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Welcome Back Students and Families!



Anita Chu

April 12th was a Happy Day!

Staff standing at the school entrances greeting families and children as they returned to campus after a year of school closures; health team conducting temperature and symptoms screening; kindergartners stepping onto campus for the first time and exploring a new yet familiar world; food services staff serving Grab & Go meals in outdoor canopy stations; teachers using hybrid technology skillfully to connect “Zoomers” (in-person learners) and “Roomers” (distance learners) and engage them in high quality learning; support staff providing physical and social-emotional wellness activities; most excitingly, children reconnecting with friends and teachers, talking, playing, laughing, and having FUN!

Garvey has reopened for all grades after a long year of school closures!

Safety Protocols & Routines

The most critical factor to ensure a happy reopening is to provide a safe environment in which proper safety protocols are established and implemented consistently. To this end, teachers and support staff devote time, particularly during the first reopening week, to teaching and modeling health and safety practices, including physical distancing, handwashing, proper face masking, and social distancing games. Throughout the school day, support staff implement the new safety routines, including frequent cleaning and disinfecting high-touch areas and items between uses. Health and safety for all is happy reopening.



Hybrid Learning

With all classrooms equipped with hybrid technology, teachers have developed new sets of skills to use technology to design and facilitate rigorous learning experiences for both “Roomers” and “Zoomers” simultaneously. “Roomers” and “Zoomers” are engaged in social interaction as well as academic dialogue as one community of happy learners.

Physical, Mental & Social-Emotional Wellness

Promoting the physical, mental and social-emotional well-being of all students is a significant focus of the District’s reopening efforts. Support staff from Woodcraft Rangers provide physical and social-emotional activities such as social distancing games. Additionally, District counselors continue to provide weekly lessons to help students build social-emotional skills to thrive in these trying times. Targeted support and integrated services are offered to high-need students including both “Roomers” and “Zoomers.” Happy reopening is nurturing the whole child.

Outdoor Opportunities

Students spending more time in outdoor areas is a unique and exciting new norm of school reopening. Canopies, outdoor tables and benches, solar shade structures, and grass areas are used to create outdoor spaces for learning, meal serving, and integrated services. Students and staff have opportunities to appreciate a closer connection with nature.



Commitment to Serving All Students and Families!

A happy reopening can become reality only as a result of the commitment of a highly dedicated staff and the support from parents. These unsung heroes, serving in different roles, have worked tirelessly, made tremendous sacrifices, and risen to the challenge to ensure a safe and happy reopening for all students and staff.

Garvey remains fully committed to providing quality services for all students (“Roomers” and “Zoomers”) and families during school reopening, with an unwavering goal of developing future-ready leaders to lead in both prosperous and challenging times.

Please visit our schools’ and the District’s websites at www.gesd.us to learn more about our programs and services in supporting our students and community.



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As this school year comes to an end in many ways it feels like the beginning. It is wonderful to see a bit of normalcy returning to our lives and that begins with students back in the classrooms. Zoom took on a whole new meaning to children as they spent hours in front of a computer screen instead of in a classroom. There are many milestones in a child's life, but none of us were prepared for anticipating the next milestone of not wearing a mask. That will be a happy day.

Superintendent Chu begins this issue on page 2 with her message bringing you up-to-date on the return to campus. In this issue you will also read how each school has welcomed students back for in-person learning.

Be sure to enter our word search contest on page 12 (all ages are welcome to enter). There are two student book reviews to help with your book choices for summer reading.

Our next issue is November 3.
Have a fun summer!



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Welcome Back to In-Person Learning!

The Garvey School District's Child Development Program is thrilled to welcome back children and families for in-person learning. This reopening phase is an important milestone for our children, families, staff and the community. The program has been planning and working tirelessly to prepare for a safe return. Comprehensive safety measures have been

put in place to enable in-person instruction in a safe and nurturing environment. The program will implement smaller class sizes, health screenings, maximize distancing in classrooms, provide individual learning kits, require face masks, routinely and regularly sanitize and disinfect, and integrate important hygiene practices into the routine. Additionally, the program will continue to support children and families who opt to remain in distance learning, and ensure to provide stimulating and developmentally appropriate virtual school readiness services. We look forward to continuing to partner with families as we transition to this next exciting phase!



Arlene Bitely *Elementary School*

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Soomin Chao
Principal

Bitley Bears Back to (In-Person) School!

In the first week of re-opening, Bitley Students who have opted for in-person learning opportunities have been able to reconnect with teachers and classmates. As children participate in lessons and enrichment activities, their smiles and good cheer are apparent, even under their masks. Bitley educators- including teachers, office staff, and instructions support



teams- welcomed the opportunity to connect students in a safe school environment. Both in-person and distance learners continued to enjoy core academic learning experiences, in addition to social emotional lessons, college and career workshops, and wellness/ mindfulness enrichment opportunities. As our state and county safety guidelines adjust, our community at Bitley will continue to work to serve the needs of our student community.



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Dewey Avenue *Elementary School*

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Denise Williams
Principal

Dewey Dolphins Return!

We are excited to welcome our students back to school for “in person” instruction at Dewey. New procedures, safety protocols and expectations have been put into place for students and staff for a safe return. Social distancing is promoted both inside and outside of the classrooms with plexiglass glass, floor markings and signage throughout our campus. The



teachers are fully equipped to continue providing a quality education for all students.



Duff Language Magnet Academy

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Rudolph Torres
Principal

In-Person Teaching Shines with Technology

Welcome Back! We are truly excited to welcome our students back to in-person instruction! There was no prouder moment than to see our students return. Duff's Language Magnet Academy brings technology and innovation to our distance learning program. Duff teachers continue to find new and innovative ways for each student to attain high levels of academic achievement and language development. With the return of our students, in-person instruction is the hallmark of immersion and bi-literacy. Our teachers continue to reimagine learning to support our "zoomers" at home to ensure bi-literacy in Mandarin and English. Each day our teachers use a variety of technology platforms such as Seesaw, Peardeck, and Padlet to create engaging lessons for our in-person and distance learning students. Our teachers continue to practice social-emotional lessons that help students understand their feelings and to manage their emotions. More than ever we realize the importance of these skills.



First-grade immersion teacher, Marci Asao, teaching in-person students in a welcoming and technology-rich environment

Ralph Waldo Emerson Elementary School

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Ethan Stocks
Principal

Back and Better Than Ever

After an unprecedented thirteen-month school closure, Emerson Elementary is back open and better than ever! Teachers have taken great care to prepare for a safe and productive end to the 2020-21 school year. In addition to implementing protocols to keep returning students safe and healthy, they have reorganized their classrooms and refined their instructional practices to support hybrid learning. We are all excited to see the fruits of their good work!

The excitement of reopening is not limited to teaching and learning. Returning students were pleasantly surprised to see the results of several construction projects that had not even begun when they were last on campus. In addition to two solar arrays, an expanded parking lot, and a



remodeled front office, Emerson has a brand-new "Creation Station" where students will be able to demonstrate their creativity through performance, film and media arts, and STEAM disciplines. It will open this spring.

Richard Garvey *Intermediate School*

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David Alarcon
Principal

Commitment to Our Students

Garvey Intermediate is very happy to announce our return to on-campus learning beginning April 19th for 7th graders and April 26th for 8th graders.

We have taken every precaution necessary to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

We have enforced mask mandates, 6 foot distancing guidelines, Plexiglas in every classroom, and implemented other measures that will provide a safe learning environment.

With these safety measures in place, Garvey Intermediate will provide a comprehensive education for on-campus learners as well as those students that continue with distance learning. We are facing this new challenge with the same commitment to our students as always, to provide an excellent education regardless of our students' circumstances.

We have grown so much as a school community during the last year. Our hope is that we will continue to grow as a community as we all work together to finish this school year strong.



Hillcrest *Elementary School*

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Dr. Rosa Guerra
Principal

Bringing our Huskies Back!

Seventy little huskies in grades K-2 returned to in-person learning this past week! Our district and school site staff have worked hard to ensure students not only engage in high quality in-person learning, but also ensure safety protocols are in place and enforced. In order to

minimize unnecessary exposure, we have asked our families to do a curbside, drive-through drop-off and pick-up. We administer touchless temperature checks and health screening while the student is still inside the car in the mornings. This has allowed us to quickly and safely welcome our students to school in the mornings, and reunite with their parents at the end of the school day. We are thankful for our partnership with our afterschool program providers, Woodcraft Rangers, who have supported us on-site from the beginning of the day, to the end of the day. We look forward to welcoming our 3rd-6th graders on April 26th!



Ms. Phan's 1st grade class enjoying their in-person learning!

Monterey Vista *Elementary School*

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Hing Chow
Principal

Welcomes Back our Precious Vikings!!!

Monterey Vista School re-opened on April 12, 2021 and welcomed back our Kindergarten through 2nd grade students. The 3rd to 6th grade students will return on April 26, 2021. Our teachers and staff worked hard in preparation for the students' return with district support in providing appropriate PPE equipment and markings to ensure all stakeholders will be working in a safe and healthy environment. The teachers were excited to utilize the new technology that allowed teachers to

instruct in person students and those who are continuing with distance learning.

The returning students not only learning their academics in their core curriculum but also have opportunities to enrichment activities including social distancing games and arts and crafts with Woodcraft Rangers. We appreciate our school and district partnership with to create a whole child learning experience for our students since they have missed the social, emotional and educational aspect of school this past 13 months of distance learning.



Roger W. Temple *Intermediate School*

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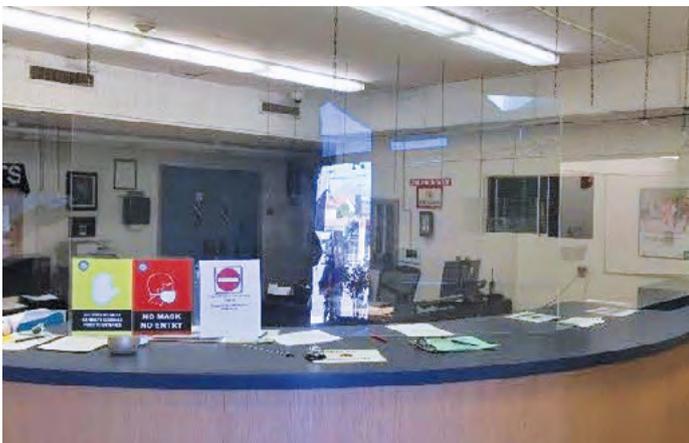


Dr. Robert Boyd III
Principal

Temple Intermediate is Growing Stronger Together!

In the spring of 2020, the global pandemic forced schools to close their doors and send students to learn from their homes. Temple Intermediate was among the schools faced with this hardship, and as we do in all cases, we met the challenge with a "can do" attitude. Our students and staff have been

remarkable in their efforts to make the most of this difficult situation. Now we have been offered the opportunity to open our doors and bring our students and staff back! As the first day back approaches, we have taken major steps to ensure our campus is safe for all who enter it. We are looking forward to coming back, as a stronger and more resilient learning community. We came this far together, and will continue on TOGETHER!



Temple Intermediate took major steps to ensure the campus was safe for everyone's return.

Eldridge Rice *Elementary School*

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Judy Gonzales
Principal

Let the New Adventure Begin

On April 12th, our school was once again alive with the wonderful energy that can only come with having children on campus. It was exhilarating to see our TK-2 graders rushing out of their cars with huge smiles on their faces, eager to see their friends and to finally meet their teacher in person. As our neighbor, Maria shared, “It is great to hear children again. I have missed seeing them

running around laughing and playing. It has been lonely without them.”

We are deeply indebted to the families that have entrusted their children to us; our classified staff who worked tirelessly to make sure our school was ready and had the necessary safety measures in place; our teachers for their commitment to their students; and our district administration for their guidance and support.

We can't wait to welcome back our preschool and 3-6th grade students!



Let the new adventure begin!



George I. Sanchez Elementary School

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Gabriela Benitez
Principal

Sanchez Soars Beyond Expectations

It is without a doubt that Sanchez Elementary Staff love their little Eagles. The first day of our reopening was quite a pleasant success for staff and students. The sound of giggles on the playground and voices in the classroom were reminders to us all what school is meant to feel like.

We could not be more proud of our students who exhibited safe, organized, responsible, and respectful behavior while still engaging in learning new and remembering familiar routines during their back to school experience.



Kudos to the Teachers whose rooms have come alive with positive messaging and teachable moments. And accolades to the support staff committed to the safety and organization of our outdoor campus protocols.

The collective action demonstrated by the Sanchez and Woodcraft Teams has been unequivocally learner focused. We look forward to the many more joyous moments with all our students this year.



Frances Willard *Elementary School*

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Jeff Maljian
Principal

Students and Smiles!

Over the past 4 weeks, we have seen an amazing team of teachers, office staff, noon duty aides, support staff, custodians and maintenance crew pour all their energy in preparing our school for the return of students. Countless hours, numerous tasks, and seemingly endless preparation went into each day to make sure we were ready to welcome some of our students back to



The joy of students returning to school can be seen from the classroom to the lunch room.



school. Was everything perfectly in order on the first day? No, there were some “bumps” in the road. However, our team at Willard came together again to make it an amazing “Welcome Back” to our students and families. Above all, it was the smiles you could see in the eyes of each student, the excitement of hearing students interact with each other and the responses they shared of being back that made all the work and preparation worthwhile. These students came “home” to Willard and we are all so grateful to have them back!



Daniel's Review



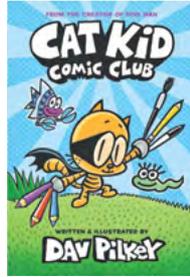
Daniel H.

Funny and Silly

Title: *Cat Kid Comic Club*

Author: Dav Pilkey

Do you like funny and silly books? If you do, you will love *Cat Kid Comic Club* because it's about Li'l Petey from the Dog Man series and this book will make you laugh!



Li'l Petey starts the Cat Kid Comic Club where he and his friend, Molly the tadpole, teach their friends how to make comics.

My favorite part of the book is the show and tell party where everyone in the club shows the comics that they created. Everyone agrees that it's okay to make mistakes because you can always improve yourself.

You should read this book because it is a funny book that has no scary parts, no violence, and teaches a good lesson. The author also uses silly words and pictures in this book. I read this book very quickly with a smile on my face and you will too!

Daniel is in first grade and he likes to spend time with his family playing board games, reading, and playing sports like tennis, soccer, and basketball.

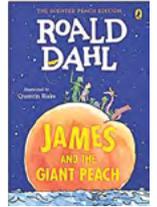
Kailani's Review



Kailani T.

Whoa, a Giant Peach!

James and the Giant Peach is a classic children story written by Roald Dahl. The story is about James, an orphan boy who was forced to live with his wicked aunts after he lost his parents in a horrible rhinoceros accident. One day,



James received a bag of magic crystals from an old man. The man said these crystals would change his life forever. James accidentally spilled the crystals on his aunts' peach tree. The peach fruit kept growing bigger and bigger. It grew big enough for James to fit inside. From that point on, his adventure began.

The story is magical and suspenseful. Reading this book taught me the importance of friendship and having hopes and dreams. I recommend this book for anyone who loves magic and mystery. Since this book is not very warm and fuzzy, it may be best for kids who can separate facts and fiction or younger kids to read with parents.

Kailani is a 3rd grader who loves to read. When not playing with her baby brother, Kailani likes to color and draw. She started taking Spanish lessons while sheltering-in-place. Horseback riding and skate boarding are the new activities she enjoys. Hope everyone stays well and healthy.

Novelist –Word Search Contest

Rules! One word in the list is NOT in the word search.

When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that word you email to: Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com Please put Garvey in the subject line.

Entries must be received by July 15, 2021

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

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**Congratulations to
Daisy Mingucha**

Winner of our February Word Search Contest!

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