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## Thank You District Team Members!



**Middle School: Goli Balooch  
Counselor - Jefferson Middle School**



**High School: Katherine Doupe - Teacher - North High School  
(Chosen to represent TUSD at the LACOE Teacher of the Year Competition)**



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Manager, Employee Compensation - District Office**



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## The Future is Bright!



**Dr. Tim Stowe**  
*Superintendent*

It is hard to believe that the 2021-2022 school year is nearly over! The return to full-time, in-person instruction took some adjustments, but students and staff quickly found their daily rhythm and routines. I am so proud of the incredible work Team TUSD has done this year to ensure students are learning and everyone remains healthy. TUSD is thriving!

As a district we want to continue to expand learning opportunities for all our students. This year we launched our Spanish Dual Immersion program with four classes at two schools — Carr and Torrance Elementary. Next year, the program will grow as these students start first grade. Our Early College Program is ready to begin in August. We originally planned for 35 students to join the program, but because of overwhelming interest from students, we were able to expand to 70 students participating as part of the inaugural cohort. This year we also awarded the first group of students the Seal of Civic Engagement in recognition of community improvement projects they completed.

In the spring, we were able to host in-person events once again. The highlight of the year was the STEAM fair and the first Regional Invention Convention, hosted by TUSD! Over 200 students participated in these competitions where they had the opportunity to showcase their creative and innovative invention ideas. It was fantastic to see how they brought their ideas and designs to life! After seeing so many clever and original ideas, I know the future is bright!

The year started with TUSD being recognized by the *Daily Breeze* as the 2021 “BEST” School District in the South Bay! The award is a result of community members voting for organizations they believe to be the best. For us, this is a reflection of the tremendous work accomplished by TEAM TUSD! And as we wrap up the year, 25 of our schools, and the District, were given the 2020-2021 California Pivotal Practices Award, in recognition of our Distance Learning Program.

All of these milestones could not be reached without the work of our phenomenal team! During the months of April and May we celebrate these team members with various appreciation days — for our teachers, classified staff, nurses, bus drivers, and administrative professionals. I am sure you join me in thanking them for the tremendous work they do everyday to make sure students have the tools they need to be successful, in and out of school.



**District: Eric Lockhart - Testing Coordinator - EMB**



**Adult Education: Sue Mori - Adult Education Teacher ABE/ASE Hamilton Adult School**

# Thank You District Team Members!



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**High School: Carolyn Saruwatari - Office Assistant  
North High School**



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Seaside Elementary School**

**Adult Education: Annie Kwong - Accounting Specialist - Hamilton Adult School (not pictured)**



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As this school year comes to a close I want to thank you for including *School News* among your reading choices.

On pages 31-38 you will find lots of fun summer activities for all ages and our popular student book reviews. Also, we included 3 word search contests on pages 11, 29 & 38 (All ages may enter).

Our next issue is September. Have a healthy summer and please remember to include the library among your reading choices.



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**Terry Ragins**  
President

## Serving Our Children and Families

Torrance Council of PTAs is so proud of our 30 PTAs who advocate for and serve all children and families. In the 2021-2022 school year, dedicated PTA members served almost 82,000 volunteer hours, valued at over \$2,870,000 of service and support. We are thankful for our members and partners in our work, as we all find our way through these ongoing pandemic and endemic times.

Each of the 30 PTAs awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors, who are PTA members and alums. AND Torrance Council awards 9 scholarships across the five TUSD high schools, funded by generous donations from our amazing community of supporters. These impressive Torrance Council Scholarship recipients are honored at TCPTA Spring Brunch in June.

Board members from our units and council just returned from the Annual California State PTA Convention in Ontario. At convention, they discussed and passed a resolution to support and encourage more plant-based food selections in school meal menus, a resolution conceived and developed by a student! The student voice is alive and well in PTA advocacy circles!

Lastly but importantly, Torrance Council of PTAs is supporting the City of Torrance Sale Tax "Measure SST" for a Safe, Strong Torrance. This measure provides essential funding for critical public safety services that protect our valued and expected quality of life, in our Torrance community, and our Torrance schools.

Wishing a relaxing and rejuvenating summer break to everyone.

There is more work to be done for our students next year...and every year. Happy summer!



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## Does Your Child have Allergies... Or is it a Cold? Here's How to Find Out.



**Inderpal Randhawa, M.D.**,  
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Long Beach

May is National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month and it's around the time you start seeing running noses and itchy eyes. But is it a cold or allergies? Here are some tips to figure it out:

- Check the mucus, allergies tend to be thin and clear. Colds tend to be yellow or green and thick.
- Allergies tend to come on suddenly when your child is exposed to a trigger and lasts a while. Cold symptoms often start gradually and are done within two weeks.
- Typically, a fever won't be present in allergies, but colds come with a low-grade fever.
- If your child has watery or itchy eyes, it might be an allergic reaction. Watery and itchy eyes aren't usually a cold symptom.

The symptoms and severity of allergies varies in children. Ranging from minor irritation to anaphylaxis, a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

The [Allergy Program](#) at the [Children's Pulmonary Institute](#) at [MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach](#) pediatric allergists use allergy tests to identify allergens that may be causing your child's allergies. The allergy tests performed are:

- Skin Prick Testing
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- Serum Allergy Testing (Blood Testing)

From the results of these tests our pediatric allergists can decide what type of medications or treatments, if any, may be needed. While allergies can't be cured, treatments can help relieve allergy symptoms and induce tolerance.

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## Who Needs Plates, When a Board Will Do!



**Carol Berg Sloan,  
RDN, FAND**

No doubt you have heard of the new trend for meals, the charcuterie board! The word charcuterie is French for cooked meat ...which back in the day was a way to preserve meats...by salting or curing. This is why many popular board “recipes” now have salami, prosciutto, cheeses and olives. A healthier way to make a board for a dinner for two or a movie night with

the family is easy. Start with cut up vegetables and fruits, dips like hummus or non-fat Greek yogurt with herbs or fruit-only spread mixed in. Place small cubes or mozzarella cheese, turkey breast and dry salami around crackers, breadsticks and pretzels that will add crunch and whole grains. Be creative and ask your kids what their favorite additions can be. You will be surprised at the engagement and fun a board can bring.



**Kelly Sloan,  
MS, RDN**

Charcuterie boards continue to steal the show at family gatherings, parties, and even weddings with the diverse assortments of foods and many times “over the top” layouts. A charcuterie board can include almost anything you like to snack on but a traditional board includes an assortment of meats, cheeses, fruits, nuts and grains. Key points to focus on when assembling is variety, color, balance and nutrition. My favorite way to start a

board is to put whole wheat crackers such as Triscuit around cheese triangles and build out from there. I add string cheese, short skewers with cherry tomatoes and olives along with meats such as salami and then garnish with fruit. Small bunches of green and red grapes, blackberries and apple slices add color and fiber. Nuts are great filler for open pockets on the board and they give it a boost of nutrition. Go wild!



This column provides insight from Carol Sloan RDN, FAND and her daughter, Kelly Sloan, MS, RDN. They provide tips to help you make healthier food and beverages choices.



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**Shayla  
Smith-Taranto**  
Principal

### John Adams' Portfolio Day is Back!

On Friday, April 29, 2022, the John Adams Community celebrated Portfolio Day! Our community was buzzing with excitement as we welcomed all families onto campus for the first time since “safer at home”. Our students were smiling from ear to ear. They were bursting with joy as they played the role of

a tour guide and showed their parents around campus. Our students were so happy and proud to have the opportunity to show their family their classrooms and their portfolio of hard work. Students presented academic work, art work, 4th grade missions and even a 5th grade lava lamp science experiment. This shared experience allowed our community to reflect on this school year and celebrate student accomplishments. Thank you so much to our John Adams Families for participating in Portfolio Day. Thank you to the Adams' Teachers and Staff for all your hard work to make Portfolio Day a great success!



## Anza Elementary School

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**Cathy Di Vincenzo**  
Principal

### Anza's Green Team

Anza's Counseling department recruited over 75 students ready and willing to participate in environmental service learning projects through the Green Team. The Newsletter team continues to be very popular and issued its first edition for the school

year in February, complete with a comic, two word searches, and several original illustrations in addition to articles. The Animal, People and Plant Science teams have started plant experiments with Narrow Leaf Milkweed (the local Monarch butterfly caterpillars host plant) comparing conditions under potting soil versus succulent/cacti soil mixed with sand, as well

as regular tap water versus fish tank water. They've also begun vermicomposting (composting with worms!). And, the Recycling Team's efforts have finally paid off, as the Buddy Bench has finally arrived, with financial and in-kind donations by a local Girl Scout troop and Ken Hamanaka Co. Inc (Transportation).



# Arlington Elementary School

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**Dr. Vicki Hath**  
*Principal*

## Field Trips

Arlington Elementary is currently enrolling students for next school year (2022-23) for grades TK - 5. Arlington Superstars have fun while learning! One way our Superstars have fun is through the engaging, hands-on field trips! Whether on campus or off, Arlington Superstars are so lucky to experience two memorable trips a year thanks to our awesome PTA. Because of Arlington's incredibly

supportive community of parents, families and friends, our PTA's successful fundraising efforts allow for this to happen! With COVID protocols and restrictions changing, our Superstars were able to board buses and explore the community we live in! Our 3rd Graders went to the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and our TK students went to the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles.

Arlington Elementary is so grateful for the supportive community partners! Happy Summer and we hope to see you in the fall of 2022!



## Arnold *Elementary School*

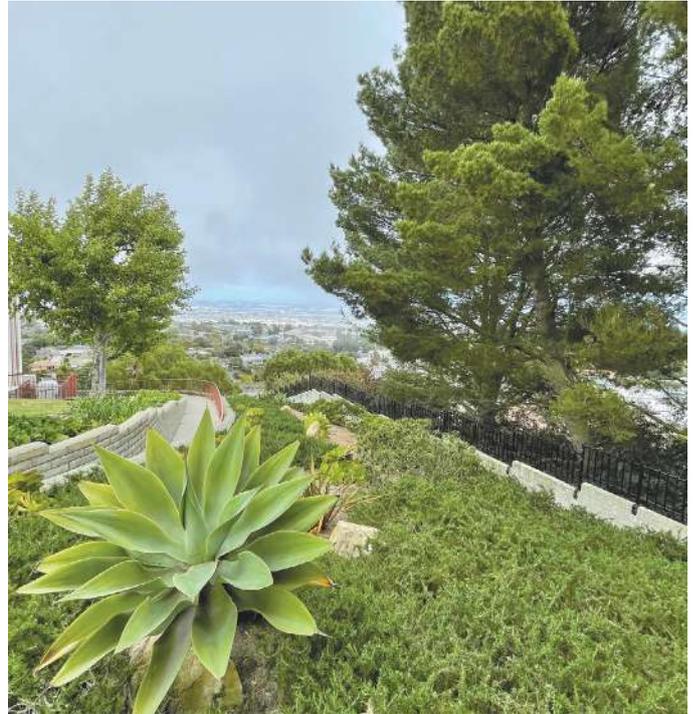
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**Justine Lang**  
*Principal*

### Spring has Sprung at Arnold

At Arnold Elementary we have definitely sprung into Spring with some fun activities for our Alleycats. On April 14th we had our first live Bike Rodeo in 2 years! Students from grades 3-5 were able to participate and show off their biking agility skills after school. What fun it was! The winners will now get to participate in the District Bike Rodeo on Saturday, May 7th at Victor Elementary School. Then, from April 18-22 we celebrated Earth Week with lots of fun activities and spirit days to celebrate the Earth. Students were also invited to participate in the 2nd Annual Environment Photo Contest. What beautiful photo entries we had from students in Kindergarten through 5th grade! Now that Spring is officially here, our Alleycats are ready to coast to the end of the school year with more fun activities like the Multicultural Carnival and Park Days just around the corner. 2022 turned out to be a great year!



**"Up from the Mountain" by Tara Shimada**  
**(5th Grade Environmental Photo Contest Winner)**

## Calle Mayor *Middle School*

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**Dave Mosley**  
*Principal*

### 2022 California Pivotal Practice Award

We are extremely excited that Calle Mayor Middle School was recently awarded the 2022 California Pivotal Practice Award. This prestigious award was presented for the numerous innovative practices that were implemented for the 2020-2021 school year during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This award is followed by the school being identified as a California Distinguished School which was awarded to the campus in 2021. The recent Pivotal Practice award truly exemplifies that Calle Mayor Middle school is an outstanding neighborhood school. We are exhilarated to be a recipient of this most recent award and it would not have been possible without the support of our amazing teachers, the awesome Calle Mayor students, and our extremely supportive community. We hope you have a great remaining school year and a safe summer.



# Carr Elementary School

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**Katie Schenkelberg**  
Principal

## Carr Cubs Love to Read! Big and Little Buddies

If you ask Carr Elementary School alumni about standout memories of their days as Cubs, it is highly likely they will remember their Big Buddy/Little Buddy experience. It has long been a Carr tradition to pair a kindergarten class with a fourth or fifth grade class to create special memories. The older students serve as role models for our littlest learners and help their buddies create crafts, play games, and read. Our kindergarten students learn a lot and have a special bond with their “big buddies,” and our older students learn from their “little buddies” as well. The experience has been so popular that other grade-level partnerships have sprung up. One of the favorite Big Buddy/ Little Buddy activities is Read Across the America



Day on Dr. Seuss’s Birthday. Ask any Cub, and they will recall reading their favorite Dr. Seuss books and spending quality time with their buddy! Carr Cubs love to read!

## Novelist –Word Search Contest

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

When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that word you email to: [Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com](mailto:Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com) Please put Torrance in the subject line.

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

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# Casimir Middle School

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**James Ashikawa**  
*Principal*

## Casimir Middle School Proudly Represented at the City of Torrance Council meeting!

In an amazing partnership with The City of Torrance, students have the opportunity to experience civics education through the “Students and Government Day” program. The highlight of this unique program is for students to learn the mechanics of self-governance and participation at the local

level by participating in a student-led city council meeting. We are all extremely proud of Jeanette Berga as she was chosen from a pool of over 400 applicants to proudly represent Casimir Middle School this year!



**Jeanette received a personal visit to Casimir Middle School from Mayor Patrick Fury.**



**Jeanette’s is recognized by Mayor Patrick Fury and current Torrance City Councilman, Mr. Aurelio Mattucci.**



**Jeanette did an amazing job portraying the role of Torrance City Council in a mock City Board Meeting held on April 26 at Torrance City Hall.**

# Edison Elementary School

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**Jayne Okazaki**  
Principal

## Family Math Night

Edison hosted our first in-person and virtual Family Math Night. It was a big success with over 190 people in attendance in person and simultaneously, we hosted a virtual Math event with 76 families participating online. Math kits were sent home so that families could play interactive math games including estimation, origami, & search and find challenges where they kept track of points won by students vs the parents. In the end it looked like the students won!!

The in-person event was set up with eight math stations covering concepts from math bingo, calculator games, geometric shapes, graphing and time. Students played math games while parents asked related math questions. Thanks to the 24 North High student volunteers who set up the stations and provided instructions. Simultaneously, three teachers provided



3rd-5th grade families with a workshop on “Confidence with CAASPP”. Families left with math board games to take home to continue to play math games. Everyone left feeling like Math was fun!



## Fern Elementary School

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**Dr. Michael Remland**  
Principal

### STEM Projects

Fern Elementary celebrates and encourages STEM projects across all our classrooms. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and recently in classrooms across Fern students have been learning all about these topics. In fifth grade students were tasked with creating catapults out of popsicle sticks, rubber bands and disposable spoons. These catapults then competed to see who could fling marshmallow bunnies the farthest. The most effective catapult designs were then celebrated and studied. In fourth grade electricity was the topic and students learned about positive and negative currents with a power source and a switch. Students across fourth grade were then tasked with creating a circuit that would light a bulb. These projects across the Next Generation Science Standards have piqued our students interest and are serving to encourage our students of today to become the scientists of tomorrow!



## Hickory Elementary School

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**Maggie Mabery**  
Principal

### The BMX Stuntmasters Bike Assembly

During Hickory Elementary's special assembly organized by the Hickory PTA, the "BMX Stuntmasters" group came to our school and put on a great show for the students!

As part of their "Spokes of Character" presentation, the group first set up a big metal "box ramp" and had two riders take turns performing gravity defying stunts. Volunteers were chosen from the audience, and the children got to select what kind of trick the rider would perform, whether an awesome no-hands stunt or an awe-inspiring act that involved their legs.

Whatever the children chose, the BMX bike rider named Tucker delivered beyond imagination! Chris also took to his bike and spoke to the children



about how setting goals, working hard, living a healthy lifestyle, and communicating well can lead to being a world-class "X Games" athlete like him. Or, it can just make you a good student and friend!

Crowd-favorite tricks were "the Superman," the "Tail Whip," and of course, a completely upside-down backflip, which led many teachers to cover their eyes in nervousness! Of course, it all ended great with smiles and high-fives all around. After the show, the riders took time to sign autographs and posters. It was a fun day on the Hickory campus!

# J.H. Hull Middle School

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**Patty Girgis**  
*Principal*

## Excited About ESports

Hull Middle School is excited about our eSports team! Students have been mastering their Mario Kart and Super Smash Bro. Under the careful

supervision of Coaches Emma Faldorf, Anthony Yoo, and Ethan Stone the students have been enjoying the competition with the other TUSD Middle Schools. Our eSports team hosted a site competition between the staff and team, and needless to say the staff will be practicing before our next competition! Hull is proud of our students, grateful for our amazing coaches, and we look forward to success in our future competitions this season. Go Hawks!



**Hull Hawks eSports team members mastering their skills.**

## LAUNCH Preschool Programs

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**Dr. Teresa Lanphere**  
*Principal*

## Trike-A-Thon

This Spring, March and April were busy months at LAUNCH as our PTA sponsored a Read-A-Thon in conjunction with Dr. Seuss' birthday and the Read Across America initiative. Our school participated in several weeks of reading with parents and families members daily to build their interest and love of

hearing or reading stories outside the classroom. We also had a special on site Trike-A-Thon last week with students riding trikes, bikes, in wagons, etc. to earn laps around our track to get exercise and raise money for the PTA at the same

time. It was the first time in over 2 years that parents were able to join us and watch their children ride around the track at school. We hope to have more events in the future where parents can join us to encourage their children during special events at school.



## Jefferson *Middle School*

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**Yvonne Marin**  
*Principal*

### Thank you Ms. Marin

Over the last five years, our principal, Ms. Yvonne Marin, has served our community in this very important role. The TUSD school board has approved her as the new Senior Director of Elementary Schools. Ms. Marin is excited to support the elementary principals, staff, students, and families in her new position. While she has been here at Jefferson, she has worked

closely with our staff, PTSA, students, and families to implement 15 different programs/events at Jefferson. Her firm belief that students need as many opportunities to try new things and connect with their school and with peers in order to be prepared for an enriching high school experience has been the driving force behind all that we do. We are grateful to have such a tight knit staff that is caring and passionate and has been led by someone who shares the same strengths and enthusiasm as we do. Thank you, Ms. Marin!



## Lincoln *Elementary School*

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**Katherine Castleberry**  
*Principal*

### **We're Better . . . Together!**

How quickly the 2021–22 school year has flown by, and what a whirlwind of a year it's been! As always, we at Lincoln are committed to providing not only a quality education for our students but also countless opportunities where they can discover their strengths, nurture their individuality, and create lifelong memories, all while getting prepared for college, career and beyond!

As I take a moment to reflect on yet another unprecedented school year, I'm grateful for the many activities and events that still took place, given the fact that many restrictions remained in place at the beginning of the year. We not only enjoyed our long-established enrichment programs such as instrumental music and Paws on Art but also extracurricular activities such as Legos Class, Coding Class, Art Club and our

Afterschool GATE Program. Phew, we were busy! We also got to show our fashion sense and school spirit encouraged through our first-ever Halloween Costume Showcase, themed Spirit Dress Days and Wacky Dress Days held in conjunction with spreading the important messages of Red Ribbon Week, Literacy Week, Buddies Week and Heroes Week.

With all that we've accomplished this year, I immediately think about how grateful I am for the dedicated teachers, staff and parents who work so hard to ensure that Lincoln remains a positive, productive place for children. It is incredibly rewarding to be a part of this thriving community of learners whose success is built upon the premise of high expectations for all and a true collaborative spirit. The ongoing commitment and dedication that I witness every day inspire me both personally and professionally and truly exemplify this year's motto: "We're Better . . . Together!"

## Madrona *Middle School*

21364 Madrona Ave., Torrance, CA 90503 • 310/533-4562 • [www.tusd.org/schools/madrona](http://www.tusd.org/schools/madrona)



**Jeffrey Nielsen**  
*Principal*

### **Esports**

This year, Torrance Unified participated for the first time in a competitive esports league. Madrona Middle School, led by science teacher Nancy Ton, has paved the way for middle school teams to participate and compete. After starting the year competing against schools from all over California, Ms. Ton has now organized our very own

TUSD middle school esports league that allows all our Torrance middle schools to compete against one another in esports.

Schools compete in two different games on the Nintendo Switch, Mario Kart and Smash Bros. Our Mario Kart team consists of Nolan Hess, Caleb Ho, Brandon Hsu and Sam Apodaca, with Kingston Dunn as alternate. Currently, the Madrona team is undefeated at 3-0. We will play in the semifinals next week. If we win, we will move on to the championship game.

Our Smash Bros. team consists of Ethaniel Resurreccion, Brandon Nguyen, Matthew Ozuna and Curtis Downs. Our record this season is 1-2. We lost our match against Jefferson and Hull but won the match against Bert Lynn. Unfortunately, we did not make it to the semifinals.

Both our Mario Kart and Smash Bros. teams have spent countless hours at lunch and after school practicing as well as scrimmaging other schools since January. The players gained a tremendous amount of pride and teamwork. They've built strong friendships that will extend past the esports season.



# Lynn Middle School

5038 Halison St., Torrance, CA 90503 • 310/533-4495 • [www.tusd.org/schools/bertlynn](http://www.tusd.org/schools/bertlynn)



**LeRoy Jackson Jr.**  
Principal

## Competitive Mathematics Team

Pop quiz: Which after school club spends hours building the speed and endurance necessary to win a series of fierce competitions using pencils and paper? If you guessed Bert Lynn's Competitive Mathematics Team, you would be correct! Join us as we celebrate our team's three grade sweep - sixth, seventh and eighth grade first place wins during this year's TUSD Math Field Day. Our math team members competed nationally in the AMC-8 Math Competition. Anthony Ge

placed first (Gold) and is ranked within the top 1% in the nation. Benjamin Wong placed second (Silver) and is ranked within the top 5% in the nation. Finally, Mason Tsai placed third (Bronze). The AMC-8 Competition covers a wide range of mathematical problems including: probability, estimation, proportional reasoning, the Pythagorean Theorem, spatial visualization, linear quadratic functions and quadratic equations, coordinate geometry, and other topics traditionally covered in more advanced courses.

Congratulations to Mrs. Writer and our math team for a wonderful season of competition and their reflection of our school's motto, Today we learn, tomorrow we lead.



## Magruder Middle School

4100 W. 185th St., Torrance, CA 90504 • 310/533-4527 • [www.tusd.org/schools/magruder](http://www.tusd.org/schools/magruder)



**Lisa Nunes**  
Principal

### We are Back!!!

April 26, 2022 Magruder hosted our first Open House in three years. The event was a huge success with students, families and community members touring the campus, visiting current and former teachers alike. Students guided guests to the classrooms where their hard work and efforts were showcased and displayed with Mustang PRIDE! Families were able to see first hand where their scholars spend their day time and



had an opportunity to connect with the culture of our campus. Event goers also had a chance to select from our free book exchange and gather a few items from our “lost but not forgotten” collection. The volume of visitors was exciting and exceeded the expectations and attendance counts from before March of 2020. A huge heartfelt thank you to all that made this experience possible, including our teachers, support staff and the families that joined us.

## North High School

3620 W. 182nd St., Torrance, CA 90504 • 310/533-4412 • [www.tusd.org/schools/north-high-school](http://www.tusd.org/schools/north-high-school)



**Chris Sheck**  
Principal

### NFL Star Garrett Guests

North High School had the distinct pleasure of welcoming NCAA Hall of Famer and Heisman Trophy winner Mike Garrett to our campus a few short weeks ago. Mr. Garrett, a halfback at USC Trojans and former NFL star, was on campus to speak to a group of NHS student athletes as part of a ceremony that saw a well-known North area business owner donate \$10,000 to our NHS Athletic Program. The funds will go a very long way toward upgrading our athletic facilities, including our weight rooms.

What's more, the ceremony also included the establishment of the Bill Peters Athletic Scholarship, an annual \$1,000 scholarship presented to a student athlete in honor of North High alum Bill Peters, a former NHS standout athlete, a coach and a current North High faculty member.

Mr. Garrett shared riveting words of insight and wisdom from his past experiences as a NCAA athlete, an NFL star and the athletic director for USC to the student athletes and parents in attendance. He stayed afterward to take photos with our student. This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for our students to interact with the NCAA and NFL star, and we are grateful for having the opportunity to host this football legend.



# Richardson *Middle School*

23751 Nancy Lee Lane, Torrance, CA 90505 • 310/533-4790 • [www.tusd.org/schools/richardson](http://www.tusd.org/schools/richardson)



**Tayo Balogun**  
*Principal*

## The 5th graders are coming!!!

What a great time we had with our 5th grade students from Walteria and Riviera Elementary School. Our school was abuzz with excitement at the 5th graders arrival and seeing their former teachers. The Leadership class did a tremendous job taking the students on a tour

of our campus. After the tours, students were entertained by the musical talents of our Vocal Music and Band classes. The 5th graders had a great time. We are looking forward to the class of 2026 starting Richardson in the fall.

April 26th was Students and Government day sponsored by the City of Torrance. Madelyn Lee participated in the event based on the essay prompt, "Students can make a difference in our Community." Madelyn spent the day shadowing a city official and then participate in a student-led council meeting. She made us proud and did a great job in her council role.



# Riviera *Elementary School*

365 Paseo de Arena, Torrance, CA 90505 • 310/533-4460 • [www.tusd.org/schools/riviera](http://www.tusd.org/schools/riviera)



**Christie Forshey**  
*Principal*

## Super Sunday Earth Week

Riviera families helped beautify the Riviera campus on a Super Sunday Earth Week event!

Murals received touch up paint, the pergola was painted, the lunch area was power-washed and gardening projects were completed.



The campus is sparkly and ready for Portfolio Day. All parents will visit campus, many for the first time this school year, to spend time on campus and look through student work. While on campus, parents will also visit the Adventures In Art show and PTA Book Fair.





**Ellen Harrison**  
*Principal*

## Dolphins SWIM at Seaside

Research shows that when a school environment is positive and predictable, students feel safer, have better academic performance, higher test results, and make better behavior choices. Schools also show a gain in instructional time, reduction in out of school suspensions and discipline referrals.

Seaside has developed schoolwide behavior expectations to communicate how students should behave in all areas of the school. When students demonstrate the expected behavior, they are recognized with SWIM tickets. We have developed a matrix of positive behavior expectations that follows our theme of SWIM. \*Safe Students \*Working Responsibly \*In Control \*Making Good Choices

Blue SWIM tickets are entered into a drawing and announced at our weekly spirit assemblies. Seaside Dolphins have shown that they know how to SWIM and were able to participate in a Bubble Run to celebrate their positive choices and raise money for the school.



# South High School

4801 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance, CA 90505 • 310/533-4352 • [www.tusd.org/schools/shs](http://www.tusd.org/schools/shs)



**Michelle Fournier**  
*Principal*

## Celebration of the Arts

South High held our first ever "A Night with the Arts". Every area of student Fine Arts was on display in this gala including a Gallery Walk through

the Administration Building followed by an evening of outdoor performances featuring Jazz Band, Choir, Drama and two Dance teams. The weather was perfect, the performances were amazing and the crowd enjoyed every minute!



# Torrance *Elementary*

2125 Lincoln Ave., Torrance, CA 90501 • 310/533-4500 • [torranceel.tusd.org](http://torranceel.tusd.org)



**Dr. Kelly Joseph**  
*Principal*

## Science Sparks at Torrance Elementary

There's a saying that, "Bright ideas start with tiny sparks." Well, at Torrance Elementary, those tiny sparks have burst, and our student inventors and scientists are now demonstrating a knack for creativity and perseverance.

Our kindergarten and first-grade students were curious and excited. They have collected and sorted everything from stones to toys to sea shells to Pokemon! The third-graders have brought it to a whole new level with recyclable dog food dispensers, Oreo cookie dispensers, coin sorters, and even a scented "magic" pillow to help you relax.

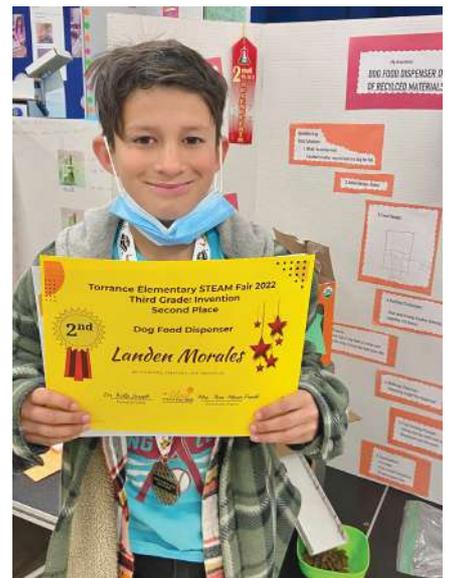
Our Torrance Elementary student inventors and scientists were not afraid to try. Fourth-grade students tested how far a toy car would go with air propulsion. They also created a self-casting fishing rod, too! How about a toy truck turned into a toy collector? And a real fan favorite, a self-warming robe!

The fifth-graders came up with a functioning dog house complete with a window, door, and heating. Need help with math? No problem! Use the "Math App" that makes it easy. Have you ever wondered how a pencil works? Is the five-second rule true? These and many more curiosities were answered.

We are so proud of our South Bay Regional Winners: first-place Skyler Pruitt (kindergarten); third-place Toluwani Olajutemu (fifth grade); Honorable Mention Landen Morales (third grade); and Merit Awards Banning Armour, Kayo Hidaka, and Kenneth Kong (fourth grade). Congratulations!

A first for Torrance Elementary is our very own California Invention Convention State Qualifiers! These are Skyler Pruitt (kindergarten); and Alyssa Whitt, along with Landen Morales (third grade); and Toluwani Olajutemu, Marie Borda, and Emily Gomez (fifth grade).

It's true, science is like magic, but it's real. Look for that spark!



## Shery High School

2600 Vine St., Torrance, CA 90501 • 310/533-4440 • [www.tusd.org/schools/shery](http://www.tusd.org/schools/shery)



**Jamie Jimenez**  
Principal

### Fridays Are For Fun!

This year at Shery High we started something new. We have a raffle for students. The raffle is for students who had Perfect Attendance the week prior and for students who received Knightly Tickets for being Kind, Accountable, and Respectful. These tickets are handed out by staff to promote our behavioral expectations.

We also have games such as Cornhole, giant Jenga, and Connect 4 for students during break and lunch with music playing. This has been a great way to end the week and the students and staff enjoy playing the games and having some fun competitions.

We find that by rewarding our students and allowing them to have some fun relieves some of the stress of school and encourages them to continue to show up and be good human beings.



## Torrance High School

2200 W. Carson St., Torrance, CA 90501 • 310/533-4396 • [www.tusd.org/schools/torrance-high-school](http://www.tusd.org/schools/torrance-high-school)



**Karim Girgis**  
Principal

### Tartar Pride!

As we continue to find our way back to normalcy, Torrance High has been so proud of the many successes that our students are experiencing both inside and outside of the classroom. Our Theater Department recently put on an outstanding run of *She Kills Monsters*, with special thanks to Mr. Hovis and his cast and crew. Be on the lookout too for our spring production, *Triangle*.

Our Family, Career, and Community of America (FCCLA) students also had an outstanding state competition, with multiple students earning high accolades and qualifying for the national competition. Special thanks goes to Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Phoonphiphatana for helping to develop this program, and which has created a pathway for so many of our students to find success not just at THS but also in their futures.

We would also like to thank the Torrance Chamber of Commerce for honoring our “Hands Across Campus” event with a special award at their Educate, Celebrate, Elevate Diversity reception last week. Our Black Culture Club president, Chimaka Azinge, and advisor Mr. Patterson, were both on hand to accept this well-deserved recognition.

Spring athletics have had an outstanding season too, with back-to-back league titles for our baseball team, an undefeated league championship for boys’ volleyball, and CIF appearances for softball. Numerous members of our track team and tennis team are also returning to the playoffs.

At the time of this writing we have just celebrated Administrative Professional Day, and are beginning our Teacher Appreciation Week. I would like to take this opportunity to say how thankful I am to have such an amazing faculty and staff. Our community is fortunate to have such wonderful and caring people working with our students every day.

## Torrance Adult School

2606 W. 182nd St., Torrance, CA 90504 • 310/533-4689 ext. 8400 • [www.tusd.org/tas](http://www.tusd.org/tas)



**Dr. Wayne Diulio**  
Principal

### Congratulations America!

America Moreno became a student of Torrance Adult School (TAS). She has demonstrated outstanding motivation, persistence, and work ethic under

difficult circumstances. At 18 years of age, she came to the United States to escape the violence in Nicaragua. Living and working in a language she did not understand, she faced life in a new country without her parents. America needed to learn the English language to pursue college and a career as a social worker. She enrolled in ESL (English as a Second Language) classes at TAS, earned her High School



Diploma, and enrolled in college. During her two years at TAS, she had achieved recognitions such as OTAN's Adult Education Student Succeed Award and ACSA's Every Student Succeeding Award. America was a popular student among her teachers, counselor, and fellow students and as a result was chosen as one of the speakers at her 2021 graduation ceremony. Her inspirational speech included a goal of striving for her master's degree. Observing her persistence and motivation has been impressive and within two years she has demonstrated her drive, ability, and desire to succeed and overcome difficulties.

## Towers Elementary

5600 Towers St., Torrance, CA 90503 • 310/533-4535 • [www.tusd.org/schools/towers](http://www.tusd.org/schools/towers)



**Seunghee Kim**  
Principal

### Calling on future Towers Timberwolves!

Each spring, anxious 5-year-olds accompany their parents to get a sneak preview of what going to school will be like. This visit also provides teachers a first glimpse of who will be entering their classrooms in the Fall. Last week we hosted a Kindergarten Roundup for the incoming Transitional Kindergarteners (TK) and

Kindergarteners. It was a chance for our new parents to familiarize themselves with the school environment, meet the principal, teachers, and staff and most importantly, get excited about all the wonderful things to look forward to as a family approaches this important milestone. Also, the Towers PTA was there to welcome new parents and share ways to be involved in their child's school experience. We cannot wait until August to greet the youngest Tower Timberwolves and be part of their educational journey!



## Victor Elementary

4820 Spencer St., Torrance, CA 90503 • 310/533-4542 • [www.tusd.org/schools/victor](http://www.tusd.org/schools/victor)



**Bill Baker**  
Principal

### GATE Enrichment Sessions

It has been a productive year for the GATE program at Victor Elementary School. With over 80 GATE students, we have been fortunate to hold before school sessions and virtual after school sessions throughout the school year. These enrichment sessions allow for additional opportunities for

students to explore various topics and interests that go beyond classroom instruction. 4th Grade Teacher, Ms. Perez, and 5th Grade Teacher, Mrs. Page's, Victor's GATE coordinators, differentiate each lesson and challenge students with rigorous activities. One of the activities the students participated in was a STEM Pringles Challenge. This activity required problem solving, imagination, creativity, and collaboration. Students needed to design and test a package to safely ship a single Pringles potato chip through the mail. Overall, our GATE students enjoyed the enrichment sessions and are looking forward to continuing the program and seeing what next year brings.



## Walteria Elementary

24456 Madison St., Torrance, CA 90505 • 310/533-4487 • [www.tusd.org/schools/walteria](http://www.tusd.org/schools/walteria)



**Dr. Efen Ponce**  
Principal

### Nurturing the Best in Our Wildcats!

Walteria is a wonderfully nurturing school. From the moment our little ones join us, they are immersed in experiences that showcase the importance of caring for one another and being good citizens in the community. Our families teach their children to be caring

and positive individuals at home and we build on that foundation. On campus, Little Buddies, a program that supports both our students and our teachers, exemplifies how we approach this. We team up our older students with our younger ones, having students work together to complete STEAM activities, introducing technology to the younger grades, or simply enjoying each other's company with some reading in our green spaces. Our older students love being good role models to the little ones, and the little ones love interacting with the older students. This program is a win-win for everyone, including the teachers that love the additional support from the older students!



# West High School

20401 Victor, Torrance, CA 90503 • 310/533-4299 • [www.tusd.org/schools/west-high-school](http://www.tusd.org/schools/west-high-school)



**Jenna Murata**  
*Principal*

## Celebrating the Arts and Civic Engagement

West High students recently featured their creative talents in our annual Fine Arts Assembly. In addition to cultural dances and performances by our band, choir, theatre, and dance students, we featured the artistry of our visual arts students through their sketches, paintings, and ceramic works. Another highlight of our Visual and

Performing Arts Department was the Broadway-quality production of Chicago performed by our play production students. Also this spring, we were excited to support our first group of students to earn the State Seal of Civic Engagement. These innovative students presented projects that included efforts to reduce our carbon footprint, provide food for those in need, and enhance access to the arts in our community. We are proud of the many ways our students demonstrate their Warrior Creativity, Character, and Resilience!



**The West High Theatre Department performed an amazing production of the musical Chicago this spring and we had our first group of students earn their State Seal of Civic Engagement!**



# Wood Elementary

2250 W. 235th St., Torrance, CA 90501 • 310/533-4484 • [www.tusd.org/schools/wood](http://www.tusd.org/schools/wood)



**Dr. Shawn Johnson**  
Principal

## First Annual Book Exchange

Wood Elementary recently hosted its first annual book exchange. The students were given a ticket for each gently used book they brought in for the book exchange. Ms. Tracy and Ms. Thalia organized all of the books and students were excited to “shop” for new books to them during recess and take them home to have. Wood Elementary students love to read!



## Curious George Goes to the Zoo—Word Search Contest

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

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# Yukon Elementary

17815 Yukon Ave., Torrance, CA 90504 • 310/533-4477 • [www.tusd.org/schools/yukon](http://www.tusd.org/schools/yukon)



**Elaine Wassil**  
Principal

## Award Winning Huskies!

Yukon has been selected as a 2022 California Pivotal Practice (CAPP) Award Program winner. Yukon won this award because of our innovative and outstanding efforts on behalf of our students during these exceptionally challenging times.

Despite the pandemic, Yukon has just kept on excelling. Two of our student's science projects qualified as California State Qualifiers. Emi Armijo and Jaire Botnem-Richardson's

inventions will go on to compete at the state level. Jaire's invention also received the Originality reward and Emmelie Andrews won the Merit award. We are so proud of these Huskies. Many Huskies participated in the STEAM Fair for 2022 and we are proud of all these Huskies and pleased with the robust participation displayed by Yukon students.

Yukon was also one of only seven elementary schools that participated in the Academic Pentathlon. Our 4th and 5th grade team was impressive!

Yukon demonstrates resilience and perseverance. It's obvious why "Huskies Go Far."



# Taegyong's Book Review



**Taegyong K.**

## Love and Courage

Title: *Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere*

Author: Julie T. Lamana  
Alex, Betsy, Donna, Elsa, and Fiona. Do you know what these are? They are not the names of my friends. They are all hurricane's names. This



book is about a girl and her family who lived in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans where 'Hurricane Katrina' hit.

Armani Curtis is waiting for her 10th birthday. She is very excited for her birthday and looking forward to it. It seems that everything goes well. However, Hurricane Katrina hits her town on her birthday. What will happen to her and her family? Can she go through with this hard time? What do the boots in the book cover mean for her?

This is a realistic fiction story for upper graders. As you read the book, I am sure that you can find yourself cheering for Armani.

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

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## Kailani's Review



**Kailani T.**

### Who is BOB?

*Bob* by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead is a magical fiction about a girl who helps an old friend find home. Olivia (Livy) is 10 years old when she travels to Australia to visit her grandmother she hasn't seen in 5 years. Livy doesn't



remember much from her last visit to grandma's, but when she sees Bob, she has a feeling she may have known him. Bob is a short greenish creature in a chicken suit. He doesn't know who he is. He doesn't remember anything about his family or where he came from. When Livy was 5, she promised she would help him find home. Bob has been waiting in her closet at grandma's house for Livy's return ever since. Livy and Bob become closer friends as they try to unravel the mystery of where Bob came from.

This book is sweet, emotional, and magical with a touch of suspense. I also learned more about friendship from the book. I give this book 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.

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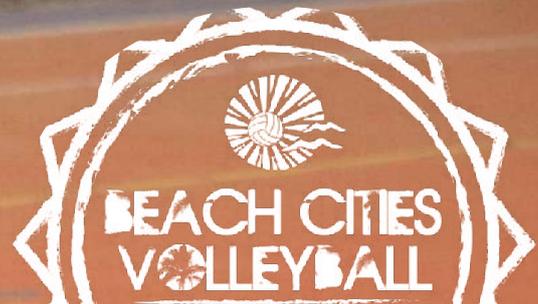
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## Yoona's Review



Yoona C.

### Holes of Everything

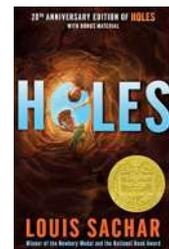
Title: *Holes*

Author: Louis Sachar

This book has lots of themes like friendship and more! The main character of this book is Stanley. He was a 14 year old boy with no friends.

He was bullied at school. He goes to a horrible camp just because he did "something" without any evidence.

The horrible thing about the camp is you have to dig very big holes. I mean big. The worst part, it's in the desert. You might think you could just have water to survive, but you have limited amounts of water! Stanley finally gets friends in the camp! He makes deals and has fun with his friends, although some "friends" turn out to be fake. He does get in trouble lots of times in the camp still without evidence. He experienced lots of hardships, but he survived. Yes, the camp was horrible, but there were some good parts! Find out what happens next!



Yoona is a 4th grader. She likes to read books and create stories. She also enjoys playing soccer.

*South End*

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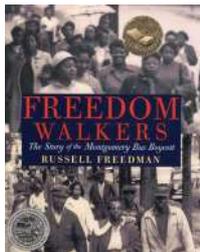
# Jenna's Review



## Boycott of the Century

Title: *Freedom Walkers*  
 Author: Russell Freedman

The bus. The bus is the place where many Civil right movements have started. Buses are more influential than some books. Could you believe,



back then, MLK didn't know he was going to make one of the most popular speeches throughout history? Did you know John Lewis didn't know he was going to work with a bunch of different races and be treated equally? Did you know Claudette Colvin didn't know she was going to start a bus boycott? These all happened because they didn't know what was going to happen but they did it anyway and most importantly, somehow connected to the bus. I recommend this book to people who want to stand up for what's right.

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

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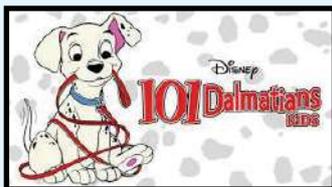
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## Katie's Review



Katie C.

### Greek Mythology—Modernized

Title: *Percy Jackson Series*

Author: Rick Riordan

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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.



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# Daniel's Review



**Daniel H.**

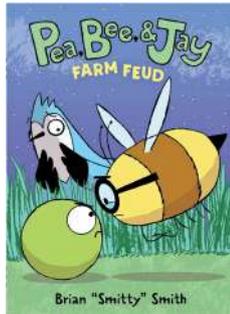
## Best Friends Forever?

Title: *Pea, Bee, & Jay: Farm Feud*

Author: Brian "Smitty" Smith

Best friends

Pea (a pea), Bee (a bee), and Jay (a bird) are back in this fourth book of the Pea, Bee, & Jay



series! Pea and Bee are arguing so Jay decides to go find new best friends. Then Pea and Bee try to find new best friends too. At the same time, there is a hungry snake who wants to eat them all! I really liked this funny book with cute characters who are silly and have good hearts. Read this book to find out what happens to them and also to learn the lesson that you should never forget about the friends you have.

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.

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## David's Review



David H.

### A Tortoise and Love

Title: *Esio Trot*

Author: Roald Dahl

*Esio Trot* is about

a very shy man

named Mr. Hoppy

and the woman he

likes, Mrs. Silver.

Mrs. Silver loves her

beloved pet tortoise Alfie and will do anything to make him grow.

Mr. Hoppy comes up with a clever

plan to make Alfie bigger and have Mrs. Silver fall in love with him.

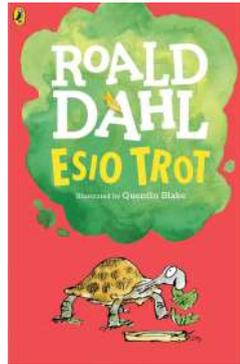
Read this book to find out what

happens and if his plan works. I

liked this story so much that I've read it multiple times!

If you like tortoises and a little bit of love, you should

definitely read this book.



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.

## Tegan's Book Review



Tegan

### Moments of Hope

In this tragic but

wonderful story, *The*

*Boy on the Wooden*

*Box*, author Leon

Leyson shares his

emotions of fear,

confusion, and

anger. With his early

childhood shattering into pieces as

he is taken away and transported to

a fatal concentration camp, separated from his friends and

relatives. However, even as depression and pain surrounds

his life, Leyson experiences unforgettable moments of hope

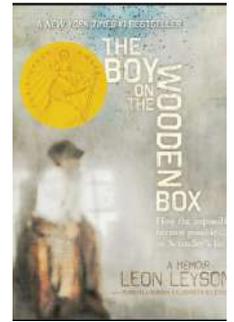
that are unexpectedly injected, reminding me that through

this pandemic that I am fortunate to have friends, family,

and freedom. A bonus was reading that Leyson had lived

his last few years in Fullerton, making me feel connected to

his story more.



Tegan Y. is a fourth grader who enjoys art, mountain biking, tap, writing and reading.

## Day at the Beach –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](mailto:Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com) Please put Torrance in the subject line.

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## 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.

### Research Tutor Options

**Q.** My fifth-grader is struggling in math and I'm not sure why. Before the pandemic, he made good grades in math. My sister has two middle school kids who are also having a difficult time in math. We've looked into tutors but they are expensive. What are some other alternatives to getting them help without breaking our budget?

**A.** There are several options to choose from that may help to keep you within your budget. For example, there are some brick and mortar facilities, online companies and even personal tutors that will give a group discount for two or more kids who sign up for their professional services. Asking the kids' teachers for their input should be a good place to start. Research your choices before making the best one. Unless you know someone who has personally used a company or a one-on-one tutor and can vouch for them, check references. Recommendations from friends, family and professionals are almost always a good way to find just about anything you need. You might also call local colleges, specifically the junior colleges. After the kids start their tutoring, give it a little time to work out before rushing in and thinking that it's a lost cause. Once they connect with the new person, the new regimen will become the normal one and hopefully they'll be able to catch up.

Jodie Lynn is an award winning, internationally syndicated family/health and education columnist and best selling author.  
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## Ask Dr. Shari



Dr. Shari Sweetnam

### Should Kids Be Realistic?

**Q.** What is the deal with telling kids the truth about their possibilities of being a professional football, basketball, hockey player? When asked what they want to be when they grow up, my 7 yr old twin boys say "Kobe Bryant." We all know the likelihood of them playing for the NBA is slim. Some parents are now saying that we should be realistic, expand their horizons, and begin them on a path of exploring real careers and that this will be an advantage to them. I know parents who tell their kids the actual percentage of second grade basketball players who eventually play for the NBA so they will look to realistic endeavors early. Do I want to do that? It that sounds weird. Then again, my friends say that they will be eventually "let down" if I don't! Should I ground them in reality? What do you think? —Dana, Newport, RI

### Dana,

I'm all for exposing kids to a variety of ideas and opportunities but I vehemently against "grounding in reality" as a general way of contemplating the possibilities that life has to offer.

No entrepreneur, visionary, inventor nor game changer was "grounded in reality." If they were, new ideas would never be contemplated, limits would never get pushed, experiments would not be conducted and most of the advancements of the modern day would not exist.

Truly great things start from a vision, unlimited by reality.

Please, don't cram "reality" into their consciousness in the natural place where imagination and vision belong!

Whether your child will ever play for the NBA is irrelevant at this point, but if the vision makes them run harder, jump higher and have a lot more fun, then let them BE Kobe!

Kids don't really go through that terrible moment that your friends fear. It isn't as though they will turn 18 yrs old, expecting to be drafted to the Lakers and are tossed into a deep depression when they find out otherwise. Life teaches! As kids mature, they develop their priorities, talents, and opportunities and understanding. Your job is to support them through the process...not to stomp on childhood dreams.

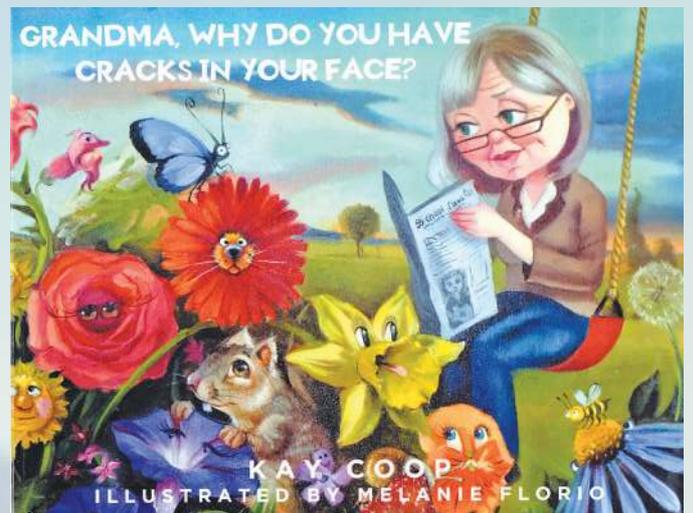
Relax Dana. Let your kids play and dream...it is one of the most precious gifts of childhood.

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