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SUPERINTENDENT

We are more than halfway through the 2019-2020 school year and we are excited about the many amazing things that are taking place in our schools and at our district. These last few months really highlighted how fortunate we are to have so many community partners supporting our schools. Recently some of our students marched in the 39th annual OC Black History Parade as part of the district honor band. This could not have been made possible without the support of the band parents who took their children to practice and also supported them the day of the parade by marching behind them too, enthusiastically representing our district. At the parade, students proudly wore the new honor band jackets that were donated by our AESD PTA. Many parade attendees remarked how impressed they were with the band, considering that elementary school bands are a rarity in the state of California. None of this would be possible without the support of our many music industry partners and community champions who have provided instruments for students and professional development training for our incredible music teachers. This is just one example of how working together- community, parents, educators- we are able to provide amazing opportunities for students to thrive. Truth be told, this isn't an exception; creating amazing opportunities is the standard in our district because "amazing is what we do at AESD!"



**Dr. Christopher
Downing**

Estamos a más de la mitad del año escolar 2019-2020 y estamos entusiasmados con las muchas cosas increíbles que están ocurriendo en nuestras escuelas y en nuestro distrito. Estos últimos meses realmente resaltaron cuán afortunados somos de tener tanto apoyo comunitario. Recientemente, algunos de nuestros estudiantes marcharon en el 39° Desfile Anual de la Historia Afroamericana en el Condado de la Naranja como parte de la banda de honor del distrito. Esto no hubiera sido posible sin el apoyo de los padres de los estudiantes en la banda que llevaron a sus hijos a practicar y también los apoyaron el día del desfile marchando detrás de ellos, representando con entusiasmo a nuestro distrito. En el desfile, los estudiantes usaron con orgullo las nuevas chaquetas de la banda de honor que fueron donadas por nuestra PTA del distrito. Muchos asistentes al desfile comentaron lo impresionados que estaban con la banda, considerando que las bandas de la escuela primaria son una rareza en el estado de California. Nada de esto sería posible sin el apoyo de nuestros muchos socios de la industria de la música y partidarios de la comunidad que han proporcionado instrumentos musicales para estudiantes y capacitación de desarrollo profesional para nuestros increíbles maestros de música. Este es sólo un ejemplo de cómo trabajar juntos- la comunidad, los padres, los educadores- nos permite ofrecer grandes oportunidades para los estudiantes para prosperar. A decir verdad, esto no es una excepción; crear oportunidades increíbles es el estándar en nuestro distrito porque "¡increíble es lo que hacemos en AESD!"

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In this issue you will read articles about the Book Fairy, Mariachi Music Class, the Power of Sports, Peacemakers, the importance of attendance, AVID, STEAM, students and families helping others, and so much more...

Thank you for you nice comments when you email the answers to the Word Search Contest. Be sure to enter the contest on page 19.

Have a fun Spring Break!
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Is It a Cold or Allergies?



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Your child's nose won't stop running and they're constantly sneezing. You may blame the common cold, but it could be a telltale sign of allergies, especially as seasons change. While colds and allergies share common symptoms, there are certain differences that may help you distinguish what your child is experiencing.

Allergies

Allergies occur when your child's immune system reacts to a foreign substance (allergen)—such as pollen or pet dander.

Symptoms include:

- Shortness of breath
- Wheezing,
- Itchy, watery eyes
- Sneezing
- Runny or congested nose
- Swollen sinuses

The severity of allergies varies in children and can range from minor irritation to anaphylaxis — a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction to an allergen.

Common Cold

The common cold is caused by a virus, which spreads through the air and close personal contact. Cold symptoms include:

- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Headaches
- Body aches
- Fever

Telling the Difference

The difference is in a few key distinctions. Colds are more likely to cause sore throats, fever, headaches and body aches, while itchy, watery eyes are a classic sign of allergies.

Most people recover from a cold within 7-10 days whereas allergy symptoms continue with exposure to the allergen. Allergy symptoms also respond better to over-the-counter antihistamines.

The Children's Pulmonary Institute at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach uses several types of allergy tests to identify allergens that may be causing your child's symptoms. It can then be decided what type of medications or treatments are needed. By identifying these allergens, changes can be made in your home to potentially improve your child's health.

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Clara Barton *Elementary*

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Shawna Derache
Principal

Helping Others

It's an annual tradition that Barton Elementary School students and families give back to our community by volunteering at the Orange County Food Bank. On a recent Saturday morning,

over 90 Barton students and family members, along with a record number of former students, volunteered their time to pack boxes of food for the economically disadvantaged and homeless in Orange County.

The director of the food bank gave the students and families a short presentation outlining the mission, shared various ways to help and contribute, and explained who qualifies to receive assistance. Our Barton Bees worked up a storm and had a blast packing over 2,000 boxes of food for the needy.



Barton students and their parents volunteered together at the OC Food Bank.

It was, and always is, a wonderful day that reinforces the understanding that there are always others who need and deserve our help.

Thomas Edison *Elementary*

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Suzanne Nichols
Principal

Amazing Videos!

Have you ever watched the end of a movie and wondered about the jobs listed in the credits? All you need to do is ask a member of the Edison AV club. The Edison AV club is an after-school group for fourth-through-sixth-grade students

that produces audio-visual projects at Thomas Edison Elementary School. The hands-on learning experience is supported by a curriculum that teaches student video production in all of its stages. It's like a film school for children.

Third-grade teacher Jamie Van Winkle hosts the club, and recently, it got the attention of a real Hollywood producer, Blanca Sanchez, who works for the Food Network and oversees shows like *Kids Baking Championship*.

It is amazing what these children can do when they have the opportunity to be creative! The AV stands for "amazing video," because amazing is what we do at Edison School!



Edison students interviewing Hollywood producer, Blanca Sanchez.

Benjamin Franklin *Elementary*

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Bernadette Grzechowiak
Principal

A Magical Experience

Imagine being a kindergartener and coming to the library for the very first time. You walk into a room that is elaborately decorated with familiar cartoon characters, and sitting there is a funny lady dressed in a sparkly pink fairy costume which includes wings made out of the covers of famous children's books.

This "Book Fairy" welcomes you to this new space, waves her magic wand, and gives you a book to take home. You are five years old, and now you're hooked on books because Mrs. Trujillo, our Franklin Elementary School's amazing school librarian, has shared the magic of reading with you.

Thanks to the magical first experience that Mrs. T creates for our children, students in all grades will continue to enjoy visiting our incredible library and discovering new books. Inspiring students to become life-long readers is a goal here at Franklin, and Mrs. T's passion surely helps!

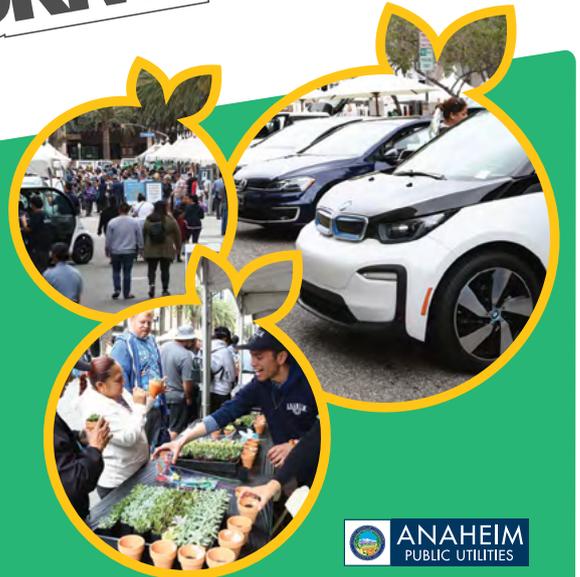


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Dina Gamez-Lopez
Principal

Health Matters

Gauer Elementary School prides itself on providing a well-rounded education for all students. This year, with the support of our amazing nurse, Suzy, we have added health lessons to bring awareness and information to our students and families.

The lessons include topics such as hygiene, flu awareness and prevention, lice awareness and prevention, and nutrition.

Students engage in a variety of activities that reinforce their understanding and awareness. Staff then hosts monthly *cafecitos* (coffee chats) for families to receive the same information, helping to build partnerships that support a healthier and happier life for students. Parents participate in an interactive presentation and engage in questions and answers with Nurse Suzy to understand how to support and encourage healthy habits with their families.



Nurse Suzy helping teaching students healthy habits.

Working together to support our students and families in collaboration helps keep children and families healthy and thriving! #AESDHealthMatters

James M. Guinn *Elementary*

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Dr. Carlos F. Perez
Principal

Mariachi Music Class

One of our focuses at Guinn is to give our scholars opportunities to thrive beyond the academic school day by offering extracurricular activities such as Ballet Folklorico, soccer team and our newest addition: our very own mariachi music class!

Our Ballet Folklorico, which offers scholars the opportunity to learn traditional folk Mexican dance, recently performed at the CABA (California Association of

Bilingual Educators) conference and previously in the Anaheim Halloween Festival and the Anaheim Dia Los Muertos Celebration. Our soccer team includes scholars in third through sixth grade and allows scholars to learn team building, sportsmanship and the importance of being a scholar-athlete. Also, our scholars in fourth through sixth grade now have the opportunity to learn to play the violin, guitarrón, vihuela, trumpet and guitar as part of specialized music lessons led by the Mariachi Heritage Society of Orange County.

Many great things are happening here at Guinn, and our scholarly Eagles continue to soar!



Guinn's co-ed soccer team is soaring this season.

Patrick Henry *Elementary*

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Dr. Maggie Barry
Principal

Our Panther Club

At Patrick Henry Elementary School, we are very proud of our Panther Club! It supports our scholars that are struggling the most by providing targeted, supplemental instruction to help fill learning gaps. We use data to guide scholars' placement in the appropriate group, including multiple assessment measures.

Student progress is closely monitored every other week, and data is shared with classroom teachers to help them better support scholars in the classroom. During Panther Club, we keep group sizes small, which allows staff to provide personalized support to students. Data indicates that the Panther Club scholars are making progress, and some scholars have been moved out of our Panther Club group thanks to their growth.

This behind-the-scenes look at how we work with students that need extra academic support highlights our commitment to creating a safe environment that helps all students further develop their academic skills and reach their full potential.



Students have fun in Panther Club while receiving extra academic support.



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Dr. Sandra Song
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A Special Day of Fun

Jefferson Elementary School celebrated the 100th Day of School on January 31st as a “Family Friday” event. Families were invited to participate in classroom activities centered around the “100” theme.

This event was well-attended by our families, who enjoyed having fun with their students in the classrooms and celebrate the joy of attending school.

Our wonderful PTA provided coffee, pastries, and juice for the visiting families. Classroom activities included engaging projects such as counting different objects up to 100 with the lower-grade students, creating artwork using the number 100, building objects with 100 items, taking fun portraits of students dressed as 100-year-old adults, and so much more.

Some students and staff members even dressed up as elderly adults for the entire day! The fun that was had by our students and families on the 100th Day of School really highlights the amazing and engaging school culture we have at Jefferson.



Students at Jefferson celebrating the 100th Day of School.

Benito Juarez *Elementary*

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Cecilia Román
Principal

PAL Students

At Juarez Elementary School, we value having a welcoming environment and service-oriented culture, and

our Peer Assisted Leadership (PAL) team plays an important part in supporting this mission.

This year advisors Mr. Reyes, Mrs. Pichardo, Mrs. Gomez, and Ms. Sierra are leading the 35 Juarez

PAL members who meet twice a month and host at least one event per month. So far, the PAL students have led a campaign to collect funds to cure childhood cancer and created a beautiful altar to honor loved family members for the Día de Los Muertos cultural event for the city of Anaheim.



Juarez students, PAL Advisors, and 6th Gr. DLI teachers at AESD's Servathon Day in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Most recently PAL students collaborated with sixth-grade Dual-Language Immersion students to volunteer during our district's Serv-a-thon, which took place on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. During this day of service, students created Valentine's letters to send to residents who live at a local nursing home. We are proud of our Juarez PAL students!

Abraham Lincoln *Elementary*

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Efrain Paniagua
Principal

Extracurricular Activities

Lincoln Elementary School offers unique opportunities for students to express themselves through music and dance. We have two choirs, a mariachi group, and a Ballet Folklórico group. Music teacher Destin Smith leads our third- through fourth-grade choir composed of 48 students, and music teacher Meagan Caldwell also directs the 30 students in our fifth- through sixth-grade choir.

These dedicated Lincoln Lions rehearse once a week during lunch. This past December the choirs participated in special performances for students and parents. Lincoln also boasts a mariachi musical group for students in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades who practice after school with instructor Oliver Zavala.

The Lincoln Ballet Folklórico group practices weekly after school under the direction of first-grade teacher Ms. Betty Comparan, and has performances scheduled for this spring. Extracurricular activities provide our students with meaningful ways to connect at school. At Lincoln, we are proud to offer these opportunities for students!



The Lincoln Choir enjoys performing for students and parents.

Loara *Elementary*

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Beatriz Garcia
Principal

The Power of Sports

Sports can provide a great avenue to help our students develop valuable skills beyond the classroom. This year our Loara students are ecstatic to be participating in the AESD mini-soccer league with their classmates.

About the power of this opportunity for our students, one staff member commented, “The children get to work together and learn to get along with one another better. Being able to see the children who can actually play soccer influence the ones that do not have that much experience is a great thing to watch.”

Parents have expressed satisfaction that through the sport, their children are able to build character, social skills, and a healthy lifestyle. Seeing students so engaged was to be expected, but to see so



Loara Leopards showing their school pride.

many of our staff members and parents become equally excited has been a welcome surprise. “It’s exciting to see everyone out here together cheering for our Leopards,” said one sixth-grade teacher.

James Madison *Elementary*

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Janet De La Concha Pablo
Principal

Developing a Sense of Responsibility

“Tell me and I’ll forget, show me and I may remember, involve me and I’ll understand.” This Chinese proverb is central to our mission at Madison Elementary School, and our preschoolers have been highlighting the value of this lesson as they have tended to “The Madison Garden.”

This outdoor classroom serves as an extension to indoor classroom learning, and has provided an interactive, process-oriented environment where the children can actively explore and learn by using all of their senses. Gardening has also proven to give our students the opportunity to engage, anticipate, use their imagination, and construct their knowledge through fun-filled, hands-on discovery experiences.

These collaborative and cooperative experiences are important components of social-emotional development, and they have also helped our preschoolers develop an appreciation for nature. Gardening has taught these students responsibility, and has encouraged a sense of ownership. We are proud of what our youngest Madison scholars have been accomplishing in The Madison Garden.



Preschoolers actively involved in learning through gardening.

Horace Mann *Elementary*

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Louie Magdaleno
Principal

Attendance Counts

Evidence shows that school attendance is critical to student success. So, at Horace Mann Elementary School, we encourage and celebrate good attendance.

Recently 728 students were recognized for their excellent school attendance during a special event.

An inflatable obstacle course was set up on our newly renovated field, and students had a blast! Students ran, climbed, jumped, and crawled their way through the timed course, each trying to beat their friends’ times. A big thank you is in order to our Horace Mann PTA and other parent volunteers who helped to make the day memorable and safe.

At Mann, we know the value of creating an environment in which students feel welcomed, safe, engaged, and ready to learn. We want students to be excited about attending school, so it is important that we recognize students on a weekly, monthly, and trimester basis for their improved and superb attendance.



Students are excited to attend school EVERY Day!

John Marshall *Elementary*

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Lupe Hubbard
Principal

Marshall Peacemakers

Marshall Elementary School is in its second year of our student conflict-mediation program, called Marshall Peacemakers. The program is made up of students from third through sixth grade who have been interviewed, selected, and trained to help TK and kindergarten students resolve non-physical disputes in the classroom and on the playground.

Marshall Peacemakers receive training from our school's Behavioral Support Team:

Paul Lennon, our AESD counselor; and Nicole Payne, our Western Youth Services clinician. The program teaches students leadership and communication skills such as clearly expressing their feelings and needs, and how to listen well without taking sides. Students also learn to assume responsibility for their actions and problem-solving skills. Other benefits are increased self-confidence, improved social skills and development of conflict-resolution skills.

Marshall staff is excited about the potential this program holds to reinforce a positive climate for students both at school and beyond.



Marshall Peacemakers help themselves while helping others.

Olive Street *Elementary*

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Dr. Michael Heiner
Principal

Supporting Student Growth

Social-emotional learning is vital to student success, and we have many tools in place to support students in this area at Olive Street Elementary School. Our entire team—teachers, the Behavior Support Team, the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Team, and support staff—go the extra mile to ensure that students receive guidance, support, and care when they need it.

PBIS is used schoolwide to teach, practice, and recognize positive behavior expectations in all school environments. PAWSitive office referrals are used to individually celebrate scholars for their positive contributions. Our Kindness Counts campaign offers students and staff the opportunity to recognize each other's kindness at any time with kindness hearts, which are placed on a large kindness tree in our hallway.

These tools, along with the restorative practices and calm classroom strategies, contribute to the overall positive climate at Olive Street School and empower students to be their best.



Kindness is fruitful at Olive Street Elementary School.

Orange Grove *Elementary*

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Alejandro Ramirez
Principal

Coding for the Future

Orange Grove Elementary is preparing for the 21st century by instructing all of our students in grades K-6 in coding. Exposing students and establishing a foundation in coding experiences will provide them with strong choices in their educational and career goals. Students in grades four to six can also participate in our after-school coding and eSports clubs.

Our after-school clubs encourage

creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, and communication. Tim Cooke, CEO of Apple, once said that creativity is one of the most important things that we should encourage our students to develop. Through coding, students creatively problem-solve, present their experiences, and compete in a positive environment.

Our eSports club also provides a pathway into a growing industry that is of high interest to many of our students. By engaging in coding and eSports, students learn to develop skills for success in the industry. We look forward to what our students will create in the future!



Students participate in engaging eSports learning.

Ponderosa *Elementary*

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Dr. Yadira Moreno
Principal

STEAM Opportunities

For the past four years, Ponderosa Elementary School has opened its doors for families and the community to join in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) learning. Our focus on STEAM has allowed teachers and families to understand what it means to put “STEAM in Action.”

As our teachers participate in professional development to bridge science across the curriculum through the inquiry cycle of learning, we have invited our families to see inquiry learning in action during Ponderosa’s Family Days of Pride. On the third Friday of each month, community members are invited to visit our classrooms. Each event focuses on STEAM activities that support our Project Lead The Way (PLTW) engineering curriculum, which is available to all scholars from

Transitional Kindergarten through fifth grade. Our sixth-grade scholars participate in a coding lab once a week. Through these activities, parents are able to see STEAM in Action in their children’s classrooms through various, engaging activities.

This year we have had some awesome Family Days of Pride! Activities included the paper-chain challenge, in which participants were given one piece of construction paper, a roll of tape, and a pair of scissors to create the longest paper chain they could in 10 minutes. The “design your own maze” activity was also a huge success. Families worked together to design a maze using a single paper plate, six straws, and scissors. The goal of these days is for parents to understand how STEAM works in the classrooms and how to make a connection to something they can also do at home. The mission is to bridge school and home!

Join us for STEAM Family Days of Pride on February 21 and April 24 to participate in the fun. You will leave thinking and solving problems like an engineer!

Adelaide Price *Elementary*

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Belén García
Principal

Creating a Caring Culture

Price Elementary School's PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support) team has been working hard to develop a positive schoolwide culture where all students feel

respected, cared for and safe.

Each week, Price staff members are given two

positive office referrals to pass out to students who are working hard to meet their goals and demonstrate the three school behavioral expectations: Be respectful, be responsible, and be safe. When students receive a positive office referral, they meet with our vice principal, Mrs. Shumate, to spin the prize wheel and have their photo taken to be added to the Wall of Fame inside her office.



The PBIS team at Price is comprised of teachers, supervisors, and parents to collaboratively develop a school culture that all students feel connected to.

Paul Revere *Elementary*

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Lety Chacon
Principal

A Musical Excursion

Revere Elementary School's music education program is thriving, and this past December we had an incredible opportunity to showcase it. Some of our students were invited to go to Hollywood to perform at the Viacom Save The Music Foundation's offices

for a special event that took place on the outdoor deck of their high-rise building!

The students knew this was an extra-special performance when a fancy charter bus (not the typical yellow school bus) arrived at our school to pick them up. They were even able to later spot the famous Hollywood Sign!

Music education is important for students, as they can learn to express themselves and succeed in areas beyond the regular academic subjects. But this performance also highlighted how music can open up so many opportunities for them to experience new things and go to



Revere Patriots ready to perform in Hollywood.

new places. We are grateful to all of the partners who make these opportunities possible for our Revere students.

Theodore Roosevelt *Elementary*

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Deanna Pelasky
Principal

Engineering is Elementary

Through Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM), Roosevelt Elementary School students are engaged in hands-on, engaging critical thinking every day. For the past three years, Roosevelt teachers have been implementing the Engineering is Elementary (EiE) program, which connects to Next Generation Science Standards and provides students with opportunities to

explore through engineering. Most importantly, it encourages students to develop their imagination.

As part of the inquiry process, students move through the planning, creating, and revision of their designs with the purpose to improve. Students are encouraged to ask questions of themselves, and others to go deeper into their learning. The engineering curriculum includes a variety of design projects, including a wall that withholds disasters, bridges, parachutes, and solar ovens.

From Transitional Kindergarten through sixth grade, EiE introduces students to 20 different engineering fields and acts as a springboard to other elements of the five Es for NGSS study.

Learning at Roosevelt is beyond elementary!



Engineering is an important part of e²STEAM-D learning in our schools.

Betsy Ross *Elementary*

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Trisha Graper
Principal

Buddies Program

Students at Betsy Ross Elementary School have the opportunity to participate in a program we call Buddies. The Buddies Program allows students to learn and grow together. Students with disabilities learn social skills and build friendships with their typical peers. The general-education students learn to support students

with special needs, using compassion, empathy and patience.

Buddy classes participate in activities such as art, music, reading, writing, science and PE. Older students may have the chance to mentor younger students, and same-age peers might serve as grade-level buddies.

The beauty of having a campus with diversity in student abilities is that when students encounter other children who may have abilities different from their own, they simply see, with time, one another as peers rather than focusing on those differences. These are skills that all of our students take with them into the community, which benefits us all.



Buddies enjoying spending time together.

Stoddard *Elementary*

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Kim Hadley
Principal

A Powerful Tool

At Stoddard Elementary School, we are counting! Counting Collections is a part of math instruction that takes place in our primary classrooms to help students develop number sense and number relations. In Counting Collections, students are given a collection of real objects to count, such as beads, paper clips, feathers, marbles, pennies, stickers, etc.

The activity begins with a mini-lesson in which the teacher highlights a particular idea, like how to share the counting task with a partner, an efficient counting strategy that they have seen students using, or a way to record their count. While the students are working, the teacher circulates to observe their strategies and highlight the efficient ones that are being used.

At the end of the session, the teacher might conclude with ideas that emerged from students during the task. This instructional activity is a powerful tool that engages our students in rich mathematics, and aligns with a broad range of mathematical standards.



Sunkist *Elementary*

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Maria Bolado
Principal

Small-Group Instruction

Small-group instruction is making a difference at Sunkist Elementary School! It has provided an opportunity for students to receive individualized instruction based on their specific needs and the opportunity to be successful!

“I am on Level 13!” “I just moved up a level!” “I’m working on third-grade level!” “He is on level 14!” These are just some of the joyful expressions that are heard in first-grade classrooms. Students proudly highlight not only their successes but the successes of their classmates as well.

During small-group instruction, kindergarten students are given the freedom to select among several centers that include technology, journal writing, and shared learning. Rather than having the teacher decide when students should move from one activity to the next,



Students working together to encourage their best.

students ask themselves, “Did I try my personal best?” If the answer is yes, then the students know it is time to move on and try something new.

Westmont *Elementary*

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Dr. Emma Robles
Principal

Access through AVID

As part of our e²STEAM-D focus, Westmont began the implementation of our AVID Elementary program for the 2019–20 school year. AVID stands for Advancement via Individual Determination, and introducing the program to elementary-

school students has helped to promote equity and engagement in our classrooms.

At Westmont, it is our goal to ensure that all students have access to quality education and a learning environment that supports their individual learning styles. Inherently, AVID promotes a culture of college and career readiness by reinforcing higher-level thinking skills that will transfer throughout our students' educational careers. This year, we trained three classroom teachers from second, fourth and sixth grades in AVID programs and practices.



We intend to grow our AVID implementation to our whole school in the coming years. AVID has helped our educators to transition from content delivery to the facilitation of true learning and inquiry, which truly empowers students.

Orange County Department of Education



Dr. Al Mijares
Superintendent

The Federal Census Bureau

In just a few months, you'll be asked to participate in one of democracy's most considerable responsibilities — and it shouldn't take more than a few minutes of your time.

As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, the federal Census Bureau conducts a nationwide population count once every 10 years. This is one of the few national activities the American public does together. It's also easy,

confidential and critically important to our students and their communities.

Along with establishing the number of congressional seats and electoral votes for each state, census data serves as the basis for deciding how approximately \$900 billion in federal funds are spent annually, impacting education, housing, public safety and other vital services.

These anonymous statistics also enable local governments to make highly consequential decisions about public safety, including staffing police and fire stations, and they help school districts plan for enrollment shifts.

Meanwhile, businesses rely on census data to open stores, offices and factories that generate new jobs. Real estate developers use these figures to construct new houses and revitalize aging neighborhoods. Residents use the census to support community initiatives.

Despite all that's at stake, our state is expected to lose about \$1,950 per person in annual federal funding as a result of undercounting. But a number of organizations are working to offset those losses by generating awareness in advance of the 2020 count. OCDE is among them, offering workshops for educators along with a social media campaign to help drive home some important points.

For example, we want to spread the word that the 2020 census will be easier than ever. Orange County families will be asked to respond starting in March, and the process should take about 10 minutes. In-person visits will only be made to households that don't respond online, by phone or by mail.

Another point worth noting is that any information collected by census-takers is confidential and can only be used for anonymous statistical purposes. In fact, every census employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life.

Completing the census is easy, it's confidential and it's mandatory. But it's more than that. It's a way for all of us to participate in our democracy, ensuring that Congressional representation and taxpayer-funded resources are distributed equitably over the next decade.

Orange County students and families count. Now let's make sure they're counted.

Anaheim Education Foundation

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Dr. Yadira Moreno
 Representative

Outdoor Science Camp

The Anaheim Outdoor Science Education Foundation (AOSEF) works hard all year to raise funds that are used to reduce the cost for AESD 6th grade students who attend Outdoor Science Camp at Camp San Geronio in the Big Bear Mountains. Twice a year AOSEF holds a bowling fundraiser attended by many of the district's teachers, staff, and leaders who generously donate

to this endeavor. Recently in February, AOSEF held its 26th annual golf tournament at The Yorba Linda Country Club. About 80 golfers participated along with 50 lunch attendees. Former Angels All-Star, Bobby Grich, was the Master of Ceremonies. The golf tournament raised over \$20,000.

Things in the Sky 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 Anaheim in the subject line.

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| STARS | MARS | WIND |
| SUN | MERCURY | CLOUDS |
| MOON | SATURN | SMOG |
| AIRPLANE | URANUS | FOG |
| KITE | RAIN | PLUTO |
| BALLOON | SNOW | RAINBOW |
| JUPITER | SLEET | ROCKET |

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Entries must be received by April 15, 2020
 From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift card to Barnes & Noble Compliments of Barkate Orthodontics
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Congratulations to Treva Wishart
Winner of our November Word Search Contest!



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