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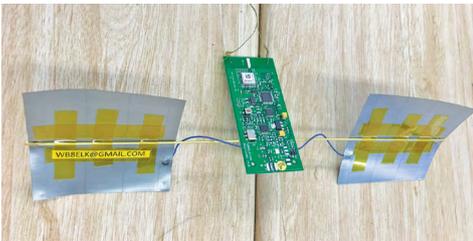
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Space Program



Rhythmmax High Notes Festival



Robotics



**Kay Coop**  
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*Netragrednik*

## Happy New Year!

We are celebrating 20 years publishing *School News*. We are delighted to be publishing the excellence from the Garvey School District. During the 20 years curriculum has changed in ways never imagined with the biggest change being technology. Gone are the blackboards, white chalk and erasers. Mentioning the 3 R's would bring a puzzled look and might be mistaken for Reduce, Recycle, Reuse. Discussing STEAM with anyone older than 60 would conjure up images of a train or an iron, but the younger

generation would instantly visualize test tubes and robotics. We have changed the format of most of our publications to glossy cover booklet, but our mission never waivers: Education+Communication=A Better Nation. The one constant has been the focus on academics. We know you are busy and thank you for including *School News* among your reading choices.

On the next page Superintendent Anita Chu highlights the many opportunities available for students. It is an exciting time to be a student!

Our next issue is May 6, 2020.

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# SUPERINTENDENT

## GARVEY Welcomes 2020 with 366 Innovative OPPORTUNITIES!



Anita Chu

### Happy 2020!

The Garvey Team is excited to welcome the new year 2020 with a renewed commitment to create significant, innovative opportunities for our students and community in the new decade.

### LEADERSHIP Opportunities

Leadership development remains the heart of the District's vision. The leadership vision is best exemplified by the "7 Habits" of the districtwide "Leader in Me" program. The District is committed to nurturing and growing leaders with intellectual competence and character, by building an asset-rich culture that recognizes everyone as a leader and invests in the growth of each leader-in-training.

### STEAM Opportunities

The start of the year is marked by the launch of the Space Program, the newest addition to our STEAM vision. Through partnerships with two distinguished education agencies, Magnitude.io and ISS Above, two intermediate schools and five elementary schools will be bringing the Space Station to the classrooms. Students will have the opportunity to engage in exciting projects, such as ExoLab (a biology experiment in the microgravity environment on the International Space Station) and CanSat (with High Altitude Balloon launch to conduct atmospheric measurement).

While the exciting Space Program is being introduced, the other components of the District's STEAM initiative continue to grow in quality and impact. The Computer Science Immersion Program has been expanded to the intermediate schools and all elementary schools with

the partnership of Code to the Future and USC. Cutting-edge Maker Space facilities are completed at four schools offering 21st century technological devices, including 3D printers, smart boards, and ISS (International Space Station) Above, to promote design-based and inquiry-based learning for Garvey's future-ready leaders.

In addition to the development of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), the "A" in "STEAM" has also soared to higher heights. Beginning this school year, the District has implemented a TK-8 Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) program provided by arts teacher specialists for all TK-8 students with the use of districtwide standards-based arts curriculum. Twice a year, the District hosts VAPA Community Festivals to showcase students' visual art, as well as music and drama performances.

### DUAL LANGUAGE Plus Program Opportunities

To equip students to lead in a global society, the District has launched the specially-designed Dual Language Plus Programs at three schools. These schools provide dual language instruction during the school day with an afterschool enrichment program on VAPA taught in a third language. The Dual Language Plus programs offer exciting multi-language learning opportunities to achieve the District vision of multilingual and multicultural proficiency for our global leaders.

The District's signature programs enable Garvey to continue to thrive as a future-ready learning academy, creating innovative opportunities every day to grow global leaders to lead today and to build tomorrow.

Please visit our schools and website at [www.gesd.us](http://www.gesd.us) to learn more about our innovative programs and partnership opportunities.

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## Arlene Bitely *Elementary School*

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**Rudolph Torres**  
*Principal*

### **Innovative Curriculum**

Rising Stars on a pathway to innovation! Bitely Elementary is proud to provide students with a 21st century education that is centered on innovation and leadership. We provide students with a personalized learning experience that integrates academics and STEM-related activities into a 21st century education. Integrated into our instructional program are robotics, computer science, game and media design, leadership, and the visual and performing arts.

With computer coding and robotic languages at the core of the 21st century vocations, applied sciences and mathematics, our program fosters innovation that builds 21st century skills. Through leadership, student agency and the “7 Habits,” our students develop core values such as personal integrity, empathy and mutual respect. Our visual- and performing-arts program provides all students with music and art lessons taught by certificated experts. An innovative feature of all our programs comprises the culminating showcase events throughout the school year.



## Dewey Avenue *Elementary School*

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**Lindsey Roach**  
*Principal*

### **Signature Programs**

Dewey Avenue Elementary School has two signature programs: computer science and Dual Language Plus (DL+). Computer science instruction begins in kindergarten and continues through sixth grade. Students learn the basics of block coding through analog and digital programs. As students progress, they continue to refine their skills, leading up to robotics and Java Script. Computer science also pushes students to work on creativity, problem-solving, critical and flexible thinking, and collaboration.

In its second year at Dewey, the DL+ program prepares our students to be successful in a global culture. Students participating in the DL+ program receive instruction in Spanish and also participate in an afterschool Mandarin enrichment program. This gives our students the opportunity to build language fluency in both Spanish and English while also receiving exposure to a third language, Mandarin.



We currently have two kindergarten classes and two first-grade classes participating in DL+. The teachers in these classrooms have been specially trained for these unique teaching positions.

# Duff Language Magnet Academy

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**Rudolph Torres**  
Principal

## Building Bi-Literacy

Duff Language Magnet Academy's signature program is our Dual Immersion Mandarin Plus Program. Our instructional model provides students with Common Core State standards while receiving half of their instruction in Mandarin and half in English. The "plus" is an additional hour of Spanish language exposure,

where students have the opportunity to explore and engage in the cultural and visual aspects of the Spanish language.

At Duff, diversity in linguistic and cultural backgrounds is viewed as a resource that contributes to the cross-cultural composition of our community. The research is clear—dual immersion provides students with metacognitive flexibility and positive cross-cultural appreciation. Our goal is for our students to become proficient in English and Mandarin by the end of their sixth-grade year. In addition, 21st-century skills, including computer science, engineering, and media creation, are also blended into our language program.



# Ralph Waldo Emerson Elementary School

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**Ethan Stocks**  
Principal

## Clubs and Activities

Emerson Elementary provides three extracurricular activities designed to enhance our students' overall school experience.

First, our Student Council is comprised of students in the fourth through sixth grades who are elected by their

peers every year in the fall. The Student Council organizes school activities such as clothing drives, spirit days, and campus beautification events. Our Student Council advisors are Ms. Bo, Ms. Chang, and Ms. Duque.

Our Drama Club is beginning its second year under the direction of Ms. Calderon. The Drama Club consists of students in the fifth and sixth grades. After adapting Irish folk tales for St. Patrick's Day in 2019, the Club in 2020 will be writing and performing a play based on the tenets of *Leader in Me*.

Finally, our Chess Club hosts students in the third through sixth grades. These students meet weekly to refine their skills and strategy. The Chess Club is presided over by Mr. Lau.



# Richard Garvey *Intermediate School*

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**David Alarcon**  
*Principal*

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning

We are very proud of Garvey Intermediate because it not only challenges its students with a rigorous core curriculum but also engages its students through its diverse electives. Our 21st century learning utilizes technology, science and math concepts to build reality-based projects. This year, the class has incorporated strategies from Code.org to prepare for robotic competitions.

AVID instills organizational skills, teaches critical-thinking techniques, provides academic assistance from college tutors, and participates in motivational activities, creating a college mindset. Band teaches students, beginning and advanced, to play musical instruments. Various performances throughout the year give students opportunities to showcase their talents.

Yearbook and journalism teach students the fundamentals of writing, editing, photography and video recording to publish the “Jackson Street Journal” and yearbook. We offer a variety of visual- and performing-arts classes to reach the interests and varying talent levels of all students interested in art, drama and music.



# Hillcrest *Elementary School*

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**Dr. Rosa Guerra**  
*Principal*

## Language Celebration

Hello! *Nihao! Hola!* Hillcrest Elementary School is proud to expand our Dual Language Plus Mandarin/Spanish immersion program this year to include first grade! Last year, during our first year of implementation, our kindergarteners participated in a 50-percent

Mandarin and 50-percent English dual-

immersion program and attended an hour of Spanish language class provided through our afterschool program provider, Woodcraft Rangers.

To showcase some of their learning, our kindergarteners perform a variety of Chinese and Spanish songs for our students, parents and community throughout the year. The kindergarten and

first-grade students performed for our Winter Celebration program and treated us to “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” in Mandarin and English. They also showcased their multi-language skills during our Lunar New Year Celebration in January.

We are so proud of each of our staff members and students!



## Monterey Vista *Elementary School*

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**Hing Chow**  
*Principal*

### Opportunities for Learning

We at Monterey Vista would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! We would also like to inform our community about some of the academic and enrichment programs we offer our students.

For academics, our school has the Reading Counts program, which not only motivates our students to read but also tracks their lexile level throughout the school year. Excel Math is also a supplemental math program that provides spiral review of basic math skills for all students.

For enrichment opportunities, Monterey Vista offers a Chess Tournament, the NGSS Science Fair (where the student winners in grades three to six are displayed during

Open House), and a Math Field Day competition. There are also coding classes offered before and after school for the third- and fourth-grade students, and for the fifth-grade students during the school day.

A tour of Monterey Vista can be scheduled for community members to visit any of our school's programs.



## Eldridge Rice *Elementary School*

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**Christina Hiraes**  
*Principal*

### Great Things Happening!

As a California Distinguished School, Rice Elementary believes the importance of having college conversations, creating leaders, and encouraging positive behaviors. Through No Excuses University, The Leader In Me and PBIS,

students at Rice Elementary are learning the importance of making good choices not only for themselves but also for their future.

Through our yearlong collaboration with ISS Above and inventor Liam Kennedy, students are able to track the International Space Station from their classroom. We were selected as the pioneer school in Los Angeles County by Magnitude.io to launch a successful PicoHAB. Students learned about altitude, distance and weather conditions and used our estimation and measurement skills as we tracked it to the Bahamas in three days! Our state-of-the-art Makerspace Lab is open and ready for students.



We are excited to soon be named Rice STEAM Academy! Great things are happening here—tours available upon request!

# George I. Sanchez *Elementary School*

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**Gabriela Benitez**  
*Principal*

## Raising Up Leaders

Sanchez Elementary School believes that no two children shine the same way and that everyone deserves a quality education. We are proud to partake in the following leader-building initiatives:

Leader in ME is a world-renowned framework committed to preparing students to be well-rounded lifelong learners through addressing leadership, culture and academics. Students and staff learn personal and interpersonal leadership skills.

Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) is a research-based framework that provides college- and career-ready strategies and prepares all our youth for middle school and beyond.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a positive behavior approach which clearly communicates desirable behavior in school and allows everyone to be Safe, Organized, Accountable, and Respectful (SOAR).

Computer Science and Technology Crew allows students to learn and practice video, audio, and post-production skills. However, our new learning in computer science programming and design coupled with training in leadership skills has earned us recognition and accolades in robotics.



**Back to back WOW Robotics Champions 2018 & 2019**

# Roger W. Temple *Intermediate School*

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**Dr. Robert Boyd III**  
*Principal*

## Supplemental Learning

Of the numerous curricular and extracurricular programs offered at Temple Intermediate School, a few stand out as the most popular and widely recognized.

One of our most prestigious programs is the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). The NJHS is a national organization with official chapters at middle schools throughout the United States. Temple Intermediate School is currently one of only

three public middle schools in the entire San Gabriel Valley (and the only middle school in Rosemead) that has an official chapter of the NJHS.

Our NJHS serves the community in various capacities. This past holiday season for instance they sponsored several food drives and fundraisers to help the less fortunate.

One of our most popular programs is Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA). VAPA consists of students who participate in choir, band, drama, and art. Throughout the year, they produce performances that attract fans and audiences from across the region.



# Frances Willard *Elementary School*

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**Jeff Maljian**  
*Principal*

## Leader in Me

Willard Elementary is proud to be a Leader in Me school. We strive toward creating students who are leaders at school, at home and in the world.

As a Leader in Me school, we focus on the 7 Habits of Happy

Kids. Each month, we focus on one habit, honoring students who have exemplified the habit, at our monthly awards assembly. Every student recognized writes and shares a speech on how they modeled the habit. In addition, Willard students have the opportunity to be student leaders: as Student Greeters for our morning drop-off, on the Tech Team for school events, on the Yearbook Team or as a member of our ASB.



Finally, teachers and staff recognize students regularly for modeling any of the 7 Habits. These students receive a certificate and have a leaf hung on our 7 Habits Tree. At Willard, we shape leaders for today and the future.

## Head Start / State Preschool

7424 Newmark St., Rosemead, CA 91770 • 626/307-3396



**Sandra Gonzalez**  
*Director*

## Serving our Community's Youngest

The Garvey School District's Child Development Program is thrilled to have expanded its program services to include Early Head Start, allowing for a continuum of services to be offered for children from ages birth to five years. Early Head Start serves eligible infants and toddlers in their natural environment by providing comprehensive services utilizing a research-based, developmentally appropriate curriculum.

Weekly individualized instruction is provided by a qualified teacher, followed by group socializations that are offered twice a month. Socializations model a mini-classroom experience, and include parent participation as an integral component to support the parent as the child's first teacher.

The program is excited to be able to soon offer center-based services to eligible toddlers. The addition of Early Head Start is an integral part of our program's vision to ensure that all children and families are school-ready and have a strong foundation for a successful transition into kindergarten.

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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.

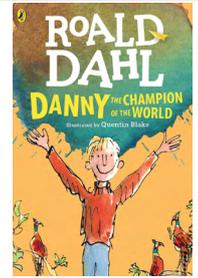
## Ethan’s Review



**Ethan H.**

### The Deep, Dark Secret

*Danny, The Champion of the World*  
By Roald Dahl



Danny is a little boy who lives in an old, rusty, broken-down carriage at a filling station with his dad. His mom died

when he was very young. Danny has always admired his dad’s strength and bravery. He always looked forward to his dad’s stories about a Big Friendly Giant that captures and bottles dreams because it sparked his imagination. Danny woke up one night and discovered that his dad was not home. He went outside to look for him and saw a shadowy figure moving on the street. It was his dad! Danny finds out about a deep, dark secret his father had. Read *Danny, The Champion of the World* to find out what happened next! I loved reading this book because it was filled with action.

I recommend this book to people who like suspense and mystery.

Ethan H. is a fourth grader. He likes science, reading, history and physical activities like soccer and basketball.

## Things in the Sky–Word Search Contest

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**Congratulations to Raquel Lucido**  
Winner of our November Word Search Contest!

## Katie's Review



**Katie C.**

### **A Whole New World**

Title: *Korean Celebrations*

Author: Tina Cho

Many cultures have different traditions, festivals, and holidays. In this book, *Korean Celebrations*, Korean culture is explained in depth. Words are explained and English pronunciations are provided. Holiday foods, gifts, and games are explained, and you can even replicate some of the rituals that they used during special events and holidays. The national anthem is translated, and you can learn about other sports that first occurred in Korea. One of the most interesting things in Korea is Children's Day. This holiday is a day just for children, where there is no school and children are able to go to amusement parks and receive presents from their parents. This book is recommended to those who want to learn more about the culture of another country. I give this book a five out of five stars.



Katie is in 10th grade. She likes reading and writing. She loves to read to younger kids. She provides book reviews to the kids who want to find more good books.

## Jenna's Review



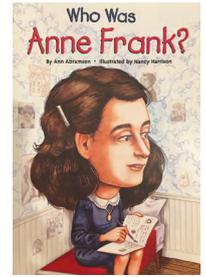
**Jenna C.**

### **A Scary but Positive Life**

Title: *Who Was Anne Frank?*

Author: Ann Abramson

Imagine you are in a war and you are one of the people who face in danger of life. There was a girl named Anne who had to hide from a group of people called Nazis. She had suffered from a person named Hitler who wanted to kill all Jews. Since Anne was a Jew, she had to go into hiding with her family and other people. She loved reading history books and Greek myths. On her thirteen's birthday, she got a diary. She named it Kitty after an old friend with that name. She kept writing a diary until she got caught by the Nazis and was sent to a concentration camp. Do you know what Ann wrote in Kitty the diary? She wrote about her life, friends and emotions. I recommend this book as you can learn about a life of a young girl who faced danger but had hope.



Jenna is a 4th grader. She enjoys playing soccer and painting. She likes to read fiction novels. Someday she wants to publish a book.

## Yoona's Review



**Yoona C.**

### **The Mystery of the Feather**

Title: *Pearl the Cloud Fairy*

Author: Daisy Meadows

Once upon a time there were two girls named Rachel and Kirsty. They have a secret that they can turn into fairies to help fairies all the time!



The queen of the fairies gave fairy dust to them. One day all the people had clouds over their heads. The girls felt weird. Why would everyone be sad, grumpy, or angry? At home they met a fairy of clouds. The fairy's name was Pearl. She said that a goblin took a feather away from the fairies. The seven feathers control the weathers. The girls went to the candy factory and saw the goblin eating cotton candy. He also had the feather! Pearl asked Rachel and Kirsty to get the feather. Can these two girls complete their mission? I like this book because it gives adventurous stories in detail. I recommend this book to people who like fantasy.

Yoona is a 2nd grader. She likes playing soccer and the piano. She likes to create stories as well.

## Sean's Book Review

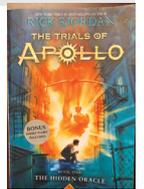


**Sean**

### **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.

## Tyson's Book Review

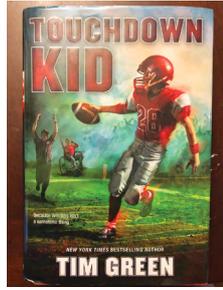


**Tyson**

### Never Give Up

*Touchdown Kid* by Tim Green

Cory is an awesome football player from the Westside. He is 11 years old and is just moving into middle school, along with his friend, Liam. A



well-known coach from HBS, an elite junior high school, is giving a scholarship to a player he thinks is good enough to play football there. If Cory gets it, he will get to live in a nice neighborhood with a host family in a cozy home, and play football, his passion. His best friend's brother isn't the nicest guy and pulls him into trouble. If he is late, he won't play. What will he do? This is his dream. Find out more about this crazy adventure and read *Touchdown Kid*. This book is great and pulls me in. I can relate a lot to this book and if you're an athlete, you'll love it. I'm not much of a bookworm and I rate it 5 out of 5 stars!

Tyson is an athletic 6th grader who loves basketball, soccer, and volleyball. His favorite subjects are P.E. and math. He is a gentle pet owner and loves taking care of his 3 guinea pigs with his brother. He looks forward to going to Lakers games with his dad.

## Manhar's Book Review

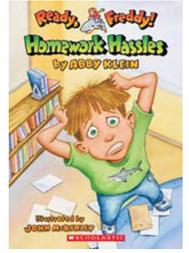


**Manhar M.**

### Doing Homework

*Homework Hassles* (Ready, Freddy!—Series 3) by Abby Klein

I was recently introduced to the book series of "Ready, Freddy!" and this is my favorite book so far. This book focuses on what happens when



you don't do your home assignments in a timely fashion. Freddy Thresher, a first grader, goes through a big problem when his teacher wants the class to do reports on nocturnal animals. He couldn't find an animal until the last moment. He went overboard with his research and got himself into trouble. The book includes exciting twists and turns in the story. The conversation of Freddy and his friends reminds me of my own conversations in the class. I couldn't stop reading the book to find out if Freddy completed his assignment on the due date. I also learned the value of friends and family through this book.

Manhar M. is in First Grade. Manhar likes science, math, coding, traveling, hiking, reading about world news and spending time in building robots from Legos.

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