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What does it take to be Future Ready?



Gardenhill Elementary School students participating in Robotics activity. Gardenhill ES was recognized as Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Distinguished School Launch.

What does it take to be Future Ready? As a district, we have asked this question and ponder on the demands and expectations society is placing on our future generations. For the first time in history, millennials, now in their twenties and thirties fear a worse future than previous generations. So, as educators, how do we see the future and what is our role in it? It is precisely this view of society influenced by social media, political influences, and economic factors that propels us to advocate for education today more than ever. As a district we are optimistic, for we believe in what we do today will create a better tomorrow.

Think of the work of a gardener, one whose labor is rooted in conviction, knowing that a simple seed will blossom into a flower or plant. A gardener knows the investment in weeding, pruning, grafting, and watering will create the optimal conditions for plants to survive and flourish. The extraordinary work of a gardener gives us a sense of hope. When we see a beautiful flower or eat a delicious fruit, we know the gardener's efforts paid off and our society is better because of that.

The work of a teacher is the same as that of a gardener. As educators we believe in planting the seeds of knowledge in every student. A teacher knows that every minute invested in teaching, reteaching, motivating, intervening, modifying, listening, advocating, mentoring and nurturing creates the optimal conditions for students to thrive and to be ready for the FUTURE. The work of our teachers gives us a sense of hope for the future and our students. We are indeed a joyous and caring community fulfilling Our Promise: Every Student. Future Ready!

¿Qué se necesita para estar preparado para el futuro?



Lampton Elementary School students demonstrating model behavior during reading time. Lampton ES was awarded Silver Recognition for its Positive Behavior

¿Qué se necesita para estar preparado para el futuro? Como un distrito, hemos formulado esta pregunta y reflexionamos sobre las demandas y expectativas que la sociedad está poniendo en nuestras futuras generaciones. Por primera vez en la historia, los milenarios, ahora en sus veintes y treinta, temen un futuro peor que las generaciones anteriores. Entonces, como educadores, ¿cómo vemos el futuro y cuál es nuestro papel en él? Es precisamente esta visión de la sociedad influenciada por las redes sociales, las influencias políticas y los factores económicos lo que nos impulsa a abogar por la educación hoy más que nunca. Como distrito somos optimistas, porque creemos que lo que hacemos hoy creará un mañana mejor.

Piense en el trabajo de un jardinero, cuyo trabajo se basa en convicción, sabiendo que una simple semilla se convertirá en una flor o planta. Un jardinero sabe que la inversión en, deshierbar, podar, injertar, y regar creará las condiciones óptimas para que las plantas sobrevivan y prosperen. El trabajo extraordinario de un jardinero nos da un sentir de esperanza. Cuando vemos una flor hermosa o comemos una fruta deliciosa, sabemos que los esfuerzos del jardinero dieron sus frutos y nuestra sociedad está mejor gracias a eso.

El trabajo de un maestro es el mismo que el de un jardinero. Como educadores, creemos en plantar las semillas del conocimiento en cada estudiante. Un maestro sabe que cada minuto invertido en enseñar, re enseñar, motivar, intervenir, modificar, escuchar, abogar, ser un mentor y educar, crean las condiciones óptimas para que los estudiantes prosperen y estén preparados para el FUTURO. El trabajo de nuestros maestros nos da un sentir de esperanza para el futuro y nuestros estudiantes. Ciertamente somos una comunidad alegre y cariñosa realizando Nuestra promesa: Cada estudiante. ¡Preparado para el futuro!

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This is our 9th year publishing the NLMUSD *School News*. Thank you for continuing to include *School News* among your reading choices.

Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian begins this issue with her article on the front page, "What does it take to be future ready?" Her informative article answers that question in depth.

Our next issue is May 20, 2020.



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What Makes A Pregnancy High Risk?



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Each year, nearly 4 million babies are born in the U.S. The majority of women experience a routine pregnancy. However, some women experience medical difficulties, making their pregnancy high-risk. Conditions that cause a pregnancy to become high-risk can put mom and baby at an increased risk for complications. Factors that increase a woman's chance of having a high-risk pregnancy, include:

- Pre-existing health problems, such as diabetes, obesity or high blood pressure.
- Use of alcohol, illegal drugs or tobacco.
- The mother's age (younger than 17 or over 35).
- Multiple babies (i.e., twins or triplets).
- Multiple prior miscarriages.
- The baby being diagnosed with a genetic condition, poor growth or a physical malformation.
- Development of preterm labor or pre-eclampsia.
- Abnormal location of the placenta, especially with a previous cesarean section delivery.
- Problems during a previous pregnancy.

When a woman is diagnosed with a high-risk pregnancy, she'll need to see a physician with special training, like a maternal-fetal specialist, also known as a perinatologist. At the Cherese Mari Lulhere BirthCare Center at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach, a maternal-fetal specialist is available in the hospital 24/7 to manage complex maternity and fetal care. Just down the hall from the delivery suites is a level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Our neonatologists and an expert care team are available to care for newborns and their families under one roof.

For more information about why women with high-risk pregnancies should choose Miller Children's & Women's, visit millerchildrens.org/OneRoof.



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At 26 weeks, Stephanie's water broke and she was rushed to her local hospital. At the recommendation of her doctor, Stephanie was transported to MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach. Maternal-fetal medicine specialists and neonatologists, who are in-house 24/7, delayed delivery, and Izabell was born at 33 weeks. Izabell was taken just down the hall to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit under the same roof as Stephanie – so mom and baby were never separated during their care.



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Every Student. Future Ready. Our Promise!

Education is a wonderful thing. For many of us, education has opened doors to a life that was once unattainable. Children typically grow up to aspire to be like their family members or some other influential adults in their neighborhoods. However, with the popularity of the internet and social media, students and people alike are exposed to so much more of what the world has to offer. Opening a sense of curiosity that could spark tomorrow's thinkers to make the world a better place. It is our duty to cultivate that possibility.

We at this district are like a family, one can count on our school administration, counselors and teachers to provide a solid foundation in learning and development while pushing the envelope with unique pathways and innovative techniques on learning! Small school values combined with 21st century technology allow NLMUSD to remain at the forefront of education, often times serving as an example to surrounding districts. None of this is possible without building strong relationships between all stakeholders. Knowing the names of each student in addition to the names of parents and siblings is one of the things that make NLMUSD not only a phenomenal district, but a family.

Our School Board understands the importance of supporting our teachers and administration while maintaining fiscal responsibility for the betterment of Norwalk La Mirada School District. Thank you for allowing us to represent your interests as a community and the interests of NLM students!

The message rings loud and clear as we move closer to 2020. Every Student. Future Ready. Our Promise! Is not just a catchy phrase that looks nifty on a t-shirt. We want to continue to provide the necessary resources to all of our students to be successful.

Todo estudiante. Preparado para el futuro. ¡Nuestra promesa!

La educación es una cosa maravillosa. Para muchos de nosotros, la educación ha abierto puertas a una vida que alguna vez fue inalcanzable. Los niños generalmente crecen para aspirar a ser como sus familiares u otros adultos influyentes en sus vecindarios. Sin embargo, con la popularidad del Internet y las redes sociales, tanto los estudiantes como las personas están expuestos a mucho más de lo que el mundo tiene para ofrecer. Abriendo una sensación de curiosidad que podría encender una chispa en los pensadores del mañana para hacer del mundo un lugar mejor. Es nuestro deber cultivar esa posibilidad.

¡En este distrito somos como una familia, uno puede contar con la administración de nuestra escuela, los consejeros, y los maestros para proporcionar una base sólida en el aprendizaje y el desarrollo al mismo tiempo que hacemos lo máximo posible con caminos únicos y técnicas innovadoras para el aprendizaje! Los pequeños valores escolares combinados con la tecnología del siglo 21 permiten que NLMUSD permanezca a la delantera de educación, a menudo sirviendo como ejemplo para los distritos vecinos. Nada de esto es posible sin construir relaciones sólidas entre todos los interesados. Conocer los nombres de cada estudiante además de los nombres de padres y hermanos es una de las cosas que hacen que NLMUSD no solo sea un distrito fenomenal, sino una familia.

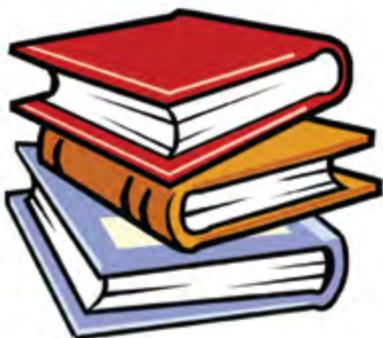
Nuestra Junta Escolar comprende la importancia de apoyar a nuestros maestros y administración mientras se mantiene la responsabilidad fiscal para el mejoramiento del Distrito Escolar de Norwalk-La Mirada. ¡Gracias por permitirnos representar sus intereses como comunidad y los intereses de los estudiantes de NLM!

El mensaje suena fuerte y claro a medida que nos acercamos a 2020. Todo estudiante. Preparado para el futuro. ¡Nuestra promesa! No es solo una frase pegadiza que se ve elegante en una camiseta. Queremos continuar brindando los recursos necesarios a todos nuestros estudiantes para que sean exitosos.



Ana Valencia
President

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



2019 – 2020



As a school community, we are extremely proud of the accomplishments of your students. Here are some of the highlights:



Dr. Hasmik Danielian
Superintendent

- Our district, NLMUSD received a Golden Bell Award (the Oscars for education) for its 2020 Learning Initiative, providing a model in technology implementation for districts across the state.
- Gardenhill Elementary – has been recognized as Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Distinguished School Launch.
- Norwalk High School Engineering program has received the highest level of the SkillsUSA Chapter Excellence Program – Models of Excellence!
- Lampton Elementary was awarded Silver Recognition for its Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) implementation.
- Morrison Elementary School and Foster Road Elementary were selected by Innovate Public Schools as Top Los Angeles Public Schools for Underserved Students. Morrison also received the state’s Civic Learning Award program.
- Los Coyotes Middle School, already a Gold Ribbon School, was selected as a California Green Ribbon School.
- El Camino High School was selected as Model Continuation High School for 2018-2019.
- And the list goes on...

Indeed, the board’s vision and the partnerships we have established with our parents and community organizations have been pivotal to continue servicing both cities, Norwalk and La Mirada to ensure a better tomorrow.

Every Student. Future Ready. Our Promise!

Como comunidad escolar, estamos extremadamente orgullosos de los logros de sus estudiantes. Aquí tienen algunos de los más destacados:

- Nuestro distrito, NLMUSD recibió un Premio ‘Golden Bell’ (los premios Oscar de educación) por su Iniciativa de Aprendizaje 2020, proporcionando un modelo de implementación de tecnología para los distritos de todo el estado.
- Primaria Gardenhill: ha sido reconocida como la escuela distinguida del lanzamiento de Project Lead the Way (PLTW).
- El programa de Ingeniería de la Secundaria Norwalk ha recibido el nivel más alto del Programa ‘SkillsUSA Chapter Excellence Program’- ¡Modelos de Excelencia!
- La Primaria Lampton recibió la premiación de ‘Silver Recognition’ por su implementación de Comportamiento Positivo Intervención y Apoyo (PBIS, por sus siglas en inglés).
- La Escuela Primaria Morrison y Primaria Foster Road por haber sido seleccionadas por ‘Innovate Public Schools’ como las mejores escuelas públicas de Los Ángeles para Estudiantes Desatendidos. Morrison también recibió el programa del estado de Premio Aprendizaje Cívico.
- La Escuela Intermedia Los Coyotes, ya una Escuela ‘Gold Ribbon’, fue seleccionada como una Escuela de California ‘Green Ribbon’.
- La Escuela Secundaria El Camino fue seleccionada como una Escuela Secundaria de Continuación Modelo para 2018-2019.
- Y la lista continúa...

Ciertamente, la visión de la junta de educación y las alianzas que hemos establecido con nuestros padres y organizaciones comunitarias han sido fundamentales para continuar prestando servicios a ambas ciudades, Norwalk y La Mirada, para asegurar un mejor mañana.

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Laurel Parker
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Opening Doors to All

The year began on Wednesday, August 14, and we're off to a great start! This year we are partnering with the Adult School to offer both Child Development and GED classes. We're working hard to build a pipeline for our parents to meet the qualifications for work in childcare positions or as para-educator substitutes.

The Child Development classes began on August 22

at Ramona (with 29 parents enrolled), and the GED classes began in September. Other activities planned for our parents include a research-based parenting series called "Abriendo Puertas" (Opening Doors) that we will be offering at Huerta beginning in September.

We are providing early education to 1,003 children this year at eleven sites and homes. We will also be working this year to gather more information about how to run Early Head Start classes, with the plan to begin implementing them in the coming years.



Liam has a big smile on his first day of preschool!

Adult School

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Student Lauren Fields works independently on a high school diploma class.

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Benton *MS Visual & Performing Arts Magnet*

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Benjamin Webster
Principal

Off and Running

Benton is excited to begin a new year of learning, performances, and shows. Coming off an excellent year of academic growth, our staff and students are ready to show why Benton is the “World’s Greatest Middle School.”

Construction on the field and exterior of our school is 95 percent complete, and our Wolverines are now enjoying the beautiful landscaping, fresh lawns, and amazing track. Benton is blessed with a beautiful campus, and we greatly appreciate the support from our district and community during the renovation process.

Benton has also added several new teachers this year. Mr. Easton in social studies, Mrs. Nitschke in drama, and Mr. Franks in special education have joined the best staff in the district. We are thrilled to have them become a part of our team.

As a visual and performing arts school, we have a full schedule of performances this year for the community to enjoy. The Music Department conducts multiple concerts throughout the year, including the Fall Concert which was on October 3, Beginners Take Flight on October 29, the Winter Concerts on December 5 and 6, the Winter Choir Concert on December 2, and our Spring Concerts on February 27 and 28.

The Drama Department will be performing “Goldilocks On Trial” on November 13, 15, 21, and 22. The spring musical is scheduled for March 20, 21, 27, and 28. The VAPA Festival will be held on May 14 and will feature art, media arts, photography, drama, instrumental music, and choir.

Finally, our Showcase Night is on Thursday, November 14. This is the best time to check out our amazing programs, and the entire community is welcome to join us. If you are looking for a school that cultivates creativity and provides an excellent education to students in a caring environment, Benton may be the place for you.

Chavez *Elementary School*

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Gabriela Galvez-Reyna
Principal

Restorative Practice

Our staff is very excited this year to continue our mission of empowering all students toward high achievement. This summer, we completed training in restorative practice to ensure that we are building a strong learning community in which students have good relationships with their peers and staff members. Teachers, paraeducators, media tech and supervision aides—90% of our staff—attended the training so that we can all grow our thinking together. Our student support specialist made sure that all the adults on campus have the restorative questions literally in hand to prompt them when debriefing a student conflict. In the teacher’s lounge and all over campus, adults support one another in making the changes needed to best support our students when they need it most!



Our adults are learning about Restorative Practices and Circles and you can see it in action!

In the classrooms, teachers are implementing the practice of circle time in which student get to share their thinking as they build their classroom learning community. During staff meetings, teachers and support staff are also building their knowledge and strengthening school culture as they participate in circles.

Corvallis *MS Arts & Technology Magnet*

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Dr. Nancy Ruvalcaba
Principal

Capturing Kids’ Hearts

Teachers, staff, and administrators all have a hand in setting the tone at any school site. At Corvallis, we continue to implement intentional practices that ensure our students will feel safe, connected, and most importantly, welcomed as part of the Bulldog Family.

Our teachers fist-bump our Bulldogs at their doors, greet students at the gate, and work collaboratively with their classes to build and implement social contracts which help to set our expectations for the school year. We continue these practices learned at past Capturing Kids’ Hearts trainings, because we all see the value of building strong relationships with our students to help engage them in the rigor of our STEAM- focused academic work.

Not only has this helped to set a positive tone for the school year, it also reminds us that we are not only in the field of learning, we are also in a field that helps support the development of the whole child.



Corvallis teacher, Mr. Davis, sets up affirmation bags for his classroom.

Dolland *Elementary School*

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Lorena Sierra
Principal

Preparing Our Students

Dolland Elementary School is at it again! We are growing our skills, knowledge, and programs to provide the best learning experiences for our students.

This year, Dolland has become a Dual Immersion and College Preparatory Academy. We are providing opportunities for all students participate in our dual immersion program and learn in two languages, English and Spanish, and we are growing our students to be future ready and capable of competing in a global economy.

In addition, we have extended Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) school wide. Our goal is to instill college readiness in all our students by implementing highly effective AVID strategies, which support student access



Loving learning at Dolland!

to learning. AVID also establishes strong systems that support curriculum and instruction and facilitates increased parent outreach to build a connected community focused on improving the academic performance of all students.

It’s going to be a great school year! Go, Huskies!

Dulles *Elementary School*

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Shanti Gallegos
Principal

Kindness Movement Continues

Three years ago, a kindness movement began at Dulles Elementary School. This year, we continue to build momentum. We teach and promote character education to develop young citizens of the future. Our school rules are C.A.R.E.:

- Care about safety.
- Achieve your best.
- Respect yourself and others.
- Embrace responsibility.
- Kind acts are found in each of these rules.

We raised money to help others fight diseases through our service-learning projects that included Jump 4 Heart, Kiwanis Duck Races and Pennies for Patients. Kind comments were written and posted by and for teachers, staff and students. We created a schoolwide kindness quilt that hangs in our cafeteria, illustrating kind acts by students. Each student and staff member received a #Choosekindness shirt to create an environment where everyone belongs. We created a human heart on a day we all wore our shirts and took a schoolwide drone photo to commemorate this event.



Dulles Kindness Movement #CHOOSEKINDNESS

This year, students are recognized weekly for kind acts. They are sent to the principal for a kind-act phone call home. Our goal is to promote kindness, help others, and develop empathy. At Dulles, we are developing the character of our citizens of the future. We invite you to help us keep the kindness movement going. #Choosekindness!

Eastwood *Elementary School*

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Darryll Ramsey Jr.
Principal

Our i-Ready Summer Challenge

This summer the students of Eastwood were challenged to continue working on their reading and math skills by logging into i-Ready and completing their lessons. Our PTA incentivized the challenge by rewarding those students with the highest usage the opportunity to “slime” the principal!

Our students took the challenge on. The top 25 participants totaled over 22,000 minutes, or almost 375 hours. Staff, administration, and families celebrated their efforts at the first assembly of the school year, and as promised, the slime began to flow!



Mr. Ramsey gets slimed by summer challenge winners!

Each student took their turn in pouring slime and being recognized in front of the entire school. A big congratulations goes to Allen Ebreo, who was the top user with 1,864 minutes logged.

Now that school is in full swing we are excited to be seeing the rewards of all the hard work that was completed during the summer.

El Camino *High School*

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Mark Hunter
Principal

A Model School

Back in April, El Camino High School was recognized as a Model Continuation School by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond.

Of our school, Mr. Thurmond declared that, “Through commitment and hard work, you have created a nurturing and supportive environment where students feel inspired to reach their full potential. Thank you for providing innovative programs and comprehensive services to better serve students with diverse needs.”



ASB supporting the American Red Cross by feeding the donors and passing out T-shirts.

Our goal is to continue to offer the finest customer service to our students and their families. All of our students are offered the chance to meet their A-G requirements. We also continue to offer Spanish, graphic design (both beginning and advanced), art and art tech, yearbook, and ASB. Every student is future-ready after attending El Camino High School!

Edmondson *Elementary School*

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Sharon Stewart
Principal

Eagles Talk

What does an individual need to be able to do during a job interview? If you are charismatic, confident, and articulate and can convince the interview panel that you are the best one for the job, then you're hired!

Through our district's #NLMTALKS Campaign, our teachers have been able to support our students with this essential life skill of being great communicators. This is the common thread that runs through our focus areas of literacy, math, and college and career readiness.



Edmondson Elementary 4th graders are engaging in academic discourse to practice their active listening and speaking skills, while using the inside-outside structure during their language arts time. Students felt that this “Getting to Know You” activity at the beginning of the school year was a great start to a year full of positive relationships and a strong classroom community!

Using a growth mindset, our teachers are fostering a safe learning environment, where students feel comfortable speaking. We thoughtfully plan highly engaging questions that elicit rich conversations and engage our students in a variety of conversation structures, including lines of communication, inside-outside circle, and others. These strategies allow them to develop their communication skills with teacher providing support along the way.

Go, mighty Eagles!

Escalona *Elementary School*

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Bonnie Lytle
Principal

Don't Just Fly...SOAR!

The Escalona Elementary School Eagles are excited about the 2019–2020 school year. This year, Escalona staff welcomed more than 535 students to the new school year, and both staff and students hit the ground running with a commitment to high levels of academic learning paired with positive behavior.

Escalona's Positive Behavior Support Plan is built on three Bs: Be respectful, Be responsible, and Be safe. Teachers and students review the positive behavior plan daily, emphasizing respectful, responsible and safe behavior for the various locations around campus. In the few short weeks that school has been in session, we have seen positive and appropriate behavior from students across all grade levels. This positive behavior gives teachers more time to teach and provides all students with a productive learning environment.

There are a few new faces among Escalona's staff. In first grade, we welcome Mrs. Citizen. Two new fourth-grade teachers are Mrs. Jauregui and Ms. Genberg. And our new Special Day Class teachers are Mrs. Asbury and Ms. Torres. The five educators are a great addition to our campus.

Finally, Escalona's wonderful PTA is active! We have an energetic and enthusiastic group of volunteers who have already planned wonderful events for the school year! I encourage everyone to join the Escalona PTA—and don't just fly with us...SOAR!



Gardenhill *Elementary School*

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Sarah Gilbert
Principal

Growing Every Day!

Welcome, Gardenhill families! This year all of the classrooms in kindergarten through fifth grade were involved in our "The First 10 Days of Math" activities. These activities guide our students in how to never give up, show that everyone is a math person, instruct on how to have conversations in math, and get them all ready for work that will revolve around problem-solving.

Math routines, hand signals, dissecting word problems, and the concept of "yet" are techniques that our students will be using throughout the day. Our students are also involved in growth-mindset activities that remind them that every day they are able to grow their brains the same as working out a muscle.

All of our Gardenhill classrooms are trying on CGI lessons where the students can dive into problem-solving and then explain the solutions to their peers. Learning SRQ's that stand for "Sense Making, Standards, Research, Respect, Quest, and Questioning" are a big part of our weekly Professional Learning activities, and we are excited to be diving in!



Mrs. McKinley's Third Grade Class

Foster Road *Elementary School*

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Salvador Villagomez
Principal

Making an Impact

Foster Road Elementary School teachers continue on their path toward implementing instructional strategies that make an impact in student learning. The cornerstone of our efforts are the weekly Professional Learning Community (PLC) meetings. Through teacher collaboration and staff support, we can make a real impact that will improve the growth of all students.

Along with our work on maintaining clear Daily Learning Targets, increased opportunities for student discourse, embedded small-group instruction, and integrated use of technology, we are on the right track toward making the Foster Road learning

experience a positive one. All efforts are geared toward achieving real progress in the academic achievement of all of our students on a day-to-day basis.

At Foster Road, we encourage our students to strive for Safety, Take responsibility, Achieve their best, and Respect themselves and others—they are STARS! We aim to ensure a bright future for all of our STARS!



Glazier *Elementary School*

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Dr. Susan Newcomb
Principal

What a Year!

This new school year at Glazier has started off with great parent involvement, amazing teacher dedication, and terrific student excitement.

Our Back to School Night was one of the best in memory, with many classes averaging over 80 percent attendance. The PTA at Glazier is thriving too, and we invite all community members to join our PTA family for just eight dollars. We are looking forward to the annual Fall Festival on Friday, November 1, and invite the entire community to enjoy this family-focused event with staff.

Academically, our teachers are dedicated to bringing the best research-based approaches to student learning. They recently demonstrated their dedication by engaging in summer training to help support early literacy and math development, including technology supports. In our focus on building students of character, the Golden Gladiator recognition also continues on the first Wednesday of each month, highlighting character traits and our Students of the Month from each classroom.

Our "College Wear Wednesday" has been a big hit among students and staff, and it reminds our children to build plans and mindsets for continued education. The student store for redeeming Glazier Dollars is open on the last Friday of each month to reinforce our student behaviors. Community donations and volunteers are always welcome!

Parent partnership has been terrific in our safe campus procedures, and which have been expanded. It helps to make the campus very smooth and efficient, while also creating the safety to expand student responsibility in a variety of ways.

Lastly, Glazier's visual and performing arts continue to flourish, with music every Tuesday for students, and Frozen Junior as our fall feature show on November 21 and 22 at 6 p.m. Please save the date and enjoy a wonderful, memorable show with our talented students.

It's great to be a Glazier Gladiator! Check us out on glazierelementary.org, or come in for a tour today.

Glenn *High School*

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Francisco Ramirez
Principal

Kindness Movement Continues

Three years ago, a kindness movement began at Dulles Elementary School. This year, we continue to build momentum. We teach and promote character education to develop young citizens of the future. Our school rules are C.A.R.E.:

- Care about safety.
- Achieve your best.
- Respect yourself and others.
- Embrace responsibility.
- Kind acts are found in each of these rules.

We raised money to help others fight diseases through our service-learning projects that included Jump 4 Heart, Kiwanis Duck Races and Pennies for Patients. Kind comments were written and posted by and for teachers, staff and students. We created a schoolwide kindness quilt that hangs in our cafeteria, illustrating kind acts by students. Each student and staff member received a #Choosekindness shirt to create an environment where everyone belongs. We created a human heart on a day we all wore our shirts and took a schoolwide drone photo to commemorate this event.



Mr. Mason and his IDS students
striving for increased math proficiency.

This year, students are recognized weekly for kind acts. They are sent to the principal for a kind-act phone call home. Our goal is to promote kindness, help others, and develop empathy. At Dulles, we are developing the character of our citizens of the future. We invite you to help us keep the kindness movement going. #Choosekindness!

Hutchinson *MS Math, Science, Technology Magnet*

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Robin Padgett
Principal

PLTW Engineering

Hutchinson Middle School's Project Lead The Way (PLTW) program has grown this year to include a distinctive high school level course: Engineering Essentials. Our eighth-grade students are led by PLTW's National Teacher of the Year, Kelly Garcia, in this rigorous course, which introduces them to the PLTW Engineering Pathway for high school.

This innovative course offers unique challenges for our students. It incorporates computer science, engineering, and bio-medical content, providing a strong foundation for pathways offered at La Mirada High School. This course also includes exposure to a variety of careers. Our students have already had their first workplace tour at a national robotics and space research center during the second week of school.

Our students are excited about this opportunity. Hutchinson has the only eighth-grade class in the United States participating in this exciting course!



PLTW Engineering Essentials students toured the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in August.
They saw the Mars Rover and drone in person!

Johnston *Elementary School*

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Angela Togia
Principal

Commitment to Greatness

Our extraordinary Johnston Staff launched a fabulous start to the 2019–20 school year. Students were welcomed on the first day of school by our cheering staff as they walked through our gates, creating a positive school atmosphere.

We are extremely proud of our Roadrunners' attendance rate—at 98% this year so far! Teachers are preparing students to have a growth mindset by building strong classroom cultures and systems through the first 10 Days of Math/ELA routines. Students participated in PBIS rotations and a schoolwide assembly to review the expectations of being safe, responsible and respectful. We were also honored with a special visit from our Norwalk mayor, Margarita Rios.



Johnston had the pleasure of having a special visit
from our Norwalk Mayor Margarita Rios.

Our Johnston Staff has made a commitment to greatness! We are dedicated to helping all students to be future ready, and it is our promise to continue to put each and every student on their personal journey to greatness!

La Mirada *High School*

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Lisa Reed
Principal

Be Here. Be You. Belong.

La Mirada High School has launched a button campaign to improve school culture and student connectedness. This theme calls students to "Be Here" - having positive attendance, present in conversations with teachers and peers to stay engaged on campus. We want to challenge students to "Be You" - each student unique in their talents and passions and not swayed by peer pressures. The ultimate goal is to have students "Belong" - each and every student participating in a club, pathway, athletics, band, MSA and more! Each with a button for students to show where they belong! At La Mirada High School, there is something here for everyone!



La Pluma *Elementary School*

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Terry Pace
Principal

Be Respectful, Responsible, Safe

We are excited to announce our Bronze Medal recognition for our work around Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Our implementation of positive-behavior reinforcement, unified staff messaging, data analysis focused on behavior interventions and supports, and common mannerisms across our

campus earned us this recognition. Thank you to our entire learning community for your hard work and commitment toward implementing PBIS and creating the conditions to maximize academic and social behavioral outcomes for all students.

This award reinforces our belief in addressing the needs of the whole child and the importance of a team working collectively on behalf of the students we serve. We will continue to instill in our students the importance of safety, respectfulness, responsibility and kindness on the La Pluma campus in order to meet their needs both socially and academically.

Congratulations, Team La Pluma! We did it!



**Congratulations,
Team La Pluma!**

Los Alisos *MS Math, Science, Technology Magnet*

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Dr. Majid Salehi
Principal

Community Garden Club

The Los Alisos Community Garden Club is a student-led group within the Los Alisos Associated Student Body. The stated goal of the club is to provide “nutrition, education, empowerment and a healthier lifestyle” to the local community that Los Alisos Middle School has the pleasure of serving.

This past year, the Los Alisos Community Garden Club raised \$24,000 to construct a garden on the Los Alisos campus. Over the summer, students, staff and community volunteers planted cucumbers, pumpkins and corn in the garden, to great success!

The garden will be used to embed curriculum in a hands-on manner, host the Los Alisos Garden Club, and begin the Horticulture Positive Support Team (HPST). The HPST’s goal is to use the garden atmosphere to help students facing strong challenges.



We are also on track to host the first community pumpkin patch within the populations that Los Alisos Middle School serves. On Thursday, Oct. 17, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., please join us at Los Alisos as we hold our first harvest festival and pumpkin patch for the local community. It will be filled with fun, music, food, face painting and pumpkins!

Lampton *Elementary School*

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Cindy Rayburn
Principal

Logon and Learn

Lampton Elementary School has made a great start to the new school year. New friends and old pals have been united in classroom lessons and outdoor play.

Every classroom has completed a rotation of lessons to reinforce our school-wide behavior expectations to “Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe.” Our teachers have been studying ways to deepen students understanding of math through Cognitively Guided Instruction. In our classrooms, you will find evidence of this learning in activities such as small-group instruction, counting collections of items with partners, rigorous problem solving, and choral counting by whole numbers and even fractions.

Lampton students have begun their computer-based assessments using their classroom digital tablets. These assessments provide teachers with specific information about the strengths and needs of each individual student. Once these assessments are complete, each student will have computer lessons prescribed for their specific learning needs. These lessons can also be accessed from home, so students can do extra practice or extend their learning from their home computers.



It’s going to be a great year for our Lampton Dolphins, so logon and learn on!

Los Coyotes *MS Centurion Honors and Medical/Forensics Magnet*

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Dr. Jacob Muñiz
Principal

Distinguished Award

Los Coyotes Middle School is very proud to share that we are the highest scoring middle school in Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District! In ELA over 60% of our students met or exceeded the standard on the SBAC. Due to this phenomenal achievement Educational Results Partnership (ERP) named Los Coyotes as an

“Honor Roll School” for the second time in 3 years. This distinguished award is a testament to the high standards and rigorous instruction that the staff at Los Coyotes Middle School provides on a regular basis. Congratulations to the Centurion community for this outstanding accomplishment!



Moffitt *Elementary School*

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Rachelle Trigueros
Principal

Programs Support All

The Moffitt Mustangs are off to a roaring start! We are excited to continue our music and PE programs! This not only supports our students but also our teachers are able to plan as grade-level professional-learning communities (PLCs) weekly.

This year, we continue to implement research-based strategies to increase student engagement and learning. One daily routine we use is student “number talks” to develop student and class conversations. According to researchers Fosnot and Dolk (2002), the purpose of conversation is to support and direct the

development of mathematicians in the classroom learning community rather than fixing mistakes in the children’s work.

We look forward to developing students who love learning by partnering with our parents, district and community in every subject to make this our best year yet!



Mrs. Cowan's third graders discuss their Math thinking during their Number Talk.

Morrison *Elementary School*

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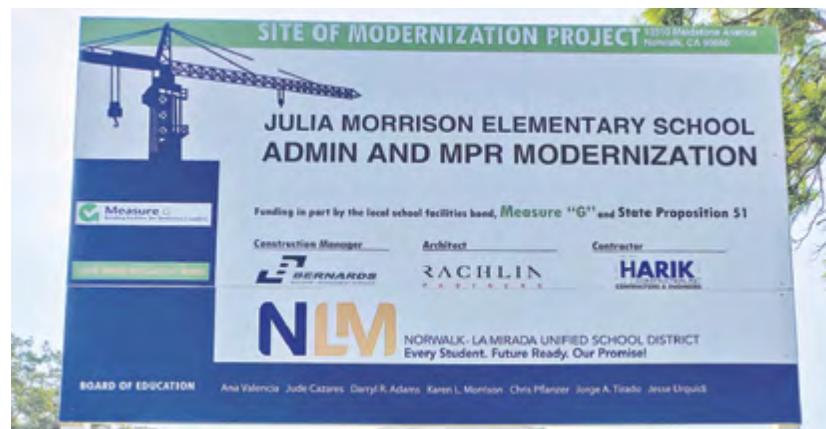


Rudy Gonzalez
Principal

Building Facilities for Tomorrow's Leaders

Welcome to Morrison Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year! Our Measure “G” bond program projects are well underway as we work on improving our facilities. We sincerely appreciate everyone’s patience as we navigate the premises, and please pardon our dust!

Ok, now about that dust! If you are at the site you will see quite a bit of activity around the front of the school, as both the multipurpose room and the administration building are being modernized. While construction is in progress the office has been temporarily located in Room 46, the library.



Our renovations will include HVAC updates, revamped offices, new lighting, electrical, sound systems, a kitchen, and an updated network. Our site already has a new parking lot, and has also received a fresh coat of paint. We can't wait until our students, staff, and community can start enjoying these improvements!

New River *Elementary School*

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Dr. Reanna Mendoza
Principal

A Great Place to Be!

The New River Elementary School community is off to a positive start, living up to its motto “A Great Place to Be!” Students, families and staff are working together to ensure a positive school climate for our Knights. The beginning of the 2019–2020 school year has brought on a renewed sense of school pride.

As a staff, we are committed to strengthening instructional practices around the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District focus of #NLMTalks. Teachers are purposefully designing opportunities for students to engage in academic discourse. As students do this, they are deepening their understanding of the content and taking ownership of their learning.

Additionally, the staff at New River is committed to developing a strong sense of community to support the academic and socio-emotional needs of our developing students. We are planning to host a variety of educational and family fun activities to bring students and their families to campus so they will become actively engaged in the school setting.

Pride in learning is developing across the New River campus!



Norwalk *High School*

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Mike Garcia
Principal

Link Crew Orientation

I'm very excited to start my third year as principal of Norwalk High School, where great things are taking place. I am excited to report that we saw gains in our Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) math scores. Our data shows that we will see gains in the number of students who are college and career ready, as well as gains in the percentage of students who are meeting A–G requirements. Go, Lancers!

On August 11, our 11th- and 12th-grade Link Crew leaders welcomed a couple hundred ninth-graders to our Link Crew Freshman Orientation. Our Link Crew leaders, Ms. Perez, our Link coordinator, and a group of dedicated teachers made this an extremely successful event. As a result of the Link Crew orientation, our ninth-graders had a smooth first day at Norwalk High School, and they were able to make connections with 11th- and 12th-grade students that will help them throughout the school year.



Nuffer *Elementary School*

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Makara Sar
Principal

A Busy Fall

The Nuffer Elementary STEAM Academy welcomed parents and Board Member Jesse Urquidi to a Back to School Night Fair on August 21st. Our parents attended a Title 1 and PTO meeting before visiting the classrooms. Afterwards they enjoyed a delicious taco plate and then visited information tables.

At this event, our parents were able to learn about the Parent-Teacher Organization, the McKinney-Vento program, the City of Norwalk Parks and Recreation Department, the Boy Scouts, Public Safety, and many more of the community programs that are available to our students. During dinner the parents sat with each other and shared even more information about our various programs. This was a great way for them to learn about how to keep their children engaged in activities outside of school.

Here at Nuffer we are driven by STEAM Education. This past summer we hosted 20 students for our annual STEAM Camp. This year the students learned how to engineer bridges for architectural beauty as well as efficiency. They even built and took home a lift bridge. The children were excited about the process, and are eager to find out what they will learn next summer.



We also have a STEAM garden that has produced a bountiful harvest of vegetables like squash and green beans. As we are now switching to the fall season, the pumpkins are starting to get ready for Halloween. The students couldn't be happier!

Southeast Academy *High School*

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MSgt. Marty Schaefer
USMC, Director

SBAC Pin of Excellence!

Congratulations Southeast Academy High School on a job well done! With over 50% of seniors meeting or exceeding the standard on the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). In the spring of 2019, all 11th grade cadets were tested in the content areas of Math and Language Arts. Because of our results, this is the first year Southeast Academy High School awarded the SBAC Pins of Excellence to cadets meeting or exceeded the standard. During the pinning ceremony teachers

and counselors pinned the SBAC Pin of Excellence on cadets uniform. With families watching this was an opportunity to showcase cadets academic excellence. SBAC pins will be worn on the cadet's uniform signifying their achievement. Please offer congratulations to cadets wearing the SBAC pins.



Sanchez *Elementary School*

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Alicia Rubio
Principal

Celebrating Already!

What an exciting way to start our school year! Sanchez teachers and staff opened the year with a celebration of the success from the 2018–19 school year. Through the use of academic discourse, writing, integration of the mathematical practices and teacher collaboration, Sanchez students grew over 34% on their beginning and ending diagnostic testing in reading and over 40% from the beginning to the end of their math diagnostic testing. It's no doubt that we are exceeding the state average in overall growth and, more importantly, we are closing the achievement gap for students so that they are prepared for college and career.

As we reflect on the success of last year, we look forward to continuing the work that gave us great results as well as improvement in the areas that still need work. We are all excited—students, parents and staff—about becoming the exceptional school all our students deserve!



Waite *MS Careers Magnet*

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Adriana Nakano
Principal

Waite's Reading Focus

Under the leadership of 6th grade teacher, Marianne Hunt, Waite teachers are ensuring all students have a book in hand and reading! Students are provided with high interest books and are given time to read throughout the week. Studies show students need time to read independently to build endurance and stamina. Reading progress is monitored through iReady results and students stay motivated as they see their progress. This year, 7th and 8th grades are joining the 6th grade team in ensuring ALL students have access to books for pleasure reading. It's an exciting time to be a Waite Panther!

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Common Sense Media

Research: Kids, Media, and Body Image



How kids think, feel, and act about their bodies is a critical piece of their self-esteem and overall healthy development. Common Sense Media's new research report, Children, Teens, Media, and Body Image, examines the role of traditional and digital media in the development of children's and teens' body image. This review of existing research reveals some surprising trends -- such as that half of 6- to 8-year-old girls feel their ideal body size is thinner than their current one -- but it also shows evidence that parents play a huge part in shaping how kids relate to their bodies. Some key findings:

- Many kids are dissatisfied with their bodies, and society's body appearance ideals are highly unrealistic.
- Body-image concerns start early; even preschoolers learn that society judges people by how they look.
- Parents' attitudes toward their own bodies are a big influence on how kids feel about their bodies.
- Unrealistic, sexualized, and stereotypical images and messages about bodies and gender are rampant in the media kids consume.
- Teens feel pressure to look good and cool online but also feel that social media helps their friendships and connections with like-minded peers.
- Although young girls are most susceptible, boys have issues with body image too.

Our report uncovers large gaps in research on body image and media. Several groups -- young children, boys, kids of color, LGBTQ youth -- are not well-studied, and research on online, digital media has yet to keep pace with the explosion in their use by kids and teens

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Office Terms Word Search Contest

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

Entries must be received by November 15, 2019
 From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift card to Barnes & Noble!

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Congratulations to **Brandy De LaRosa and Zadi Nunez**
 Winners of the June Word Search Contest!

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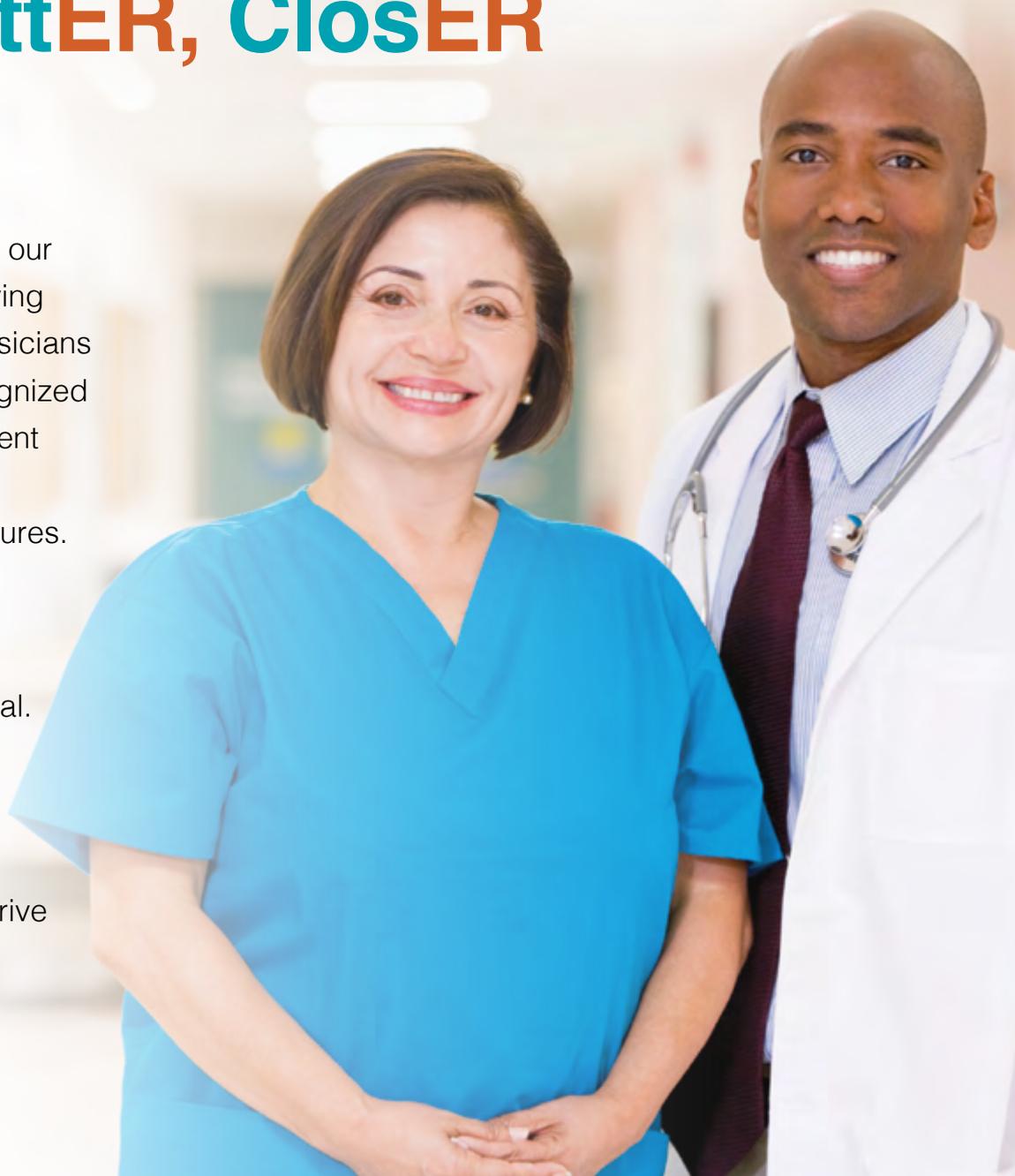
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