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Choosing where and how to educate your child is one of the most important decisions a parent will ever make. I invite you to get to know Ocean View School District and the exciting opportunities we offer our students. Take a look at Ocean View School District, *Where Achievement and Relationships Matter!*

Students in Ocean View School District experience a rigorous learning environment that is rooted in effective teaching practices and high-quality instruction. Our goal is to nurture every child's imagination, intellect, and sense of inquiry. We also promote social/emotional learning and Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) to foster a caring and encouraging school setting.



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Kay Coop
 Founder/Publisher



Happy New Year!
 I think all of us have been looking
 forward to a new year more than ever
 before...specifically a healthy new
 year.

This issue is full of informative
 articles and colorful pictures of
 students enjoying learning. From
 academics to performing arts to
 athletics there is something for every
 student.

Be sure to enter our Word Search
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 enter.

Our next issue is March 16.

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Bedwetting: Why It Happens and What You Can Do

Most children become potty trained between 2- and 4-years-old. However, every child is different. Nighttime bedwetting commonly affects school-aged children and even some teens.

Bedwetting can be stressful for the entire family, especially your child. Help combat bedwetting and support your child with these tips:

- Reassure your child that bedwetting is normal and won't last forever
- Have your child drink during the day and less at night
- Use a motivational system to celebrate dry nights, such as stickers or prizes
- Don't punish your child for wetting the bed; praise them after dry nights

Bedwetting is usually not a serious medical issue, but it's important to figure out the underlying cause. Common causes include:

- A smaller bladder, or one that is not fully developed yet
- Deep sleeping or inability to recognize a full bladder
- A family history of bedwetting
- Other urologic conditions

Fortunately, most children outgrow bedwetting on their own. But if your child still wets the bed after 7-years-old, it may be a sign of a urologic condition that needs medical attention. Talk to your child's pediatrician about potential treatment options.

Whether a child has a common urological condition, such as bedwetting, or a more complex condition, the Larry & Helen Hoag Foundation Pediatric Urology & Nephrology Center at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach has a team of specially trained pediatric urologists who received additional training to understand a child's growing body.

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Barbara Delgleize
Mayor

Eager to See What the New Year will Bring

Happy New Year 2022! I want to take a moment to express how wonderful it has been serving the residents of Huntington Beach as part of your City Council, and how honored and thrilled I am to serve as your Mayor for a second time. My door is always open to you, so please contact me at barbara.delgleize@surfcity-hb.org or call 714.536.5553.

Although we are still living with COVID-19, we are safely planning events for this Spring. The City's annual Surf City marathon, half-marathon, 5K and mile run take place the weekend of February 5 and 6.

And the British are coming once again! Our Historical Society will host the Revolution was reenactment at the Huntington Beach Central Park this February 12 and 13, 2022. Come experience the founding of our nation with some of the country's finest living history presenters. For more information visit <https://www.hbhistory.org/revolution>.

Save the dates for March 11-13 as the Orange County Cherry Blossom Festival takes place in Central Park. This annual spring celebration of Japanese and Japanese American culture has been inspired by and helped to fund an international student exchange program between Huntington Beach and its sister city, Anjo, Japan. Each year the festival brings together a broad spectrum of performers and activities that span the traditional to the contemporary. More information at <https://www.occbfest.com>.

I have lived and worked in HB for nearly 50 years, and I want to reiterate how excited and privileged I am to serve as your Mayor. I am eager to see what the New Year will bring!

City of Westminster Office of the Mayor

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Tri Ta
Mayor

Happy New Year from Westminster!

It's hard to imagine how quickly time flies.

2021 started with uncertainty, but through the efforts of first responders, essential workers, and others supporting those in need, we were able to hold events with the purpose of lifting our spirits.

Below are a few highlights:

Co-sponsored by Orange County Water District, we held a youth art contest to promote water conservation. Golden West College's art department held the award ceremony, marking its first in-person gallery since the pandemic.

Our Family Resource Center held a "Trunk-or-Treat" event. This brought together local non-profits, partner agencies, and staff to provide an enjoyable, safe Halloween experience. The event was followed by a free movie in the park.

To close 2021, staff hosted our first ever "Santa-On-the-Go" pop-up event which brought holiday cheer and Santa to individual neighborhoods.

I'm excited for possibilities as we move forward positively, and wish you a healthy and prosperous 2022!



Mayor Tri Ta and Mr. Steve Sheldon, President of OC Water District announced the winners for the water arts contest at Golden West College.

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We are Here for You

By Melissa Ronning, Senior Youth Services Librarian

In September we returned to in-person storytime and programs at the Central Library, and we were getting ready to launch storytime at our Main St. branch when COVID struck again! We are currently on another in-person program pause without a specific date to the return of normal programming. Until then we will be providing two virtual storytimes each week, which can be accessed from our Children's Library YouTube channel.

We are also extending the dates of our Winter Reading Challenge to 2/28/2022. Children, Teens and Adults are encouraged to complete the challenge and earn a free book from our FOTL Used Book Store. Information on registration and completion prizes can be found on the [HBPL Children's Libguide](#). All program updates can also be found on this page.

February is "Love Your Library" month and we encourage you to please stop by and find some great books to get you through this winter! If coming into the library to search for items is a challenge please consider using our [Shelf Help](#) program and we will do the work for you! Please be well, and we hope to see you again soon!



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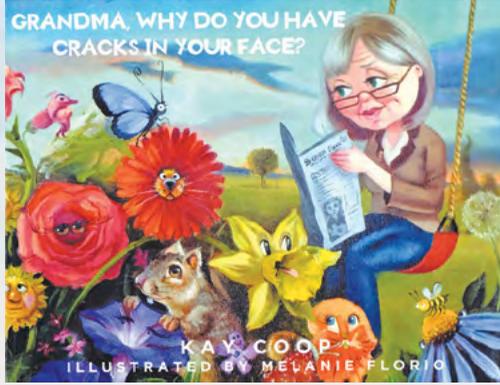
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Dr. Charles Hinman

FVSD Family Welcomes Dr. Charles Hinman as Interim Superintendent

From the District

In January, the Fountain Valley School District Board of Trustees approved Dr. Charles Hinman as Interim Superintendent. Dr. Hinman previously led the West Covina Unified School District for six years as superintendent, prior to retiring in July 2021. He also served as Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, site administrator and teacher in several notable districts across Orange County including Newport Mesa Unified, Saddleback Unified and Santa Ana Unified School Districts.

Lisa Schultz, President of the Fountain Valley School Board, remarked, "We are excited to have Dr. Hinman joining us. He is an outstanding educational leader with proven results. His leadership will help assure that our district continues its tradition of excellence while our Board of Trustees continues the superintendent search process."

Charles Hinman reacted to his appointment saying, "I am honored to serve as the interim superintendent for the Fountain Valley School District and look forward to working collaboratively with the Board of Trustees, teachers, administrators, staff, parents and community members to provide an unparalleled foundation for our students. It is an exemplary district and I am grateful to be a part of the Fountain Valley Family during this transitional period."

Dr. Hinman earned a bachelor's degree in history from Montana State University, a master's degree in administration from United States International University in San Diego and a doctorate in education administration from the University of Southern California.

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Committed to Finding the Most Qualified Candidate for FVSD Family

By Lisa Schultz, President, Board of Trustees

The Fountain Valley School District Board of Trustees has begun the process of searching for a new superintendent for our District. The Board of Trustees approved a contract for executive search services with Leadership Associates, a well-respected firm passionate about helping districts find their next leader. In addition, we have decided to run a thorough, competitive, transparent and national search process to find the best, most qualified candidate for our FVSD Family. Given the time necessary to properly conduct this search, we have also decided to hire an interim superintendent to guide our District for the next few months. We were pleased to hire Dr. Chuck Hinman to join us in this role.

The Board of Trustees is committed to keeping all stakeholders engaged and informed. To this end, we hosted an anonymous survey to gather input from our staff, students and community. Moreover, Leadership conducted multiple input sessions over zoom with stakeholders in order to gather as much feedback as possible. We continue to keep our community informed throughout this process through a comprehensive webpage.

The Fountain Valley School District Board of Trustees is committed to finding the most qualified candidate to join the FVSD Family and continue the excellence in teaching and learning that has been a part of our history since 1876.

Roch Courreges *Elementary (K-5)*

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Chris Christensen
Principal

Bittersweet Farewell to Mr. Puebla

Courreges Elementary School's office assistant, Edwin Puebla, has been promoted to the Fountain Valley School District (FVSD) as a full-time office assistant for the district's Personnel & I.T. departments. Edwin has been Courreges' office assistant for over a year and will begin his new assignment by the end of January, 2022.

"We absolutely love and adore Edwin!" remarks principal Chris Christensen. "Edwin has been so much more than an office assistant here at Courreges. Edwin has added such a positive spirit to our office and our entire school culture! Edwin dresses up, in costume, on all special occasions and is always willing to lend a helping hand wherever needed. Our students, parents and staff simply LOVE Edwin!"



Mr. Puebla celebrating his birthday in "first-class" style.

Courreges Elementary School will truly miss Edwin, but wish him the very best in his new role at the district-level.

James H. Cox *Elementary (K-5)*

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Cara Robinson
Principal

Soccer League

The soccer league at lunch has begun at Cox Elementary! Students in grades one and two compete in a primary league, while grades three-five compete in an upper league every day at lunch. Students signed up in teams, attended a training session hosted by principal Robinson, and are now off and playing one another in short games during lunch. Teams with the best record will be invited to play in a single-elimination playoff next month. Winning teams in both primary and upper will enjoy a surprise activity. Lunchtime is a large block of otherwise unsupervised free play for students in elementary school. Oftentimes, it becomes a lonely time for some or a time when students need more directed play to stay out of trouble. Soccer is fun and requires little instruction to get started. Lunchtime games are great to keep students engaged!



Harry C. Fulton *Middle School (6-8)*

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Erin Bains
Principal



Julie Gonzales
Assistant Principal

Spotlight on Music

Fulton's music department closed out 2021 on a high note with their impressive winter performances. Our choral and instrumental groups put on multiple astounding shows to highlight their hard work and dedication to the art of music. The students put in many hours throughout the semester diligently preparing for these special occasions, and their hard work did not go unnoticed by their raving fans!

Mr. Jeremy LaMantia, Fulton's music director, guided our instrumental groups through two nights of incredible productions. The first featured students from our rock ensemble performing holiday hits such as *Winter Wonderland* and *Jingle Bell Rock*, as well as classic rock hits. The second night was a wonderful compilation of the achievements of beginning and advanced band, as well as our orchestra.

Under the guidance of Ms. Elena MacDonald, our Fulton choir performed alongside the choir groups from Talbert and Masuda Middle Schools in a district-wide show. The students sang winter tunes for family and friends. They also had the opportunity to recite for the community at the Bella Terra Winter Spectacular in Huntington Beach.

It was incredibly heart-warming to be back together sitting side by side with our community while being serenaded by our talented students. The pride we have for our Fulton musicians is overwhelming!

Robert Gisler *Elementary (K-5)*

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Teri Malpass
Principal

Dressing for the Decade Years at Gisler!

Gisler is dressing-up to celebrate the decade years! It all started with the 50th day of school and many students and staff members came decked out in their BEST 50's attire to honor the 50th day of school! After that, came the 60's and then the 70's which was celebrated on Friday, January 7th. Students came dressed in their sequins to represent the trends of the 70's. Gisler will continue to celebrate the 80's and 90's until we get to the 100th day of school where students and staff will dress as if they

were 100 years old! Kids and staff are having a blast living and dressing in the past. Students are doing a GREAT job researching what was worn during the specific decades and coming to school dressed that way. This is another way Gisler's has brought students and staff together!



The Pham brothers celebrating the 50's!

Kazuo Masuda *Middle School(6-8)*

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Jennifer Morgan
Principal



Matt Ploski
Assistant Principal

Choirs Showcasing Their Talent

Masuda Middle School was proud to host the Fountain Valley School District's Winter Choir Concert on Wednesday, December 1st, 2021. The concert featured performances by all three middle school choirs, Fulton, Masuda, and Talbert under the guidance of Choir Director Elena MacDonald.

The playlist included classics like "Jingle Bell Rock" as well as some less familiar gems like "Remembering Decembers." The grand finale was "All I Want for Christmas is You," which was performed by all three choirs combined. There was extra excitement in the air this concert season and the event was a smashing success. In addition to this performance, the choirs were also able to showcase their talents at the Bella Terra Winter Spectacular and the Fountain Valley Tree Lighting event.



William T. Newland *Elementary (K-5)*

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Christopher Mullin
Principal

Spirit Days helping To Create a Better School Community

The staff at Newland is always striving to provide a positive school community and climate for its students. Newland has hosted a number of “Spirit Days” to promote school spirit, encourage imagination, and allow students to think outside the box and express themselves. Recently, Newland

hosted Career Day and asked students to dress up as professions they hope to become. A positive school climate is recognized as an important ingredient for improving behavioral, academic, and mental health outcomes for students. Additionally, positive school communities create opportunities for children, families and staff to feel included. These schools tend to have less student discipline problems, reduced bullying, and positive youth development. A favorable school climate and community has also been linked with higher academic motivation and engagement. When children feel included in a community, they show more caring and compassion towards others and feel safer and more secure. Newland is dedicated to having a richly well-rounded program.



Urbain H. Plavan *Elementary (K-5)*

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Dr. Patrick Ham
Principal

Return of Plavan PTO's Jogathon

Before winter break, Plavan students experienced the return of our annual tradition – The PTO's Jogathon. Our upper grade students are familiar with this exciting event, but for most of our primary students, it was their

first time due to Covid. Our PTO and staff did an amazing job building appropriate safety measures while keeping the event fun and exciting for our students. To see every student exercise, smile, and feel a sense of normalcy was priceless! The event not only brought great joy to our students, but was also a huge success as a fundraiser! We nearly doubled our goal of \$25K, which provides our PTO and school much flexibility moving forward! Thank you Plavan PTO and school community for making this event possible!

Congratulations to our top earners:

Lake Tran, Logan White, Ava Hoang, Elena Esquivel, Chris Yeung, Jacob Hurwitz, Jacob Vorpahl, Karly Gilbody, Chelsea Nguyen, Thea Tran, Cheyenne Wilkerson, Bao Tran, Elijah Lewis.



Isojiro Oka *Elementary (K-5)*

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Julie Ballesteros
Principal

Welcoming Our New Librarian

The Oka Wolfpack is thrilled to introduce our new library media technician, Christina Fogarty. Mrs. Fogarty earned her Bachelor of Arts from Cal State Long Beach and recently completed her library-media certification from Fresno City College.

With a passion for reading, art and children, Mrs. Fogarty began working for FVSD in the ESP program at the age of 18. She has served as an ESP aide and instructor for children in TK-fourth grade for many years and is excited to begin a new journey at Oka.

As a child, Mrs. Fogarty could most often be found reading fantasy and historical fiction in her local library. Throughout her life, reading has ignited her creativity and inspiration to knit, paint, garden, hike, camp, rock-climb, and more. Over the past two years, our children have lost the experience of visiting the library to gain a love of reading, research topics, and explore new ideas. We know that Mrs. Fogarty's passion, intelligence and love for learning will create a positive and inspiring environment for our children as we reopen our library.



Samuel E. Talbert *Middle School (6-8)*

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Jay Adams
Principal



Molly Kuykendall
Assistant Principal

FVSD Soccer Tournament Returns to Talbert!

Talbert was so excited to once again host the annual FVSD Soccer Tournament in November of 2021. All District Middle Schools: Talbert, Fulton, and Masuda, joined by Mariners Christian School as our fourth team, fought it out on the field in a great day of soccer play!

Students were so grateful for this small sense of returning "normalcy" in our restricted COVID-world. A wonderful time was had by all. Talbert Girls' Team, coached by Molly Levitt, won the day--taking first place. Our Boys' Team, coached by Joel Sotolongo, came in a close second! A special thanks also goes out to Activities Director, Colleen McNally, for pulling off an amazing event.



Hisamatsu Tamura *Elementary (K-5)*

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Kathy Davis
Principal

Hour of Code

Our Tamura Tigers took part in the recent Hour of Code, which is recognized nationally from December 6th through December 10th. It was truly inspiring to see students of all ages, from transitional kindergarten to the fifth grade, use their coding skills to make their Chromebooks perform a particular task.

The purpose of this event was to show students that computer science can be fun, and that anyone of any age can do it! The students were able to pick from a variety of tutorials based on the computer games and animated movies that they are all familiar with. Who knows, an event like this just might be the thing that will make a student choose the field of computer science as a career!

We recognize that only five percent of high school seniors attain the computer programming skills necessary to succeed in today's high-tech and global economy. The idea that our children should start to develop such skills at this age is a truly powerful component to their academic and social development in the years to come.

It is truly a magical time when our students are engaged in the kind of skills which push the limits of what has always been done. We look forward to incorporating coding into their lessons throughout the school year, and plan on taking it to the next level as the year progresses.



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SUPERINTENDENT



Dr. Carol Hansen

From Page 1

Are you looking at kindergarten options for your child? Ocean View offers several dynamic kindergarten programs to allow children to become confident learners in a safe and supportive environment while providing experiences for them to grow and develop through play and interaction. You can choose the right fit for your child depending on their age, development and interest.

Kindergarten (5 years old on or before September 1, 2022):

Provides a rich, meaningful, balanced, academic program of foundational skills to prepare children for 1st grade.

Spanish Dual Language Immersion Kindergarten (5 years old on or before September 1, 2022): Students learn in English and Spanish and begin their journey to become bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural. For more info visit ovsd.org/dli

Transitional Kindergarten (5 years old on or between September 2 – December 2, 2022): Kindergarten standards are spread out over two years allowing students additional time to mature. It honors a child's developmental pace and progression of learning while focusing more on the process of learning and less on the product of learning.

Early Kindergarten (5 years old on or between December 3, 2022 – March 1, 2023): This half-year program begins in January and ends in June and provides students a jumpstart in developmental readiness skills prior to entering Kindergarten. This modified Transitional Kindergarten experience helps children develop the academic, social, and emotional skills necessary to be successful in Kindergarten.

Check Us Out!

February 3 – Middle School Parent Information Night

February 10 – Innovative Schools Fair

February 17 – Kindergarten Information Night

February 24 – Which is best for your child, preschool, Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten?

Please visit www.ovsd.org for more information regarding these informative nights for parents.



I am proud of the strong leadership team we have in place, the progressive programs we have launched, and the \$169 million modernization program that is transforming our schools, with safety as our number one priority. Westmont Elementary, College Elementary and Marine View Middle have been completely renovated. This year Vista View Middle is being modernized, next year Star View Elementary will be modernized and an additional school will be modernized each year moving forward.

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By Gina Clayton-Tarvin, President, Board of Trustees
Student WellSpaces Opening

The Ocean View School District (OVSD) strives to build positive school communities by creating emotional safety, encouraging respect, teaching empathy and providing a space where all students feel they belong. As a teacher, I am keenly aware of the need for schools to protect and nurture the mental health of students. I am proud to announce that the Orange County Department of Education is partnering with OVSD to fortify the social and emotional health of our students by creating Student WellSpaces at all of our middle schools that will encourage students to take a break from life's daily stressors in thoughtfully designed, supervised environments that are safe, calming and inclusive.

A Student WellSpace is a designated room on the school campus with a warm, home-like feel that provides a supportive environment and assists students with stress, anxiety and other issues that impact their ability to achieve their highest academic potential.

The Spaces will provide students an opportunity to unplug, relax and center while affording them a quiet place to process emotions and practice mindfulness and relaxation activities under the supervision of school staff.

A student can utilize the Space for stretches of 10 to 15 minutes based on a teacher's referral or by request. Giving a student who is having a rough day 10 to 15 minutes to reset, will likely result in more focused learning time.

Our efforts to support mental health is multi-faceted and the addition of Student WellSpaces provides another layer of support for our students. Ocean View is committed to fostering the social and emotional health of our students, as we believe it is foundational to academic achievement, lifelong health and success.



For more information about our outstanding programs or to enroll in OVSD schools, please visit www.ovsd.org.

Circle View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Jessica Haag
Principal

Deep & Complex Thinking

We are very proud that Circle View is one of OVSD's GATE Magnet schools. Since the mid-1960's, Ocean View School District has offered a program for identified gifted and talented students where they are homogeneously grouped together for all of their academic instruction. This research-based magnet setting provides a curriculum continuum in which learning experiences: are enriched and accelerated, promote the development of higher level and divergent thinking skills, encourage creative expression, develop leadership skills, foster healthy self-esteem, and initiate career exploration. Our 5th grade GATE students recently presented their 'Create a Country' projects. Students demonstrated their knowledge of government, geography, exploration, symbols, and more by creating their very own countries while working in collaborative groups. They chose a name, created maps, flags, cultures, traditions, and more while incorporating the prompts of depth and complexity. Great job, Eagles!



Students presenting their 'Create a Country' projects

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Elaine Burney
Principal

Enjoying California History come Alive

In 4th grade we study California History. Our classes love to learn about our fabulous state from its geological make-up to its current day events. One of the opportunities our students have at College View is to participate in an interactive assembly, Walk-Through California. This assembly, graciously paid for by our PTA, allows our student to actively participate in the retelling of California's rich history. Using games, music, and storytelling, we watch our curriculum come to life. After weeks of preparation, the students learn about major events that shaped our great state of California. Drama, dance, games, and music support students' listening skills, vocabulary development, history, and geography standards. A large topographical map of California is built for students to experience California's geography hands-on using Realia. It is an educational opportunity that our students look forward to every year and remember for years to come!



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Harbour View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Francesca Ligman
Principal

Making Connections with Circles

Harbour View Teachers are implementing Restorative Circles this year. As it turns out, it is just the exact type of Social Emotional Learning our kids need! The pandemic has hit everyone hard, but for our elementary students it has been particularly impactful. Circles has helped each teacher to build community, make connections not just with them, but helping student make connections with one another. It allows each child to have voice, find commonalities amongst students they may have never thought they had anything that they related too. It truly breaks stereotypes and focuses on learning from one another. Teachers can check for understanding, bridge sensitive topics and problem solve as a class. This has proved to be helpful with deescalating situations and preventing potential bullying situations. Best of all, students feel valued and a part of the class community. Harbour View Teachers have embraced Restorative Circles and it's making a difference!



Hope View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Christina Luckey
Principal

Monthly Character Trait

At Hope View Elementary School, we strive to develop outstanding scholars but also great leaders. Each month we introduce a monthly character trait, and we incorporate this trait into our weekly Mindful Monday message, we award a weekly recipient at our Wednesday Flag assembly, pictured her is one of our 5th graders, Dean Shoga from Ms. Yamaguchi's class, and at the end of each month we honor a student who best exemplifies this monthly character trait during a classroom award ceremony.



We find multiple ways to encourage and promote good character as Heraclitus once said, "Good character is not formed in a week or a month. It is created little by little day by day". We even tie in our PBIS and SEL activities to our weekly circle question around the character trait of the month with our Fill your bucket Friday morning message. Character counts at Hope View Elementary!

Golden View *Environmental Science School*

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Lori Florgan
Principal

Golden View Welcomes New Piglets to the Farm!

Golden View Environmental Science School has a 2.5 acre farm that has goats, sheep, chickens, roosters, turtles, geese, chickens, and now our newest addition, PIGS!!! Our piglets are both female Kune Kune pigs that originate from New Zealand. The students were so excited and surprised when they arrived to the farm. They are eager to start caring for them and learning about pigs and how they are helpful to our Earth. In addition, Golden View students will learn about the traits of a pig, swine nutrition and health, and how pigs play an important role in managing ecosystems and help to maintain biodiversity.



Lake View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Jill Van Der Linden
Principal

Color Run Fun!

Lake View is so fortunate to have a strong and supportive PTO community! In November, we had the Color Run, which is a fund-raiser for Lake View. The amount of energy, coordination, organization and manual labor it took was exhausting. Yet our PTO and Lake View volunteers were here and were enthusiastic every step of the way!

The students had such fun running through the color and racking up laps along the way! For every lap run, they earned a neon color bracelet. They were working hard to earn as many as they could. Lake View teachers did not shy away from the run,



either! They were right in the mix cheering students on while running themselves. Parents observed on the sidelines with posters and cheers for their children. We had music blaring and an entertaining MC calling out encouraging messages to students and staff.

It was a wonderful event that brought everyone together in a healthy outdoor setting to support Lake View. And we exceeded our goal, which meant that students got an opportunity to "color" their teachers and principal, and that was a blast for all!

Mesa View *Middle School (6-8)*

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Jady Grunbaum
Principal

Scholar Athletes at Mesa

This year are thrilled to welcome back athletics for our OVSD and Mesa View students! We started the year with Cross Country, a sport open to students of all grades. We had fantastic participation and students were excited to be running competitively. After Cross Country, we held try-outs for Volleyball, and our teams performed so well in all of their matches, showing sportsmanship, athleticism, and a continued focus on academics. In both of these initial two sports seasons, Mesa View won all four levels (7th and 8th grade girls, and 7th and 8th grade boys) in the playoffs for both Cross Country and Volleyball. After Volleyball, we head into Basketball, and we look forward to putting our four amazing teams for our upcoming season. A huge thank you is deserved for our teacher-coaches, who stepped up to ensure students are provided the opportunity to participate in school athletics - Go Eagles!



Oak View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Jenna Landero
Principal

Danza Azteca

In December, our mighty Owls were immersed in an amazing experience with Danza Azteca through Segerstrom Arts. This amazing

group taught our students about their native ancestral roots and culture.

An important celebration in the Aztec culture is the Winter Solstice. The assembly was centered around this celebration and our students were able to learn about the different celebratory dances that the Aztec use during this season. They also used native instruments and our students even got to dance!



Azteca dancers

Marine View *Middle School (6-8)*

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Sara Schaible
Principal

Annual School-Wide Service Project

Before the Holiday Break, Marine View students participated in our annual school-wide service project. For the past five years Marine View Middle School has collaborated with the Huntington Beach Youth Shelter for several service projects including our annual “Kindness Week” in the spring and our “Serve our City” project each winter. Through our school-wide service project, our students find ways to give back to the community. This year our Leadership students led our “Serve Our City” project by organizing a food-drive. Our leadership students promoted the food-drive through our morning announcements and posters displayed around campus. They created donation boxes, monitored, and calculated donations each day. With the help of all our students and community, we were able to collect over 300 food items over the span of two weeks to be donated to the Youth Shelter before the holidays. We are very proud of our Mariners and the willingness to give back to our community.

Spring View *Middle School (6-8)*

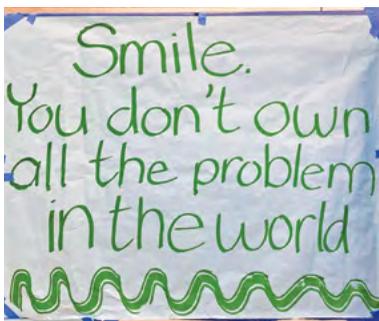
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Alfredo Torres
Principal

Sparty Party Assembly

Spring View hosted its long awaited Sparty Party Assembly before winter break. Leadership students along with staff performed various acts that demonstrated “Believe in Yourself” messages.



Students and staff rehearsed many hours to put on a memorable show for all of Spring View. The energy was electric throughout the performances and we at Spring View cannot wait for our next Sparty Party Assembly.



Star View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Paul Kraft
Principal

Classroom Plays and Musicals

Star View Elementary School welcomed in the winter with many engaging activities for the students. The PTO hosted an in person and online book fair that raised thousands of dollars for the school while providing the students with many wonderful books from which to choose. To support OVSD’s Reading Matters Initiative, Mr. Kraft challenged the Star View students to read collectively for one million minutes by May. If the school meets the goal, all students will participate in a pizza lunch outside and Mr. Kraft will color his hair pink! Star View is well on the way and has read over three hundred thousand minutes so far.



Along with being a high performing GATE Magnet and California Distinguished School, Star View’s tradition of classroom plays and musicals continues this year. In December, Mrs. Kakimoto’s class entertained students and families alike with their holiday song performance. Star View looks forward to many more engaging activities and performances in the new year.

Vista View *Middle School (6-8)*

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Dr. Rasheedah Gates
Principal

SOAR into the Year!

Most schools in Southern California are Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) schools. At Vista, we are super-fans of this framework. Having the opportunity to highlight the special things our students are doing that include and surpass academics is so current and now more important than ever before. Our Falcons want to be valued and seen for all that they contribute, and our SOAR acronym for PBIS allows us to do just that!

Every month, we have an assembly to honor students for putting Safety first; being On time, On task and Organized; having Academic excellence; and being Respectful and Responsible Falcons. The fantastic Vista teachers nominate students and write a special comment about why they are receiving the award. The last assembly honored 44 students, and parents were invited to watch their children receive the award.

We ended 2021 with our PBIS assembly that included a strings concert with our beloved music teacher, Ms. Do, accompanied by musicians Mr. Carmelo and Mr. Perez; a student-led skit with our spectacular librarian, Mrs. Thom; and student awards for each of the SOAR behavior expectations. It was a great way to close the curtain on a year and begin a new one with so much to celebrate with our students and staff. Vista Falcons, SOAR!



Village View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Tami Benane
Principal

Turkey Obstacle Courses

Mrs. Christine Maiers students read “The Great Turkey Race,” then made Turkey obstacle courses with a partner.

Students thoroughly enjoyed listening to the story read aloud by Mrs. Maier. However, the obstacle course partner project was even more exciting. Students were collectively enthusiastic about this creative activity.



Westmont *Elementary (K-5)*

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Sharon Ahlman
Interim Principal

Winter Showcase!

Music and visual arts were on shining display on Friday, December 17th! Westmont Elementary, a Visual and Performing Arts School, held their Winter Showcase, highlighting songs and artwork as a culmination of the first trimester of creative work.

Students from grades Kindergarten to 5th performed songs of the holidays under the skilled musical direction of Kim Robles, our dedicated music and band teacher. Everyone “Dressed to Impress” and were performance and presentation ready.

Westmont families, friends, school and community members, came to enjoy the sounds of the season in the delightful outdoor concert setting. After each grade level sang their songs, they led their parents and family members through a school art gallery that showcased art pieces from



each grade level on display in our multi-purpose room.. The use of different mediums was evident with watercolor, sculpture, pottery, and multi-media pieces of art. Work well done is art!

Westminster School District

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SUPERINTENDENT



Dr. Cyndi Paik

Setting Students Up for Success

Students with knowledge of Robotics will have an advantage in the future job market. In WSD, students begin by taking classes in robotics, then compete in the First Lego League (FLL) to showcase what they learn. This national program introduces STEM to grow students' critical thinking, problem-solving, and coding skills.

This year, the Warner Middle School's robotics team (Team Tech-No-Logic) explored the future of transportation under the theme of "Cargo Connect." Autonomous robots were created to complete as many cargo transporting missions in 2.5 minutes. The students also had to identify a current cargo transportation problem and develop a solution with a Lego prototype. The team has earned 1st place in a past competition.



Members of this team have gone on to compete in robotics competitions at the high school level and pursued college degrees with a STEM focus. WSD is proud to provide these learning opportunities to enrolled students as they meet our vision of "Building tomorrow's leaders today."

Clegg Elementary (TK-5)

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John Staggs
Principal

Honoring Our Veterans

Mrs. O'Reilly, a first-grade teacher at Clegg Elementary School, works with students every November to honor the military with Operation Veterans Day. This is a donation drive in which students bring in items to help fill care packages to support and honor soldiers who are deployed overseas.

This year, Mrs. O'Reilly has delayed the donation of items that she sends yearly to troops because of the pandemic. She will be collecting the donations in the fall and sending them to troops that are stationed abroad. Inside the boxes she sends, soldiers will find yummy sweet and salty treats and many other food items, personal hygiene items, games and Christmas decorations to add a touch of home and holiday cheer.

We are told that the most loved items are the handwritten letters from students thanking soldiers for their bravery and sacrifices. Children have the opportunity to give during this drive, and it is great to see. This helps them with their self-esteem, especially when they realize that they can make a difference in someone's life. The students get to practice some wonderful character traits such as caring, gratitude, patriotism, charity, selflessness and compassion.

Mrs. O'Reilly has currently created a Veterans Wall of Honor. This is for anyone who has served or is currently serving in the military. Students are given a star and are asked to have discussions at home about veterans that have served in their family. These names are put on these stars and are hung up on the wall for the whole school and community to admire and honor.

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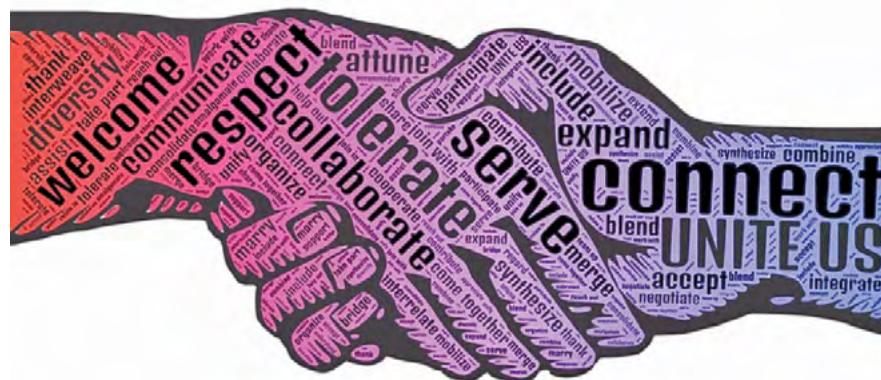


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By Tina Gustin-Gurney, President, Board of Trustees

Building a Civil Society

Civility has been a common theme throughout American history. George Washington, at age 16, penned 110 rules for civil behavior. Washington's rules included: "Every action done in company ought to be with some sign of respect to those present." During his inaugural speech, President Kennedy addressed the importance of civility, "Let both sides explore what problems unite us instead of belaboring those problems that divide us."



The WSD Board of Trustees recently adopted Board Policy 1313 on Civility because our public school system can nurture attitudes, values, and behaviors that promote a democratic and civil society. With this policy, it is the intent of the Board and Superintendent to promote mutual respect, civility, and orderly conduct among staff, parents, and the community. WSD is committed to delivering an excellent education while modeling this all-important American ideology.

Anderson Elementary (K-6)

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Kim Breckenridge
Principal

Fun Activities Return; The Holiday Store Reopens!

Our fabulous PTA was able to organize a "covid safe" holiday store. Not only was this store a much needed fund raiser for our PTA but it also gave our students a chance to shop for someone they love. Teachers are currently promoting "kindness" and "giving" as part of the curriculum and students were able to purchase items for giving. Our PTA also had a successful PTA membership drive and were able to give the winning class a pizza party.

The Friday before the holiday break, students wore their pajamas to school. Onesies, comfy bathrobes and slippers were seen from TK to 6th grade. "Photo Op Elves", created by our teacher Ms. Pople, were a big hit as well. Students posed behind the drawings to create cute pictures. It was wonderful to hear students having fun again at in-person school.

DeMille *Elementary (K-6)*

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Winterfest 2021 ... Oh What Fun!

Our amazing DeMille PTA continues to bring our school community together through virtual family nights. Before the winter break, we held our second virtual WinterFest.

Our librarian, Ms. Ferguson, and teachers Ms. Denbo, and Ms. Peters were our enthusiastic and entertaining emcees for the evening. Many families tuned in to enjoy the festivities. The evening included stories, jokes, a beautiful picture frame craft, and an online trivia game about winter holidays around the world. We even had a surprise visit from a special guest. Santa Claus came to spread some holiday cheer. These continue to be challenging times, and we look forward to hosting our WinterFest in person someday, but we have enjoyed offering fun and creative ways to be together virtually.



Eastwood *Elementary (K-6)*

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May I take Your Book Order?

As we quickly move to a virtual world, we at Eastwood Elementary School still value and appreciate the traditions of our past. With such immediate access to entertainment, it can often be difficult to put aside the time to read a good book that captures our attention.

Mrs. Robinson's sixth-grade classroom has collaborated with school librarian Mrs. James to come up with a fun new way to streamline this process.

With red and white checkered tablecloths draped on student desks, relaxing jazz music playing in the background, and the teacher herself wearing a chef's hat and apron, instead of walking into a normal classroom one afternoon, Mrs. Robinson's students suddenly walked into what looked more like a Michelin three-star fine-dining experience!

What they had entered into was a "book tasting" event. In place of charcuterie boards and bread baskets, the students found books. This book tasting activity allowed Mrs. Robinson's students to sample different genres of books that ranged from fiction, new releases, history, fantasy adventure, and poetry.

Students navigated the classroom and spent a few minutes sampling the books at each table, filling out a menu of their top choices. At the end of the event they headed to the library with their menus in hand. Time to make a selection! The students checked out their books of choice, headed back to the classroom, and filled out a napkin-shaped reflection.

There were all five-star reviews at this café. Hats off to the chef!



Finley *Computer Science Magnet School*

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Pam LeMuiex
Principal

Connecting Computer Science to Aspirations

Each year, Finley Computer Science Magnet students participate in a week-long celebration of computer science activities. Computer Science Education Week is an annual call to action to help inspire our students to learn computer science and, most importantly, to encourage them to see the relevance of their learning and how it can take them to wherever they desire.

This year the students spent their week exploring the national theme of “Computer Science is Everywhere!” Through a variety of virtual field trips, engaging videos, and coding and robotics challenges, our students studied such engaging career industries as sports, fashion design, space exploration, and medicine. No matter their interests, the students could see that a computer science career is possible.

According to their responses, one of highlights of the week occurred when the students took a virtual field trip with real NASA astronauts. They were surprised to learn that these individuals frequently had another engineering and computer science career before becoming an astronaut.

Some were doctors, engineers, robotics engineers, and even a Ph.D student. “So many of the skills they have to learn in astronaut training include robotics and engineering,” commented fifth-grader Jeffrey Nguyen. “It was interesting to see how they used robotics to maneuver their rocket. We are learning to do these kinds of things at Finley. It is exciting to know that what I am doing today will help reach my dream to go to space.”

Added student Eduardo Quinonez, “I want to be a soccer player. I loved learning about how computer science is helping soccer players get better at the game.” And, “It was really cool to know that in the Computer versus Human Soccer Match, the human still won,” remarked fourth-grader Giovanni Acosta.

Fryberger *Elementary School of Environmental Science*

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Michelle Scheiber
Principal

Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, and Evaluate

At Fryberger, School of Environmental Science, we begin critical thinking skills early with our Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten students. Fryberger’s robust science curriculum guides students to Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, and Evaluate through discovering phenomena. Our TK and Kindergarten students began the school year with the driving question of, “What healthy food can we grow here at Fryberger?”. Students began an engagement activity of eating



lunch with their teacher and exploring their own lunches, determining what was healthy on their own plates and later evaluating if they could plant any of these healthy items in the school’s garden. Through writing activities and peer collaboration, students continued the conversation of their garden, exploring the benefits of an organic garden. Students have recently begun to prepare the soil and were excited to discover living things. Our youngest students have now planted their seeds in small cups and are anxious to watch them grow. We can’t wait to see where their learning takes them next.

Johnson *Middle School (6–8)*

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Daniel Owens
Principal

Westminster Water Conservation Art Contest Winners

Recently our Johnson students were able to showcase their artistic skills for a great cause, water conservation! Johnson is so proud of all of our students who

entered into the Westminster Water Conservation Art Contest. The city of Westminster teamed up with the Orange County Water District and Golden West college to promote water conservation using the artistic skills of local youth. We had over 25 entries and are so proud of all of them. A special congratulations to 5 of our amazing Warrior Artists who received special recognition at Golden West College. Honorable mention awards went to Jhenalyn Arrazola, Dylan Nguyen and Eden Nguyen. 2nd place went to Anh Nguyen. 1st place was given to Chloe Tran whose art showcased tips to water plants wisely. Congratulations to all of the winners and thank you for making Johnson Middle School proud.



Hayden *Elementary (K-5)*

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Mark Murphy
Principal

Annual Soup Drive

Hayden is more than just a local school; it is a major part of the community. One of the ways we support our community is our annual soup drive. The soup drive helps support a local interval house that works with local families in need. Hayden is very honored and proud of the partnership it has built with the interval house over the years and we look forward each year to help them anyway we can, especially around the holiday season. With the guidance from Mr. Archer, a 5th grade teacher, our soup drive was another huge success. This year Hayden students helped to collect 1,321 cans of soup. At Hayden we feel it is extremely important to teach our students the practice of giving back to those less fortunate than us. The students and families of Hayden make all of us very proud to be apart of the team.



Land School

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Playtime Matters

At Land School we recognize the importance of playtime in Early Education. Playgrounds are a place where children can embark on adventures that will establish memories and growth that will last a lifetime. We had the amazing opportunity to construct new infant and toddler areas in a way that allows children to explore, create, and use their imagination freely and safely. Outdoor play time creates a space for children to build social emotional skills through child-initiated play. It is rewarding to see children practice self-control when they take turns using the equipment. Outdoor play promotes healthy habits, children learn to enjoy physical activities and are staying active throughout the day. Students benefit from fresh outdoor air



Newly renovated toddler outside space Land School.

which is crucial to fighting the spread of germs and viruses. WSD Maintenance Department has created amazing spaces for our youngest learners and it fills our hearts with warmth to see our students enjoying the new playground!

Meairs *Elementary (K-5)*

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Dr. Kathy Kane
Principal

Meairs Running Club is Back!

After almost a two year hiatus the running club is once again on the move. Fifty seven students met weekly to be ready to run on December 11, 2021 in Run for a Claus at UCI. Six staff members also joined in the fun. The students were able to choose a one mile run or a 5k. Most of the students had never done anything like this before, but after getting a taste of how

much fun it can be to train for an event and then experience the thrill of crossing the finish line they are ready to do it again. This Spring the running club will participate in Kids Run the OC, a program sponsored by the OC marathon. The students will train for ten weeks playing games and running laps to prepare for their "final mile" the weekend of the OC marathon. It's a great way to have fun and get some exercise!



Meairs running Club members

Schmitt *Elementary (K-5)*

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Orchid Rocha
Principal

Spelling Bee

This past December Schmitt students participated in our annual site Spelling Bee.

We had a great time gathering outdoors to see our courageous spellers share their spelling skills.

We began by having each contestant writing out their words on their white-boards then spelling their words aloud as the number of students dwindled down to a couple of students. It was great to see the enthusiasm and pride that fellow students demonstrated for the contestants. A huge thank you to Ms. Becker and Ms. Roh for coordinating such a challenging yet fun event for students and staff.



Schmitt Spelling Bee assembly

Schroeder *Elementary (K-6)*

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Carrie Hernandez
Principal

Schroeder PTA

Here at Schroeder School we are blessed with a wonderful PTA! Our PTA Executive Board and Committee Chairs work very hard to ensure that every Schroeder student and family has the opportunity to have a very enriched school experience while they attend Schroeder –even during virtual learning. We have Family Nights (Family Movie Night, Bingo), Birthday Book Club, Dining Nights, fundraisers, Student of the Month, Red Ribbon Week, Trunk or Treat, Skate Night, Walk-Through History simulations... the list goes on and on! When parents join the PTA they can sign



their child(ren) up for our Birthday Book Club. Students who join are given a fun craft, a yummy snack and get to choose a book to take home. I want to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to our Executive Board, our committee chairs and all of our wonderful volunteers. Schroeder School is a special place because of all their extra effort and support!

Sequoia *Academy*

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April Derr
Principal

Developing Artistic Abilities

Sequoia Academy is an Arts Exemplary School and as such, throughout the year we offer Academy rotations in all five Artistic Disciplines: Dance, Media Arts, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts. We are so excited to see our scholars develop their artistic abilities

at all ages. For example, in Mrs. Huynh's Visual Arts Academy time, our first graders studied the artistic style of famous artist Georgia O' Keefe. They then made their own rendition of one of her flowers using watercolor and crayons as their medium. Mr. Morrow's 5th grade Visual Arts Academy group studied textures, complimentary colors, and perspective before actively applying that newly gained knowledge into a dynamic group project. This culminating project for our Fine Arts Academy block was to create a life sized class mural of a bicycle using individual 8 by 10 panels from his 28 fifth grade artists. The medium they used was Cali Art markers. We look forward to many more exciting art projects this year that will continue to shape and mold our young artistic minds!



5th grade class culminating project.

Stacey Middle School

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Wendy Baird
Principal

Dia De Los Muertos Celebration

The Stacey Middle School staff recognizes the value of providing engaging and meaningful events for all students. We especially understand the importance of providing multicultural experiences that recognize and honor cultural traditions. Our teachers go above and beyond to create these special learning experiences for students. MiLinda Valverde, our Spanish teacher, created a Dia De Los Muertos celebration to teach our students about this Latin American holiday tradition. In our Spanish classes, students were immersed in learning about the origin and history surrounding the tradition. Students created traditional decorations and were encouraged to dress-up. Additionally, all Stacey students were invited to a Dia De Los Muertos lunchtime celebration. The main highlight of the celebration was the Mexican Folkloric Dancers from Westminster High School who showcased traditional Mexican dances wearing bright and colorful dresses.



Warner Middle School (6-8)

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Dr. Kenneth Lopour
Principal

High Intensity Interval Training (HITT) Room

Our Warner Middle School staff and students continue to work incredibly hard, and find success, both in their academics and extra-curricular activities. At the end of our first trimester, we were able to award over 550 of our students with either a Faculty Award (those earning a 3.0-3.5 GPA) or the Principal's Award (those earning a 3.5-4.0). This means that over half of our total student population is earning academic honors. We could not be more proud of them all. Another exciting project that has just been announced is our redesigned and newly outfitted fitness room. Our P.E. teachers had a dream to turn our underutilized athletic training room into a High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) room. We purchased 24 exercise bikes, as well as other exercise equipment for students to engage in a variety of differing and challenging workout stations throughout their P.E. period.



Willmore Elementary (K-5)

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Paula Mills
Interim Principal

Herculean Task!

By Andrew Wheeler, Librarian

As the new year races in, Willmore meets 2022 with all its possibilities. As we continue to feel the effects of COVID-19, we also feel the unique challenges of schools across the country: the reintegration of extracurricular activities. As our teachers continue to work hard on the academic front, it seems a Herculean task to include anything outside the purely scholastic. Many activities formerly enjoyed by students are no longer available with COVID restrictions. Fortunately, our teachers, as always, are up for the challenge. It's been wonderful to see the creativity of our amazing teachers under these unusual circumstances, be they at-your-desk dance parties in kindergarten, the Gimkit and Blooket quiz games, or any of the varied activities that have been created or altered to fit within these new guidelines. Willmore's teachers are showing once again how adaptable they are to any learning situation.

We're also working to include some of the other activities that have been staples of Willmore's learning experience. Through video, we've been able to celebrate Tet and Cinco de Mayo. We have virtual Monday morning flag ceremonies, assemblies and even a Christmas program, and we're about to restart our Willmore Authors and Illustrators clubs. Before the pandemic, these clubs would work together to create and publish a picture book. Their books are catalogued, and copies are put into our library so that other students can read books created by their peers. Copies can also be purchased by their fellow students. At the end of the year, we do an "Author's Visit," where the two clubs answer questions from students and talk about the experience of writing and illustrating books, just like other visiting adult authors do. This is an exciting experience for our students who, for the rest of their lives, can call themselves published authors or illustrators!

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Ancient World

In December, Webber sixth grade students had the amazing opportunity to go on a field trip to the ancient world in their very own classroom. Students in each class were divided into three teams representing ancient Rome, Greece, and Egypt. The character that they chose to play determined their team. These characters included queens, conquerors, poets, and many others.

Robert Murdock
Principal

Students dressed up for their parts and learned a speech and special fact to share during their event. Mr. Monroe and Mr. Tracy did a magnificent job of preparing their students for the presentation. Our Webber families put in a lot of effort creating costumes, and helping their kids to practice their parts.



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Want to better understand how curriculum decisions are made? Need a rundown of the immunizations required to attend school? Or perhaps you'd like to learn more about health education or ethnic studies in California.

These are some of the topics explained in a new website developed specifically by the Orange County Department of Education to help parents unpack complex education issues. It's called The 101, and it can be accessed at 101.ocde.us.

The 101 — the name is a reference to foundational college courses — launched this past fall as a companion site to the OCDE Newsroom, which has provided news and information about OCDE and Orange County schools since 2015.

With a mobile-friendly design and the ability to translate posts to multiple languages, The 101 goes beyond the headlines to break down complicated school-related topics and explain who has oversight in posts that can be read quickly and shared easily.

Current focus areas include school district governance, curriculum and instruction, health education, ethnic studies and COVID-19 protocols. New posts will be added over time, and there's even a form for readers to submit their topic suggestions.

Though the site was created with busy parents in mind, there are also links to primary sources for those who wish to take a deeper dive.

OCDE exists to serve our county's most vulnerable student populations and to support 28 local districts with services necessary for their operations. While much of our work happens behind the scenes, we have strived in recent years to elevate communication by generating and sharing stories and videos that meet the criteria of offering credibility, relevance and utility.

As stewards of this department, we want families and community members to know about the systems that define and shape instruction in California's public schools. We want parents to know how important decisions are made within their local schools and districts — and how they can become more involved. We want all stakeholders to know about the resources that are available to support the academic success and social-emotional wellbeing of students.

In the end, it's about lending our voice, and hopefully adding a little clarity, to the ongoing dialogue over public education, our schools and the students they serve.

We hope you, too, will continue to be a part of the conversation.

Leadership 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 FOW in the subject line)

Entries must be received by February 20, 2022
From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift certificate redeemable at Barnes & Noble.

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Word Search by Gunnar Coop

Congratulations to **Margarita Maratinez** Winner of the November Word Search Contest!