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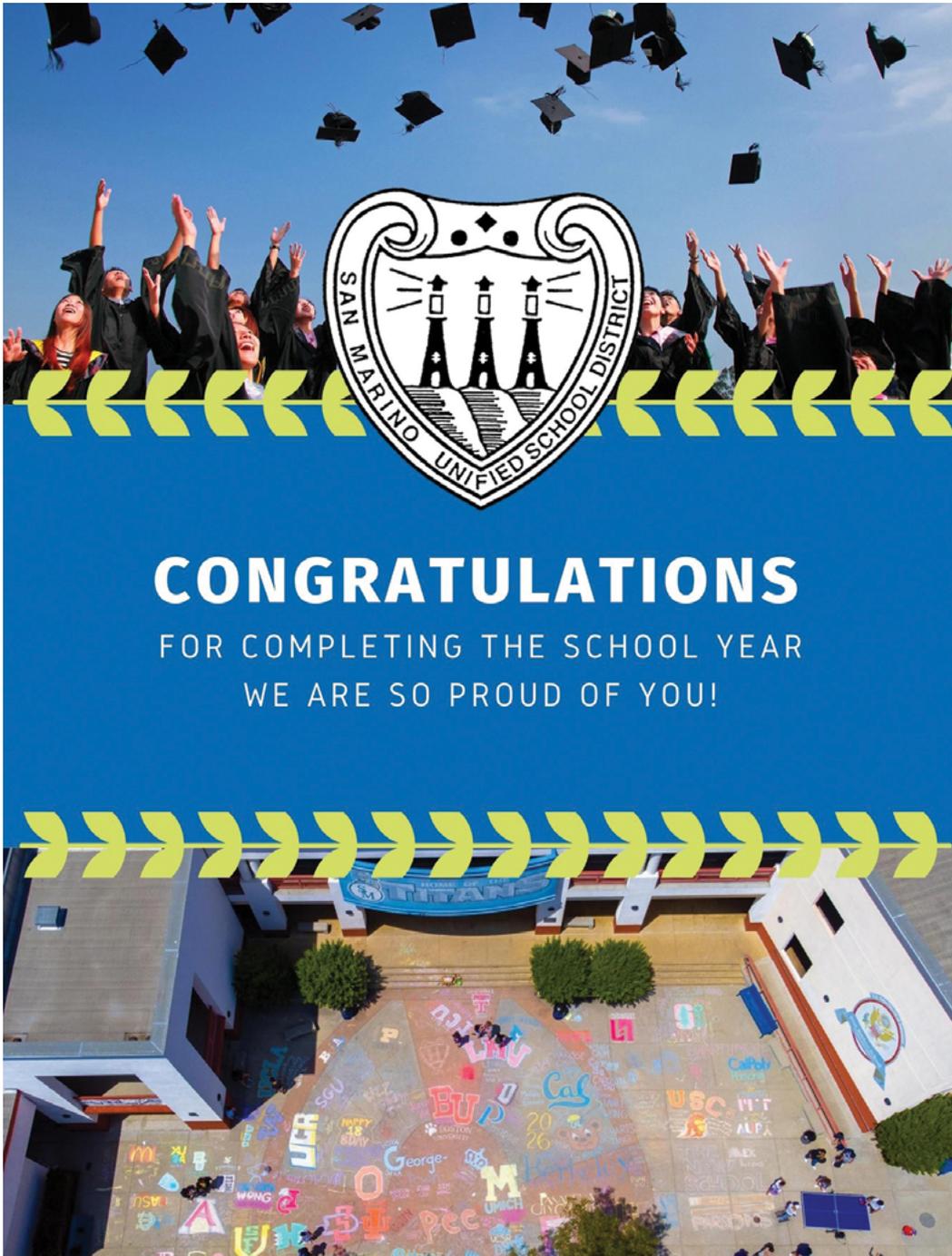
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Excellence and Innovation Prepares Students for a Bright Future



Dr. Linda de la Torre
Superintendent

San Marino Unified School District is a close-knit community which values high quality education and innovation. Our top performing District is well known for providing student centered pedagogy to prepare our diverse learners for a 21st century world. Our professional educators provide inclusive classrooms which honor the capacity and potential of each individual student. While our world has been forever changed by the recent events of the COVID-19 pandemic, our District's

resolve to prepare each and every student for higher learning and global opportunities in today's world is stronger than ever before.

While academics, athletics and the arts are still top priorities, our professional educators and counselors are also trained to provide social emotional learning opportunities for all students TK-12. This is more important in today's world than ever before. To address the needs of the whole child, we have student wellness centers at our middle and high schools which are staffed by counselors and marriage and family therapist interns.

As the world continues to evolve, our District is continuously adapting to our students' academic needs and innovation in education plays a major role in preparing them for college. I am so incredibly proud that a record 33 of our graduating seniors were accepted to UC Berkeley in the fall. In addition to the aforementioned university, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Duke, Georgetown, Harvey Mudd, John Hopkins, NYU, Penn State, Princeton, Texas A&M, UCLA, and USC all sent acceptance letters to select seniors for next year. The quality of the schools our students are getting into post pandemic speaks to the resiliency of this class and the amazing college preparation being undertaken in all four of our schools.

I am incredibly proud of the work our educators, counselors, administrators and staff have done to prepare our students, for their journey to higher learning. We are all so excited and extremely proud of our graduating class of 2022!!!

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**Congratulations
Class of 2022!**

San Marino Schools Foundation

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SAN MARINO SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
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Happy Summer!

The San Marino Schools Foundation would like to congratulate all of the students, teachers, staff, administrators and parents on the completion of a fantastic year of San Marino Schools. We would especially like to congratulate the Class of 2023! You have all gone above and beyond to show us all what it means to be resilient, be graceful and inspire excellence! Your accomplishments are truly amazing!

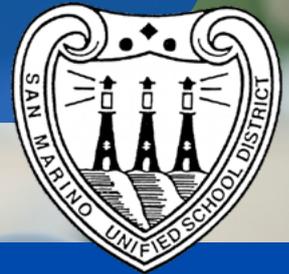
As the San Marino Schools Foundation completes another exciting year of supporting schools and students, we would like to thank Erin Bilvado for three generous years of service as our Foundation President, and welcome Alison Moller as our 2022-2023 President. Our wholehearted thanks for the generous sharing of your time, talents and inspirational leadership.

The San Marino Schools Foundation is finishing the 2021-2022 school year strong and poised to embark on an impactful 2022-2023 school year. Happy Summer to all of the San Marino Schools Community!



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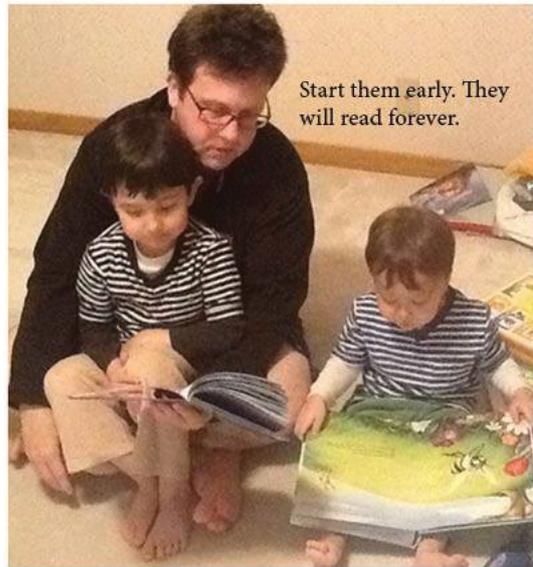
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Dr. Linda de la Torre begins this issue with her message on page 2.

Be sure to enter our Word Search Contest on page 8 (all ages may enter).

Congratulations to the Class of 2022!

Our next issue is November 9th. Have a wonderful summer and please remember to include the library among your activity choices.



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Dr. Michael Lin
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Preparing Our Students

K. L. Carver Elementary School is a 3-time California Distinguished School and 2-time National Blue Ribbon School. These recognitions reflect the caliber of students we have at our school and the long-standing commitment in our mission to educating the whole child by fostering intellectual, emotional, and social development. At Carver, we prepare students well for middle school and beyond. Our students are encouraged to be active, engaged learners empowered to tell their stories and create new beginnings as responsible and caring citizens. Our students excel because our learning community shares the same high expectations for excellence from TK-12th grade.

We implement Universal Design for Learning practices and students have access to choose among multiple opportunities to demonstrate their learning. Students reflect on their choices while teachers continuously refine teaching and learning to provide students with a variety of options to access information and opportunities for flexible work and learning spaces.



Huntington Middle School

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Daryl Topalian
Principal

Music in May

The month of May was filled with music performances and festivals for the Huntington Middle School Visual and Performing Arts Department. Students in choir, band and orchestra took center stage with award-winning performances at the Forum Festivals in Fullerton. The Forum Festival was founded by music educators whose primary focus remains to support directors, encourage young musicians, and promote music standards. Over the last several weeks, professional adjudicators offered constructive feedback to enhance HMS students' musical education and reinforce classroom teaching.

First at the festival were the HMS choirs Vivace, Cantante, and Bel Canto. All choirs receive gold awards, the

highest award a group or a musician may receive. Second to receive recognition were the band and orchestra. For the first time in the history of the school, Beginning Band received gold for their performance. The intermediate/advanced orchestra also received gold recognition. Following the gold streak was HMS' band being awarded gold for the Wind Ensemble and Varsity Band. The HMS beginning band, Spartan Band, also represented at the festival by receiving a silver award.

All three music directors were delighted and pleased by the performances of their students, especially since music festivals like this were postponed for over a year because of the pandemic. The HMS music directors are Mr. Folsom, orchestra; Ms. Simpson, band; and Mr. Jamieson, choir.

If you would like more information about Henry E. Huntington Middle School, please visit us on our website or call our office.

San Marino High School

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Jason Kurtenbach
Principal

Congratulations Titans!!!

There is a lot to celebrate this school year, but nothing more so than the graduates of San Marino High School. These amazing students saw the end to hybrid and distance learning, the end of the pandemic in most if not all ways, the end of mask mandates, and limited attendance to events. They took the best of what they had to give and produced an amazing graduating class

with incredible outcomes beginning with 100% of the 265 students graduating. These 265 students earned over 70 acceptances to California State University Schools and over 120 acceptances to University of California schools including, 7 to UCLA, over 20 to the University of California at Berkeley, as well as 7 to the University of Southern California and multiple offers from New York University, Johns Hopkins, Cal Tech, along with several Ivy League school offers. Congratulations Titan Class of 2022! You've done it!



Valentine *Elementary School*

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Alana Fauré
Principal

The Four Cs

Valentine Elementary School, a California Distinguished School and National Blue Ribbon School, develops young scholars accomplished in the four Cs (communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity). With pride we recognize our 5th grade class who will soon matriculate to middle school. 5th Grade Promotion carries special significance this year as we gather with family and loved ones to honor the achievements of our remarkable students. They have made lasting friendships and established meaningful connections with teachers over the years that provide a solid foundation of social, emotional well-being for their future success. They have mastered rigorous academic curriculum, developed physical health and athletic skills, and discovered artistic and musical expression across their years at Valentine. Our graduates are well prepared to excel in the next phase of their educational journey. Congratulations, Viking Class of 2022!



Parent To Parent



Jodie Lynn

Activities Away from Technology

Q. My 10-year-old son only wants to stay indoors, play video games and eat chips and the like. He doesn't like sports. I'm trying to get him outdoors and moving but he complains about the heat. Any ideas on how to get him away from becoming a couch potato and away from the TV?

A. There are plenty of programs that your son might like such as swimming, drawing, painting, camping, making pottery, volunteering at a pet shelter, cooking, graphic design for kids, etc. The whole idea is to get him into a scheduled activity three to five days a week. Some of the facilities where the activities take place have lunch served to the kids. It's usually a pretty healthy one at that. They should give you a weekly copy of them. If not, ask for one. Some programs allow kids to bring their lunch. This means that he will be eating less of the bad things and more of the good. He might even decide that eating fruit is a good break from chips. If your son can find something he likes and can participate in it with a friend, he'll be more willing to stick with it, especially if there's no pressure to be a super star. This will also give him less time to play video games or to watch TV.

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Positive Parenting



Sandy Spurgeon McDaniel

Are You Disconnected?

This is one of the most difficult times there has ever been to be a parent. The extreme use of media and extended challenges of the pandemic have changed our children; thus, the way they need to be parented. And some needs of children never change.

All children need to feel connected. Can you see the difference between, "You're a good friend!" And "I really needed someone to talk to last night, thanks for being there." Instead of talking at children, talk to them; look into their eyes, be with them and listen. Since children often require constant attention, it is totally appropriate to say, "I want to hear what you have to say, and (cooking) needs my full attention right now. I'm turning the timer for 15 minutes. When you hear it ring, come and I will listen!"

Read to your children every night. Eat dinner together as a family. Play games together. Go on outings together. Don't talk on your cell phone in the car, talk to them. This precious time of being the architect of a child's life is very short. There are no re-runs in the parenting game; connect with your children so they feel valued and appreciated.

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Summer Fun—Word Search Contest

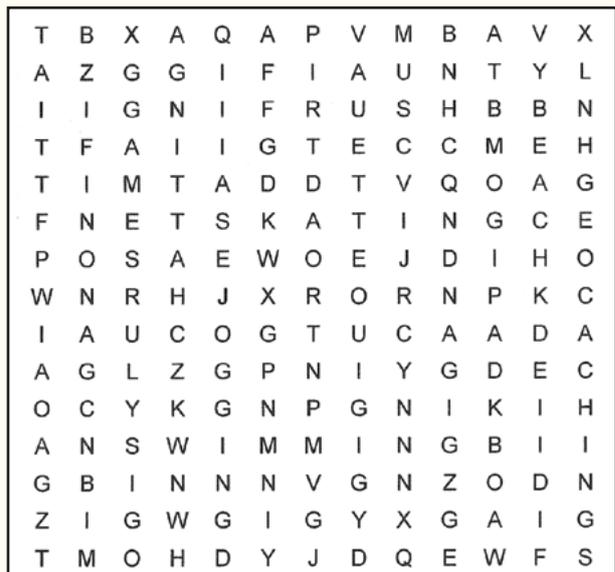
Rules! One word in the list is NOT in the word search.

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

BEACH	CHATTING
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SHOPPING	

Entries must be received by July 15, 2022

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



Congratulations to **Isabelle Loh**

Winner of our February Word Search Contest!