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**Over 1,200 4th grade students got busy dissecting their squids as part of the science curriculum!**

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## Project H.O.P.E

The Torrance Council of PTAs (TCPTA) is organized under the authority of the California State PTA to provide information and instruction to our units, leadership development, and coordination of the efforts of our units. In Torrance we oversee the PTA units at all 30 schools in the school district.

Project H.O.P.E. (Helping Our People Everyday) will be packing about 50 summer food boxes and personal care items for our T.U.S.D. Homeless and Foster Care students. Distribution of these items will be at the end of May. As we wind up the end of the school year, our other program Project B.O.S.S. (Bringing Our Students Supplies) will begin the process of getting backpacks ready so they can be filled with school supplies for our T.U.S.D. families in need. Those will be distributed to the families a week before school starts. If you wish to donate to any of these programs, feel free to send an email to either: [tcptaprojecthope@gmail.com](mailto:tcptaprojecthope@gmail.com) and/or [tcptaprojectboss@gmail.com](mailto:tcptaprojectboss@gmail.com).

Each of our 30 units will be awarding scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are PTA members. Torrance Council will be awarding 9 scholarships across all five high schools and those scholarship recipients will be honored at our virtual Spring EB Meeting in June.

It's been a pleasure serving as Torrance Council of PTAs President for the last 2 years, my term will end this June 30, 2021. I would like to say thank you to all of my Board of Directors for your support during these trying times due to the pandemic and thank you to all the Unit Presidents for a job well done.

PTA is proud to be a powerful advocate for education and child welfare issues. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education, health, and welfare of children and youth.



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**Shireen Ossanlo**  
Executive Director

## Separate but Together, We Support TEF!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2021 Virtual Fundraising Event, benefiting 23,000 TUSD students! On May 21st, the Torrance Education Foundation raised over \$100,000 through sponsorships, ticket sales, donations, and auction items. The Virtual Event included an online auction with exclusive items, special guests, including Torrance Mayor Pat Furey, The Depot's Chef Shafer, TUSD Interim Superintendent, Dr. Tim Stowe. For entertainment, guests watched the musical talents of Riviera Elementary school's 2nd-5th grade choir and a special 2021 scholarship tribute to 19 graduating seniors. The event ended with the 17th anniversary Car Raffle Drawing for a 2021 Lexus NX300h SUV!

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## Safety is Key to a Fun-Filled Summer!

By Chantel Rothenburger and Danny Luna, coordinators  
Injury Prevention Program,  
MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach

Temperatures are rising and summer is around the corner! As COVID-19 restrictions lift and friends and family begin to gather outside, make sure to keep safety top of mind. Follow our tips to have a safe and fun summer:

### Sun Safety

Sunburns are caused by overexposure to UV rays and can increase the risk of skin cancer.

- Seek shade. UV rays are strongest and most harmful during midday.
- Wear hats that shade the face, scalp, ears and neck.
- Apply sunscreen with at least SPF 15 and UVA and UVB (broad spectrum protection) 30 minutes before going outside and reapply as needed!

### Water Safety

Every day, about 10 people die from unintentional drowning.

- Never leave your child in the water without adult supervision, no matter how shallow.
- We recommend using US Coast Guard-approved flotation devices.
- Enroll your child in swimming lessons.
- Install barriers, such as fencing around a swimming pool.

### Bug Safety

Protect your family by preventing bites and diseases, like West Nile virus and Lyme disease, which can be transmitted by insects.

- Avoid areas where insects congregate, such as stagnant pools of water.
- Use insect repellents containing DEET.
  - The CDC recommendation for children older than 2-months-of-age is to use 10% to 30% DEET.
  - DEET should not be used on children younger than 2-months-old.
  - Avoid applying DEET on hands, around eyes or mouth.
  - Do not allow children under 10 years of age to apply repellent by themselves.
- When outside in the evenings, cover up with long-sleeved shirts, pants and socks



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**Kay Coop**  
Founder/Publisher



As this school year comes to a close and we reflect on the challenges from the pandemic there is still so much to be grateful for. Hopefully, your family managed to be healthy during this period and we can all look forward to a new school year. We are grateful for involved parents who did their part to help their children stay focused on academics while looking at a computer screen. We are

grateful for educators who reinvented their teaching models to incorporate virtual Distance Learning.

On pages 24-32 we have included student book reviews to help with your child's summer reading selections. Also, lots of summer fun choices from volleyball, surfing, tennis, soccer, music, robots, and more...have a wonderful summer.

Our next issue is September 15.



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**Shayla  
Smith-Taranto**  
*Principal*

### Happy Nurses Week!

We recently had the honor of celebrating Nurses Week. Our school wanted to make sure we acknowledged the important role that our nurses play at our school, especially during a pandemic. School nurses are the primary medical resource for children and adults during the school day. As in years past, they had their regular duties like creating and coordinating care plans for students, administering screenings for vision and hearing, helping the injured, and instructing the teaching staff on how to administer medication correctly.

This school year brought new duties like helping run vaccine shot clinics. Our team of nurses trained and educated adults and children about how to stay safe by utilizing PPE correctly. They helped with temperature checks and made countless phone calls to check on our families and offer their professional support and kindness.

John Adams sends a big thank-you to Mrs. Dardon, LVN, and to Ms. Fuller, our district nurse, for all their hard work and dedication.



## Anza *Elementary*

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**Barbara Marks**  
*Principal*

### First Annual Publication

As the school year comes to a close, Anza students continue to explore their talents and interests and this time of year is no exception. Anza's Green Team has a Newsletter team, which celebrated its first annual publication in April with a special edition on writing - complete with short stories, fiction and nonfiction, as well as an article about nature writing. This led to interest in creating a club just for writing, and within three weeks a brand new club had been formed. Led by the counselor, Mrs. G's Writer's Club has its own set of students who are busily writing short stories and poems for their first publication in June. Stories and poems have spanned a variety of themes and topics, including comedy, tragedy,

narratives, about such things as candy, animals, princesses and holidays.

The Club meets usually every Wednesday after school and has prompts every week to inspire a new round of short stories or poems. Students are encouraged to consider illustrating their own or other's pieces to help create a well-rounded collection. Students set their own terms and norms for what pieces should be considered for publication and provide input for editing. Mrs. G's role is to support the club in managing deadlines, arranging the collection, and planning the prompts, as well as scheduling the meetings and facilitating. Students are learning about what parts usually make up a story, about different types of poems like haikus and epics as well as rhyming schemes, and about components such as comedy and irony. The students are very excited about their upcoming publication.

## Arlington Elementary

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**Dr. Vicki Hath**  
Principal

### Science Lab

Arlington Superstars' School Pledge includes the statement, "We will have fun learning!" and fun is exactly what our 4th graders had this month dissecting a squid! Our TUSD Science TOSAs led a live hands-on science lab which included the dissection of a squid. This lesson helped our 4th graders build their understanding that animals have

internal and external structures that function to support survival, growth, and behavior.



Our 4th graders were able to pick up squid in advance for the science lesson. This was a great way to keep virtual learning fun and engaging until we return to in person school this fall!



## Arnold Elementary

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**Justine Lang**  
Principal

### The Arnold Alleycat Visits Students' Homes

A PBIS incentive that Arnold has started this year is a visit from our adored Alleycat, the Arnold Mascot. Students who earn 25 Alleycat Awards can redeem their awards to have the Alleycat come to their

homes. Students receive Alleycat Awards for following our pillars of character-being respectful, being responsible, being safe and using your best effort. The Arnold Alleycat (really Ms. Lang, Principal) visits the students' home, talks and dances with the students. This positive behavior incentive allows both distant and in-person learners to experience the Alleycat spirit. Students, parents and staff love interacting with the Alleycat. Although we may not be all together this year, the Alleycat Spirit is still alive in all our Alleycats.



**The "Arnold Alleycat" (Ms. Lang) visiting one of our Alleycats, Zoe Fadale.**

## Calle Mayor *Middle School*

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**Dave Mosley**  
*Principal*

### Year-End Honors!

We are pleased to announce that Calle Mayor Middle School was awarded the 2021 California Distinguished School Award. Calle Mayor Middle School was one of 31 schools chosen in Los Angeles County for this prestigious award. This is a great honor for our school, students, staff and community. This award piggybacks on the California Gold Ribbon Award that was awarded in 2017

to Calle Mayor Middle School for its after-school student programs.

This year's award was based upon state test scores, school climate, closing the student academic-achievement gaps, and our students' top-notch academic performance.

We would like to recognize the Calle Mayor staff for their hard work and dedication to our students' success.

In our continued effort to support students, we are excited to announce that we are offering numerous summer enrichment programs to our students this year. This summer, we will be featuring the Calle Mayor Summer Music Program, A Jumpstart to Mathematics, Wood Shop for Fun, Learning Science Through Dissections, and Calle Mayor's own 3F Program (Familiarization, Friendship and Fun). These programs will be offered throughout the summer; additional information can be found on the Calle Mayor website.

Have a wonderful and safe summer! We are excited to see everyone on Thursday, August 26—the first day of school!

## Carr *Elementary*

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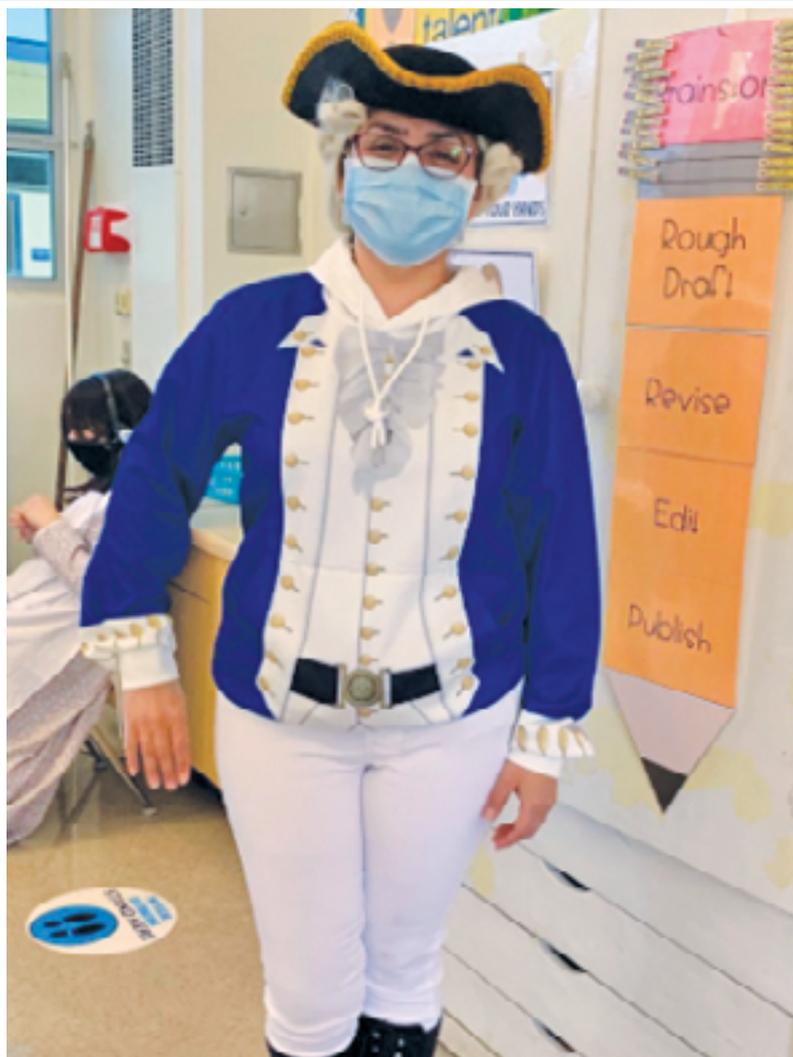
**Katie Schenkelburg**  
*Principal*

### Teacher Meet 'n' Greets

In May, Carr hosted a Teacher Meet 'n' Greet in lieu of our traditional yearly Open House. After the PTA Association meeting, our creative and hardworking teachers met with families via Zoom and created presentations that summarized the learning for the year, and they also showed examples of student work.

Teachers were happy to discuss the highlights and most memorable moments from the year, including fun virtual field trips such as the Walk Through Revolution, and they also displayed creative art projects. Teachers also reviewed what to expect at the next grade level, which parents found very helpful. After this fun teacher event, our fabulous PTA hosted a Family Game Night in which our students and their families engaged in friendly competition with fun and exciting online quiz games, movie trivia and dance-party sessions.

Although we are looking forward to having our Cubs back on campus five days a week and full time next year in the fall in addition to in-person events and activities, we are making the most of this year and are continuing to find ways to connect with families and have fun. We love our Carr Cubs and Carr Cub Families!



# Casimir *Middle School*

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**James Ashikawa**  
*Interim Principal*

## **"A Beautiful Symphony of Music is in the Air!"**

The marvelous musical talents of our band students have finally been set free! Kids in band are immensely thrilled to enthusiastically play their instruments and feel the freedom to musically express themselves in an amazing symphony! Casimir is excited to continue growing our music program, and will even offer: Wind, Percussion and Strings enrichment classes this summer.



**Our sensational Music teacher, Mr. Aaron Rose teaching students to play Seven Nation Army**



**Leyla Yoshida playing the Star-Spangled Banner on the flute**



**Alison Santos playing the clarinet, Justus Alafua playing the trumpet, Brent Nakanishi playing the trumpet**



**The Advanced Band Class playing the Notre Dame Victory March**

# Edison *Elementary*

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**Jayne Okazaki**  
*Principal*

## Math Competition

This year we competed in a National Math competition called Noetic Math. Selected students in grades 2nd through 5th grade participated. We trained with the students for 5-weeks, meeting twice a week via Zoom to prepare the students for the competition. We had North High School students from

the California Scholarship Federation volunteering to assist our students each week afterschool. A total of 60 students participated in the Nation-wide Noetic Math competition in April. Edison Elementary had four students that made the National Honor Roll, and fifteen students that made the National Honorable Mention award. Challenging students in Math and practicing complex math problem solving skills was the goal that was met via this Math competition.



## Fern Elementary

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**Michael Remland**  
*Principal*

### Principal and Counselor for the Day!

Students at Fern Elementary were in for a BIG Surprise on Tuesday April 20th! A new principal and counselor greeted them at the front doors in the morning. Our new principal for the day was Emma and Max, was our counselor for the day. Emma and Max went straight to work and proceeded to

make students feel at ease and welcome them back to school. Emma, Max and Fernie the Falcon then visited all Fern Elementary classrooms to remind students to SOAR at school with their work and on the playground with their friends. Emma and Max completed their day as the principal and counselor by recording a very entertaining schoolwide digital assembly for Wednesday the 21st.

Emma and Max Fern won the experience of Principal and Counselor for the day through the auction at the 2019 Fern Elementary Harvest Festival.



**Emma, Max, Fernie the Falcon, Dr. Remland and Mr. Daugherty celebrating our Principal and Counselor for the day, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

## Hickory Elementary

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**Maggie Mabery**  
*Principal*

### We Soar!

Even though COVID-19 has affected all of us in so many ways, this has not deterred our mission to ensure that our students are engaged in rigorous and meaningful educational experiences here at Hickory. This year, and especially this season, has been the perfect time to take our students out of the classroom for some outdoor learning activities.

Our teachers and students are now enjoying a real change in scenery when they read and learn about math concepts. One of our second-grade teachers actually conducts her guided reading lessons outside of the classroom, where her students get to



read and discuss their lessons while getting a breath of fresh air! One of the fifth-grade teachers also meets with her students in a small group outside for math lessons.

These outdoor learning experiences provide students with some unique opportunities to expand their learning beyond the walls of the classrooms. The thanks goes to our amazing teachers. They never cease to look for creative ways to engage the students in their learning. And despite the challenges, our Hickory students continue to soar in reading and math!



## J.H. Hull *Middle School*

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**Patty Girgis**  
*Principal*

### Hull Middle School and Summer Slide!

As the end of the school year & celebrate the wonderful Class of 2021, we are still providing students with opportunities to continue learning throughout the summer. Summer Slide is a program

that is offered to students who are learning English as a second language & currently in the 6th & 7th grades at Hull. This program is run by Ms. Shari Russell, an English teacher & ELD coordinator at Hull. She & her fabulous team have spent countless hours categorizing over 7000 books that will be available to these students so that they can strengthen their reading skills during the summer

when school is not in session. Dr. Seuss once said, “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” Go Hull Hawks!



**Ms. Shari Russell with some of the wonderful reading options for the students for Summer Slide.**

## Jefferson *Middle School*

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**Yvonne Marin**  
*Principal*

### Mentoring Program

Jefferson Middle School started a mentoring program for 8th-grade students to work closely with 6th graders as they make the transition to middle school. There are four staff members that are trained Where Everybody Belongs (WEB) coordinators. The team is made up of our school counselor, Ms. Balooch,

special education teacher, Mrs. Kim, Science and electives teacher, Mr. Carri, and English and intervention teacher, Mrs. Sapien. They work closely with the staff to nominate 7th-grade students that would be great WEB student leaders during their 8th-grade year. They work with the 8th-grade leaders on team-building activities and prepare them to deliver lessons to 6th-grade homeroom classes about navigating through the middle school years and being successful in high school and beyond. WEB has helped us grow a positive school culture across campus and even virtually during this school year. We are proud of our mentors and grateful for our strong team of coordinators leading this awesome program!



## LAUNCH *Preschool Programs*

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**Dr. Teresa Lanphere**  
*Principal*

### **LAUNCH & Tykes Preschool**

This has been quite a year for our LAUNCH and Tykes preschoolers. For our youngest learners in TUSD, going to the school via zoom on the computer certainly has had some challenges but our little ones (with their parents help of course) did an amazing job! It has been exciting to see

many of our students have the opportunity to return to in person learning throughout the school year and we are looking forward to the 2021-22 school year when we can have students back to school in person 5 days a week. We are so appreciative of the parent support we have received this school year from all of our parents and look forward to continuing to collaborate with them to help build their child's skills for future success.

## Lincoln *Elementary*

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**Katherine Castleberry**  
*Principal*

### **We Can, and We Did!**

This school year was (again) very different from what we are accustomed to, but as always we made it through successfully.

I extend my sincerest appreciation to our families for working closely with our staff to provide the Lincoln Lions with opportunities to continue to learn both virtually and in-person. We could not have accomplished our work without your support.

Our students have been exposed to many unique learning opportunities lately, and my hope is that they have learned the importance of valuing education however and wherever it takes place!

Our school community is fortunate to have a wonderful group of committed and passionate educators working on behalf of our students. This year, the energy we spent on creating meaningful learning experiences for our students

was unparalleled. When we all had to quickly pivot to virtual learning last school year, our staff did so with grace and open-mindedness. Capitalizing on everything learned from last spring ensured a seamless, well-thought out start to this school year, and we never looked back.

And, of course, my Lincoln Lions, I want you to know that you are all absolutely the best! You continually amaze me with your skills, knowledge, and capabilities. These awesome qualities remind all of us who work in the schools about why we want to be here. To see you grow and blossom year after year, especially in such challenging times, remains the most rewarding part of our jobs.

It is so rewarding to be in this thriving community of learners, where success is built upon high expectations for all and true collaboration among stakeholders. The ongoing commitment and dedication that I witness every day in person and on Zoom inspires me tremendously. I find great joy in being Lincoln's principal, and look forward to many more years of success for our school.

## Lynn *Middle School*

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**LeRoy Jackson Jr.**  
*Principal*

### **Great news!**

State Superintendent Tony Thurmond announced Bert Lynn Middle School is one of 100 secondary schools in the state to be honored under the 2021 California Distinguished Schools Program. With over ten thousand schools in the

state of California, this recognition acknowledges our learning community's efforts. This year's recognition is based upon our successful



implementation of a four-day Tutorial system. Our Tutorial system rewards students who meet or exceed learning targets while supporting students who need additional opportunities to learn essential concepts. We believe the success of our Tutorial program is reflected on the California School Dashboard, the state's accountability, and continuous improvement system. Specific indicators include student test scores, suspension rates, and conditions and climate. Congratulations again to our skilled teachers, steady staff support and

our strong parent backing. Bert Lynn Middle School – "Today we learn, tomorrow we LEAD!"

## Madrona *Middle School*

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**Jeffrey Nielsen**  
*Principal*

### Exciting Programs and Activities

As the 2020-21 school year draws to a close things have started to slowly open back up at school. With the return of students to campus, Madrona Middle School has worked hard to offer our students some engaging and exciting activities to be re-engaged at school. Students have been staying late and even showing up early to attend all kinds of fun activities. We have an ultimate frisbee

team, a softball team, a coding and maker's space STEM class, and a freestyle lego building class. Most popular though, is Madrona's girls and boys soccer team. Andrew Waldschmidt who teaches 7th grade math at Madrona is both the girls and boys coach. On May 20, Madrona battled against Hull Middle School at Zamperini Stadium. Over a hundred students showed up to root for their peers. Over the summer and even into next school year, Madrona will continue to offer exciting and engaging programs and activities to re-engage our students into school life.



## Magruder *Middle School*

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**Lisa Nunes**  
*Principal*

### Summer Fun at Magruder

During the summer of 2021, our Mustangs will have multiple options to attend an array of programs to help them become acclimated to our campus and participate in fun activities with their current classmates, and also meet the newest members of our Magruder family.

The Magruder Kick-Off Camp is a three day summer camp on August 10, 11, and 12.

It is designed to engage students with the campus and create a safe and inviting environment ahead of the 2021-2022 school year. Activities include art projects, physical activities, and hands-on labs. This is a new opportunity for our Mustangs to enjoy activities, meet new people, and get to know our staff in a relaxed setting.

The following week, August 16 to 18, we will be hosting our "New to Magruder Operation Back to School." This orientation invites all incoming grade-six students, 2020-2021 distance learners, and any newly enrolled students to our campus for three days of activities and lessons.

It is also designed to ensure a successful transition into middle school and meet with grade-seven and grade-eight mentors. Services for students include receiving supplies, mentor sessions, and meeting teachers and staff. Both programs are free of charge to all participants.

We are excited to have our Mustangs join us for some amazing experiences this summer. A huge thank-you goes to all of our staff members who will be sharing a part of their summer to make these programs a success!

# North High School

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**Chris Sheck**  
*Principal*

## SRLA Club

Our recent school closure did not slow down the students of our NHS Students Run LA (SRLA) Club. This year, because of the rescheduling of the LA Marathon because of COVID-19, our students and teachers took to an arduous 26.2 mile course of their own from Torrance to Manhattan Beach as they endured the rigors of the marathon for which they had all trained so hard. The NHS SRLA club creates a safe, supportive community for students of all backgrounds and abilities to train alongside their

volunteer teachers in order to complete the Los Angeles Marathon. Through this life-changing experience, students embrace a training schedule that takes them to their physical limits, and they often discover their best selves.

So, beginning at 7:30 a.m. on that beautiful and sunny morning in March, our North High SRLA students and teachers set out on their designed course and conquered the 26.2 miles in unique fashion. A Saxon ShoutOut to our runners and teachers for keeping true to their commitment of completing a 26.2 mile, even during a pandemic: You did it!



**North High School SRLA students and teachers kept true to their commitment of completing 26.2 miles.**

# Richardson *Middle School*

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**Tayo Balogun**  
*Principal*

## Enrichment Classes

Richardson Middle School was extremely excited to offer enrichment classes to our students this spring after school. Students were provided with an opportunity to engage in a variety of activities that allowed them to interact and socialize with their peers. The activities ranged from sports like Kickball and Volleyball to academic based classes, like Lego Robotics and frog dissection labs. One of our most popular classes was Archery. In this class our PE teacher, Mr. Jeffery Oden, provided students with instruction on the basics of working a bow and arrow. After the basic

skills drills, students were then able to demonstrate what they had learned, by attempting to shoot various targets that were spread out along the field. It was exciting to see students happily returning to school for this specialized time to connect with their classmates.



# Riviera *Elementary*

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**Christie Forshey**  
*Principal*

**Riviera Playground construction is complete and students are having fun on the new equipment!**



## Seaside *Elementary*

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**Ellen Harrison**  
*Principal*

### Earth Day

Being back on campus has allowed many hands-on activities to take place. In celebration of Earth Day, our 5th graders got their hands dirty creating worm farms. They learned the process of composting and the benefits to the environment. They worked as teams to build and maintain the worm farms.



Many of our Kindergarten and 1st grade classrooms learned about the lifecycle of butterflies and their importance to our planet. The caterpillars had been living in the classrooms for weeks and most grew into butterflies that were released last week.



## Shery *High School*

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**Jamie Jimenez**  
*Principal*

### Our Rockstars!

Some of Shery High's awesome teachers were recognized by the district as Rock Stars recently.

Kathy Patterson is always willing to take on more to help students be successful. A recent grad sent her this email.....

“Thank you so much for everything you’ve done to help me as well as everyone else in all of your classes graduate. I know we never met in person but you are one of the main reasons I get to walk with my friends.”

Maile Toy and Marie Nonato are our amazing Intervention team. They do individual academic plans, they regularly chart progress and meet with students and parents. The relationship they have with the students is that of a cheerleader and a parent getting them to be their best and eventually graduate. They spend hours of their own time continuing to make the Intervention program better and better.



**Maile Toy, Kathy Patterson, Marie Nonato**

# South High School

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**Michelle Fournier**  
Principal

## Virtual Celebration of the Arts

Nothing could stop our visual and performing arts students from producing amazing products this year even if they had to be done virtually! This Spring the entire Fine Arts department collaborated to produce our first ever Virtual Celebration Of the Arts. This event showcased our Art, Band, Ceramics, Choir and Dance programs,

along with our newer CTE Pathway programs of Theater, Digital Photography and Video Production. South students have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of offerings including 3 Jazz Bands, Show Choir, Set Design and AP classes in Music Theory and Studio Art. Each discipline continues to grow to meet both student interest as well as provide valuable industry experience. The Arts are alive and well at South High!



Zoom rendition of Stars and Stripes Forever



# Congratulations Class of 2021!

# Torrance *Elementary*

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**Dr. Kelly Joseph**  
*Principal*

## Got Grit?

A few years ago, Angela Duckworth, a psychologist and researcher, wrote a book called *Grit*. The book was about how outstanding achievement is not based on talent but grit: a special blend of passion and persistence.

At Torrance Elementary, this idea has taken flight. Teachers talk about having grit as educators and imparting grit into their students. About once a month, all staff members put on their Grit shirts and saturate the students with examples of passion and perseverance.

According to Ms. Duckworth, grit is about having passion and perseverance for long-term goals. Gritty people are able to maintain their determination and motivation over long periods despite experiences with failure and adversity. In first grade, teachers work with students in small groups to teach reading. In kinder, teachers talk with students daily about task completion. In second grade, teachers work collaboratively to address areas of weakness and concern. Finally, in grades three through five, teachers identify essential standards to help students meet rigorous grade-level standards.

Imparting grit in our students is one of the best things educators can do to promote success both now and later in life.



## Torrance High School

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**Karim Girgis**  
Principal

### Gratitude for a Job Well Done

As we come to the close of the 2020-2021 school year, the word that keeps coming back to me is “thankful.” I am thankful for the support from our community, the dedication of our amazing staff, and, most importantly, the cooperation and courage of our students.

The support from our families has been fantastic. Their trust in us is something that we do not take for granted, and we try to earn it every day. Through the schedule changes and ever-flowing calendar, they have allowed us to do what is best for our students. Our PTA has been very supportive too, and I especially want to thank them for the fantastic Teacher’s Appreciation Week they recently gave our educators.

While the teachers deserve so much of the credit for keeping our students engaged, our school community also owes a great deal of gratitude to our administrative team, counselors, clerical staff, and custodians.

Thank you to our administrative team for their long hours and the juggling of schedules. Thank you to our counselors for working with the students through these unprecedented times. Thank you to our clerical staff for their flexibility and adapting to new jobs, such as coordinating COVID testing for our student-athletes. And thank you to our custodians for going the extra mile to make sure that our campus is clean and sanitized for our students to return to campus.

For our students too, thank you! To hear your voices on campus again is something that I will never take for granted. Thank you for your faith in us to keep you safe and provide you with the education you deserve.

The final thank-you is to all of our Tartar Nation. We have been ranked No. 44 in the nation by Parents.com using information from AcademicInfluence.com, a data-driven rankings site for higher education. This result is “compiled from a list of top schools using another factor: the influence of each school’s alumni and faculty in the real world.”

It is good to be a Tartar!

## Torrance Adult School

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**Dr. Wayne Diulio**  
Principal

### Promising Practices

TUSD’s Torrance Adult School (TAS) is esteemed as a nominee for the California Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Title II: Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) Promising Practices Award. TAS was recognized regarding the practices of remote and “Drive-in” testing

due to the great success of students

completing a pre and post assessment that measures progress and learning. This extensive process was managed by TAS’s Enrollment Center and WIOA Testing Specialists as students were scheduled and tested either remotely or in their cars following DPH safety protocols.

To assess learning progress and success in adult education, WIOA utilizes

CASAS assessments. Pre and post tests are provided to all Adult Basic and English Language Learners to determine learning progress. This award represents practices that improve program accountability, develop skills students need in the workplace, promote collaboration and cooperation with other programs and agencies as well as effective use of technology, and effective student transitions. Congratulations to Torrance Adult School!



## Towers *Elementary*

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**Sandy Skora**  
*Principal*

### Hardworking Support Staff

As this school year comes to an end, I would like to acknowledge our hardworking support staff, specifically the health office and custodians for their

tireless work helping to keep our school safe and clean. (right) Nicole Thistle our Health Assistant and (left) Vienna Yu our LVN. They have both been instrumental in keeping up with all safety protocols and carrying them out to keep our staff and students healthy. (middle) Justin Nowland, our day custodian, who has disinfected classrooms and restrooms throughout the day among other duties to keep our students and staff safe while on campus. (not pictured) Michael Nieves, our night custodian, who disinfects all classrooms, restrooms, and offices after hours to get our campus ready for school the next day. We appreciate you and thank you for all your hard work during this school year!



**Vienna Yu our LVN, Justin Nowland our day custodian,  
Nicole Thistle our Health Assistant**

## Victor *Elementary*

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**Bill Baker**  
*Principal*

### Congratulations Ms. Berry!

Let's give a hearty and warm shout out to Victor's Applied Behavior Analysis Teacher, Ms. Lisa Berry! We are proud to announce that Ms. Berry received the 8th Annual Staff & Community Partners Award! This year's awards theme, Celebrating Educators' Excellence & Resilience Through Unprecedented Times, honors teachers and staff from the Special Education Local Plan

Area for their exceptionally hard work and solid efforts that made a huge difference in the education of our students with special needs during these difficult times of the pandemic. Way to go Ms. Berry!



Have a fun summer and remember to include the library among your activity choices.

## Walteria *Elementary*

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**Dr. Efren Ponce**  
*Principal*

### Big Fun on the Horizon

Although the pandemic has been hard on everybody, there were silver linings, if one looked closely. For the teachers, it has to be all of the knowledge and practice they have gained from being forced into

a more virtual existence. For the kids, they

have learned so much about our electronic platforms and online tools. Both groups are now better prepared for teaching and learning in the 21st century.

Our school saw changes during the pandemic that affected the students and staff a lot less because of the on-campus limitations. In December, construction began on all three of our playgrounds. Work was completed a few

weeks ago, and now the students will benefit from having the new play areas, without really having to deal with the chaos construction typically brings. Our little ones are now playing on the new equipment, masked, socially distanced, and not commingling the cohorts!



## West *High School*

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**Jenna Murata**  
*Principal*

### Oh, the Places You'll Go!

In honor of National Decision Day, our seniors came together to sign a poster acknowledging their college commitments. They received Decision Day buttons to show off as they posed for photos. We are proud to be sending students to the military, UC and CSU schools, and private schools throughout California. In addition, our students will be attending many out-of-state

universities including Boston University, Carnegie Mellon University, and New York University. Our seniors have faced unprecedented challenges throughout their last two years of high school. They've missed out on many traditional junior and senior year activities and learned a whole new way of attending school. Yet they have persevered, and we are so proud of their resilience and accomplishments in the midst of adversity. Class of 2021, we know you are destined for greatness! We wish you much success in the years ahead.



## Wood Elementary

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**Dr. Shawn Johnson**  
Principal

### Staff Appreciation Week

Wood Elementary celebrated our teachers and staff during Staff Appreciation Week! It was great to see students, families and the Wood PTA take time out of their day to recognize the hard work and long hours our teachers and staff have put in to make the best out of this school year! Wood Elementary Staff is amazing!



## Yukon Elementary

17815 Yukon Ave., Torrance, CA 90504 • 310/533-4477 • yukon.tusd.org



**Elaine Wassil**  
Principal

### In Their Own Words

It has been quite a year for sure, and nobody can describe it better than the children!

Here are quotes directly from our students, from oldest to youngest ... they all had something to say:

“My experience learning online was awesome! My favorite subject was math because I learned how to turn fractions into decimals. Also, I got an amazing teacher, But overall, fifth grade is amazing.”

“My experience with online learning was exciting and fun. Me and my classmates did many cool and fun projects! With learning online, I felt it was easier for me to learn, although I missed school and my friends. I had a great time with online learning. In conclusion, sometimes it is good for a change and a new experience to try something we've haven't done before.”

“My school experience for this year was great. At times it was challenging, with safety restrictions and being online, but with my teacher's help and guidance, it was great.”

“I didn't like being on computer, and now we are in person, but I don't like wearing a mask in school. What I like is getting to see all of my friends and getting to talk to my friends and getting to be on school campus. I love that. And being in third grade. Third grade is fun. I am excited to go to fourth grade next year. A book I read in third grade is my favorite. It is *The One and Only Ivan*. My favorite subject is all of them. I love being at Yukon.”

“I like that we get to see our classmates, and I love my teacher.”

“My kindergarten year has been great because I have been learning a lot of new things!”

As one student summed up, “I thought this school year was weird.” But he also went on to say, “It was still a good year.”



## Katie's Review



**Katie C.**

### Feeling "Inspired"

Book Title: *Inspired*

Author: Susan Schaefer Bernado

Imagine you've moved to a new home. You open a package, a seemingly harmless mirror, but somehow it opens up a whole new world.



In a Harry Potter style escape, Rocket grows out of her awkward self and finds new skills in the new world of Mount Olympus that she has found. Her nemesis turns out to be haunted, and she realizes that sometimes the only way to resolve conflict is to recognize that everyone could use a helping hand, even if they seem awful at first glance. She finds that she can connect to people, form relationships, and truly understand those around her. In short, she's been "inspired." To help not only others but to find herself, and to live to the potential that she has. I recommend this book to those who love Greek mythology references and to anyone who wants to feel like they have escaped to an alternate reality, one that we can all make our own.

Katie is a junior in high school. She likes reading and writing. She loves to read to younger kids. She provides book reviews to kids who want to find more good books.

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## Daniel's Review



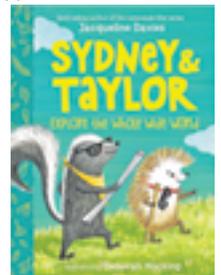
**Daniel H.**

### Cute Friends' Adventure

Title: *Sydney & Taylor Explore the Whole Wide World*

Author: Jacqueline Davies

Do you ever feel like you want to go on a big adventure? The best friends in this book do and they go on one together.



Sydney, a skunk, and his best friend Taylor, a hedgehog, live together in a cozy burrow. One day, they decide to leave their home for the first time ever to go on an expedition to places unknown in the outside world. Along the way, they discover new things and meet different animals. They also run into some problems, but they help each other out and make things better.

This book teaches you that friends help each other and no matter how much fun you have in new places, home is always the best place to be!

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.



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# Jenna's Review



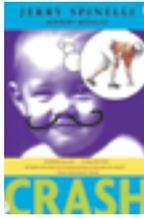
**Jenna C.**

## Friendship

Book Title: *Crash*

Author: Jerry Spinelli

Have you been desperate to do or get something? Well in this case a boy named John who prefers being called



Crash bullies a neighbor named Penn. Crash bullies Penn so he won't lose his popularity.

Crash has a friend named Mike who also likes making fun of Penn. Suddenly, this all changes when Crash's "crush" Jane comes up to him and confronts him about a letter that was sent to Penn from someone unknown saying that they have his beloved pet turtle. Jane thinks of Crash as a bully and bad person, so of course she thinks he sent the letter. After Crash denies any of these comments he goes straight to Mike's house and finds Penn's pet turtle. Crash returns the turtle to Penn and wants to be friends with him. Do you think Penn will want to be friends with him after everything Crash has done to him for so many years? Read to find out!

Jenna is a 5th grader. She enjoys playing soccer and painting. She likes to read fiction novels. Someday she wants to publish a book.

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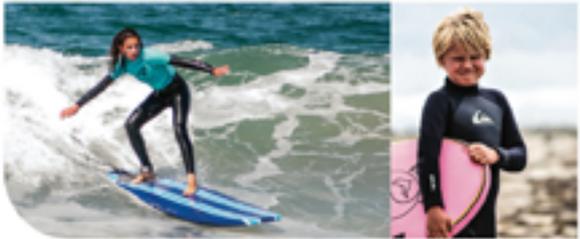
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## Kailani's Review



**Kailani T.**

### **Favorite Tree House Adventure**

*Monday with a Mad Genius*

by Mary Pope Osborne is the 10th book in the series Magic Tree House. It is about two siblings of Frog Creek, Pennsylvania (Jack and Annie) who go back



in time by the magic tree house. Their mission is to help a magician named Merlin of Camelot find the secret of happiness. During the journey, the siblings travel to Florence, Italy and meet Leonardo DaVinci in the 1500s. Jack and Annie watch DaVinci fly the Great Bird and finish the Mona Lisa painting.

This was a fun book to read. The story is full of excitement and interesting information. I learned about Mona Lisa and Leonardo DaVinci. Reading that DaVinci was also an inventor, architect, stage and costume designer, horseman, chef, geologist, and botanist was fascinating. My favorite parts are when Jack and Annie figured out the secret of happiness and that DaVinci was also a horseman. I highly recommend this book for anyone who loves adventures.

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.

## David's Review



**David H.**

### **Save Little Claws!**

Title: *The Animal Rescue Agency #1:*

Case File: *Little Claws*

Author: Eliot Schrefer  
If you love animals like I do, you should definitely read this book.



Esquire Fox and Mr. Pepper the rooster run the Animal Rescue Agency, which rescues animals in trouble all around the world. Little Claws, a cute polar bear cub, is stranded on an iceberg that is floating away from his mom, Big Claws. This dangerous situation is caused by a man in a white fur hat. Big Claws contacts the Animal Rescue Agency for help. Join Esquire Fox and Mr. Pepper on their daring adventure to discover WHO the man in the white hat is, WHAT he wants to do, and find out if Little Claws gets reunited with his mom.

You'll love reading this exciting book!

David is in third grade and he loves to read and play piano. He likes math and outdoor activities such as rock climbing, tennis, and basketball.

## Yoona's Review



Yoona C.

### Mysterious Secrets

Title: *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*

Author: J. K. Rowling

Harry Potter lives with his uncle and aunt and their child still for the summer. He meets Dobby when he was in his room

pretending to not exist. Dobby says not to go to Hogwarts, but Harry refuses.

Then, Dobby causes trouble, and his Uncle blocks the window that was in his room. But, Ron and his brothers come to take him to their home. After a few days, it's time to go to Hogwarts. There is a problem at Hogwarts. The chamber of secrets has been opened, but no one knows who. Then, Ron and Harry overhear Ms. McGonagall saying that there was a sign saying "Her skeleton will lie in the chamber forever." Ron and Harry plan to go to the chamber of secrets. Do you want to know what will happen next? Then, explore this book!



Yoona is a 3rd grader. She likes to read books and create stories. She also enjoys singing and listening to music.



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# Taegyong's Book Review

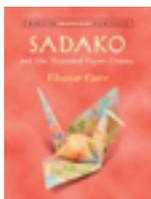


Taegyong K.

## Sadako's Wish

Title: *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*

Author: Eleanor Coerr



Have you ever heard about the myth of one thousand paper cranes? This story is based on the real story of Sadako Sasaki and the thousand paper cranes. Sadako loved running. However, she got the atomic disease, and she couldn't run anymore. One day, her friend, Chizuko, showed her how to make a paper crane and said, "If a sick person folds one thousand paper cranes, the gods will grant her wish and make her healthy again." She gave Sadako the paper crane that she folded as the first one. Then, she decided to make one thousand paper cranes to make her well. Did she fold one thousand paper cranes? Did her wish come true? This book is not only about Sadako's story, but also about the horrors and tragedy of war. This is a touching and inspirational story. If you are interested in her story, I recommend this book.

Taegyong K. is a 5th grader. She loves reading books and writing her own stories. Also, she likes to play video games, board games, and badminton. She would like to be a person who is kind and helps others.



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**Congratulations to Shannon Shao**  
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## Tyson's Book Review

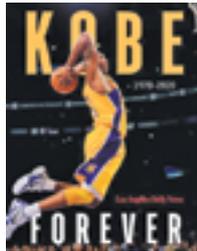


Tyson

### A Legend Remembered

By: Los Angeles Daily News

*Kobe Forever* is a book with many articles about Kobe Bryant from the Los Angeles Daily News. This book is more of a tribute to his sad death in January 2020. If you



want to know more about his history to appreciate what he has done, this is the book for you. You can learn cool things about him such as how he won 5 NBA championships or how he dropped 60 points on his last game against the Utah Jazz. I felt like I really knew how he became such a good player over the years and how he had to climb over big obstacles to achieve his goal as an NBA legend. *Kobe Forever* is a book I truly recommend for basketball or non-basketball players to appreciate what he has done and how much he meant to the world. I hope you find how great Kobe was.

Tyson is a 7th grader who enjoys playing basketball, skateboarding, and video games. His favorite subjects at school are math and PE. The best thing about quarantine was having extra time to play with his dog and meeting new neighborhood friends!

## Sean's Book Review



Sean

### The Tomb of a Dead Emperor

*The Tyrant's Tomb* is the fourth book in Rick Riordan's series, Trials of Apollo. Apollo (aka Lester Papadopoulos) was banished from Mount Olympus (home of the Greek Gods) by the



almighty Zeus. During his exile, he experienced many adventures and losses. Meg, his 12 year-old gifted assistant, travels with him to a Roman demi-god camp, where they are greeted by lots of old war friends. Apollo has a vision and tells the camp to prepare for a gruesome war caused by two evil Roman emperors, both with whom Apollo had treacherously fought recently. He then needs to go on a dangerous journey investigating a Roman ghost tomb for crucial information. The vivid details of the battle preparation and fighting scenes are riveting. Overall, this book is a solid 5/5 and I hope you eventually read this amazing series!

Sean is a 6th grader who enjoys playing basketball and volleyball. He loves to teach his dog, Chewie, tricks and taking him on walks. His favorite subjects at school are math and PE. The best thing about quarantine was spending time with his family in nature.

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**Kate Karp**

## Little Stories of Great Composers Series

What better way to introduce children to great composers than with beautifully illustrated storybooks coupled with recordings of read-alouds and enhanced by tidbits of Tchaikovsky, morsels of Mozart and little Vivaldi victuals? Even better, a cheese-and-music-loving mouse narrates the tales!

Minim is the fly on the wall—rather, the mouse in the house—who gives young listeners slices of the composers’ lives as he scrounges for slices of cheddar. In “A Delicious Taste of Mozzarella!” Minim slips out of a crack in the wall to eavesdrop on “Uncle Petya” surprising his niece and nephew with a gift: a musical score. The children are at first disappointed; then, their uncle teaches them how to play the composition on the piano. They realize how music can bestow magic on the spirit. Uncle Peta is, of course, Pyotr Ilyitch Tchaikovsky.

In “That’s My Piano, Sir!” Minim is hoping for leftover goodies after voyagers leave a boat on a busy dock. A sudden crash shatters the briny air. An exhausted dockworker has dropped a huge crate, which turns out to be a folded piano. The customs officer is cranky and not in the mood for any tomfoolery until a nicely dressed, polite child says, “That’s my piano, sir!” The lad sits down, plays, and charms away everyone’s ill humor with “A Little Night Music.” Minim finds his cheese, and we discover Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart!

Concert pianist Ana Gerhard authored the books, and Marie Lafrance illustrated them. Canadian stage actor Colm Feore was the cultured voice of Minim, and Canadian chamber music orchestra I Musici de Montreal played the score. A wonderful introduction to great composers and, as Minim shows, just what the spirit needs today!

## Songs Across the Pond

Could you use something light and friendly?

Children’s musician Brady Rymer and his English counterpart, David Gibb—from across the pond, you see—have teamed up for some lively ditties. It started when Mr. Gibb wrote a letter to Mr. Rymer telling him how much he enjoyed his music—soon, they went from pen pals to Zoom buddies, remotely writing songs about friendship, food, vocabulary and each other’s country’s music.

Title tune “Across the Pond” is the first song they wrote together, leapfrogging as one wrote a verse or a chorus and the other wrote the next one. Your Zoom classroom or your own family might try this for fun!

“Two Towns” describes the differences between and

## ‘iMuévete!’—Bilingual Fitness!

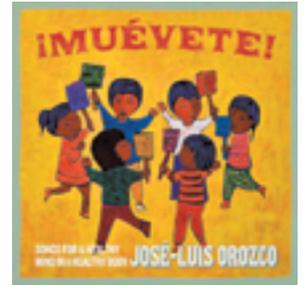
Here’s a great way for preschool- and primary-age children to take on the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has imposed on our schools and our children’s parents. To ramp up physical activity and basic vocabulary, you can’t do much better than *¡Muévete! Songs for a*

*Healthy Mind in a Healthy Body*. On top of it all, children can begin learning another language while developing their first one, whether it’s English or Spanish!

This recent offering presents an old-school approach to early-education recordings. *¡Muévete!*, one of Smithsonian Folkways’ newest addition to their catalog, is performed by Grammy-nominated musician/educator José-Luis Orozco. Orozco’s melodious tenor engages his young audience with 18 songs—nine in Spanish, with their nine English translations. They’re amusing and energetic, and their purpose is to get the little guys and girls up ‘n’ at ‘em!

Children will enjoy balancing like the great pink birds in “Domingo Flamingo,” learning about colors from “El baile de los colores,” and directionality in “La raspa,” sung to the tune of “Jarabe tapatío,” more commonly known as the hat dance song. They’ll identify and move their body parts with “Monica” and “Juanito.” Just for fun, there’s “Clap, tap, tralala” in which the young participants will laugh their little heads off as the tempo becomes faster and faster and faster. And they’ll do it all in two languages!

During this strange, uncertain period, the lessons in *¡Muévete!* are more important than ever for children as well as parents. Celebrate movement and keep healthy with this playful, bilingual collection!



similarities of a typical U.S. city. You’ll get the idea of “Roundabouts” if you’ve been in a traffic circle in the States—Long Beach and Orange both have one. “You Say This, I Say That” tells us whether we’re pushing a stroller or a pram and whether we need to use the loo or the bathroom!

And if “You Say This, I Say That” brings the Beatles to mind, you’re right on track. “Living in a Beatles Song” is a patchwork of phrases from Fab Four tunes, and the singers also sing songs by England’s Cat Stevens and the U.S.’s Sam Cooke.

The catchy “Summertime Soul” celebrates Mr. Gibb’s favorite season and Mr. Rymer’s favorite chord progression. You’ll want to sing along, and you can—printable lyrics to all the songs can be found [on this link](#).

Kate Karp is an editor for *School News Roll Call* and a freelance writer and editor.

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