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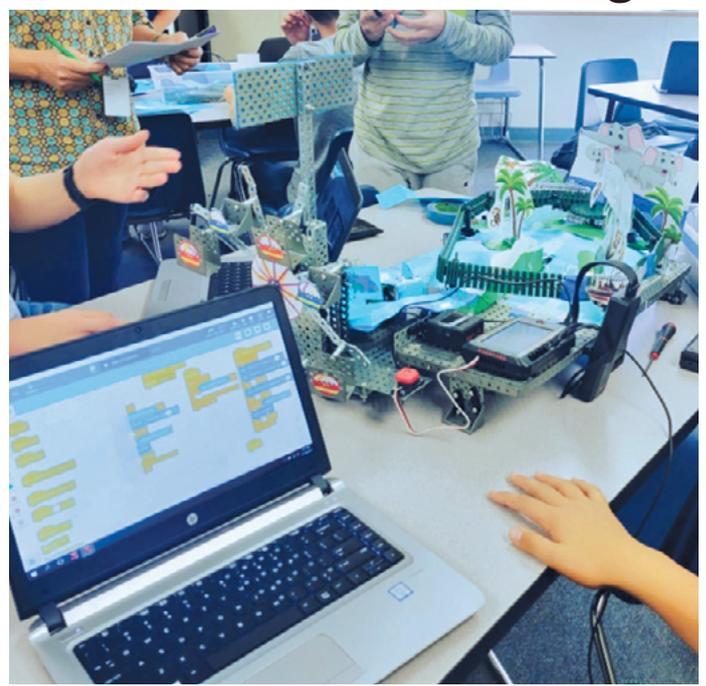
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Brea Olinda Unified School District offers a variety of curriculum to accommodate the different interests and needs of our students to assure academic success.

STEAM Education, an approach to learning that uses science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking, is one component we focus on from kindergarten to 12th grade. Our elementary students

also have the opportunity to learn a second language through our Spanish Dual Language Immersion program at Arovista Elementary or learn computer coding with our computer science immersion/Code To The Future program at Falcon Academy. Code To The Future engages and teaches students through innovative ways such as block-based programming languages, robotics, and text-based programming environments.

In the classroom, our students are continuously engaged with hands-on learning and one highlighted application is our Career Exploration at Laurel Elementary Magnet School. As part of the Career Exploration

program, each classroom (TK-6th grade) is partnered with a local business so that students can learn and explore careers and engage in hands-on problem solving with the partner. Partners work collaboratively over the course of the year to coach and inspire students to learn new technology skills that apply to the industry as well as explore the various ways to apply their in-school learning in the real world environment. Brea Olinda Unified School District also provides opportunities in GATE, Art Masters, MIND Institute (jiji), and extracurricular activities such as elementary music programs, choir, math league and run club.

At the junior high and high school level, our students have the opportunity to explore our Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathways. BOUSD offers seven CTE career pathways that combine rigorous academic learning with practical project-based courses integrating real world applications of knowledge and skill. Career pathways are composed of hands-on Career Technical Education (CTE) courses taught by industry experts in engaging learning environments and cover the areas of broadcasting, construction technology, culinary arts, engineering, global IT, graphic design and patient care.



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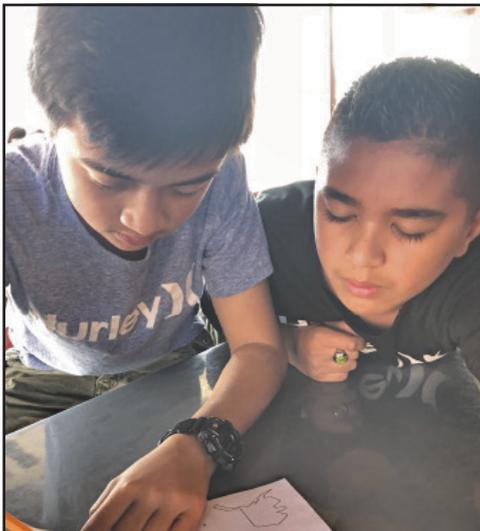
Kay Coop
Founder/Publisher



This is our 8th year publishing the BOUSD School News. I think we can all agree this past year was the most challenging; however, as you will read in this issue the opportunities are endless for students to succeed.

We have included our popular student book reviews on pages 10 & 11 and a word search contest (all ages may enter).

Our next issue is May 18. Have a fun Spring Break!



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**Dr. Deborah
Martinez**
Principal

Building Positive Character Traits

The Arovista Allstars are continuing to thrive this school year in spite of the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, and the interruptions in student attendance due to the infections caused by the COVID-19 surge earlier this calendar year.

Our Allstars' resilience and commitment to learning as emerging scholars of the Advancement via Individual Determination program (AVID) was illustrated by their many academic engagements during the second trimester. The value of diversity and inclusivity has also been infused in our Character Counts program this semester too, where essential character-trait lessons such as care, fairness, respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, and citizenship are included on a weekly basis.

Our Allstars value the traditional events, and this year a new tradition was introduced. Ms. Rumfola left a significant mark in the hearts and minds of her students,

colleagues, and community at large. In her honor and care, the Arovista Allstars named January 25th as "Harry Potter Day" in recognition for her love of the J.K. Rowling's children's literature books and her passion for reading.

Another tradition that grew momentum and exemplified respect was our Kindness Week celebration in February. Random acts of kindness were recognized in order to employ a "pay it forward" mentality in our students. The students also dressed up during the week to show their spirit of kindness.

Lastly, Read Across America and Celebrating Diverse Readers also highlighted citizenship, as we closed our trimester's two milestones. Students honored diverse authors, which included the traditional books by Dr. Seuss. It was an opportunity to value multicultural-themed books and authors of culturally and linguistically rich backgrounds. The students also read books in English and Spanish in advocacy for the value of our Dual-Language Immersion program.

Brea *Junior High School (7-8)*

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**Dr. Kelly
Kennedy**
Principal

BJH and ROP Partnership Flourishes

In partnership with North Orange County ROP, Brea Junior High School provides CTE courses, including Exploring Medical Careers, Digital Design, and Foundation of Residential and Commercial Construction (BITA 1). It should be noted that BJH is one of only three middle schools in Orange

County that offer these classes. The exploring medical careers course teaches students about health topics, safety, nutrition, medical terminology, and an introduction to the diversity of career choices in the medical/dental/health field. The digital design course teaches students digital layout, design, and illustration through project-based learning. Topics include foundational principles and elements of design, concept development, color theory, and typography. The BITA 1 course is designed to teach basic skills

for the construction trades through basic construction math, measurement and scale, blueprint reading, and procedural use of hand and power tools. All three of these ROP courses are a beginning pathway to courses at Brea Olinda High School, and ultimately will prepare our students for amazing careers in their future!



Brea Canyon High School (9-12)

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Dr. Kristin Risberg
Principal

Opening the Coyote Closet

Brea Canyon High School is proud to announce the opening of its Coyote Closet and Food Pantry. What was once a dream of BCHS students and staff, is now a reality on our campus! This community-wide passion project has allowed a safe space for students, their families, and Brea residents to come for clothing, food, and

basic necessities. One of our BCHS community partners, the Brea Rotary Club, has been an integral part in the opening of the closet and we are grateful for the partnership. Upon reflecting on the opening of the Coyote Closet, all of our Brea Canyon Coyotes are extremely proud of what has been accomplished, and currently there are plans in the works to create a district-wide closet as a collaboration between Brea Canyon High School and Arovista Elementary. We look forward to the future as BCHS Coyote Closet and Food Pantry keeps growing and going!



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Brea Online Academy (TK-6)

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Dr. Kristin Risberg
Principal

Creating Learning at Home

At Brea Olinda's Online Academy we strive to offer an online program that meets the needs of our learners and gives them equitable experiences that would traditionally

be offered at a brick-and-mortar site. Our students have curriculum pick-up days that offer supplemental materials like experiment supplies, projects, lesson materials to add to the online materials that they access daily.



In Mrs. Germann's sixth grade class, her students received the supplies for a science experiment at their recent pick-up day. Students used these supplies to plant seeds in different materials in order to study where their plants would thrive. They have really enjoyed these opportunities and all of our teachers work so hard to provide hands-on learning to all grade levels, despite being taught virtually. The

experiences offered are meant to add rigor, engagement, and community for all of our students studying at home.

Brea Country Hills Elementary School (K-6)

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Shelley Lopez
Principal

Performing Is Our Jam!

At Brea Country Hills Elementary, we know the proven educational benefits of incorporating a variety of artful expressions into learning. One of our favorite displays of this is our annual Talent Show. It is not a competition but rather a celebration of the diverse artistic talents our students possess. Not only do we have an after-school choir but also Country Hills

is home to several pianists, musicians, dancers, Rubik's Cube masters and MCs who are unafraid to share their talents in front of hundreds of enthusiastic audience members.

Talent Show night is a wonderful opportunity for students to shine well beyond their academics. Our students put in many hours of practice and effort for this event, and our parent volunteers are second to none. They build backdrops, hold auditions, and create the advertisement for the event.

The arts bring people together! Our entire Country Hills community values all opportunities to have positive connections and interactions within the community. Whether involved in the talent show or in the audience supporting siblings and friends, students have a unique opportunity to socialize and appreciate talents in one another that may have previously been undiscovered. Together, we definitely roar!



Country Hills' Choir performing at 'Cougartastic Talent Show' 2022

Brea Olinda High School (9-12)

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Dr. Joshua Porter
Principal

What Makes It Amazing!

On February 17th, we excitedly welcomed to campus both our current BOHS families and our eighth-grade incoming freshmen families for an in-person “Open House and Eighth-Grade Family Night.” To help reduce the size of the crowds, we held a three-station rotation. The stations included Eighth-Grade Scheduling Presentation, Campus Academic Exploration, and the Special Programs Expo, held in the main gym. It was awesome to see all of the families who joined us!

The Expo is always one of the highlights of the evening. Families had an opportunity to explore the different ways to become involved on campus, whether through performing arts, athletics, student leadership, journalism, academic competition teams, or the Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways. They were able to meet with our incredible advisers and coaches and ask specific questions about the programs.

Each program hosted a booth that highlighted their accomplishments, and welcomed students who were eager to become part of the Wildcat Family. Our CTE programs (Culinary Arts, Robotics, Global IT Academy, Building Industrial Trade Academy, Visual Communications, and Med Careers) were highlighted as a group at the Expo. Our families were also encouraged to go out to the campus and meet the instructors in their rooms so that they could see the facilities that have been specially designed to host these programs.

At BOHS, we value student involvement, as involved students have better attendance and achieve greater academic success. BOHS strives to continue adding programs, clubs, teams, and other activities to give students more choices, and the best chances for success. We hope that having the opportunity to meet these incredible advisers and coaches helped to give our students a head start to a successful high school experience.



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Karen VanDine
Principal

PBIS – Student Recognition

Student recognition is an integral component of our PBIS program at Falcon Academy of Science & Technology. The system is designed to increase school engagement, improve academic achievement, and to decrease problem behaviors. We strive to provide opportunities for each and every student to have the opportunity to shine.

Student recognitions opportunities are plentiful at Falcon Academy:

- S.O.A.R Cards: Students can earn S.O.A.R. Cards for making great choices, show kindness, act responsibly, and own their actions. (S.O.A.R. - Stay safe, own your actions, act responsibly, respect everyone and everything)
- S.O.A.R Cart: The principal brings out the SOAR Cart with prizes that can be “purchased” with earned S.O.A.R. cards.
- Student Shout Outs: Teachers choose one student per month to honor with a “Shout Out.” Shout outs are announced over the intercom during our Monday Announcements.

- Student Raffle: During Monday Message announcements, the principal randomly pulls the names of students from S.O.A.R. cards that have been turned in for another opportunity to win a prize.
- “You are AMAZING” postcards are mailed to the homes of students to bring good news home for the students to share with their families.
- School Spirit Fridays: The principal announces the class who has the highest percentage of students wearing Falcon Academy spirit shirts.
- S.O.A.R. Ceremonies: Teachers recognize 1-2 students in each class who exemplify fine character traits for the month. These are presented as the “SOARing Stars of the Month.”
- Lunch with the Teacher is part of connecting with an outstanding Falcon chosen by their teacher. The students are provided a free lunch and get to spend special time with their teacher one on one. We love to watch our Falcons and we love to watch them S.O.A.R!

Laurel Elementary Magnet School of Innovation and Career Exploration (K-6)

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Lauren Tovar
Principal

February is Kindness Month

The staff at Laurel Elementary Magnet School of Innovation & Career is dedicated to the establishment of a positive school culture. Our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)/Character focus for the month of February was kindness. We had weekly themes that included kindness to ourselves, kindness to others, kindness to the environment, and kindness to the community. Each week our staff reviewed aspects of

our PBIS matrix and helped students draw connections to our kindness weekly themes. Classes also participated in activities and lessons related to the demonstration of kindness, and students utilized their technology skills, art abilities, and creativity to spread caring and kindness throughout the school. The Laurel choir recorded a special song that was also shared out with our classes as a reminder that we all are connected and responsible for respecting and caring for each other. Looking back on the month, we were able to recognize the various efforts of our students to make our school a positive place for students and staff.



Mariposa Elementary School (K-6)

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Rick Torres
Principal

Leaders as Readers

Mariposa was visited by over twenty community members to celebrate Leaders as Readers, an annual tradition celebrating literacy and the wonderful people of Brea. Firefighters, police, food establishment management, city officials and so many more were on hand to visit and read with children. Students were captivated as they read a script with Full House's Andrea Barber, and listened to "dad" jokes from the always

endearing Dr. Bock. Chief Hawley along with multiple Brea Officers and Firefighters read to classes allowing children exciting interactions with the people who keep our city safe. Even our beloved Mrs. Cornejo returned to do what she does best, teach children to love reading. Retired Brea Mayor Bill Lentini took the opportunity to graciously donate proceeds from books he has authored in the form of \$500 to Mariposa. Special books written expressly to teach Social-Emotional Skills were purchased for our special day to go along with the standard favorites, making visits all the more meaningful.



Olinda Elementary School (K-6)

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Dr. Preetom Bhattacharya
Principal

A Run for the Ages

The volunteer spirit remains strong at Olinda Elementary! Over 180 volunteers have been cleared through COVID protocols to participate more deeply in their child's education. Volunteer opportunities include assisting students with book searches in our library, conducting learning groups in classrooms, facilitating thematic art projects, and coordinating special events for our students. Despite the challenges brought

forth throughout the school year, our community has banded together to ensure protocols are followed to keep one another safe.

Our PTO volunteers recently worked with corporate sponsors to provide our students with the Eagle Run - an obstacle course sprint and relay race that also served as our largest fundraiser of the year. The video game-themed event gave our community the chance to get together and cheer our students on as they enjoyed a fun chance to exercise and play outside. Thank you to our volunteers who are a part of making Olinda so special!



Daniel's Review



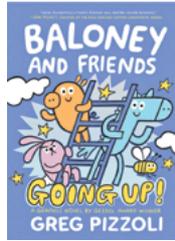
Daniel H.

Funny Friends!

Title: *Baloney and Friends: Going Up!*

Author: Greg Pizzoli

Baloney the pig and his friends Peanut the horse, Bizz the bee, and Krabbit the crabby rabbit do funny things and have fun in the many short stories of this



second book of the Baloney and Friends series! You'll laugh about the things they do, like finding a lost sneeze, using a ladder, and appreciating trees. My favorite story is when Baloney and his friends make up a silly theme song for their group and everyone helps out in their own way. Baloney is my favorite character because he is a good friend. I felt happy when I read this book and I think you should read it too!

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

David's Review



David H.

The Aliens

Title: *We're Not From Here*

Author: Geoff Rodkey

We're Not From Here is about a kid named Lan and his family who travel from their human colony on Mars to a faraway planet Choom



to start a new human population. Unfortunately, once they get there, the aliens on Choom tell them to leave immediately. Now they have a big problem that they have to figure out because they don't have enough fuel in their spaceship to go back to Mars. What do they do? Read and find out! I really liked this book and I recommend that you should read this book too if you like action, suspense, and humor.

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

Jenna's Review



Jenna C.

Have it all!

Title: *Almanac 2021*

Which language has the most first language speakers? You might want to hit up for an almanac. What's an almanac? It's basically a book that speaks



facts. Maybe you don't like that type of person, but you might like that type of book. Maybe you can also learn more things like, do you want to know where Alexander the Great was buried? How future homes may be built? Studying rocks? It has it all. From wanting to study stars to knowing about the coolest cats, you can imagine. It's as real as red being red and green being green but, as versatile as the library books.

Jenna is a 6th grader. She enjoys playing soccer and drawing. She likes to read fiction novels. Someday she wants to publish a book.

Kailani's Review



Kailani T.

An Imaginary Friend

Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate

is about a family with very little money for rent and even less money for food and toys. When Jackson's dad lost his job, his sister, mother, and the family dog have to move from place to place.



When there was no more money for rent, the family has to live in their minivan. Jackson has an imaginary friend named Crenshaw. Crenshaw is a huge fluffy cat. Crenshaw always comes into Jackson's life whenever Jackson needs help.

The story is full of excitement and sadness. I learn more about homelessness and friendship from this story. Reading this book makes me understand why my parents always tell me to appreciate everything we have, to share when we can, and not to take anything for granted. This book also shows how important it is to have a good friend, even if they're imaginary. I give this book 5 out of 5 stars.

Kailani is a 4th grader who loves to read. When not playing with her brother, Kailani likes to listen to music, ride horses, and play board games. Hope everyone stays well and healthy.

A man's mind, stretched by new ideas, may never return to its original dimensions.

— Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.

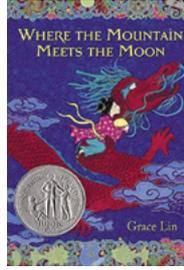
Katie's Review



Katie C.

Spirit of Adventure

Unique from the classical fantasy tales, *Where The Mountain Meets The Moon* by Grace Lin, finds the main character, Minli, setting off on a journey that takes her on a wild adventure.



In a quest to find a fortune for her poor family, Minli's good character rewards her with wildlife friends, including a dragon. Minli is brave, courageous, and sure to inspire anyone with her fearlessness. From the stories that she hears from her mother to actually living in a fantastical world similar to the ones she heard about, you will find out of the box thinking that won't disappoint. Spun in with traditional storytelling, this book synthesizes cultural aspects in a way that is sure to resonate with many. I recommend this book to anyone who is searching for the spirit of adventure.

Katie is a senior 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.

Taegyong's Book Review



Taegyong K.

A Secret Society

Title: *The Mysterious Benedict Society*

Author: Trenton Lee Stewart

Reynie Muldoon is a very intelligent boy. He is an eleven-year-old boy and lives at an orphanage. One day, he finds an advertisement in the newspaper. It says



that if you pass the test, it will let you into a school. Reynie finds the test asking strange questions. He passes the test and meets three other children, Sticky (George) Washington, Kate Wetherall, and Constance Contraire who pass the test like him. Then, they meet Mr. Benedict. He tells them that "The Emergency" is coming from a secret institute that makes the world in danger. Now, they are on the mission to stop it. Will the four be able find the secret of "The Emergency" with Mr. Benedict? This book is written in third person perspective. I feel intrigued in the story more as it progresses. I recommend this book to those who have a thirst for adventure.

Taegyong K. is a 6th grader. She loves reading books and writing her own stories. Also, she likes to draw and play video games.

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 BOUSD in the subject line)

Entries must be received by April 15, 2022

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

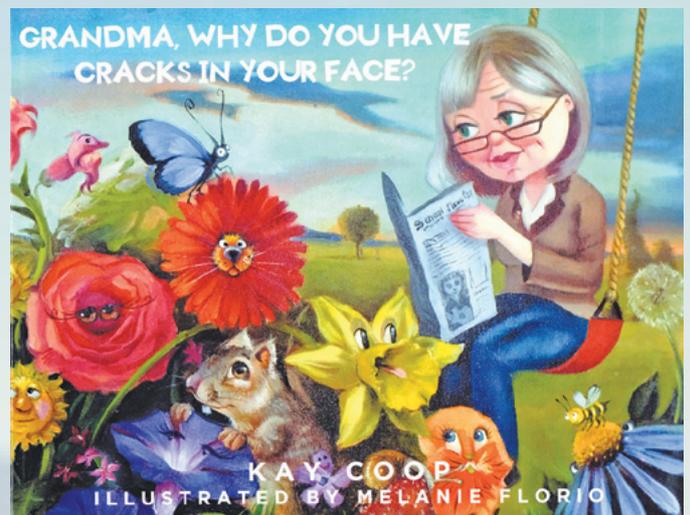
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