look

Red Hill students and teachers love our newly renovated library. Thanks to some generous donations to our school's "Rocket Launch" program, hundreds of new books were purchased to update our collection. New shelving was also installed to a more child-friendly height, and fun new furniture was

added to entice the students to stay and read for a while.

Media technician Judi Gaines spearheaded this renovation effort, along with TUSD Library Services Supervisor Theresa Walsh. New titles recently purchased for the library include more non-fiction texts, classic favorites, and several recent Caldecott winners. Floor space was expanded so that the children can gather together for story time or lessons on digital media. The new "puddle stools" and "leaf pods" provide comfortable seating with a variety of options.

Our students are inspired by these new arrangements, and love to come in for their weekly scheduled visits as well as our regular lunch and recess drop-in times. Talk around campus now includes discussions about new novels and favorite authors. Read on, Rockets!



First-grade students enjoy the newly-renovated library.

Teachers See the Possibilities

At Oaks Christian School, Mary Kay Altizer applies her passion for the arts and educational technology as she leads the school's performing arts department, including a cutting-edge digital recording and production program.



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Jeane Thorman *Elementary School*

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Deanna Parks
Principal

You've Got a Friend at Thorman!

The Buddy Bench is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster empathy and friendship on the playground. There is no reason to be sad or lonely on a playground with hundreds of students playing. If you need

someone to play with or talk to, you want to make a new friend, or you want to play something different, you simply have a seat at the Buddy Bench. Students know to keep an eye on the bench. If they see someone who needs a friend, they go over, greet a new friend, and include that student in an activity.

At Thorman Elementary School, we focus on being bucket fillers. When you say and do kind things, it fills up

other people's buckets as well as your own. Our goal is for everyone on campus to have full buckets.

The Buddy Bench is a perfect addition to our bucket-filling philosophy, and it's a win-win for everyone!



Students Magaly Solano, Samantha Garcia, Chris Fernandez and Diego Bermudes start a friendship at the Buddy Bench.

Tustin Adult School

1151 San Juan St., Tustin, CA 92780 • 714/730-7395



Will Neddersen
Coordinator

Citizenship Preparation Classes

Students from more than 16 countries are currently enrolled in classes they need to meet their future goals. For some, the goal is to become United States citizens. Tustin Adult School has a class to support that goal.

In citizenship classes, students prepare for the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) interview, which requires a demonstration of English literacy and fluency. Applicants must talk about their personal background and answer questions about U.S. history and government. Come into the classes on Monday and Wednesdays during the day or night to see diligent individuals learning about topics such as democracy, the three branches of government, and the Rule of Law.

As students near their interview date, teachers and volunteers conduct mock interviews to help these students prepare. We find the greatest help comes from students like Shufang Qin, who have passed their interviews and come back to share their experiences.



New U.S. Citizen, Shufang Qin, shares her interview experience with the citizenship class.

Tustin Connect *Online School*

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Dr. Dustin O'Malley
Principal

Maverick Athletes

Across the elementary, middle, and high school campuses, our Tustin Connect students are actively involved in a wide range of athletic pursuits. In fact, many of our student-athletes decided to enroll at Tustin Connect for more flexibility in their lives so that they could accommodate their demanding schedules for training, competition, and travel.

There are many elite and nationally ranked athletes among the Tustin Connect population who travel across the United States and abroad to compete in tournaments. Balancing the demanding schedule of competitive athletics while also thriving academically is no easy task, but the unique flexibility of Tustin Connect allows these students to be highly successful academically

while also pursuing their passions in their specialized sports.

Tustin Connect students can participate in team sports through their Tustin Unified school of residence. Tustin Connect elementary and middle school students can also participate in after-school sports through their school of residence. Our Tustin Connect high school students are participating in some of the highly competitive CIF athletic teams at Beckman, Foothill, and Tustin High Schools.

Whether a student is interested in casual intramural or highly competitive athletics, Tustin Connect provides the access and flexibility that can meet their needs and interests. Athletic participation offers our students the opportunity to develop strong bodies, self-confidence, a strong work ethic, and a host of other lasting benefits to help them thrive now and in the future.

Tustin *High School*

1171 El Camino Real, Tustin, CA 92780 • 714/730-7414



Dr. Jon Tuin
Principal

The Women of STEM Night

Tustin High School's Women of STEM Night was filled with some amazing women and inspirational stories. This second annual event was hosted by the THS Femeiners. It welcomed professionals from various engineering firms, medical companies, and JPL/NASA.

The evening began with brief presentations from women professionals who openly and honestly shared their personal and educational journeys,

including the struggles and successes that led them to work in their fields. After the presentations, our attendees were able to stop by the presenters' tables to have one-on-one conversations about individual interests. Our Tustin High Femeiners, along with the Currie, Pioneer, and Utt Middle Schools' Femeiners, also displayed their projects from the Cal Poly Pomona Femeiner Summit.

It is always incredible for us to bring real-life experiences to our students. The THS Women of STEM Night is a perfect example of our students working together with the community to provide inspiring learning opportunities.



Tustin High Femeiners and Women of STEM presenters prepare for the school's annual event.

Tustin Memorial Academy

12712 Browning Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92705 • 714/730-7546



Sharon Maeda
Principal

iTeam Innovation Lab

Tustin Memorial Academy celebrated a grand re-opening of its iTeam Headquarters Innovation Lab in October. Our iTeam Innovation Lab has seen much success over the past two years. Through collaboration with our PTO and many talented parent volunteers, our scholars and staff members are ready for a new year of

even higher-level STEAM experiences.

We now have new equipment, a new overall design, and an upgraded state-of-the-art video recording studio. Our design team will be continuing to add to the Lab during this year of upgrading as well.

As part of the grand re-opening, our scholars were recently engaged in a school-wide STEAM challenge unit with the theme of helping save “friendly zombies.” Their efforts will involve activities in coding, video production, engineering, entrepreneurship, medical research, and more throughout the year.

TMA is excited to be engaged in some incredible experiences this year in our newly-renovated Innovation Lab!



Teacher Lisa Scheurman's third graders enjoy the newly-renovated iTeam lab.

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Tustin Ranch *Elementary School*

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Kathi Denny
Principal

Getting in the Zone

Tustin Ranch Elementary School's teachers and staff are taking the #TUSDthives campaign to heart with the implementation of Morning Meetings, The Zones of Regulation and Social Thinking in order to create

classrooms that thrive academically and socially. Our very own Kim Gameroz and Jennifer Fitzmaurice led an engaging and informational professional development for all our teachers and staff.

The Zones is a systematic cognitive-behavior approach used to teach self-regulation by noticing and categorizing how we feel, matching the feeling with four color zones: blue, green, yellow and red. These strategies help students become aware of their emotions and

improve their ability to resolve conflict. Social Thinking builds on the zones and brings meaning to our actions and the actions of others. The goal is to teach our students how to share space with others, learn to work as a team, and develop meaningful relationships.



Teacher Kim Gameroz and Speech and Language Specialist Jennifer FitzMaurice share their knowledge of the Zones of Regulation with the school's teachers and staff.

C.E. Utt *Middle School*

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Heather Bojorquez
Principal

ACA Celebration is "Leveling Up"

Have you heard the news? Our Falcon pride is soaring! This school year our students are "leveling up" academically and behaviorally. As part of our theme this year, the staff at Utt have "leveled up" the way we recognize those students who exemplify our PBIS core values of attitude, commitment, and achievement.

At the end of each month our teachers have the opportunity to showcase those students in each period who are role models for our core values. On ACA days, staff rewards these students with wristbands. They are also released from class and celebrated by staff and administrators at our A-quad stage. They are welcomed with cheers, pom-poms, music, pictures, bubbles, and even surprise trips to our "woot woot" cart.

Our PBIS team, in conjunction with the Falcon PTA, are committed to ensuring more frequent and memorable experiences for the students who "level up" and exhibit positive attitude, commitment, and achievement.



ACA Falcons make a trip to the "woot, woot" cart, while Principal Heather Bojorquez, center, and Director of Educational Services Robert Craven blow bubbles and cheer them on.

Marjorie Veeh *Elementary School*

1701 San Juan St., Tustin, CA 92780 • 714/730-7544



Rafael Plascencia
Principal

Counting Collections

During one of our Lab Days, our Veeh teachers had an opportunity to participate in a professional-development training provided by our TUSD Connect Coaches. The training centered on mathematical best practices, utilizing math tasks and Counting Collections.

Counting Collections is a structured opportunity for our students to count a collection of objects. Students might count the items one by one or skip-count by groups. After the students have organized and counted the collection, they get to record on a separate sheet of paper how they counted.

Counting Collections promotes number sense and can challenge students from transitional kindergarten to the upper grades. Number sense is an essential foundation for students to be successful mathematicians. The teachers had an opportunity to observe the Connect Coaches conduct a model lesson in the classroom and later had fun by creating and putting together the manipulatives for their students' future use with Counting Collections.



Veeh teachers create Counting Collections for students: Pamela Quvedo, Sara Smith, Kristen Eddins and Gabriela Rodriguez, with her back to the camera.

Tustin Public Schools Foundation

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Carol Burby Garrett
Executive Director

State of the Schools Breakfast

The Tustin Public Schools Foundation hosted the seventh annual State of the Schools Breakfast on September 22 at Foothill High School.

The keynote speaker was Tustin Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Gregory Franklin. Franklin discussed school and student achievements throughout TUSD and described the District's wellness initiative, #TUSDthrive, ending his presentation with an audience-participation exercise that demonstrated mindfulness.

Foothill High students made several contributions to the event: the orchestra and chorus provided entertainment, cheer team greeted guests, and ASB assisted

with hospitality. The event rotates among the three comprehensive high schools in Tustin Unified. Next year's event will take place at Beckman High School.



Superintendent Dr. Gregory Franklin delivers the keynote speech at the State of the Schools Breakfast.



Guests and students hold TUSD Thrives letters at State of the Schools Breakfast.

Technology in TUSD Schools

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Dr. Grant Litfin
Assistant
Superintendent,
Administrative
Services

Device Pilot: Ready for Launch

The TUSD High School Device Pilot began in October and will run through the end of January. Over this four-month stretch, teachers, instructional coaches, administrators and nearly 3,000 high school students will have hands-on-time with each of the four devices in the running to be the district's next Measure S student device.

Students in pilot classrooms will use each of the possible devices for four consecutive days, completing a feedback survey after each rotation. In January, TUSD high school teachers and students will be able to provide their input via a survey. This will be their device for the next five years, and the district wants everyone's opinion on what will advance the TUSD Connect Initiative the most.

After all the testing and feedback, the District is hopeful that a clear winner will emerge for recommendation to the school board and that brand-new devices are in student hands next fall.



Students in teacher Tracey Kent's class at Beckman High School put their pilot devices to the test as they create Hyperdoc postings about the book, *The Catcher in the Rye*.

Educational Services

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Kathie Nielsen
Deputy
Superintendent

Building Capacity

TUSD teacher-mentors and coaches continue to take the lead in building innovative instruction and engaging practices for our students.

This year, elementary math mentors will share and model instructional practices with all TUSD teachers in order to bolster communication skills and

make a deeper connection with core content and mathematical practices. Math Mentors will also be building grade-level math curriculum resources, lead workshops, and instructional support.

Additionally, our language ELD mentors will share strategies for getting to know the strengths and needs of English learner students, as well as share their exemplary teaching practices in language development and communication. They will encourage our teachers to increase their culturally

responsive teaching practices, and immerse collaborative structures into learning in order to empower student voice.

We are proud that our TUSD teachers are eager to collaborate and learn from each other to bring the best instruction to our deserving students every day.



Math mentors Suzanne Kelly, Jen Resendiz and Laura Horstman learning and collaborating together.

Nutrition Services

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Teresa Squibb
Director

A Look Inside the District Kitchens

I began my dietetic internship five weeks ago at the Tustin Unified School District. As a future dietitian, I walked in unsure of what to expect but certain that I could help design healthful and nutritionally balanced meals.

At school, I learned the basics of what makes a school lunch but did not realize the complexity of creating meals that meet the required nutritional standards. Tustin Unified must follow the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. This act requires Nutrition Services to offer fruits and vegetables, 51 percent whole-wheat grains, protein, and 1 percent or nonfat milk daily.

It was incredible to discover how our district feeds 24,000 students with only a handful of kitchens and equipment. My internship experience allowed me to develop a great appreciation for how much work goes on behind the scenes of school nutrition.



Dietetic intern Rita Nsar and Nutrition Services assistant Vanessa Santos assemble falafel wraps in kitchen at Columbus Tustin Middle School.

Kindergarten Readiness

1701 San Juan St., Tustin, CA 92780 • 714/730-7592



Lauralee Cabibi
*Coordinator
School Readiness*

Healthy and Ready!

Ensuring that preschoolers enter kindergarten healthy and ready to learn is a high priority for the Kindergarten-Readiness Program. TUSD school-readiness nurses Dawn McRitchie and Christy Craig are instrumental in achieving that goal.

Throughout the school year, the nurses work with preschool students, making sure they receive a comprehensive screening.

These screenings include height, weight, body-mass index (BMI), vision and hearing. They also work with parents to complete a developmental screening to determine if students are at risk for developmental delays. Families are offered referrals when students do not pass any of the screenings so that any health concerns are addressed prior to kindergarten.

The students love interacting with the nurses. Upon being fitted with the headphones for the hearing screening, one student exclaimed, "It's just like a pilot!" The school-readiness nurses not only inspire students and connect with families but they also guarantee that students are happy, healthy and ready for kindergarten!



TUSD School Readiness nurse Christy Craig completes a height screening for preschooler Layla Castrejon.

B is for Book



Bailey

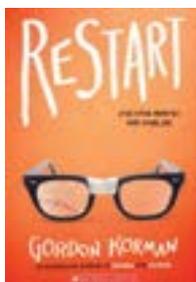
Fantastic to the End!

I just LOVED *Restart*, by Gordon Karman. It made me laugh and kept me interested with the action.

Boom! Chase wakes up in the hospital. What happened? Where's his mother? He can't remember anything, except a blonde girl with a blue dress. With each day that goes by, Chase meets "new" people and finds out "new" things about him that help bring back the memories of his old life: a cherry bombed piano, a stolen medal of honor, a football star, a cruel bully... Will Chase be able to remember his past? Will he be able to fix it? Or will he remain the rotten kid he was before?

Gordon Karman definitely wrote a great book! I like how the book shows the point of view and opinions from the different characters. I rate this book 4 out of 5 stars.

Bailey is a 7th grader who loves being with her friends and reading. When she isn't doing these things, she's dancing ballet or lyrical.



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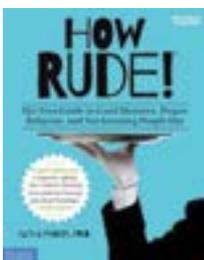
Christina's Book Review



Christina J.

Politely Funny

How Rude!: The Teen Guide to Good Manners, Proper Behavior, and Not Grossing People Out
 By Alex J. Packer, Ph.D



The book title is self-explanatory.

Hands down, this was one of the most enjoyable, fun, informational, entertaining, captivating book I have ever read. "Good manners don't cost anything. You can have the BEST for free." You can look up a specific topic or read the whole thing for all-around understanding of manners. So, why choose good manners? I will answer with one quote from the book: "We used to spend every Christmas with my aunt. I was always nasty, bored and annoying brat. When she died, I lost out on her \$1,000,000 will." There are manners for behaving with friends, parents, teachers, employers and much more. The best part is that the book demonstrates how good manners bring you many benefits (for instance, get you a job or get help from teaches) versus how bad manners are detrimental to your life. I give this book a 5 out of 5 stars. 465 pages, but what a worthy reading!

Christina J. is an 9th grader. Christina is an avid reader, who enjoys a good book about some great adventure, mystery or action. She is a hard-working student and a young author herself. In 5th grade she wrote a book *Melody's Stories: I Am a Spy Now*, published by Studenttreasures Publishing (PIN #3582798).

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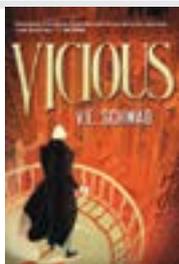
Book Review By Katrina



Dark Twist

Vicious by V.E.

Schwab is a dark twist on superheroes and super villain origins. The story focuses Eli and Victor, two college friends who couldn't be more different, as they work



together to explore and explain EOs or Extra Ordinary people. People with unusual abilities like super strength or metal manipulation. But when Victor proposes they try to make themselves extra Ordinary too, their dreams, futures and very lives spiral out of control. Now flipping between ten years ago and now, Eli and Victor must finally confront each other and settle the score once and for all. Filled with betrayal, murder and a glass of chocolate milk, this book will make you question the fine and often blurred line of heroism and villainy. Schwab is a diabolical genius of a writer with a gift for storytelling and anyone who loves heroes, villains and superpowers will adore this book. Katrina rates this book five out of five crescent moons.

Katrina is an 11th grader who loves to write stories, sketch and lose herself in good books. Katrina hopes to publish a book, research genetics, and animate a cartoon in her lifetime. Katrina will rate the books between 1 to 5 crescent moons with 5 being the best.

Unforgettable Books



Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Harry Potter lives with his aunt Petunia and uncle Vernon, who treat him very badly. But Harry doesn't know that he is extremely special: he was almost killed by Voldermont.

Eleven years later, Harry took out the mail noticing a letter. Uncle Vernon took it away from Harry. But the letter kept coming. One day the letters burst out of everywhere, so uncle Vernon said they would move. A big man named Hagrid came in. He told Harry that the letters were an invitation to Hogwarts, a wizards' school. Harry was dropped off at the train station. On the train he met Hermione and Ron. Some of Harry's adventures at Hogwarts include Quidditch, a game played on brooms, and trying to stop Professor Snape from stealing the sorcerer's stone.

I highly recommend you read this book. I rate it 100 out of 5 stars because its fantasy and excitement make you want to read more.

Sofia is a fifth grader who loves writing. When she isn't submerged into a book, she enjoys doing gymnastics, acting, and singing. Her favorite kind of books are informational books, as she loves learning about new topics. She wants to become a writer or designer when she grows up, and hopes to someday publish a book, called Painting a Path, which she wrote for a school competition.

Isabella's Book Review



Truly Inspiring and Touching

Heidi by Johanna Spyri

Heidi is a sweet young girl that is taken to live with her sour uncle. While Heidi resides in the Alps, she meets the young shepherd who loves food.

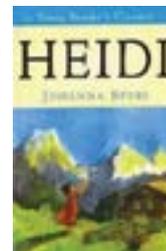
Heidi loves the Swiss Alps but is suddenly sold to a wealthy family in Germany. She is to be friends with Clara, a girl who is paralyzed and is lonely.

On a quest to attempt to see the Alps in a German city, Clara and Heidi escape from the house, landing Heidi in deep trouble. Heidi is sad and attempts to run away. When she is caught and denied permission to return home, Heidi becomes depressed.

When Heidi begins to sleepwalk and go outside at night, the doctor says it is because of her depression. The doctor says that she needs to go home.

Will Heidi be allowed to go home? Or will she find a home in Clara's house?

I would Give Heidi 5 stars. I hung on to every word and anticipated every page



Isabella is a 7th grader and just published her first short story in a school anthology of young authors after winning first prize with her work. She rates books on a 5 star scale.

Richard's Book Review



Daring Escapes

I Survived: True Stories: Extreme Weather! By Lauren Tarshis

This book is about real people experiencing weather disasters like the Joplin tornado, hurricane Sandy and avalanches while skiing.

It's exciting to read about people's daring escapes. I liked how after each of the 3 stories there is a fact sheet about the weather type and a list of rules to help you be safe in each situation. My favorite survival story is about Ariel, who escaped with her family from their house in Rockaway, New York before hurricane Sandy hit. Afterwards Ariel started a Facebook page to help people get connected to places where they could receive help or get donations to replace the things they lost. I give this book a 4 out 5 stars, because I think more details could have been given about each story for more information, but it's definitely a great real-life book that describes helpful skills and provides some good advice.



Richard J. is a 4th grader. Richard likes math, playing sports, physical activities like bike-riding, swimming, diving and running. He is a hard-working student who enjoys reading, seeing and learning new things and spending time with his family and friends.

Rabina's Review



Rabina K.

Humor and Suspense

No Talking

This book could be considered a realistic fiction because kids who are currently reading it or kids who have already read it, could relate to

how things are in a school. The book is about a middle school boy named Dave Packer who is a part of a pack of middle school boys, and a middle school girl named Linsey who represent a group of girls in the same middle school. Both of these groups started a competition against each other to stay quiet. They went through a lot of challenges to lead a 'no talking' day in school or at home. For example, the teacher called on Dave to present his project to the class but, since he could not talk, he had to sacrifice his grades for the victory of his team.

I recommend this book to other kids because not just that this book is full of humor but, it also creates enough suspense at times to sure keep you at the edge of your chair. I give this book 10 out of 10 stars.

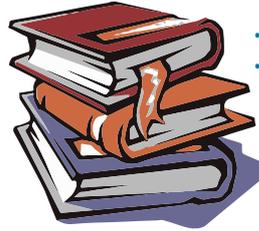
Rabina is a 5th grader, who enjoys reading historical fiction and biographies. Writing is her passion. Besides, reading books and writing, she also enjoys playing soccer and piano.



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Grades of Green

Global Water Campaign

By Jei Florentino

On September 10th, Los Angeles based environmental education nonprofit Grades of Green kicked off its global Water Campaign for middle and high school students. The Water Campaign engages students to research a local water issue, develop an innovative solution, and then share that solution with the community to advocate for policy change. Each team receives personalized support throughout the program from a Grades of Green Mentor. Last year's winning Water Campaign teams collectively conserved and protected a total of nearly 900,000 gallons of water. Now, over 80 student teams from 10 different countries are competing to win the \$1,000 grand prize for the team with the most impressive overall impact.



Are you interested in joining a Grades of Green Campaign? Email info@gradesofgreen.org for more information on how to sign your school up for Grades of Green's Waste Campaign beginning January 2019!

Grades of Green has been empowering students to take action to care for the environment since 2010. In this short time, Grades of Green has helped mentor over half a million students across 21 countries. Based in California, they provide personalized mentorship to hundreds of students in the greater Los Angeles area. To find out more information about Grades of Green, email info@gradesofgreen.org and follow us on Instagram @gradesofgreen.

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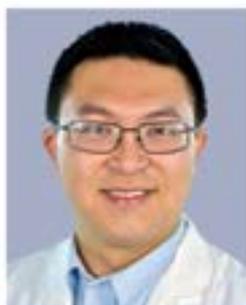
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