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Every child deserves a chance to succeed!
¡Cada niño merece la oportunidad de triunfar!

Preschool Program

HSD Preschools offer early childhood educational programs for children who are three and four-years old. Families must meet State income requirements.

Programa de Preescolar

Las Escuelas Preescolares de HSD ofrecen programas educativos de primera infancia para niños de tres y cuatro años de edad. Las familias deben cumplir con los requisitos de ingresos del Estado.



The Benefits of Preschool

The most important years of a child's development is in the first five years of life. Children who receive a high-quality educational experience, in their early years, develop the skills necessary to succeed in life.

Children who are involved in preschool:

- Develop pre-reading, early writing, and math skills
- Enhance critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Develop emotional behaviors and social skills

Los Beneficios de la Educación Preescolar

Los primeros cinco años de vida son los más importantes en el desarrollo del niño. Los niños que reciben una experiencia educativa de alta calidad, en sus primeros años, desarrollan las habilidades necesarias para triunfar en la vida.

Los niños que participan en la educación preescolar:

- Desarrollan habilidades en matemáticas, escritura y lectura temprana.
- Mejoran el pensamiento crítico y habilidades en resolución de problemas.
- Desarrollan habilidades sociales y comportamiento emocional.



HSD Preschool

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The Census is Coming in 2020

Every 10 years, the Census counts ALL people living in the United States. On April 1, 2020, everyone must be counted, not just citizens—or adults. It does not matter if you are an immigrant, or in high school, or a baby. All family members count!

Schools are trusted messengers. Because an accurate Census is so vital, we are asking our parents to help get the message out.

The Census is important because the information it gathers helps our communities. It brings more money to improve our schools, clinics, housing, roads, and parks.

You will be able to complete the Census online, by phone, or by mail. Some schools, libraries, and city buildings will be providing access to a computer to fill out the Census.

The personal information given to the Census is confidential. The government cannot use it against anyone. It is a safe process. Our children's futures are brighter when everybody is counted!

For more information, check LACOE's Census Initiative website: <https://www.lacoe.edu/Home/Census>



Dr. Helen E. Morgan
Superintendent

El Próximo Censo será en el 2020

Cada 10 años, el Censo cuenta a TODA la gente que vive en los Estados Unidos. El 1 de abril, 2020, se contará a todos, no solo a los ciudadanos—o adultos. No importa si es un inmigrante, o está en la preparatoria, o es un bebe. ¡Todos los miembros de la familia Cuentan!

Las escuelas son mensajeros de confianza. Debido a que un Censo exacto es de suma importancia, le estamos pidiendo a nuestros padres que corran la voz.

El Censo es importante porque la información recaudada ayuda a nuestras comunidades. Nos aporta más dinero para mejorar nuestras escuelas, clínicas, viviendas, carreteras, y parques.

Usted podrá completar el Censo en línea, por teléfono, o por correo. Algunas escuelas, bibliotecas, y edificios gubernamentales proveerán acceso a una computadora para completar el Censo.

La información personal incluida en el Censo es confidencial. El gobierno no podrá utilizar la información en contra de nadie. Es un proceso seguro.

¡Cuando se cuenta a todo el mundo, mejora el future de nuestros hijos!

Para más información, visite el sitio web de la Iniciativa del Censo de LACOE: <https://www.lacoe.edu/Home/Census>

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This is our 20th Anniversary publishing *School News* and our 10th year publishing the Hawthorne School District *School News*. Thank you for continuing to include us among your reading choices.

Superintendent Morgan begins this issue with her important message

about the importance of being counted in the Census.

In this issue you will read about STEM, PLTW, MESA, Wellness Walking Wednesdays, and so much more.

Thank you for your nice messages when you email your answers to our contests.

Our next issue is March 4, 2020.

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Bud Carson Middle School

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LaTima Jones
Principal

School-Wide STEM

By Jennifer Franklin, STEM Coach

Bud Carson Middle School (BCMS) is expanding its Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) program to go beyond Project Lead The Way (PLTW) exploratory courses, Math Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA), Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and

Math (STEAM) Gals, and our after-school coding programs. During the month of November, BCMS students completed a school-wide design challenge with the goal of understanding the engineering design process, a series of decision-making steps engineers follow to create a solution to a problem. BCMS students worked in groups to construct a satellite that could deploy its own solar wings and antennae with one single release. They used basic office materials,

including cardboard, paperclips, masking tape, straws, and rubber bands to create their project. Students collaboratively recorded their design sketches and notes throughout the process.

Our students were engaged and learned so much from this hands-on STEM challenge. Students will complete a second design challenge in June as we continue our work to bridge STEM for all students.



Hawthorne Math & Science Academy

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Esau Berumen
Principal

Inspired by the Outdoors

By Jessica Vazquez, HMSA Counselor

Students in a first-year biology class at HMSA have been working and learning about ecology.

The students conducted a research project that allowed them to learn about the different biomes that make up our planet.

After finding different plants and animals in their biomes, the students were given the task of creating a billboard to advertise their biomes' key characteristics, including plants, animals, climate, and some fun facts and activities. They used neon dry-erase pens to write directly on their lab tables and used photos and props to enhance their signs. Their final step was to sell a vacation to their biome, giving

the presentation a fun twist. They highlighted the best features of their biomes and tried to "sell" their classmates on the fun activities they could do if they visited that particular part of our planet.



"Feel Inspired by the Outdoors" Billboard to promote a trip to the Temperate Woodland & Shrubland Biome.

Eucalyptus *Elementary*

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Mike Goldstein
Principal

Soccer Stars

Koala Nation is proud to announce our participation in the first-ever Hawthorne Elementary School Soccer League. More than 50 fourth- and fifth-grade students tried out for our two school teams. Our teams are coached by Dean Angela Ortiz, fifth-grade teacher Cristina Hernandez, fourth-grade teacher Stephanie Rodriguez, second-grade teacher Anne Forsyth, and custodian James Colman III.

In addition to working hard on the field, the teams came together off the field and raised money for uniforms, shorts, socks and shin guards through a donors-choose grant, a generous parent donation, and after-school sales of “smencils” and Suckers for Soccer.

The experience has been nothing but positive for everyone involved! Fourth-grader Diego Hernandez said, “It’s especially great for some of the kids who don’t get a chance to play on a team outside of school.” He added that he was proud of his teammates in the last game, especially for not giving up when they were behind.

Go, Koalas!



Eucalyptus 4th Grade Team



Eucalyptus 5th Grade Team

Hawthorne *Middle School*

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Akila Jones
Principal

Anti-Bullying and Kindness Week

All students in the Hawthorne School District are taught components of the Olweus Bully Prevention Program. Hawthorne Middle School (HMS) implemented this program by providing our students with a week of activities and lessons to remind them how to think, act, and behave in inclusive and kind ways.

Throughout the week, students and staff sent and received kindness grams, offered positive messages and compliments to others that were read during morning announcements, and participated in an anti-bullying art contest. Our eighth-grade contest winner, Kene Azaka, was honored at city hall for her anti-bullying artwork submission.

Later in the week students played Kindness Bingo, made kindness bookmarks, signed an anti-bullying pledge, and participated in a “mix it up” activity, in which students were paired with a new group of friends during lunchtime. We ended the week with a lunchtime Kindness Walk, and parents and community members were invited to walk with us.



Jefferson *Elementary*

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Josh Godin
Principal

Family Art Night

Have you ever wanted to paint a Picasso or a Van Gogh? Maybe you wanted to try your hand at pointillism. Well, if you came to Jefferson Elementary School's Family Art Night, you would've had the chance to do this with your child!

Families packed the Jefferson cafeteria for an exciting night of disconnecting from their phones and plugging into art. The Jefferson community really came together to put on a wonderful event. Special thanks to the staff members, teachers, parents, and Mrs. Devora for making this evening possible.

It's amazing to see the creativity and talent that comes out of children when they are able to express themselves through art. Parents loved the event and even surprised themselves with their artistic abilities. However, the best part was all of the smiles that came from families spending time together.



Kornblum *Elementary*

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Marisa Stewart
Principal

Our 50th Day of School

This year Kornblum School began a new tradition. We celebrated our 50th day of school with a trip back in time to the 1950's!

Our students were greeted at the entrance gate with a large sign that said, "Welcome to the 50's." Upon entering our campus, the students saw vehicles from the 1950's that they were able to take pictures with. Parent volunteers, staff, and students alike had a great time dressing the part and enjoying 1950's day activities.

At recess, the students hula-hooped to 1950's music. In class, they engaged in activities related to the 1950's. They also counted to 50 and watched some videos about what life was like way back then.

The main event of the day was our lunchtime "sock-hop." Students first entered the cafeteria, which had been converted into a 1950's diner. They ate hamburgers and drank shakes provided by our wonderful cafeteria staff, and then danced to 50's music with our very own parent volunteer DJ.

Great fun was had by all, and we are looking forward to an even bigger and better 50's Day next school year!



Prairie Vista *Middle School*

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Wendy Ostensen
Principal

MESA Night

In November, PVMS invited our MESA (Math Engineering Science Achievement) students and families to participate in MESA Night. In partnership with USC, our families were able to learn that MESA provides a pipeline of academic services from middle

school through university level to increase the

number of underrepresented students who graduate with degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Our families listened to an informational presentation that included the following: how to prepare for college, reasons to attend college, admission requirements, careers in STEM, and the awesome opportunities and competitions that MESA has to offer.

After the presentation, our families participated in a timed competition of STEM activities. They had to construct a catapult to shoot a marshmallow into a bucket, a four-foot-tall tower that could stand on its own for 10 seconds, and an airplane that could accurately be thrown to hit a target. Our families performed very well and were thoroughly engaged!



PVMS MESA Family Night STEM competition winners, teachers, and USC staff.

Ramona *Elementary*

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Dr. Patricia Ray
Principal

All Eyes on Eduardo!

When first-grader Eduardo Flores entered a coloring contest at the local optometrist, he had no idea that he would end up helping 50 of his fellow students at Ramona. Eduardo gave his best effort because his mom told him to “color nice.” He took first place and won a \$50 gift card!

Eduardo happened to be wearing his Ramona T-shirt when he graciously claimed his prize. The employees at the optometry office were so impressed with Eduardo that when it came time to donate 50 vouchers for free eyeglasses, they chose Ramona School. Eduardo is proud of himself and says, “It feels good to help people.”

We never know how our actions may impact others, and we can all learn an important lesson from Eduardo: we should always try our best, and a smile and kind words go a long way. We may not always earn a prize, but we can feel happy and proud of ourselves.



Washington *Elementary*

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Maritza Cruz-Brown
Principal

Wellness Walking Wednesdays

Our Washington Wildcats have embraced “Wellness Walking Wednesdays” for the 2019-2020 school year. Every Wednesday morning our students, parents, and staff members are welcome to participate in a cardio activity to help promote physical fitness.

At this event, students, parents, and staff members walk for a period of 20 minutes in a designated area of the campus. This is intended to make our students and parents aware of the importance of daily exercise to stay healthy. They walk while enjoying music and conversation with their parents or peers.



Our students often receive special vouchers for being active and responsible Wildcats, and which can be traded in for prizes during our Positive Behavior Store Day. This would not be possible without the support of our parent volunteers and our Washington Community partners. Go, Wildcats!

York *Elementary*

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Jennifer Beekman
Principal

Ms. Spangler Suarez, Superstar!

York students are so fortunate to have such a caring and nurturing health aide, Ms. Spangler Suarez! Daily, she monitors all of the children who become ill at school and those that are in need of assistance because of medical complications such as diabetes, seizure disorder, allergies, daily medication and various other ongoing ailments. Some children just simply seek out her contagious smile and conversation!

Ms. Spangler Suarez also works with our parents to make certain that they know the status of their children’s needs and where to obtain assistance and resources. Our health aide is involved with ongoing professional development and assessment on how to take the very best care of our York students. She is a superstar, keeping our students at York healthy and safe at school!



Zela Davis *Elementary*

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Matt Rohrer
Principal

Opening Horizons

Zela Davis is proud to announce the fifth year of Girls in Engineering. This program was founded by Jennifer Franklin, our STEM specialist, to help inspire female students to pursue careers in the science, technology, and engineering fields.

This special group has served approximately 215 third- through fifth-grade students over the past five years. A key aspect of the program is a partnership with

local aerospace companies that connect engineers to serve as mentors. One local company is a particularly strong supporter of this program, and annually recruits engineers and other vital employees to attend weekly sessions with Zela Davis students.

The sessions are designed to allow students to complete an elaborate engineering design challenge with the help and support of their mentors. Students and professionals work side-by-side to reach a viable solution and produce a working model. Students must follow *The Engineering Design Process*, and proudly showcase their accomplishments at the conclusion of the session.



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B is for Book



Bailey

Life is Numbers

Rated by Melissa Grey
is an intriguing, mystery like book.

In this society, it truly matters what people think because every person has a “rating”. Their rating reflects just about everything, from if they have a good job, to if they said “thank you” to the waiter. The future of every individual lies on their rating. When someone vandalizes Maplethorpe Academy with red paint reading “THE RATINGS ARE NOT REAL,” it will bring these six students together, Bex, Tamsin, Hana, Chase, Noah, and Javier. Although they have absolutely nothing in common, they thrive together! But will they be enough to solve the mystery and conclude the corruption of their society?

This dystopia depicts a possible reality that will keep the reader thinking days after finishing the book. I have read the book several times and it still fascinates me. I rate it 5 out of 5 stars.

Bailey is an eighth grader who loves to read whenever she’s not dancing or with her friends.



Sean’s Book Review



Sean

Banned from Olympus

The Hidden Oracle
Book 1 of Trials of Apollo
by Rick Riordan

Some of you guys may enjoy Greek mythology, and if you do, this is the book for you. Apollo, the god of poetry, music, and the sun, was banned from Mount Olympus (the home of the Greek gods) and is now a wimpy, mortal teenager named Lester Papadopoulos. He starts his quest to show his father, Zeus, that he belongs in Mount Olympus. Apollo runs into many new and ancient encounters, such as Roman emperors and peach spirits. He works with a daughter of Demeter, Meg, who is his new master and helps him along the way his treacherous journey. I think that everyone who reads this book will enjoy the twists, jokes, and adventures that Apollo experiences. Overall, I loved reading this book and I enjoyed the way Rick writes because you can understand and imagine everything that’s happening. I give this book a 10 out of 10.

Sean Cheng is a 5th grader who enjoys cubing (Rubik’s Cubes), watching Rubik’s Cube videos, and playing basketball. His favorite subjects at school are math and P.E. He loves his 3 guinea pigs and looks forward to summer vacations.



Gardening 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 HAW in the subject line.

Entries must be received by February 15, 2020

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 Barnes & Noble gift card!

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