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**District administrators gather together at the 4th Annual State of the Schools Breakfast presented by the Brea Education Foundation.  
Derrick Chan, Kristin Risberg, Karen VanDine, Theresa Stevens, Lana Merha, Jeanine Leech, Kelly Kennedy,  
Mike Trimmell, Penny Andrews, Rick Torres, Ixchel Sanchez, Preetom Bhattacharya**



**Brea Olinda High School students who participated in various internships over the summer shared their experience with guests at the 4th Annual State of the Schools breakfast. Tristan Montera, Megan Coday, Esther Park, Alexis Cuevas, Johann Dizon, Stuti Chauhan, Kayla Dewberry, and Paige Acuna**

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# Brea Olinda Unified School District and the City of Brea Partner to Offer High School Internship Program



**Dr. Brad Mason**  
Superintendent

This fall, five Brea Olinda High School students will take on an internship with the City of Brea.

Through this inaugural internship program, students will have the opportunity to connect their education to real world experiences. Students will be interning in various departments throughout the City of Brea including Community Services, the City Manager's Office, Purchasing, Special Events and the Curtis Theatre.

The City of Brea has a history of offering an internship program for college students, but had never explored the idea of offering a similar program to high school seniors. This particular collaboration seemed to be a great opportunity to pilot a program.

This new internship program will provide work experience that helps Brea Olinda High School students put their education into practice, develop their leadership skills and give them a competitive advantage as they think about life after high school. The internship program will give high school students the opportunity to:

- Practice and improve their industry skills while also learning how to work in a formal setting.
- Gain a better understanding of how what they are learning in school can help them with their future.
- Master professional soft skills such as communication, punctuality and time management.
- Build a professional network.

This internship program is a win-win for our students and the entire community. For our students, work experience will help them make good career decisions while building their professional network. By employing high school students, the City of Brea receives exposure to talent early in their career journey which helps support the well-being of the entire Brea community.

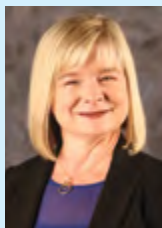
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Superintendent Dr. Mason begins this issue with his positive message on page 2 about the partnership with the City of Brea for student internships. In this issue you will about a Principal's Book Club, Think Tank, Career Exploration and so much more.

Fall is in the air and the holidays are right around the corner. Dr. Tse from MemorialCare writes in his article on the following page about spreading fun — not flu. Stay healthy and have wonderful holidays!

Our next issue is March 11, 2020.

**Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Holidays, and Merry Christmas from the School News staff.**



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## Spread Fun. Not Flu!



**Graham Tse, M.D.,**  
chief medical officer,  
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Healthy kids of any age can get seriously sick from the flu, and they can spread it to family and friends. One of the best ways to stop the spread of the flu is to get vaccinated. Almost everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every year. But did you know, there are other ways to stop the spread of germs?

You and your family can prevent the spread of flu at home, work or school by following these simple steps.

- Step 1:** Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue and then throw it away.
  - No tissue? Cough or sneeze into your sleeve (elbow) or shirt (shoulder).
- Step 2:** Clean your hands often.
- Wash your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds or long enough to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice.
  - No soap around? Use hand sanitizer gel or hand wipes.
  - Avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes.

**Step 3:** Avoid close contact with people who have the flu.

- If possible, when your child has the flu, keep them home from school to help avoid spreading germs.

**Step 4:** Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects.

- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects at home or school, especially if someone is ill.

The number of flu cases increases drastically by December each year, with flu season peaking in January, February or March. As we head into the holidays, remember to spread fun, and not flu!



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## Arovista Elementary (K-6)

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**Karen VanDine**  
Principal

### The Book Club

Our Principal's Book Club was recently launched at Arovista Elementary School in order to connect with our students, foster a love of reading, and encourage children to read a variety of books. The club is hosted by Mrs. VanDine, library/media specialist Mrs. Grant, and fifth-grade teacher Mrs. Romero. This first book club is open to all of our fifth- and sixth-grade students during lunch time on Fridays.

We are now reading one of Mrs. VanDine's favorite books, *Stargirl*. Twenty-eight students are very excited about this book and reading experience. Like any good book club, we are having a great time socializing, discussing, collaborating, predicting, and of course, eating good food!

After we finish this book we will be having another book club geared to our fourth-graders. In the past, our principal/student book clubs have enjoyed *Wonder*, *Where the Red Fern Grows*, and *Touching Spirit Bear*.

"You can't buy happiness, but you can buy books, and that is kind of the same thing."



## Brea Junior High School (7-8)

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**Kelly Kennedy**  
Principal

### Music is Instrumental

The instrumental music program at Brea Junior High School (BJH) has been under the direction of Mrs. Glenda Bartell for 17 years. What was once a tiny program, unable to support a full offering of daily courses, has evolved into the well-developed and thoughtfully composed department that it is today.

BJH now offers a full day of instrumental music education, including the ever-popular and fully enrolled guitar class, an award-winning concert band, the newly formed jazz band, and, most recently added, our string orchestra. This new course has rounded out the music offerings and provides another opportunity for students to become involved in the art of music making.



The BJH music program is fortunate to have the unconditional support of our parents, our district administration, and the community. Music is alive and well at BJH!

## Brea Canyon *High School (9-12)*

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**Kristin Risberg**  
*Principal*

### The Future is Fun

Brea Canyon High School (BCHS) has always been a place to meet students' individual needs, and high academic expectations have always been a part of the culture. Most recently, and more than ever, the students and staff at BCHS have been

focused on social-emotional

needs and building relationships.

On October 8, a local service organization honored BCHS with a grant to furnish our quad with yard games for our students and staff to enjoy. Our new giant chess board, corn hole boards, and other outdoor games are sure to increase the fun and build relationships.

At the service club's meeting, students Makenna Tompkins and Toni Grear shared their heartfelt stories about their path to BCHS and how the choice to attend school at the district's alternative education site changed their lives and their educational journeys.

At BCHS, we truly appreciate the support of our community and community organizations!



## Brea Country Hills *Elementary (K-6)*

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**Lana Merha**  
*Principal*

### Think Tank Teamwork!

Country Hills students have been "ROARing" through makerspace challenges in our recently completed Think Tank. These challenges provide students the opportunity to practice the 4 C's of 21st Century Learning: creating, collaborating, communicating and critical thinking in a fun, flexible environment.

Each month, students are presented with new hands-on activities that foster problem solving and teamwork. In a recent challenge using wooden block toys, students were given the task of building a functional ramp containing a right turn that would allow a marble to pass smoothly without the addition of force. Each small group utilized the design process to brainstorm, plan, create, and improve their ramp designs. At the end of the lesson, teams discussed real-world applications of their designs and reflected on their level of sharing, listening, compromising and participation in the challenge.

It's easy to see why the students at Country Hills look forward to these Think Tank challenges!



**Students in Mrs. McCracken's first grade class testing and improving their ramp designs.**



## Brea Olinda *High School (9-12)*

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**Dr. Ixchel Sanchez**  
Principal

### **Limitless is Our Potential!**

On Friday, September 13th, under the late afternoon summer sun, our Brea Olinda High School AVID students, along with their AVID teachers, gathered together on the BOHS varsity softball field in their grey AVID t-shirts and exclaimed the motto, "Thanks to AVID...I am limitless!"

This was the second annual BOUSD AVID tailgate activity celebrating our AVID students from throughout the district. Groups of students and staff members alike

scattered across the field with balloons, signs, food, drink, and a series of lawn games to enjoy the growing success of our district's AVID program. There were 185 students from Arovista Elementary School and Brea Junior High School at the event, along with their family members and friends. They were also joined by our BOHS AVID crew.

The crowd was greeted by a tunnel of green and gold pom-poms as our Wildcat varsity cheerleaders welcomed every student and family that made their way to this ever-growing district AVID celebration. After the tailgate, the AVID students were then escorted down to the BOHS football game to continue the festivities!



## Fanning *Academy of Science & Technology*

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**Theresa Stevens**  
Principal

### **The Force is with Us!**

In developing our teams for robotics competition, we wanted an opportunity for students to extend their interests with a more in-depth and structured version of our Code to the Future program. Judging from our first meeting, Fanning Elementary School students are excited to be part of our first-ever robotics team!

We are off to a great start, as our Robotics Club prepares for its first competition in November. Our Soaring Falconbots team was created as a Science, Technology, Engineering, and math (STEM) program to engage our students after school with hands-on learning,

technology, engineering, problem solving, and more. With student mentors from Brea Olinda High School and Brea Junior High School, our fourth- through sixth-grade students planned, designed, coded, and built programmable robots to perform autonomous missions on a playing field.

This year's challenge, based on a well-known series of space adventure movies, gave our students an opportunity to apply science, engineering and math concepts and a big dose of imagination to develop solutions to real-world challenges. Along the way, they are developing critical-thinking, team-building, and presentation skills.

May the Force be with our Soaring Falconbots!



# Laurel Elementary *Magnet School of Innovation and Career Exploration*

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**Dr. Mike Trimmell**  
*Principal*

## Career Exploration Kick-Off Event

The Laurel Elementary Magnet School of Innovation and Career Exploration is proud to foster partnerships between our students and the community. We emphasize the building of business skills such as professionalism and poise which can promote strong college and career readiness.

Our magnet theme of career exploration also allows each classroom to be adopted by a local business. This fall we welcomed our outside partners to a “Career Exploration Kick-Off.” Laurel students have begun a year-long exploration of particular careers, and will be working collaboratively with these partners to help deepen their learning in real-world settings.

During this first visit our partners shared their varied educational and career experiences. Lessons included hands-on activities that brought learning to life. Students participated in orthodontic exploration, cookie tasting and menu planning, and even got to discuss the careers of police officers and firefighters. Thank you to all of the great partners who support innovative learning here at Laurel.



## Mariposa *Elementary (K-6)*

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**Rick Torres**  
*Principal*

## New News Broadcasts!

Students at Mariposa Elementary look forward to learning about their week in a new and engaging way. Keely, Madi, Rylee, Sarah, Cleo, Lindsey and Ryleigh make up the Mariposa production team: eight sixth-graders tasked with creating news

broadcasts covering everything a Monarch needs for a fantastic week!

Students are informed of upcoming events, ideas on how to embody positive character traits, and what rules at recess will lead to fair and fun play. Two students per week are tasked with an assignment to spotlight innovative lessons or interview special guests. Using an iPad and iMovie, students rotate the responsibility of filming, editing, anchoring, and interviewing. Videos are shared with teachers via email so they are able to play them for students when it fits into their day.



“It’s fun being in charge of it, and I love being able to speak to all the kids at Mariposa!” Kylee said.

## Olinda Elementary (K-6)

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**Dr. Preetom  
Bhattacharya**  
*Principal*

### Celebrating Our Littlest Eagles!

One of the things we are excited to do on a daily basis is celebrate the achievements and talents of all our children. This is particularly true for our littlest Eagles—our TK and kindergarten students. The strides that our youngest Eagles make on a daily basis under the care of their teachers, instructional aides and parent volunteers is amazing to witness!

We strive to recognize these successes in powerful ways such as our Superhero Letter Parade, during which our school gathered along Main Street to celebrate literacy and cheer for TK/K students upon completing their Alphabet Boot Camp. Additionally each month, our sixth-grade students pair up with kindergarten students to do a special activity through our Little Buddies program. These types of festivities allow our students to develop leadership and relationship skills in addition to jubilantly creating a culture of celebration and appreciation of one another!



## Appliances—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 BOUSD in the subject line.

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