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GGUSD Scholars Start Strong





Dr. Gabriela Mafi

Serving Our Community

We are currently experiencing one of the most challenging seasons that educators have ever seen: a global pandemic and a transition to distance

learning beginning in the spring and continuing through the start of our new school year. I could not be more proud of our phenomenal educators and support staff who worked diligently to ensure that our GGUSD students and families have been surrounded with support throughout this crisis.

As we opened the 2020-21 school year in a distance learning format due to state requirements, I was inspired but not surprised that GGUSD employees rose to the occasion to meet the needs of our families. School principals successfully opened a school year, ensuring families had supplies, devices, wifi hotspots and important resources to embark on their new distance learning schedules – all while managing a mostly remote instructional team. Our Food Services staff has been on the front lines preparing and serving Grab and GO meals – currently at 31 sites, serving well over 1 million meals since March. Teachers are delivering interactive and robust instruction via video conferencing – finding new ways each day to keep students engaged. Support staff has provided wellness checks; bus drivers have delivered important supplies to families; custodial staff has implemented stringent cleaning and disinfecting schedules, and the list goes on. GGUSD also carried out our commitment to wellness with a Start Strong initiative that embedded a focus on social-emotional learning into the first two weeks of school.

SUPERINTENDENT

El servicio a nuestra comunidad

Actualmente estamos viviendo una de las épocas más difíciles que los educadores nunca antes habían visto; una pandemia global y el comienzo de una transición hacia el aprendizaje a distancia durante la primavera y su continuación con el inicio de nuestro año escolar. No podría estar más orgullosa de nuestros fenomenales educadores y del personal de apoyo, quienes trabajaron diligentemente para asegurar que nuestros alumnos y las familias del GGUSD estuvieran recibiendo el apoyo necesario a través de esta crisis.

A medida que abrimos el año escolar 2020-2021 con un formato de aprendizaje a distancia debido a los requisitos del estado, me sentí inspirada pero no sorprendida de ver que nuestros empleados del GGUSD estuvieron a la altura de las circunstancias para satisfacer las necesidades de nuestras familias. Los directores escolares abrieron exitosamente el año escolar, asegurándose de que las familias tuvieran las provisiones, dispositivos electrónicos, puntos de acceso Wi-Fi e importantes recursos para emprender sus nuevos horarios del aprendizaje a distancia – todo mientras orientaban a un equipo de enseñanza mayormente remoto. Nuestro personal de Servicios Alimenticios ha estado al frente de las líneas preparando y sirviendo Comidas para Recoger y Llevar – actualmente en 31 sitios y sirviendo más de 1 millón de comidas desde el mes de marzo. Los maestros están ofreciendo una enseñanza interactiva y robusta por medio de videoconferencias – y cada día encuentran nuevas formas para mantener interesados a los alumnos. El personal de apoyo ha hecho llamadas de bienestar; los conductores de los autobuses escolares han distribuido importantes provisiones para

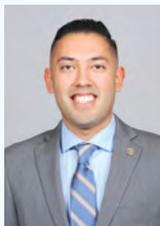
Phục Vụ Cộng Đồng Chúng Ta

Chúng ta đang trải qua một mùa học với những khó khăn chưa từng thấy mà những nhà giáo dục phải đối phó: một cơn đại dịch toàn cầu và việc chuyển qua hình thức học trên mạng bắt đầu từ mùa xuân và tiếp tục sang đến đầu năm học này. Tôi vô cùng hãnh diện về đội ngũ xuất sắc gồm các nhà giáo dục và nhân viên hỗ trợ của học khu đã tận tụy làm việc để bảo đảm các học sinh và gia đình của GGUSD chúng ta được hỗ trợ trong suốt giai đoạn khủng hoảng này.

Khi năm học 2020-21 khai giảng với hình thức học trên mạng theo yêu cầu của tiểu bang, tôi rất hãnh diện nhưng không hề ngạc nhiên khi thấy những nhân viên học khu GGUSD đã vượt lên trên tình cảnh khó khăn để đáp ứng nhu cầu của các gia đình học sinh chúng ta. Hiệu trưởng của các trường đã thành công trong việc bắt đầu năm học, bảo đảm mọi gia đình có học liệu, dụng cụ, những điểm truy cập mạng wifi và những nguồn hỗ trợ quan trọng để bắt đầu lịch học mới trên mạng – họ đã làm tất cả những điều này trong khi điều hành đội ngũ giảng dạy phần lớn áp dụng hình thức dạy trên mạng. Nhân viên Phục Vụ Ẩm Thực của chúng ta đã ở tuyến đầu chuẩn bị và phục vụ các phần ăn trong chương trình Đến Lấy và MANG ĐI tại 31 địa điểm - kể từ tháng 3 cho đến nay đã phục vụ được hơn 1 triệu phần ăn. Các giáo viên đã áp dụng hình thức giảng dạy trực tuyến sống động qua video để giao tiếp với các học sinh – mỗi ngày tìm phương cách mới để giúp học sinh tích cực tham gia. Các nhân viên hỗ trợ theo dõi tình trạng sức khỏe; tài xế xe trường chuyển các vật dụng quan trọng đến các gia đình; các nhân viên quản trường làm vệ sinh và khử trùng kỹ lưỡng theo đúng lịch trình, và còn nhiều điều khác nữa. GGUSD cũng thực hiện cam kết của học khu về sự lành mạnh qua phong trào Sự Khởi Đầu Vững Mạnh, chú trọng kỹ về mặt cảm xúc- giao tiếp trong hai tuần đầu đi học.

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An Unwavering Commitment to Safety

In Garden Grove Unified School District, we pride ourselves on treating students as if they were our own children. As elected Board of Education members AND parents, we know that this pandemic and current distance learning environment has not been easy on anyone and has created varying levels of anxiety for families. That's why we've worked hard to ensure the district provides families with access to important services like nutritious meals, wifi hotspots and mental health support. We're proud that district leaders have sent weekly communication to keep families informed every step of the way.

As we plan toward an eventual reopening of in-person instruction, there is nothing more important than the health and safety of students and staff. We know that parents want and deserve peace of mind that the district is doing everything in its power to create a safe learning environment and to mitigate the risks of COVID-19. To that end, it was necessary to delay the return to in-person instruction until campuses were properly outfitted with every safety precaution, including:

Un Compromiso Inquebrantable para la Seguridad

En el Distrito Escolar Unificado de Garden Grove, nos enorgullecemos de tratar a los alumnos como si fueran nuestros propios hijos. Como miembros elegidos de la Mesa Directiva de Educación Y padres de familia, sabemos que esta pandemia y el ambiente actual de aprendizaje a distancia no han sido fáciles para todos y ha creado varios niveles de ansiedad para las familias. Esa es la razón por la que hemos trabajado arduamente para asegurar que el Distrito les proporcione a las familias el acceso a importantes servicios tales como comidas nutritivas, puntos de acceso Wi-Fi y apoyo para la salud mental. Estamos orgullosos de que los líderes del Distrito han enviado semanalmente comunicados para mantener informadas a las familias sobre cada paso del camino.

A medida que planeamos una reapertura eventual de la instrucción en persona, no hay nada más importante que la salud y seguridad de los alumnos y del personal. Sabemos que los padres de familia quieren y merecen tener la tranquilidad de que el Distrito está haciendo todo lo que esté en su poder para crear un ambiente de aprendizaje seguro y disminuir los

Quyết Tâm Kiên Định Về Việc Giữ An Toàn

Tại Khu Học Chính Garden Grove, chúng tôi tự hào về việc xem học sinh như con em trong gia đình. Với tư cách là các thành viên Hội Đồng Giáo Dục được bầu chọn VÀ cũng là bậc cha mẹ, chúng tôi hiểu được rằng cuộc đại dịch và cách học trên mạng hiện tại không hề dễ dàng đối với bất kỳ ai và đã tạo ra những sự lo âu khác nhau cho các gia đình. Đây chính là lý do mà chúng tôi đã nỗ lực làm việc để bảo đảm rằng các gia đình nhận được các dịch vụ quan trọng của học khu cung cấp như các bữa ăn bổ dưỡng, dụng cụ truy cập mạng wifi và sự hỗ trợ về sức khoẻ tâm thần. Chúng tôi hãnh diện rằng các viên chức lãnh đạo học khu hằng tuần đã gửi thông tin liên lạc để các gia đình nắm vững từng bước các diễn tiến.

Trong khi chúng tôi đang hoạch định việc trở lại giảng dạy ở trường, không điều gì quan trọng hơn sức khoẻ và sự an toàn của toàn thể học sinh và nhân viên chúng ta. Chúng tôi biết rằng phụ huynh mong muốn và cần được hưởng sự yên tâm rằng học khu đang làm mọi việc trong khả năng nhằm tạo dựng môi trường học tập an toàn và giảm thiểu các rủi ro lây nhiễm COVID-19. Để thực hiện được điều này, chúng tôi đã phải hoãn việc giảng dạy trong lớp cho đến khi các trường được trang bị đầy đủ mọi biện pháp giữ an toàn, bao gồm:

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Welcome back to another school year. This is our 5th year publishing the Garden Grove Unified School District *School News*. There have been many changes throughout the years; however, I think we all agree this is the most challenging. Americans are innovative and educators are at the top of the list. Zoom has taken on a whole new meaning to this generation

of students. Fortunately, students and educators were proficient with technology to help with the seamless transition to distance learning. Families stepped up to the challenge.

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Our next issue is May 12, 2021. In the meantime, have a wonderful holiday season.

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Most women experience routine pregnancies. However, some women experience medical difficulties, making their pregnancy high-risk. High-risk pregnancies 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.

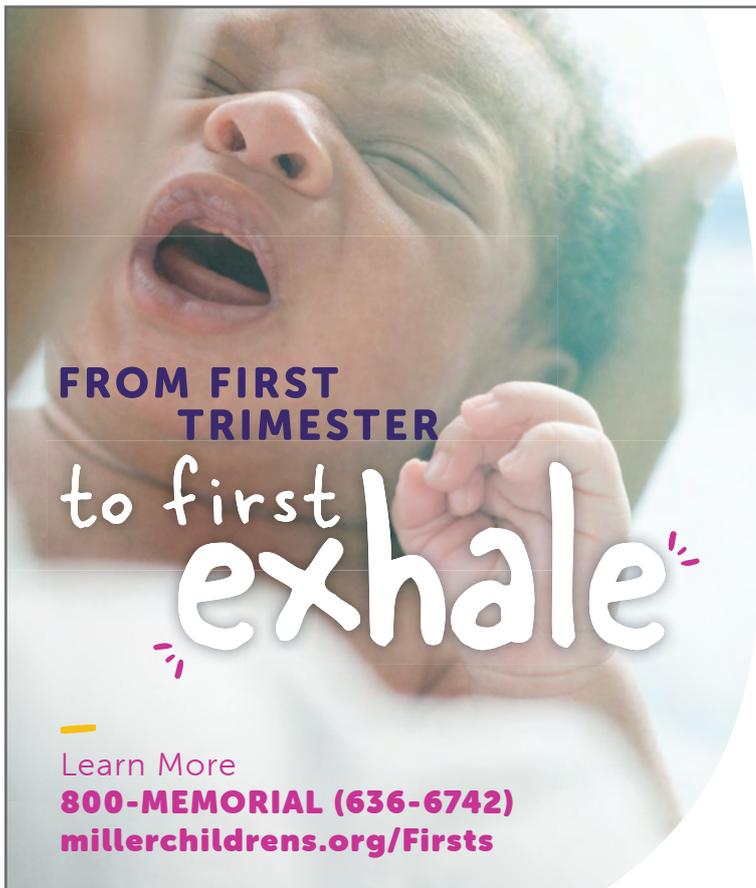
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Louie Gomez
Principal

Welcoming New Students

Another school year began as students descended upon our campus to collect their schedules and books, excited and nervous to begin a new year. The staff at Alamitos was so excited to greet students and parents as well as offer words of encouragement as they begin this year in a very

different way. Donning masks and staying physically distanced, students gathered their materials, waved at some familiar faces, and had a chance to meet their new principal, Louie Gomez. While this year is starting off with distance learning, Alamitos is busy preparing for our students to return to in-person instruction. We look forward to seeing our returning 8th graders and meeting all of our new 7th graders. This will be a wonderful school year and no matter where learning takes place, our staff at Alamitos is prepared and excited to assist our students in their continuing educational journey. Go Condors!



Alamitos enjoys a supportive school community where staff and families work together to support student success.

Allen *Elementary School*

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Dr. Andrew Heughins
Principal

Nationally Recognized for Excellence

Ethan Allen Elementary is proud to announce our selection as a 2020 National Blue Ribbon School! This is the second time our school has received this prestigious honor in the past ten years.

As I reflected on the many members of our community who contributed to the award I recalled a recent email from a parent who illustrates the dedication of everyone in our community to the district goal of lifelong success for our students.

The parent wrote to me about her daughter's struggles in adapting to distance learning as she worked full-time. She described how the teacher, Mrs. Love immediately set up social time after class with other girls to provide the emotional support her daughter needed in these difficult times.

She finished by saying, "As an essential employee I was so nervous about distance learning and the emotional sociological effects of the students. But I am so glad my daughter has Mrs. Love as her teacher, and how Mrs. Love immediately understood my dilemma. Please let her know she's an awesome teacher!"

This story is representative of all the Allen staff, as is the parent who took the time to share her experience to honor the dedication of her child's teacher.



Mrs. Love teaches kindergarten from the classroom she has set up in her home, equipping students with academic and personal skills for lifelong success.

Anthony Elementary School

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Tyleen Perez
Principal

Remodel for Reopening

This fall Anthony Elementary staff returned to a wonderful surprise! Thanks to their devoted students and families, Anthony School won an amazing staff lounge makeover from a local store! During the contest, students and parents showed their love for the Anthony staff by visiting the store to vote for Anthony School. Both students and parents wrote letters to the store, sharing how hard the Anthony teachers work to help them learn and, even more importantly, how much their teachers truly care about them. Students shared that Anthony is more than a school, it's like a family. The students shared in their letters, that they wanted to do something extra special for their teachers, and the store listened! Before the teachers returned from summer break, the store team went into action. They remodeled



Thank you to Anthony students and families for helping to win a makeover of our staff lounge.

the Anthony staff lounge and patio, creating a beautiful, welcoming space where teachers feel appreciated and loved. Thank you to our students, our families, and store.

Barker Elementary School

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Wayne Kelley
Principal

Ready to Learn

Barker Elementary staff, students, and parents spent the two days before the start of school picking up school supplies, meeting their teacher when possible, and working toward a successful distance learning school year start. With a classroom material pick-up schedule in place, we were able to safely welcome our families back with an in-person pick up of supplies, materials, and electronic devices. In some classrooms, during pick-up time, teachers were able to take first day pictures of students. The first day of school, Barker Lions knew to log-in on Zoom at 8:30 am ready to start their distance learning experience. Students dressed for school, were at a designated work station in their home, learned about Zoom expectations, and what the full-day of synchronous and asynchronous learning would look like. To help prepare for this digital phase of instruction, our Barker teachers attended professional development courses on student engagement, new digital platforms, and technology applications.



Barker students celebrated the new school year with a fun photo opp.

Bell Intermediate School

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Stephanie Bartlett
Principal

Generational Pride

Bell Intermediate School opened in 1968 and was dedicated in the name of Garden Grove's first-ever superintendent, serving from 1965 to 1968. Now over 50 years later, Bell is ranked in the top 3% of middle schools in California. With a long history of excellence, it is no wonder that Bell is a multi-generational school.

The Guenther family is a wonderful example of generational Bell pride. Six family members are past or current Roadrunners. Joi and her sister Juli attended Bell and now their children are proud Bell scholars. Currently, Connor (8th) and his cousin, Zach (7th) attend Bell. Nathan is a future Roadrunner and Kyle is a recent graduate of Bell now attending Pacifica. While Mr. and Mrs. Guenther wished they attended Bell, they

are alums of Pacifica High School and were instrumental in getting a 15 ton anchor donated to the school by the US Navy.

Why does Bell have such a rich tradition of Generational Pride? I believe it is due to the long history of excellence. Bell's staff (past and present) are committed to helping all students reach their goals.

As the school's new principal, I am proud to join the Roadrunner Team and help future generations make their mark at Bell Intermediate!



The Guenther family shows off their family pride in Bell Intermediate School.



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Tracy Conway
Principal

Above and Beyond

Classified and certificated staff have joined forces to support our students during this time of distance learning. 1830 chromebooks, several hundred wifi hot spots, and an assortment of supplies has been

distributed to ensure for student access to all virtual classes. Culinary Arts teachers have assembled and distributed parcels of ingredients for recipes; and the Art and Engineering teachers have done the same with supplies needed for access to the curriculum in their classes. We all look forward to the return to in person teaching and learning as the campus is just not the same without the presence of student activities and voices. We will persevere together because we are #BolsaStrong.



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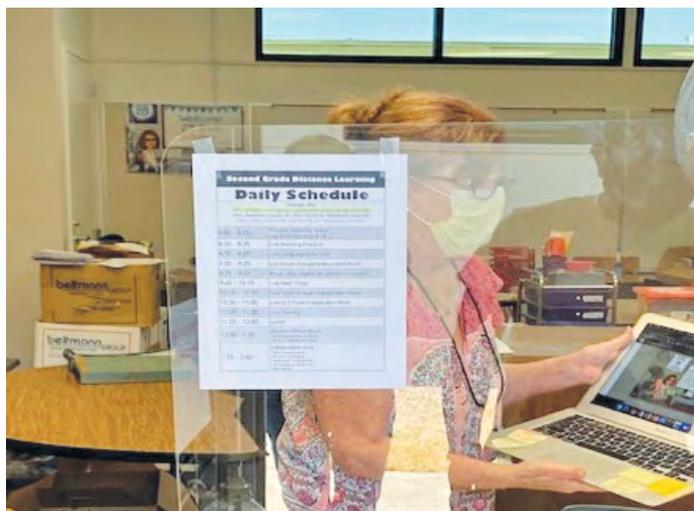
Dianna Rangel
Principal

A Warm Welcome

As we complete the first four weeks of this 2020-21 school year amid a pandemic, the Brookhurst Elementary teachers and staff are committed to challenging students academically while finding ways to ensure students and families feel connected to our school.

Our “Distribution of Material Day” was an opportunity to connect with the families we serve. With some creativity and planning, every teacher was able to meet their student in person and welcome the families we serve.

Teachers and staff continue to develop innovative ways to keep students engaged during distance learning.



Bryant *Elementary School*

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Tanya De Leon
Principal

Bryant Strong

Bryant teachers and staff are ready to welcome back our students after the historic school closures of March 2020. This year, our theme is “Bryant Strong” because we are discovering our collective strengths to serve our students. We had a very successful opening for distance learning with “all hands on deck” providing friendly tech support for families, distributing quality instructional

materials for the home, and providing engaging live lessons and home learning activities.

This year, we will support our students’ emotional wellbeing through the GGUSD Aspire system of care and our monthly Mobile School Pantry which offers nutritious food to over 160 families. Bryant is pleased to share we are now an AVID certified school. We will also continue our tradition of arts education through virtual family art nights. At Bryant, we are proud of our focus on AVID, Academics, and the Arts!



Bryant Office Staff Help Remove Barriers to Distance Learning With Friendly Tech Support

Carrillo *Elementary School*

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Mark Vosper
Principal

Working Collaboratively

This year all Carrillo Lions have R.O.A.R(ed) with excellence and pride for the opening of the 2020-21 school year. Respect for Others has been prominently on display as support staff have poured their time and skills into ensuring all students have the essential materials they need for success during the time of distance learning. Our teachers have opened up the year fostering a strong foundation of respect and community in their virtual classrooms. They have extended themselves during this unprecedented time in education to prepare for the digital platforms necessary to continue to provide a rigorous curriculum for all students. The Carrillo staff continues to encourage and support students and families as they branch out towards new realms in education.

Most importantly, we have seen students embrace distance learning as a community. Teachers have shared numerous examples of students going above and beyond to support their fellow classmates. Our diverse and multilingual student population has Acted Responsibly demonstrating exemplary problem-solving skills and

critical thinking as they find new ways to communicate, learn, and work collaboratively with students from different backgrounds in a distance learning setting.



Braden used Google translate to help a new student understand directions in Zoom.

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Brian Ball
Principal

Virtual Early Learning

Carver, Heritage, and Skylark Early Childhood Education Center kicked off the 2020-21 school year in a distance learning format with our hard working staff and supportive families collaborating to provide our students with meaningful daily learning opportunities. It starts with our staff creating over 200 synchronous and asynchronous learning packets every week. Our office staff then organizes the packets and calls on our own GGUSD transportation staff to bus the packets to each of our families' front doors.

In the daily live zooms, our students, with the instruction of their teachers and the support of a family member, engage in whole group learning and small group instruction. Our daily synchronous learning opportunities can include hands-on crafts, the letter of the week, the color of the week, the number of the week, and the shape of



Ms. Lisa and Ms. Anita engage our youngest learners through interactive online learning via Zoom.

the week. A dedicated, caring staff and supportive families have helped us to engage our students in daily meaningful learning opportunities, just as we would in the classroom.

Clinton Corner *Family Campus*

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Emma Druitt
Principal

Serving Our Students

Garden Grove Unified School District State Preschool was so excited to welcome our 3 and 4 year old students to our program! The preschool team worked hard to design a distance learning program that meets the needs of our families and focuses

on the social emotional development of our students. We were able to pass out packets and supplies weekly to assist students with their fine motor development as well as essential skills. Students participated in daily Zoom lessons with their teachers and aides not only to cover our curriculum, but also to build community as a classroom for when we return to in-person learning. We look forward to having all our students back on campus with new safety procedures and protocols in place.



Clinton Corner celebrates the start of a new school year.

Clinton *Elementary School*

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Jason Shabet
Principal

Meeting the Challenge Together

The Clinton Elementary School community came together in profound ways to meet the challenges posed by starting the year on distance learning. From preparing devices for parents to check out to staff being trained on various online programs to communicate with our parents, there was not a staff employee who didn't go

above and beyond. In order to raise the educational experience for distance learning, the teachers spent the summer learning how to integrate multiple platforms that contributed to greater student participation.

The results of all of this hard work led to the Clinton community achieving 100% student participation with all students receiving internet access thanks to Garden Grove Unified School District's commitment to provide hot spots to those families in need of a reliable connection. As a result of this strong partnership between parents and staff, Clinton Elementary will be ready to return to live instruction once it is deemed safe to do so.



Fifth grade student Savannah engages in interactive classroom instruction from home during distance learning.

Cook Elementary School

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Sandi Ishii
Principal

New School Year and New AC!

The day after moving in to their newly modernized classrooms with air conditioning, Cook teachers were prepared to greet their new batch of students. Cook teachers had brief individual “Meet and Greets” with each of their students and parents.

While their classrooms were still in boxes, the dedicated Cook team, was ready to launch the new school year online in their virtual Zoom classrooms! The Cook student body was ready for learning with all seats filled the first day of school. While this year had an unusual start, 2020-2021 is starting off strong with the dedicated efforts of the construction crew, the classified employees and certificated employees. Together Cook School is up and running with students learning! As a team effort, the Cook community is ready to embrace teaching and learning, both at home and at school, when we return to Cook! Go Cook Lions!



Cook families received important information about distance learning before starting the school year.

Crosby Elementary School

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Kristine Levenson
Principal

Wearing Crosby Pride

The teachers and students at Crosby Elementary wear “Crosby blue” on Fridays to show our school pride. It’s a fun and positive way to end each school

week and a great opportunity for students to stay connected to their school during distance learning. Our teachers are proudly displaying their latest staff shirts with our motto for the 2020-2021 school year. We are very proud of and thankful for our teachers and their commitment to serving our students through distance learning. We are Crosby Strong – No Matter the Distance!



Crosby Elementary teachers show their school pride during distance learning.

Doig *Intermediate School*

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Empowering Students with Scholarly Habits

Doig Intermediate School continues our steadfast commitment as an AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) National Demonstration School by preparing students to be college and career ready.

Loan Wu
Principal

AVID is a nationally acclaimed program

that focuses on helping students be successful in academically rigorous coursework. Only 2% of all AVID schools are able to undergo the rigorous demonstration school validation process. The AVID team proudly kicked-off distance learning with a ten-day countdown to welcoming students to the new 2020-2021 school year. The AVID team launched a social media campaign equipping students with the self-regulatory skills they needed in order to be prepared for distance learning.

The videos included morning routines, study spaces, positive first impressions, preparing materials, school platforms, weekly routines, classroom routines, healthy eating routines, participation, and visualizing success. Near or far, our dedication to empowering students to form scholarly habits for college and beyond continues to be unwavering.



Doig Intermediate School implemented several initiatives to prepare students for distance learning, including creating helpful videos for students.

Eisenhower *Elementary School*

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Staying Connected

Virtual warm welcome back to Eagles! Every Friday morning, Eagles start their day with a morning video announcement from a featured staff member posted on their Seesaw or Google Classroom. Some weeks consist of an introduced

technology tip while other weeks highlight messages from special staff members such as Mrs. Alarcon, who has changed her position to our MTSS (multi-tiered systems of support) Coordinator. Our librarian, Mrs. Soondas will give our students her book recommendation of the week to encourage them to keep up their reading skills. We have a special segment celebrating students who are celebrating their birthdays that week and update our students and parents on upcoming events and school news.

Beth Cusimano
Principal



Eisenhower staff develops new ways to ensure students remain close and connected to the school community.

Enders *Elementary School*

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Michelle Askew
Principal

Enders STRONG

Enders Elementary staff, students, and parents spent the beginning of the school year preparing for a successful distance learning period. We safely welcomed our families back with an in-person pick up of supplies, materials, and electronic devices. Balloons and signs filled the corridors, and our PTA sold Enders PRIDE T-shirts and face masks with our school logo. Students were so thrilled to begin the school year by seeing their teachers and peers, while staying safe. The first day of school, Enders Mustangs were buzzing away on Zoom, getting to know their teachers and classmates, learning about Zoom expectations, and our PBIS initiative during distance learning. To help prepare for this digital phase of instruction, our Enders teachers attended professional development courses on student engagement, new digital platforms, and technology applications. Our Enders PTA purchased Reading and Math IXL to support our students' asynchronous instruction during this time. Even during Distance Learning, our Mustangs remain Enders strong!



Enders teachers support scholars during interactive zoom instruction.

Evans *Elementary School*

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Lynn Hardin
Principal

Embracing Technology

Evans Elementary School scholars are off to a great start to a school year never seen in education history. Staff and students opened the school year with an all virtual or distance learning experience. Teachers worked remotely using various technology platforms including Zoom and Google Classroom. Students logged into Zoom to receive live instruction in language arts, math, and writing. There is also a social emotional component as together, we experience the impact of a world pandemic. Evans Elementary scholars are not only developing learning in reading, writing, listening, and speaking, but also in technology application and life skills. Lessons and use of technology created by Evans teachers will change how we teach for a long time. Embracing technology, Evans is the school of the future.



An Evans kindergarten teacher gives a beautiful example of delivering high quality instruction during distance learning.

Excelsior *Elementary School*

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Sarah Mershon
Principal

Making Lemonade

The Excelsior Elementary team is strong! We are so proud of our families and staff who have worked diligently to prepare for a one-of-a-kind school opening. iPads and Chromebooks were distributed to students.

Our students are showing up to school on time by online platforms and are working to create good school routines. Parents are teaching their children about physical distancing and modeling safe mask-wearing practices. Families are creating school zones in their homes for their children. Our staff is working together in all areas, from technology to instruction to food distribution in order to keep our school healthy, safe and positive. Our theme this year is: “When life gives you lemons, make lemonade!”. We are CHOOSING to make lemonade!



Excelsior Elementary School warmly welcomed students back for a new school year.

Faylane *Elementary School*

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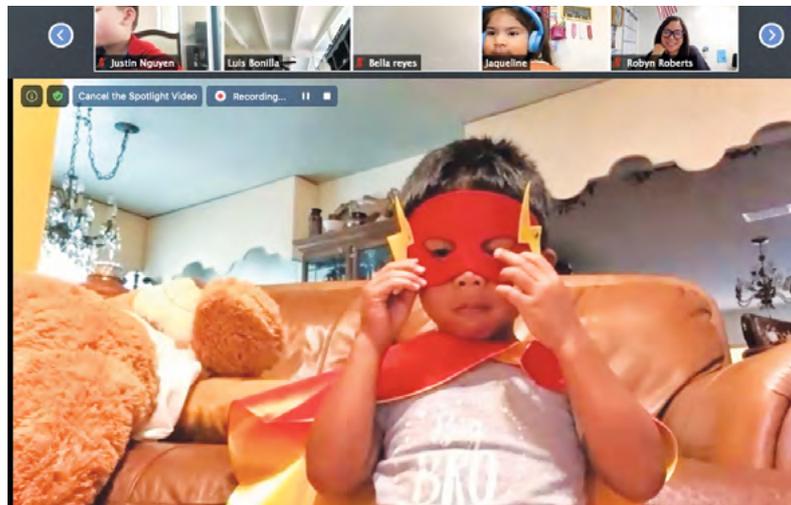


Mike Ingalls
Principal

Pandemic Teamwork

Never as a leader have I been more proud of my community and my team family. Amidst astounding highs and astonishing lows, Faylane has seen its people unite together to shine. At the onset of 2020-21, our office staff worked tirelessly to help connect and communicate with families. Our ASPIRE social worker

and interns have imparted emotional wellness to classes, assisted individuals in crises, and connected families to physical needs. Custodians have organized, cleaned, moved, measured (6 feet!), “dotted” ...and then cleaned and moved some more! Teachers, aides, SSAs, and library techs have been amazing instructors/ teammates. “Non-techie” teachers have become technology specialists. TSS, coach and tech pioneers have forged new methods and new paths, dragging the rest of us happily behind them. And what of our students, parents and caregivers? Astounding technology mentors and home teacher crews they have become, 4 and 5-year-olds showing grandparents how to click and drag, lower graders forging



Faylane Elementary kindergarten students loved participating in Superhero T-Shirt Day.

connection by means of screen, older students breaking new ground in tech mentoring! Do we miss seeing each other closer than 6 feet? Desperately we do! As a principal I believe, however, that Falcons will come out of this “nest” able to SOAR higher, with new skills, appreciating one another in new ways. And come out of it we will-stronger.

Fitz Intermediate School

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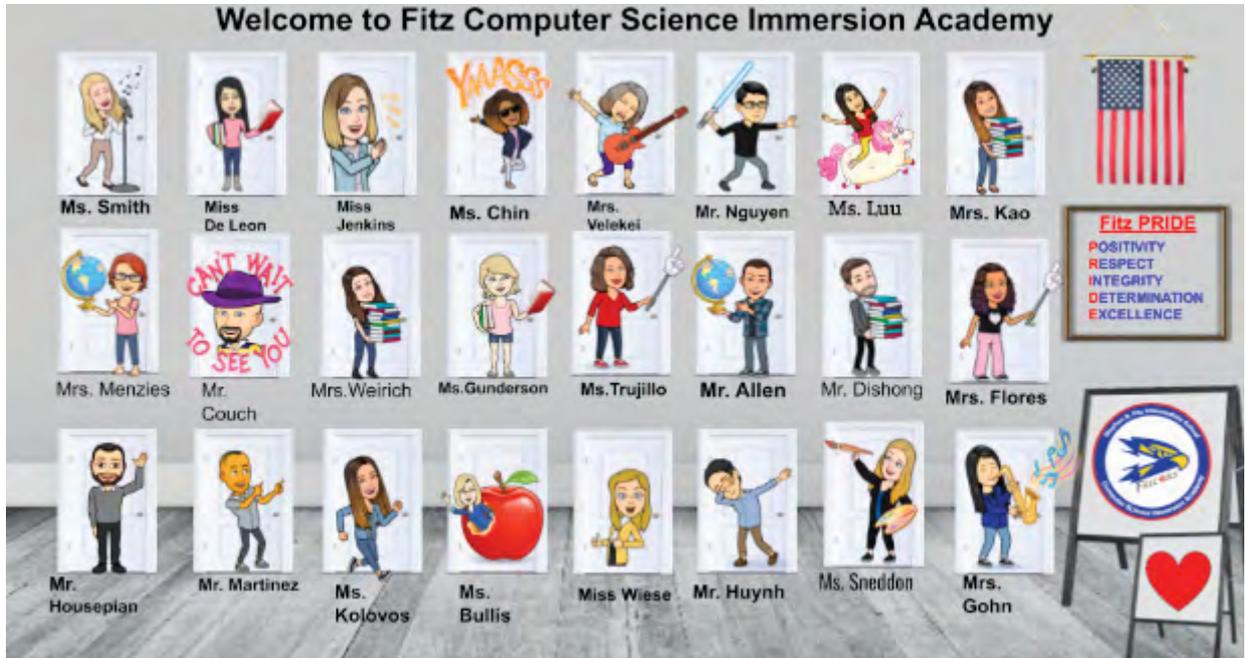


Feather Hocking
Principal

We are #fitzstrong

Fitz Computer Science Immersion Academy welcomes students and families to a very unique school year! Whether we are learning virtually or in-person, we are here for our students, parents and our community. We are #fitzstrong and will show our #fitzpride! Our teachers attend hundreds of hours of training to prepare for

this year's reopening phases. Our office staff have provided endless hours of phone conversations to support parents in registering, working through technology glitches, connecting students to the correct Zoom classes, providing virtual parent meetings and much more. Our school counselor and social workers are providing students with academic counseling, social emotional support, problem solving and more. Fitz is dedicated to providing the best programs and opportunities for our students throughout this school year.



Fitz Intermediate makes virtual instruction fun with personalized teacher and staff bitmojis.

Garden Grove High School

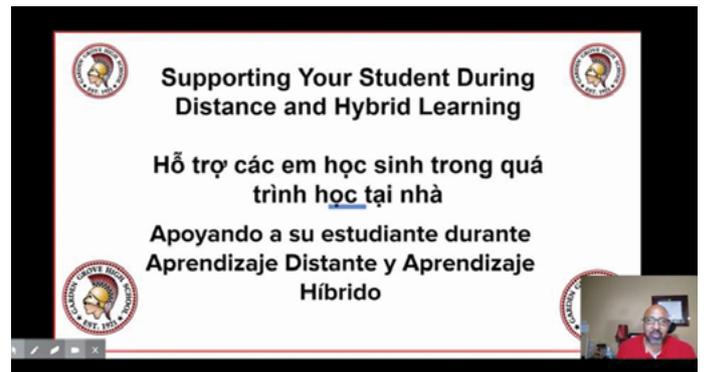
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Todd Nirk
Principal

Connecting with Parents

Just as students are pushing ahead during distance learning, so too are parents. GGHS is nearing completion of its 4-part parent education series all related to different aspects of distance learning. Led by Dr. Fulton, we touched on topics such as Google Platform and Products, Supporting Your Student During Distance Learning, an In-Depth Examination of the Hybrid Schedule, and on Nov 12 we'll hold our final meeting on Reviewing the Next Steps for GGHS. We've had some great discussions and a tremendous turnout via Zoom!! And, some day, when things get back to normal we'll certainly consider holding some parent education meetings via Zoom if it is a preference for our parents!



Garden Grove High School is hosting a series of parent education classes to support families during distance learning.

Garden Park *Elementary School*

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Michelle Morales
Principal

Starting Strong

Our theme this year is “Start Strong, Finish Stronger.” We began the school year by welcoming our Garden Park families to our textbook and technology distribution days. The PTA was on hand selling our “Start Strong, Finish Stronger” spirit shirts as a way for all of us to show a sense of

community and school pride. Additionally our amazing Garden Park staff and three of our GGUSD bus drivers all worked together as a team to carry out a successful distribution!

Since school began in late August our amazing teachers have worked incredibly hard at making sure every student experiences success during Distance Learning. Together as a dynamic team, our Garden Park parents, our teachers, and staff have come together to make sure our students started strong. Thank you teachers, staff and parents! Go Geckos!



Garden Park is committed to ensuring every student succeeds during distance learning.

Gilbert *Elementary School*

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Charise Santana
Principal

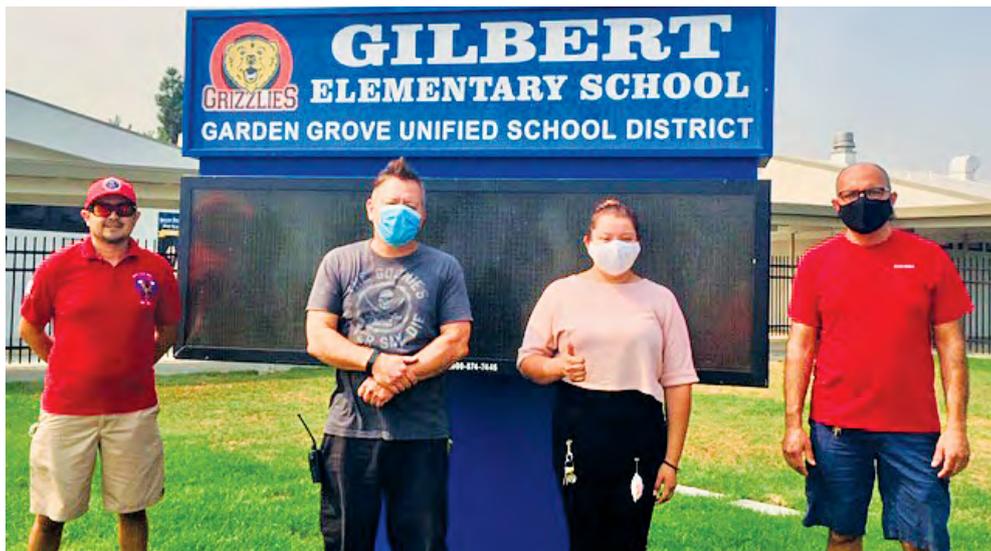
Preparing for a Safe Reopening

“Paul, do you copy? Alex, do you copy?” The custodians at Gilbert, may hear this phrase hundreds of times per day. Their responses are

always friendly, professional, and with a “will do” attitude. This level of

commitment has translated to the additional cleaning responsibilities that COVID-19 has generated. With new cleaning requirements comes new routines for the safety and well-being of our students and staff. Our custodians are up for the challenge. With the dream clean team at work, Paul, Alex, Linda and Gilberto, classrooms are being transformed. Wiping and disinfecting surfaces, removing excess furniture,

reconfiguring desks, are just a few of the tasks that are being done. The excellent communication and hard work of our custodial staff has moved Gilbert closer to bringing our students back to school.



Gilbert Elementary School’s custodians have gone above and beyond to implement new health and safety protocols on campus.

Hare High School

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Lydia Machado
Principal

Embarking on a New Journey

Hare High School students and teachers are off to a great start embarking on this new journey of distance learning. Our teachers have worked tirelessly to prepare and learn new technology to be able to provide the continued standard of excellent instruction that is a hallmark of GGUSD. Over the summer, the Hare front office remodel was completed including new cabinetry, carpet and paint in the counseling, attendance and

assistant principal's offices. Another exciting addition to our campus will be construction of a new shade structure and new lunch tables. While are students and teachers are engaging in distance learning our campus support staff is working to get our campus ready for the safe return of our students and teachers. Everyone, including campus safety, office staff, custodial staff, nursery and infant aides from our Child Development program and even Hare bus drivers, have had a part in preparing our campus for a safe return to school. #We Love our Students!



The Hare team has worked hard to ensure a smooth start to the new school year.

Hazard Elementary School

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Olivia Hufnagel
Principal

Empowering Eagles to SOAR

Hazard Elementary is committed to empowering Eagles to S.O.A.R (Strive for Academic Excellence, Overcome Challenges, Accept and Care for Others, and Reach all goals!) Being honored as a CA Distinguished School and as one of America's Best Urban Schools in 2020 is a great testament to the hard work and dedication of our school community. This year, Hazard was also awarded a \$14,800 grant from CTA Institute for Teaching that will allow us to continue our innovative work in addressing Next Generation Science Standards through STEAM. To jumpstart the new year with Distance Learning, our Eagle scholars were tasked to imagine, plan, and design their ideal learning space at home.



Our scholar is ready to learn in our B&G Club childcare program.

For our families with childcare needs, our B&G Club partnership provided the opportunity to offer learning at school. Whether in-person or remote learning, our team will continue the hard work and HEART WORK of engaging all scholars in meaningful learning opportunities that will infuse a love of learning.

Heritage Computer Science Academy

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Michelle Pinchot
Principal

Outstanding Support to Students

Heritage Computer Science Academy is proud to be given the “Community Cares” Award! The California Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Coalition has recognized Heritage, for outstanding contributions of support during the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting disruptions to school.

Multi-tiered interventions and supports continued during the school closure to ensure the school community would continue to receive necessary academic and social emotional resources while learning from home. The school community was united during times of need and persevered as a team.

Opening our school remotely has given students the opportunity to develop new skills for virtual learning. Students have been exploring how to become virtual scholars while practicing their AVID strategies as

well as their new PBIS expectations to support online learning. We are impressed and very proud of what has been accomplished.

Our scholars will continue to S.O.A.R learning remotely or in person!

Follow us on Facebook @HeritageGGUSD.



The staff at Heritage finds innovative ways to use technology to make distance learning fun and productive.

Hill Elementary School

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Toby Vares
Principal

Go Hounds!

Hill scholars are off to a Zooming year! While this was not the start to the 2020 school year we were all hoping for, our scholars and staff continue to persevere and rise to the challenge of distance learning. Hill teachers are applying their technology skills to provide a

rigorous and exciting learning experience. The daily social-emotional lessons have helped students ease into the new year and given teachers the opportunities to build relationships with them virtually.

Our Hounds continue to show their “BARK” while participating in Distance Learning. We had our first “Virtual” Friday Flag Deck with over 300 people in attendance. Students have been able to check out books at our Mobile Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays in front of the school and we will have our first “Virtual” FIBO Art lesson next month.



Two siblings taking a break from distance learning and enjoying the Mobile Library with Ms. Long.

We miss you and hope to see everyone soon.
Go Hounds!

Irvine Intermediate School

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Michael Kennedy
Principal

Introducing PBIS

The Irvine Intermediate faculty and staff are excited to open the 2020-2021 school year while introducing our “Irvine Hawks SOAR” PBIS program. PBIS (positive behavioral interventions and supports) is a proactive approach that schools use to improve school safety and promote positive behavior. The focus of PBIS is prevention, not punishment.

All Irvine students will learn positive behavior strategies, just as they would learn about any other subject, like reading or math.

PBIS recognizes that students can only meet behavioral expectations if they know what the expectations are. Everyone learns what’s considered to be appropriate behavior and uses a common language to talk about it. Whether virtually or in-person, students understand what is expected of them during class, at lunch, on the bus, and in other settings.

Irvine Intermediate students and families are the best, and we are excited to bring this nationally recognized program to our campus.



Jordan Intermediate School

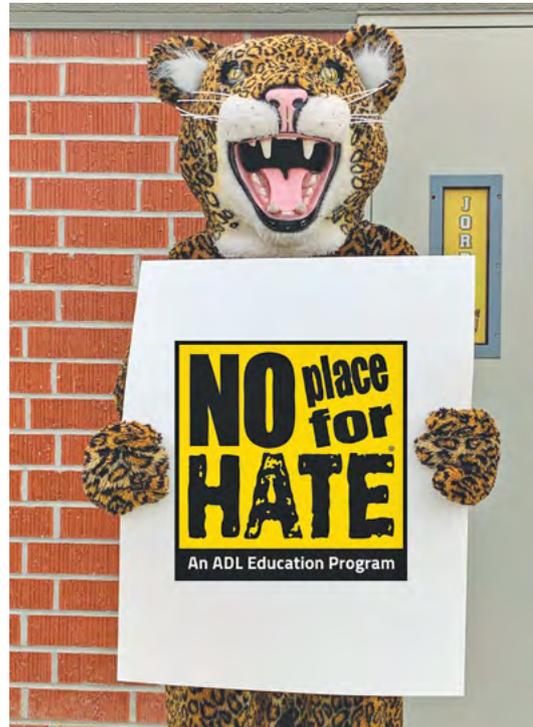
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Nick Clark
Principal

No Place for Hate

Just before school closure on March 13, Jordan Intermediate was designated a “No Place for Hate” (NPFH) school. Being a NPFH school allows Jordan to take the lead on “improving and maintaining school climate so all students can thrive.” This distinction is given by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) to schools that complete a variety of meaningful tasks. These tasks begin with all students signing a “Resolution of Respect” and the implementation of a bullying prevention program and three school-wide anti-bias or bullying prevention training. Jordan has started the process to be recognized as a “No Place for Hate” school again. This work ties very closely with Jordan’s pillars of Respect, Responsibility and Kindness that won the PBIS Silver Medal Award from the state of California in 2019. During these trying times in our society, Jordan continues to try to be a place where all our students thrive!



Even Jordan’s mascot is committed to ensuring the school is “No Place for Hate.”

Jordan *Adult Transition Program*

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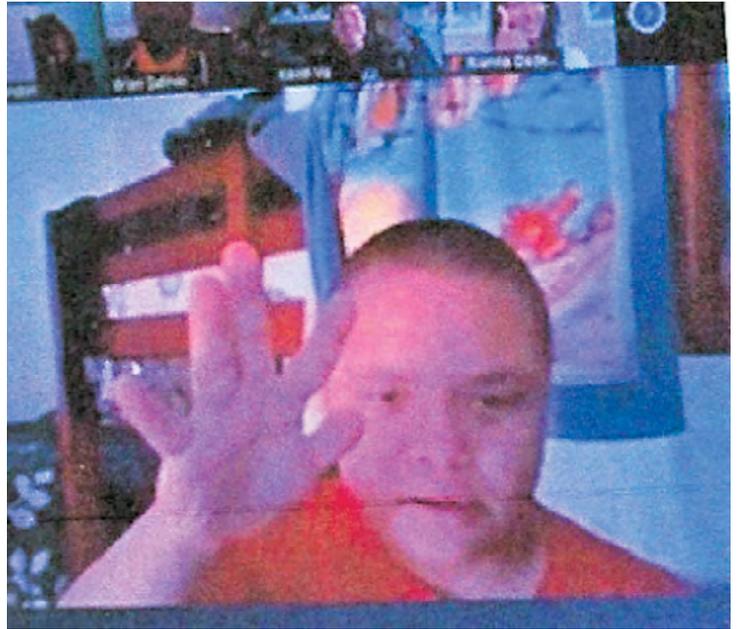


Tricia Chinn
Principal

Students Who Shine

Distance learning has been a challenge for all students; especially, for students with unique needs but every student is rising above this challenge in their own way. David Gonzalez is one of those students taking on the challenge and making positive progress participating in distance learning. David is a student with a significant hearing deficit; therefore,

this has added to the challenges of learning on Zoom and communicating his thoughts and ideas. David has persevered through this challenge and has gone from only knowing very limited American Sign Language (ASL) to increasing his ASL to over 200 words. Not only has David learned how to communicate his thoughts and ideas through ASL, he is teaching other students and staff how to sign so they can all better communicate on Zoom as a class. His confidence and achievement shine on Zoom. We are ALL so proud of David's determination and attitude!!



David has strengthened his sign language skills during distance learning.

La Quinta *High School*

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Tahnee Phan
Principal

Our New Gym and Aquatic Center

Construction on our new three-court gym and aquatic center is on track to be completed by the end of 2020. This new facility will seat over 2,400 spectators for basketball and volleyball games as well as school

assemblies and special performances. The aquatic center will allow us to host our own water polo and swim competitions. New banners have been ordered to adorn the walls of the facility to celebrate our legacy of athletic prowess. This new building will also include our Hall of Fame, locker rooms, an athletic training room, athletic offices and team rooms. We are excited to utilize this facility in the near future for memorable events for students, staff and parents.



Construction of La Quinta's new gym and aquatic center is on track to be completed by the end of 2020.

Lake Intermediate School

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Margaret Feliciani
Principal

Keeping Students Engaged

At Lake Intermediate School we are committed to providing students with a strong educational program. In our Lake distance learning program we have developed teacher-led video based instruction. Teachers are using video conferencing to provide interactive classroom instruction. Daily learning also includes instructional strategies that are targeted to provide additional opportunities to support classroom instruction. Teachers are actively presenting their distance learning instruction and keeping students engaged. We are very proud of hard work and commitment from our teachers, support staff, students and parents as we have implemented our Lake distance learning plan.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year with our Lake Dragons!



Lake teachers deliver engaging instruction in their virtual classrooms.

Lawrence Elementary School

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Julie Kawai
Principal

Keeping Students Connected

Our Lawrence Roadrunners are off to a wonderful start this school year! As we welcomed students back, our students and teachers launched into distance learning. Although it is different from the start of a typical year, we had just as much excitement and positivity as we would any other year. Our remarkable teachers and staff worked hard preparing to welcome our scholars back with smiles, enthusiasm, structured learning activities and teambuilding exercises, as well as some very special first day pictures! We have also had some classes do segments with students sharing their pets on screen, which we would not be able to do in person. Teachers and parents



A Lawrence third grader celebrates his first day of online learning

have worked together to form wonderful educational partnerships to support our students and navigate challenges together, and we love seeing our students online and ready to learn in our virtual classrooms.

Lincoln *Adult Education Center*

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M'Liss Patterson
Principal

Successful Transition to Distance Learning

Garden Grove Adult Education leads the way in going remote. Garden Grove Adult Education instructors and staff were able to transition to remote learning in record time in response to the instructional shift required due to COVID19. It took an “all hands on deck” effort to contact all students and connect them to their instructors and

lessons, but the staff was up to the task. Teachers have been participating in numerous digital training sessions all while engaging students in a variety of online modalities. Teachers have been sharing how impressed they are with students, many of whom have multiple family members sharing devices and wifi signals! We are also pleased to announce that we have had five students complete their requirements to earn their high school diploma during this COVID-19 crisis! Way to go! Our faculty and staff are amazing and continue to put students first. It's the Garden Grove Way!

Los Amigos *High School*

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Amy Avina
Principal

Supporting Student Success

Quick thinking, creativity, and patience combined together helped the Los Amigos High School staff kick off an unprecedented school year. Every student received a Chromebook as well as other school supplies to help support their success in distance learning

while our teachers devoted spaces inside their homes to meet virtually with students each day through Zoom. Students in our Early College Academy have been meeting with their Golden West College professors through Canvas as well. While all of us miss being together, the use of technology has enabled us to hold multiple grade-level meetings for our parents and use other tools to poll all stakeholders as we move forward towards reopening. We cannot wait to welcome our PACK back to campus very soon. Check out our teacher videos and WFH photos on our website (losamigos.com) and follow us on Instagram. This Is My Pack!



Los Amigos graphic arts teacher Eric Keawakane developed an impressive “work from home” station to deliver high quality instruction.



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Mark Twain *Special Education Center*

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Tricia Chinn
Principal

Warrior Strong

Our Mark Twain Warrior students, parents and teachers have done an amazing job starting of the new school year plugging into distance learning (DL). Many students currently have 100% attendance. Students are working closely with their parent and the teacher to make progress toward their individual needs. They are all participating in each lesson and taking part in the live zoom

lessons, learning from the teacher, viewing daily videos and completing assigned work. During zoom they are engaged in the zoom lesson on their iPads, making choices and communicating by using communication boards and choice cards to answer yes/no questions or make choices. In addition to learning functional academics, our students are working on daily living skills such as cooking, cleaning skills and much more. A huge THANK YOU to our teachers and parents for making DL fun, engaging and a positive experience for our students! GO WARRIORS!



Mark Twain students are doing an outstanding job learning from home.

Marshall *Elementary School*

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Eileen Young
Principal

Making a Difference

At Marshall, we understand how distance learning may be challenging for families and our children! This is why our teachers at every grade level collaborated and created a list of supplies and materials that would benefit all students. In order to ensure families had the

supplies necessary, Marshall received support from GGUSD's transportation department. Three GGUSD bus drivers; Gabriel Arana, Kelley Dahhaj, and Mohammed Baz; worked tirelessly to prepare and distribute hundreds of packages for our children. They sorted, organized and distributed materials to Marshall families. In addition to preparing packets, each bus driver assisted in calling parents, reminding them about supplies available, as well as delivering supplies to homes of families who were unable to pick them up themselves. Taking a second to make a difference. This is the Garden Grove way!



Marshall bus drivers worked tirelessly to distribute hundreds of packages for families to begin the year with distance learning.

McGarvin *Intermediate School*

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Bill Gates
Principal

Soaring to New Heights

McGarvin Intermediate School's entire community continues its strong tradition of excellence despite the challenges faced during these unprecedented times in our world. With those challenges in mind, our school community is hard at work participating in teaching and learning activities that emphasize academic and personal skill development in a manner that

highlights the characteristics in our school motto, "W.I.S.E: Welcoming, Improving Every Day, Socially Aware, and Ethical. In fact, these very characteristics and practices recently earned McGarvin recognition from the California PBIS Coalition for its "outstanding contribution for support and care during the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. The entire McGarvin community of "WISE" Owls are soaring to new heights!



Mitchell *Elementary School*

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Chris Francis
Principal

Going the Distance

Mitchell has been able to apply lessons learned from the spring to get distance learning off to a great start! Our unique one-to-one iPad program made the transition from live instruction to distance learning much easier. Students were already

utilizing iPads to express themselves and show learning. Teachers were regularly using learning platforms like Google Classroom and SeeSaw with students. Utilizing Zoom to teleconference with students while keeping instruction engaging and interactive has been the priority. Parents, teachers, and office staff have shown the grit to make this all happen- Great job!

As we eagerly wait for our students to return to campus, our work continues. We will partner with Apple in Year Two of our iPad program. In addition to PBIS, we have transitioned to a system-wide MTSS focus. We are one of ten GGUSD Elementary Schools participating in this unique pilot program. Continue to S.O.A.R. Eagles!



Mitchell students return to campus to pick-up materials while teachers go above and beyond to make Distance Learning effective.

Morningside *Elementary School*

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Nathan Bellamy
Principal

Preparing for In-Person Instruction

Despite no on-site learning with students and teachers, Morningside Elementary has been a busy place. Our new mascot mural was completed out in front of our school. The mural was partially sponsored by our PTA and the mural will be a welcome addition to our school when we return. Our wonderful office staff and outstanding custodial staff have been on campus every day since summer getting the school prepared and ready for when students and teachers return to campus. We have received plenty of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for all our staff and students. We have also received a lot of cleaning supplies to help maintain the cleanliness of the school once we start. Our custodial staff have received training on cleaning rooms and the importance of maintaining a safe school environment for everyone! We look forward to coming back to school.



Morningside features a new school mural sponsored in part by the PTA.

Monroe *Elementary Dual Language Academy*

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César Loya
Principal

Welcoming our Scholars

Getting ready for this school year has been unlike anything we have ever had to prepare for. At Monroe, however, we feel very fortunate to be part of a team of professional educators who have stepped up to the challenge and have provided a solid instructional framework for our scholars. We would also like to recognize our parents and family members who are doing an amazing job at home supporting their children's engagement during distance learning. It is no easy task!

We are striving to provide the best possible distance learning instructional support for our scholars and at the same time going through the process of meticulous planning for a possible opening of in-person instruction. We have held a series of "Coffee Chats with the Principal" to offer parents an opportunity to hear directly from our site administration about our plans for re-opening and our safety protocols. We plan to continue with these "Coffee Chats" in order to keep an open line of communication with our community and to be as transparent as possible with our ongoing planning.



Monroe students and parents celebrated the 2020-2021 school year from home.

Murdy Elementary School

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Marcie Griffith
Principal

Successful Start to New Year

Even at a distance, we are off to a great start to the 2020-2021 school year at Murdy Elementary! Our teachers and staff have gone above and beyond to partner with our families to ensure students have the best learning experiences possible.

2020-21 marks the fourth year of our Vietnamese Dual Immersion program, which has grown to include students in transitional kindergarten through second grade. This also marks the fifth year of our onsite Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program.

At Murdy Elementary, we are proud to be a California Distinguished School and excited to move forward in our commitment to provide all of our students with a rigorous and supportive academic experience that will prepare them for future success.

To learn more about all the wonderful things going on at Murdy Elementary, follow us on Facebook and other social media @murdyelementary.



Students show Murdy pride during distance learning.

Newhope Elementary School

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Adam Bernstein
Principal

Recognizing Perseverance and Grit

While 2020 has been a challenge for all of us, the staff at Newhope recognize the Newhope Tigers who have shown excellent grit and determination throughout this time of distance learning. With the generosity of the Newhope Parent Teacher Organization, we have delivered pizzas to students who have been selected by their teachers for outstanding effort during distance learning. Since March, these pizza winners have regularly logged into their teachers' Zoom classes, completed the online work that has been posted in their Google Classrooms, and have demonstrated overall good citizenship and work habits during this time of distance learning. We know that sometimes it's not easy to stay focused and do schoolwork from home, but our Newhope Tiger Pizza Winners have shown the perseverance, motivation, and hard work necessary to make them successful in school!



Newhope recognized students of the month who have shown perseverance and grit with a free pizza delivery.

Northcutt *Elementary School*

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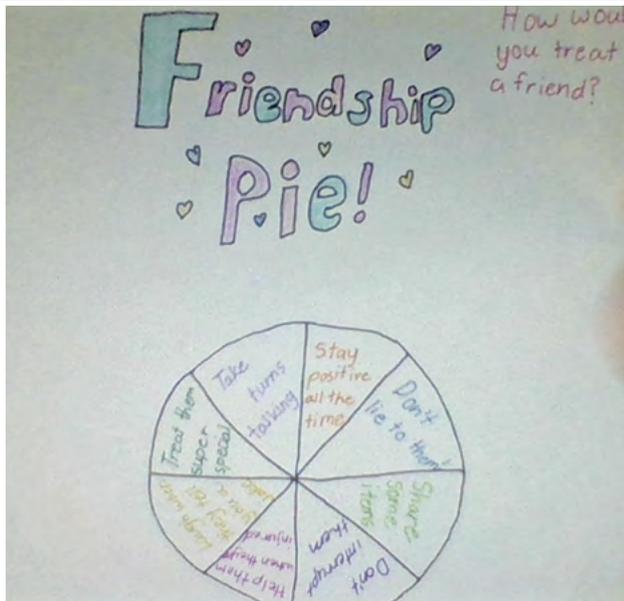
Ready for a New Year

The school year has just begun, and Northcutt students are already working hard in class discussion and independent work.

While working

remotely has been a challenge, the families and staff of Northcutt have done an incredible job making sure students are online and engaged. Students have benefited from 1:1 device ratio, ensuring that all scholars have access to their education. We are looking forward to the day when we can safely return to in-person instruction, but are also proud of the effort by the students and teachers to continue learning.

This year, Northcutt has been recognized as an AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) elementary



Students create a classroom project about making friends.

school. Teachers and administration have attended AVID conferences over the summer, and collaborate to implement AVID strategies into instruction. We are excited to provide this opportunity for students to participate in a nationally recognized academic program. Bulldogs will also continue with programs and projects for social-emotional well-being, anti-bullying, and art. These opportunities round out the experiences for our students, and help support the whole child.

Northcutt staff and students are committed to the idea of both academic and social development as described in our motto: Community, Commitment, Character. We are looking forward to a great year!

Pacifica *High School*

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Celebrating the Class of 2020

We are thrilled with the outcome of the Pacifica High School Class of 2020 Senior Drive-Through Celebration that occurred in the spring! Our parent volunteers did a wonderful job working with Pacifica to plan the event. The music, gifts, welcome arches,

photo walls and behind the scenes work was incredible! Thank you to the Bell Intermediate and Pacifica High School staff, and the GGUSD Food Services employees who came out to cheer on the graduates! Thank you to the custodial staff for an amazing set-up of path markers, shade structures, and the sound system. The welcome music, decorated cars and smiles on the faces of the families in their cars made the event a day to remember! We congratulate all of our graduates. Pacifica Mariner class of 2020 we wish you the best in fulfilling your dreams for the future! Go out and change the world!



Pacifica Mariner graduate celebrates achievements!

Paine *Elementary School*

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George Martinez
Principal

Going the Extra Mile

Paine's mindset has always been that the school does not just enroll students, Paine enrolls families. This outlook has served the school well, especially now with distance learning. The school has gone above and beyond to help families adjust to a different kind of school year. Even before school started, Chromebooks, hotspots and classroom supplies were distributed to families. Paine's staff conducted planned (and impromptu) tutoring sessions with parents, helping them to navigate online tools for learning. As teachers geared up to present engaging lessons to keep students motivated, parents were doing their part to make sure their children could access these lessons. The Paine community has been exceptional in meeting the common goals of supporting, loving and educating students.



First grade teacher, Mrs. King, is delighted that her students are building words using foundational skills taught in a virtual language arts lesson.

Parkview *Elementary School*

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Ryan Baker
Principal

Nationally Recognized for Success

Parkview Elementary School has a long tradition of academic success that was recognized by the National Center for Urban School Transformation as one of the BEST Elementary Schools in the entire country. In February, a team from NCUST visited our campus and interviewed students, parents, teacher, classified staff and the principal. They were so impressed with what they heard and witnessed in our classrooms, that Parkview will be awarded a Gold, Silver or Bronze medal this October (this was supposed to have taken place in March but was postponed due to COVID-19). This is an unbelievable honor and validates the hard work and dedication of our amazing Parkview teachers and staff. This year, it was with a heavy heart that we received the news that schools would have to begin the 2020-21 school year with students continuing to learn from home. However, Parkview teachers quickly got together as grade level teams and



Parkview Families got to meet their new teachers and pick up important learning materials for distance learning

created cohesive plans to ensure amazing student success while distance learning. Our hope is to be on campus soon but know our teachers, and students, will thrive in any environment!

Patton *Elementary School*

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Welcome Back Patton Patriots

The Patton teachers and staff welcomed back the students virtually for the 2020-2021 school year. The teachers have done a great job teaching their students via Zoom and asynchronously through SeeSaw and/or Google

Classroom. The parents and families have been very supportive helping their children navigate Zoom and making sure they are attending their virtual classrooms. The Patton staff launched the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program. The students have been demonstrating the S.T.A.R. scholarly behaviors in which they are Safe, Take Ownership, show Achievement, and show Respect. We look forward to continue the implementation of the PBIS program throughout the school year.

Dr. Jennifer Carter
Principal



Students celebrate the start of a new school year.

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4-6 Peters K-3 *Elementary School*

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Kyle Benham
Principal
K-3



Gurprit Dhillon
Principal
4-6

Thriving with Virtual Learning

Peters K-6 Elementary staff and teachers were diligent in their efforts to prepare for distance learning! We are proud that we started the school year with over 95% of our students logged in and ready to learn via school

distributed devices. Teachers spent many days prior to school personalizing supplies, books and welcome notes for their students. Students were prepared with login information, zoom codes and google classroom links. While it has been a challenging start to the year, we are so excited that our students continue to learn and thrive virtually! We are also proud that we continue to help our families during this difficult time. Thousands of lunches are distributed daily to our Peters school community and our partnership with Second Harvest Food bank continues. Food distribution via a farmers market will continue



Students and staff are committed to success during distance learning.

monthly. It is open for all to pick up fresh harvest for healthy meal options during this time of need. We are so proud of our panda and panther family!

Post *Elementary School*

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Kim Kroyer
Principal

Planned and Prepared

I am very excited to join the Post Elementary staff for the 2020-21 school year. This year we are starting off with Distance Learning to ensure the health and safety of all families and staff. Post teachers have worked very hard to plan a well-rounded instructional day for our students. Teachers and staff have worked over the summer to prepare materials and supplies for students, as well as Chromebooks and hot-spots to assist with technology needs. All families were well equipped for the first day of school. We continue to work toward improving our school and have recently installed new playground equipment along with purchasing new technology for students. We can't wait for students to return to Post!



Post teachers spend time preparing supplies to kick off distance learning.

Ralston *Intermediate School*

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Ruth Dietze
Principal

Soaring into Distance Learning

The Ralston staff was busy this summer preparing materials to help our Eagle Scholars start the 2020-2021 year off through distance learning. We distributed schedules and Ralston planners at our drive thru Registration. Families also picked up chromebooks, textbooks, and even instruments.

Teachers and students spent time during the first few weeks of school exploring GGUSD's Start Strong initiative, which provides social-emotional wellness support, opportunities to form healthy relationships with peers, and sets expectations for distance learning. This included spending time in each class getting to know the teachers and other students and practicing being Ready, Respectful, and Responsible. These lessons will have an ongoing impact as we support our students' learning and social-emotional well-being.

On September 10, we hosted our first ever Virtual Back to School Night. All of our families were invited to our "online" campus. Principal Dietze, Assistant Principal Krueger, and our counselor, Ms. Garcia, each introduced themselves and welcomed our families. They were then

invited to visit each teacher's virtual classroom. Teachers made video presentations to introduce themselves, give important information about their subject areas, and share how they will communicate with parents during Distance Learning and throughout the school year.



Ralston staff members worked hard to ensure students had all of the materials needed to be successful during distance learning.

Rancho Alamitos *High School*

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Mary Jane Hibbard
Principal

Dual Enrollment

We are thrilled to be partnering with Cypress College to provide dual enrollment opportunities for students at Rancho Alamitos High School within our Career and Technical Education program. We are now offering three cybersecurity sections and two sections of business classes taught by

Cypress College professors. Students will earn high school and college credits in these pathway classes, and also have the opportunity to earn industry certifications at no cost. The new cybersecurity pathway prepares students for high-wage, high-demand college programs and careers. California has over 70,000 cybersecurity jobs with entry level salaries averaging \$67,000.

Riverdale *Elementary School*

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Chris Ash
Principal

Innovative Instruction

Riverdale Tech Academy kicked off the 2020-2021 school year by welcoming students and parents back to campus for supplies, textbooks, iPads and wifi hotspots. All these items helped teachers, students and parents start the year with our

distance learning plan. Riverdale is proud to continue our one-to-one iPad program in which each child has his/her own iPad. This provides opportunities for students to show their creativity and innovation as they learn. The teachers at Riverdale spent many hours preparing and planning a high quality distance learning program to meet both the academic and social emotional needs of our students. The hard work of the teachers, in conjunction with our iPad program, was recently highlighted on NBC news. If you missed the story, please visit our website. To stay up-to-date on everything happening at Riverdale Tech Academy follow us on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook @RiverdaleGGUSD



Mrs. Hansanuwat and Riverdale Tech Academy were recently highlighted on NBC News for their outstanding distance learning program.



Rosita *Elementary School*

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Cheryl DeLos Reyes-Ruiz
Principal

Contributing to Student Success

Rosita Elementary School is beloved by our staff and community which is evident through our previous accolades including California Distinguished School and being an Educational Results Partnership Honor Roll School for two years in a row! This is due to the collective teamwork of the teachers and staff! Prior

to starting school on August 24th via distance learning, teachers created schedules and distributed back to school essentials, textbooks and technology devices to our scholars to ensure a successful start of the year! Working alongside the teachers were the classified staff including office staff, aides, student supervision assistants, technology support

specialist, media tech and custodial staff. They supported by organizing and creating student supply care packages for each student as well as helped with distribution. As a result, almost all students logged in with their teachers on the first day of school and have continued to be engaged by our caring staff! At Rosita, it is a team effort and everyone contributes to the success of our students! Go Roadrunners!



Rosita Elementary School's team shows school spirit in celebration of a great start to the school year.

Russell *Elementary Language Academy*

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Kai Chang
Principal

Connecting with Our Families

The 2020-2021 school year opened in an unprecedented manner with distance learning. Russell Rams did not begin the school year with in-person classes, but Russell Rams and their families were greeted in a truly special manner. The Russell Elementary Language Academy hosted a RAMS spirit assembly for the

entire school community, which included a motivational video on growth mindset, opening remarks from the administration, and school wide cheers! This was not the first school community gathering. Prior to the first day of school, Russell hosted a series of parent bootcamps about distance learning along with orientations for parents with incoming TK and Kinder students. These bootcamps focused on building background knowledge about synchronous and asynchronous learning, online platforms, and tools on how to support their scholars at home. The orientations also included an overview of the

school's dual language program as well as helpful parent tips to prepare their youngest scholars to this unique learning environment. Parent education and empowerment continues to be the focus at Russell. We have ongoing "Tech Tuesday" series for parents, educational workshops, and schoolwide cultural events.



The entire team at Russell wants to thank all of our families for continuing to work alongside us to help educate all of our scholars!

Santiago High School

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Christine Pijl
Principal

Building Community through positivity and Inclusivity

For the 2020-2021 school year, Santiago started the year with a Pledge for a positive, academic, learning environment made up of an inclusive community that celebrates diversity and unites all.

Santiago CAVs engaged in lessons during the first week of school focused on the effective use of Asynchronous CAV Time for instructional support. For the second week of school, a school-wide webinar on August 31 occurred with nationally-known guest speaker Gabe Salazar who discussed with students “how to be a good person in challenging situations.” This kicked off the Santiago Cavalier “No Place for Hate” Pledge and Campaign concentrated on creating a campus around awareness of respect and social equity and an appreciation for



Gabe Salazar delivers an inspirational message to students kicking off the school's No Place for Hate campaign.

diversity and unity. Santiago continued this school-wide endeavor September 14 through September 18 in its first Ethnic Enrichment Week. Each day, students and faculty recognized different ethnic groups and contributions to different aspects of American life.

Simmons Elementary School

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Jaemie Johnson
Principal

Poised for Success

Simmons teachers and staff did a great job of preparing students for a successful entrance into distance learning for the 2020-2021 school year. Teachers prepared welcome letters with digital log in information, and placed them into free backpacks that

they distributed to each student from transitional kindergarten through sixth grade. Backpacks included things like textbooks and any other materials and supplies that students would need at home to support them during this unique learning experience. Backpacks also included personal masks for each student, to practice wearing before the return to in-person instruction when we are cleared to return to campus. Classified staff also

helped with distribution by providing every family with their child's identification card to access our free grab-and-go meals, as well as handing out chrome books and hot spots. Many teachers even met with students prior to their first day to build confidence before their first virtual class.



Simmons staff distributed free backpacks and supplies to prepare all students for a successful school year.

Stanford Elementary School

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Jamie Wells
Principal

Supporting Student Success

The 2020-21 school year began with the need to postpone in-person instruction to continue in a distance learning world. This left our teachers feeling disappointed as they were eager to welcome a new group of students to their classrooms. However, over the last few months, the Stanford Elementary School staff has been working to develop our district reopening plan. Rest assured, the Stanford staff along with Mrs. Wells, our new principal, is committed to high quality education and will provide communication, guidance and support every step of the way.

Since transitioning to at-home learning, the Stanford staff has risen to the occasion to support their students. The teachers and staff organized

textbook/material pick-ups and many teachers hosted meet and greets with students and families before school started to connect and develop positive relationships with students. As the year progresses, our teachers will continue to connect with their students, providing virtual lessons and supporting students' academic growth and socio-emotional well-being. Just like our sign says, we love our students and are dedicated to their education.



The Stanford staff sending out an important message to our Stanford community

Stanley Elementary School

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Jamie Shippee
Principal

Reading Matters

Stanley staff and parents had a problem to solve to give kids access to reading materials during distance learning. Teacher started using an online library with a wide variety of books. Teachers can recommend and assign books in the new digital format. In addition, Ms. Long, the school librarian, opened a mobile library with the Stanley library books. Ms. Long sets up the carts two days a week near the parking lot. Parents and students stop by to pick out their favorite selections. If a student has a specific request, he/she emails Ms. Long to add the book to the library cart. The online library and new mobile library have been a great success! Even while students are working from home they continue to grow as great readers.



Sunnyside *Elementary School*

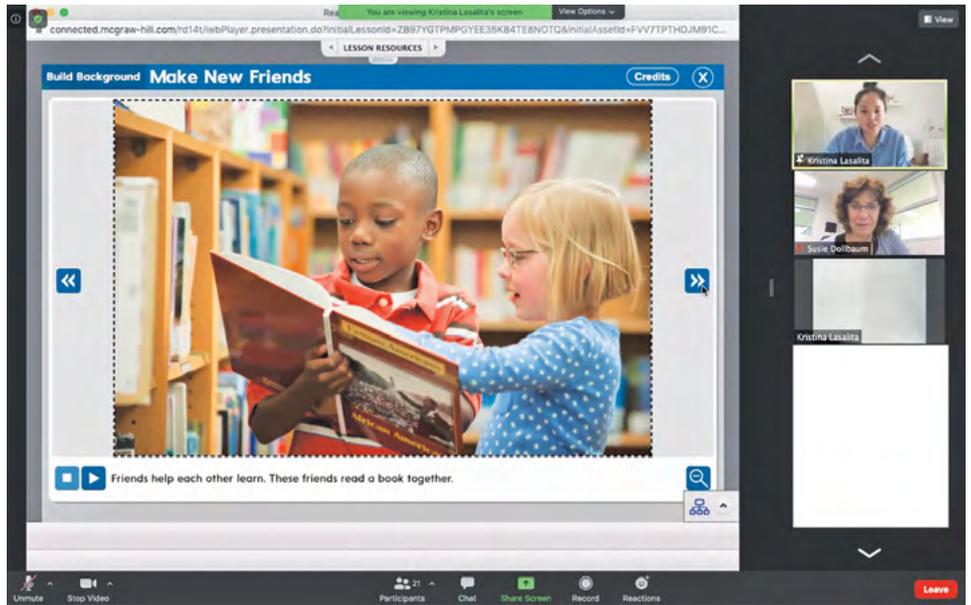
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Susie Dollbaum
Principal

Engaging Online Learners

As usual, Sunnyside teachers were very excited to begin a brand new school year. August always brings hope and promise of what can be accomplished in the 180 days of learning ahead. This year proved to be no different than years past because it brought that same thrill and joy of seeing new students, eager for learning, for the first time, albeit through Zoom. Teachers prepared and planned differently for welcoming their students this year. Materials were distributed, zoom codes were communicated, and schedules were provided. The first day of school held every bit of the same anticipation and the smiles could not be any bigger or brighter although seen from a small square. Teachers continue to go above and beyond by



Mrs. Lasalita talks to her kindergarten class about making new friends.

creating amazing distance learning lessons that engage all of their learners. Teachers and students continue to build community and connection through working toward the common goal, student success.

Virtual Learning Academy at Skylark *TK—6*

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Cammy Devereux
Principal

Zooming into Success

GGUSD's new TK-6th Virtual Learning Academy is Zooming into Success in 2020. On August 24th, teachers and students were full of excitement and anticipation during their very first Zoom together. From day one, VLA teachers have started strong by establishing digital citizenship expectations and teaching a variety of online strategies to their new students. At the VLA, we feel that it is critical to focus on our District Goal 2- Personal Skills to help build community and foster a positive culture in our classrooms which bring together students from all over the district. Our teachers are hard at work planning engaging experiences and events to make our first year of VLA memorable for all of our school community!



Violette *Elementary School*

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Sarah Van Dam
Principal

Leading with Reading

Readers are leaders! One of our goals at Violette is to promote self-motivated reading. In our classrooms, whether virtual or physical, teachers conduct weekly one-on-one reading conferences with students.

These conferences allow teachers to explore their students' interests as well as note progress and set individual goals in areas such as fluency and comprehension.

All staff support our reading goals! Our Literacy Coach worked with our School Community Liaison to help train older students to read with younger students during recess times to provide support and increase their love of reading. Our Library Media Technician leads book clubs with our upper grade students to support interest, engagement, and discussion.



Violette students grow their love of reading beginning in kindergarten.

Less than one month into the school year one kindergarten class has already read over 1000 books!

Wakeham *Elementary School*

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Michelle Rushall
Principal

Supporting Our Students and Families

At the end of August, Wakeham Elementary School began distance learning by opening the school to allow parents, students, and teachers to meet each other while social distancing. Teachers and staff prepared materials, technology, and internet program guides to allow for a smooth start to the beginning of the school year.

Since then, the students have done an amazing job of zooming every day for language arts and math. It is exciting to see the progress that the children are making both during live instruction and independent (asynchronous) work. We know that parents and family members play a big role in their child's education. The teachers and staff appreciate the hard work and sacrifices that are being made.

Thank you to our wonderful teachers who work tirelessly to create engaging standards based lessons. Together we will make sure our children achieve their goals and grow emotionally during this unprecedented time. Go Wildcats!



Students take photos to commemorate their first day of the new school year

Walton *Intermediate School*

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Sandra Valencia
Principal

Roaring to Success

Welcome to Walton Intermediate, where Wildcats R.O.A.R. to success! We started the school year in distance learning, and our Walton Scholars are off to a great start! Walton's rich culture and commitment to providing

its students with the highest quality educational experience is one we are proud to share. In building on Walton's rich culture, our Wildcats have worked hard to create a collaborative initiative led by students, teachers, and school administration focused on building a community that focuses on inclusivity, equity, and acceptance for all. I am excited to share that Walton was recently designated as a

"No Place for Hate" school by the Anti-defamation League (A.D.L.). This recognition speaks to all Wildcats have a place where they belong, a true reflection of our Wildcats! Together We Can, Together We Are #WildcatStrong!



Walton students commit to upholding values of kindness and empathy and fostering a "No Place for Hate" school environment.

Warren *Elementary School*

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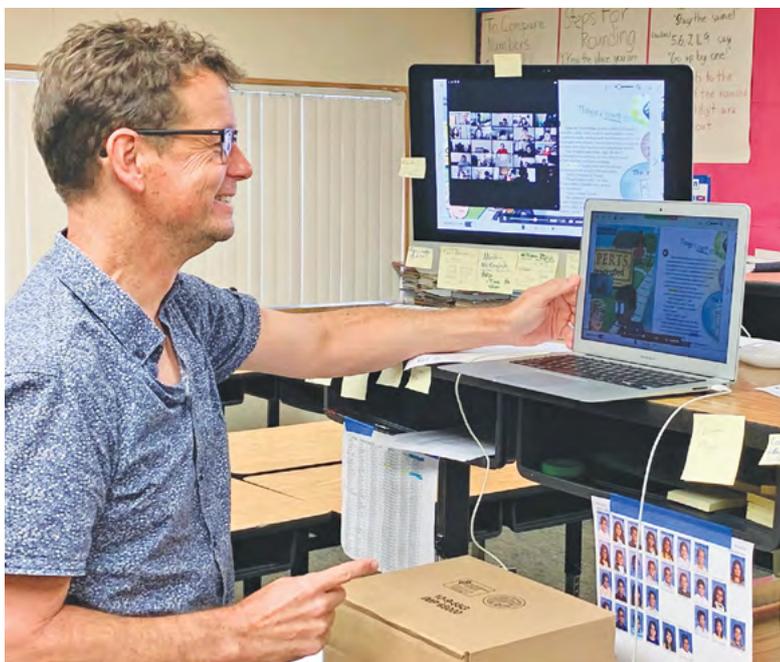
Chris Holland
Principal

Instilling a Love for Learning

Warren Elementary is proud to be named one of America's Best Urban Schools by the National Center of Urban School Transformation out of San Diego State University. Only 16 schools across the entire nation were honored with this prestigious award! After they visited Warren, the NCUST team had this to say, "At

Earl Warren Elementary, scholars come to school excited and motivated to achieve. To facilitate a love of learning, Warren teachers create lessons that allow students to problem-solve creatively and to demonstrate their mastery of learning objectives in different ways."

Opening this school year virtually has not stopped Warren teachers from instilling a lifelong love of learning to our students. Distance learning has allowed teachers the opportunity to interact with students and parents like never before. Warren students are using this opportunity to develop 21st-century skills that will make them the leaders of tomorrow!



Mr. Kenney makes distance learning fun and interactive for his fourth grade students.

Woodbury *Elementary School*

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Opening with Tiger P.R.I.D.E (Positivity, Respect, Integrity, Dedication, Excellence)!

I realize this school opening is unique, but just as special! We welcome returning Tigers and embrace new Woodbury Tigers to our school community. We begin this school year dedicated to meet the needs of our students

Rose Jansz
Principal

and community. The Woodbury team is hard at work creating innovative ways to provide remote learning opportunities for our students. We created digital classrooms where students, teachers, and their families can connect with one another.

As educators we are inspired by why we do this work. The “why” is what keeps us energized, dedicated and focused on what matters most.

I can say without a doubt the “why” at Woodbury is our students! They are what matters most to us. Our teachers and our families have taken on this new responsibility of distance learning with dignity and grace. Together there are no obstacles that can stand in the way of the Woodbury Tigers!



Zeyen *Elementary School*

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Zest for Learning

Welcome to the new 2020-2021 school year! Many of our students, parents and teachers were hoping to physically return to school after experiencing four months of distance learning. But we were met with a return to distance learning via virtual school due to state requirements about school reopening.

Through this experience, students continue to learn new technology skills including how to engage with instruction on zoom, how to take screenshots, how to post information, how to post school work and even how to respond verbally on FlipGrid. Students, teachers and parents have become expert navigators when it comes to Zooming in class. We continue our regular routine with morning announcements by the principal for the whole school and then class begins. Students are reading consistently each day and taking quizzes to help our school reach its goal of 135,000,000 words read by the end of the school year. As of this writing, we already have two individuals who have read over 100,000 words.

Although we have started the year differently, our zest for learning has not been quenched.

We are proud of our Cobras and look forward to an exciting new year.



Through the school's Thinking Thursday program, donors purchase books for students to receive every Friday.



Dr. Gabriela Mafi

Since the summer, district leaders have been engaged in a complex planning process toward the eventual return to in-person instruction. Through a scantron survey mailed to every home,

a Stakeholder Task Force with nearly 200 members, a district ParentSquare survey, and school-specific surveys, we've gone to great lengths to ensure our school reopening plans reflect the needs of our community. In part, it was feedback from our families that led us to postpone our original reopen dates to ensure that we get it right for our families. As I write this, we have not yet announced a new reopening date (but may have by the time this publication is printed), but we have announced the dates of parent webinars and employee trainings to ensure all stakeholders are well-informed about the health and safety protocols in place for school reopening. We want our community to know exactly what to expect when schools reopen. Visit our website at <https://ggusd.us> to watch a video of the parent webinar and to stay informed every step of the way.

While reopening plans will vary by site, GGUSD students will have the option to return to their schools for hybrid instruction or participate in an online-only distance learning option through their home school, a neighboring school, or the district's Virtual Learning Academy. We're also working hard to expand our Boys and Girls Club so that working families have access to full-day supervision and distance learning support. When schools do reopen, we will launch a Stay Strong initiative to continue our focus on the well-being of our students.

las familias; los conserjes han implementado un método de limpieza riguroso con horarios de desinfección, y la lista sigue. El GGUSD también llevó a cabo nuestro compromiso para el bienestar con la iniciativa para un Comienzo Fuerte, la cual incorporó un enfoque en el aprendizaje socioemocional durante las primeras dos semanas de clases.

Desde el verano, los líderes del Distrito han estado participando en un proceso de planificación complejo hacia el regreso eventual a la instrucción en persona. Por medio de una encuesta que fue enviada a cada uno de los hogares, un equipo de trabajo de las partes interesadas con casi 200 miembros, una encuesta del Distrito en ParentSquare y encuestas escolares específicas, hemos hecho un mayor esfuerzo por asegurar que nuestros planes para la reapertura escolar reflejen las necesidades de nuestra comunidad. En parte, fue el aporte de nuestras familias lo que nos llevó a posponer nuestras fechas originales para la reapertura escolar, para asegurarnos de que lo hagamos bien para nuestras familias. Mientras escribo esto, todavía no hemos anunciado una nueva fecha para la reapertura (pero es posible que la tengamos al mismo tiempo que se imprima esta publicación), pero hemos anunciado las fechas de los seminarios web para los padres de familia y para las capacitaciones de los empleados para asegurar que todas las partes interesadas estén bien informadas acerca de los protocolos de salud y seguridad establecidos para la reapertura escolar. Queremos que nuestra comunidad sepa exactamente lo que pueden esperar cuando las escuelas vuelvan a abrir. Para mantenerse informados acerca de cada paso del camino, por favor visiten nuestro sitio web en <https://ggusd.us> para ver un video del seminario web para los padres de familia.

Từ lúc nghỉ hè, các viên chức đứng đầu trong học khu đã xúc tiến kế hoạch để trở lại việc giảng dạy tại trường. Qua bản scantron thăm dò ý kiến được gửi đến từng gia đình, một Toán Đặc Trách với gần 200 thành viên, một bản thăm dò qua ParentSquare của học khu và những bản thăm dò ý kiến riêng của từng trường, chúng tôi đã rất kỹ lưỡng hầu bảo đảm những kế hoạch mở trường lại của chúng ta đáp ứng được nhu cầu của cộng đồng. Một phần, những ý kiến đóng góp của gia đình học sinh đã khiến chúng tôi tạm ngưng dự tính lúc ban đầu về ngày mở trường lại để bảo đảm việc đáp ứng đúng nhu cầu cho các gia đình. Trong lúc tôi viết lá thư này, chúng tôi vẫn chưa thông báo về ngày sẽ mở lại trường (nhưng rất có thể sẽ tuyên bố vào lúc văn bản này được in ra), tuy vậy, chúng tôi đã thông báo các ngày để phụ huynh và nhân viên tham dự buổi hướng dẫn trên mạng hầu bảo đảm mọi thành viên hiểu biết tường tận các biện pháp bảo vệ sức khỏe và sự an toàn khi mở lại trường. Chúng tôi muốn cộng đồng của chúng ta biết chính xác những yêu cầu cần thực hiện khi các trường mở lại. Mời quý vị vào trang mạng <https://ggusd.us> để xem một đoạn video buổi họp phụ huynh trên mạng và để hiểu rõ từng bước tiến hành.

Trong khi kế hoạch mở lại trường thay đổi tùy nơi, học sinh GGUSD được lựa chọn giữa việc trở lại trường để học theo cách học kết hợp hoặc chỉ học trên mạng của trường thuộc vùng các em cư ngụ, một trường lân cận hoặc Trường Học Toàn Phần Trên Mạng (Virtual Learning Academy) của học khu. Chúng tôi cũng hết sức cố gắng để mở rộng Câu Lạc Bộ Thanh Thiếu Niên (Boys and Girls Club) để các vị phụ huynh bận đi làm có thể gửi con trọn ngày và được hỗ trợ học thêm trên mạng. Khi các trường mở trở lại, chúng tôi sẽ áp dụng chương trình Sự Khởi Đầu Vững Mạnh để tiếp tục chú trọng vào sự lành mạnh của các học sinh chúng ta.

- Masks and face shields for students and staff
- Plexiglass desk shields
- Plexiglass office desk dividers
- Hand washing and hand sanitizing stations
- Thermometers for every classroom
- Stringent cleaning and disinfecting schedules with new airless sprayers
- New Protocols for bus safety
- CARE Rooms for students with COVID symptoms
- Shade structures for more outdoor instruction
- Campus signage for physical distancing, masks, hand washing, and more

It's equally important to us that GGUSD employees are protected while at work. All GGUSD employees will attend a mandated paid training to ensure they are well-informed about the safety protocols in place.

We all have a part to play in fostering safe schools. We encourage all stakeholders – if you're sick or experiencing any signs of illness – please don't come to campus. Let's work together to keep students and staff safe.

riesgos del COVID-19. Con ese fin, fue necesario retrasar el regreso a la instrucción en persona hasta que los planteles escolares estuviesen adecuadamente equipados con cada precaución de seguridad, incluyendo:

- Mascarillas y protectores faciales para los alumnos y el personal
- Protectores de plexiglás para los escritorios
- Divisiones de plexiglás para los escritorios de oficina
- Estaciones para lavarse las manos y para desinfectarlas
- Termómetros para cada salón de clases
- Limpieza rigurosa y horarios de desinfección con nuevos rociadores sin aire
- Nuevos protocolos para la seguridad de los autobuses escolares
- Habitaciones CARE para el cuidado de los alumnos con síntomas del COVID
- Estructuras sombreadas para recibir más instrucción al aire libre
- Letreros en los planteles escolares para el distanciamiento físico, mascarillas, lavado de manos y más

Es igualmente importante para nosotros que los empleados del GGUSD estén protegidos mientras están trabajando. Todos los empleados del GGUSD asistirán a una capacitación remunerada obligatoria para asegurar que ellos están bien informados acerca de los protocolos de seguridad establecidos.

Todos tenemos que desempeñar un papel para fomentar las escuelas seguras. Les recomendamos a todos las partes interesadas – si ustedes están enfermos o presentan cualquier tipo de síntomas de enfermedad – por favor no vengán al plantel escolar. Trabajemos juntos para mantener la seguridad de los alumnos y del personal.

- Khẩu trang và tấm che mặt cho học sinh và nhân viên
- Tấm chắn bằng nhựa trong giữa các bàn học
- Vách ngăn bàn làm việc trong văn phòng bằng nhựa trong
- Các quầy khử trùng và rửa tay
- Nhiệt kế cho mỗi lớp học
- Lịch trình lau chùi và khử trùng nghiêm ngặt bằng bình xịt mới không hơi
- Quy định mới về việc giữ an toàn khi đi xe buýt trường
- Phòng CHĂM SÓC học sinh có triệu chứng COVID
- Dựng thêm các khu vực có mái che nắng để giảng dạy ngoài sân trường
- Bảng hướng dẫn trong khuôn viên trường nhắc nhở việc giữ khoảng cách, đeo khẩu trang, rửa tay, và những điều khác

Điều quan trọng không kém đối với chúng tôi là việc bảo vệ nhân viên GGUSD được an toàn khi làm việc. Để bảo đảm các nhân viên GGUSD được thông báo đầy đủ các quy định về việc giữ an toàn, tất cả sẽ phải tham gia chương trình huấn luyện bắt buộc và có trả lương.

Chúng ta ai cũng đóng góp một phần trong việc xây dựng trường học an toàn. Chúng tôi khuyến khích tất cả các thành viên hữu trách – nếu quý vị bị bệnh hoặc có bất kỳ dấu hiệu bị bệnh nào- vui lòng không đến trường. Hãy cùng nhau cộng tác để giữ an toàn cho toàn thể con em học sinh và nhân viên chúng ta.

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Dr. Gabriela Mafi

We thank our community for their continued patience and support as district and school leaders work diligently to ensure a safe start to the 2020-2021 school year with educational models that equip students with the academic and personal skills for lifelong success. That's the Garden Grove Way!

Chúng tôi chân thành cảm ơn cộng đồng chúng ta đã luôn kiên nhẫn và hỗ trợ trong lúc các viên chức đứng đầu trong học khu và nhà trường kiên trì làm việc để bảo đảm việc khai giảng năm học 2020-2021 được an toàn với mô thức giáo dục nhằm trang bị cho các học sinh năng lực học tập và năng lực cá nhân để thành công trên đường đời. Đó là Đường Hướng Garden Grove!

Aunque los planes de reapertura variarán en cada uno de los planteles escolares, los alumnos del GGUSD tendrán la opción de regresar a sus escuelas para recibir una instrucción híbrida o participar con la opción de hacerlo solamente por medio del aprendizaje a distancia en línea desde su casa, en una escuela en su localidad o en la Academia de Aprendizaje Virtual del Distrito. También estamos trabajando arduamente para expandir nuestro Boys and Girls Clubs para que las familias que trabajan tengan acceso a la supervisión a tiempo completo y al apoyo para el aprendizaje a distancia. Cuando las escuelas si vuelvan a abrir, lanzaremos una iniciativa para Comenzar Fuerte y continuar con nuestro enfoque para el bienestar de nuestros alumnos.

Le agradecemos a nuestra comunidad por su paciencia y apoyo continuo, a medida que el Distrito y los líderes escolares trabajan diligentemente para asegurar un inicio seguro para el año escolar 2020-2021, con modelos educativos que preparen a los alumnos con las habilidades académicas y personales necesarias para que alcancen el éxito de por vida. Eso es, ¡A la Manera de Garden Grove!



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