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Your Voice Counts!



Dr. Brad Mason

The effort continues to inform and seek input regarding our Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and all of the components of this document.

The Brea Olinda Unified School District (BOUSD) wants to ensure that this document is not just a report sitting on a shelf, but that it is the guide for what the district does. For that reason the district has worked very hard to ensure that all of its plans and documents are aligned and meaningful. In 2017, BOUSD gathered data through surveys, meetings, and in-depth conversations and below are a few of the actions and services that we implemented for the 2017-18 school year using LCAP funds:

- The AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program at Brea Olinda High School, Brea Junior High & Arovista
- Funding for four (4) 21st Century Learning Coaches (Teachers On Special Assignment)
- Professional Development for Teachers
- Funding for an At-Risk Counselor split between Brea Junior High and Brea Canyon High
- Funding for Physical Education (PE) teachers to provide additional PE time for the students, and prep time for or grade level teacher planning at our elementary school sites
- Website and mobile app to further inform parents, promote involvement and solicit community input

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Community Matters



Country Hills students take a tour of the local Brea fire station.

By: Nichole Pichardo, Communications Specialist

In Brea, community matters. Everyone works together with the common goal to provide a robust 21st-century education to all of our students.

Often when we meet parents we are happy to learn that our students are part of families whose parents, and sometimes grandparents, were also part of the BOUSD family and attended our schools. Our parents are Brea teachers, police officers, firemen and women, nurses, doctors, engineers, local entrepreneurs and business owners. These same parents and grandparents find time to volunteer, organize events, and plan fundraisers to benefit our schools.

Our schools thrive because our parents and community members work together collaboratively and comprehensively to positively impact students. Partners like our PTAs, PTO's, and the Brea Education Foundation help support our goals of preparing students for college, career, and citizenship by offering additional opportunities, supports, and enrichment. The investment of volunteer hours by our volunteers, in itself, is an

invaluable resource. Our PTA and PTO units organize a variety of festivals and events at their schools, which builds a stronger school community.

The Brea Education Foundation has been a wonderful District partner. The Foundation has provided grants to fund STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) projects and this year, thanks to the generous donations they received as part of their annual fundraising campaign, will be bringing hands-on assemblies through Discovery Cube Orange County to all students grades TK through eight. They will also be providing funding to help aid in the growth of STEM pathways at Brea Olinda High School and Brea Canyon High School. Additionally, BOUSD is lucky to have a proactive partnership with the Brea Chamber of Commerce as well as with the Brea Police and Fire Departments to ensure our students, faculty, and staff are always safe and secure while on our campuses. We are truly thankful to our parents and community organizations for consistently adding value to the educational experiences of our students.

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Founder/Publisher



This is our 4th year publishing the excellence from the BOUSD. Thank you for continuing to include *School News* among your reading choices.

Congratulations to Owen Rubalcava and Natalie Alvaez winners of our contests in the last issue. We do not have a contest in this issue, but you have time to enter the contest on our web site www.schoolnewsrollcall.com under podcasts (just listen for the "word" and email it to me). You can also respond to our survey and be entered in a drawing.

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Full Day and Part Day Preschool

BOUSD's Early Learning Program was created to provide an enriched environment for early-aged children with benefits to their intellectual, physical, emotional and social development. State Preschool (income qualifying program) and Fee-Based programs are designed for potty-trained 3- and 4-year olds and are held at Arovista, Country Hills, Laurel, Mariposa, and Olinda. Full time and Part time options are available.

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Full day camp programs are offered during the Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer breaks. Weekly tuition includes on site activities and off site field trips.



Registration/Information

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Arovista *Elementary (K-6)*

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Karen VanDine
Principal

Our Garden Grows!

Arovista Allstars are planting a Rainbow Garden. Each grade level has its own garden bed and an assigned color.

Students researched fruits and vegetables and decided what they wanted their class to grow. The goal is to have a fruit-and-veggie party close to Earth Day in April where we will harvest our crops and try them out. That's one way to get our children to eat their veggies!

Each grade level is incorporating science and nutrition curriculum to this project to bring an awareness of healthy eating and the garden-to-table concept. We want students to have an appreciation of



the benefits of growing one's own food and celebrate healthy eating.

Students planted strawberries, tomatoes, bell peppers, carrots, chives, zucchini, basil, watermelon, grapes, green beans and eggplant. We hope to have a bountiful harvest!

Brea *Junior High School (7-8)*

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Kelly Kennedy
Principal

Giving Back to the Community

Brea Junior High School's eighth-grade English Department is committed to empowering its students to give back to their community.

Over 19 years ago, Mr. J.D. Williams, a teacher, organized a letter-writing campaign and silent auction fundraiser with all proceeds going to HomeAid OC. This year, our school donated over \$5,700 to HomeAid OC. Over the past 19 years it has donated about \$75,000.



There is such a sense of pride and teamwork when one of our eighth-graders receives a donation from a business. And on November 15th, by going above and beyond to support HomeAid's mission, our school was also awarded the 2017 HomeAid Award for their outstanding contribution to ending homelessness for families in Orange County.

This is the very first time that a school has received this exemplary recognition from the HomeAid board of directors. We are so proud of our students and staff members who are empowered enough to give back to their community!

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Dr. Brad Mason

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we want as many voices as possible to join our conversation, so we are asking community members to please visit the district website at www.bousd.us and click on the LCAP tab to take our annual LCAP survey. Your feedback is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Brea Canyon *High School (9-12)*

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Eric Barrientos
Principal

Coyotes are Succeeding!

The 2017–2018 school year is in full swing at Brea Canyon High School (BCHS). The fall semester marked the launch of our BCHS Honorable, Organized, Well-rounded, Learners (HOWL) program in alignment with our implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) for all students. The goal is to recognize our Coyotes for demonstrating positive citizenship, college and career readiness, effective communication skills, and academic proficiency.

The BCHS staff recognizes students for their positive



contributions to our campus community by handing out HOWL cards. The students who receive HOWL cards are entered into a drawing every three weeks, giving them an opportunity to win gift cards, gear, or other items donated by school staff and community members to help reinforce their productive efforts.

Keep HOWLing to success, Coyotes! We see you!

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Kindness Matters

We are all about kindness at Country Hills! We started with World Kindness Day in November, pledging to take on the Kindness Challenge with weekly themes and activities for 13 weeks.

In January, we took the Great Kindness Challenge with dress-up days to celebrate kindness at school and in the world. This all led up to Random Acts of Kindness Week in February. The week was full of compliments and catching children being kind. It concluded with the PAL Club Friendship Festival, a fun lunchtime event for all students, full of games and a chance to make new friends doing something different.

Our Student Council and PAL Club worked during all of these weeks actively organizing events and creating fun signage to inspire our students daily. These spirited activities are reminders about what is most important in life—kindness. Our students strive to show that kindness matters every day to every Country Hills Cougar.



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Theresa Stevens
Principal

Kindness Inspires Kindness

Fanning Elementary School participated in the nationwide celebration of Great Kindness Challenge Week and Random Acts of Kindness Week (RAK). Kindness and inspiring kindness in others are part of our daily discussions and interactions at Fanning.

Staff, parents, and students took part in learning to help each other and spread kindness through a variety of activities. All students, from Transitional Kindergarten through sixth grade,

created kindness chain links to start a “kindness chain reaction.” Students wrote thank you letters to friends, staff, and community members.

During lunch, students created kindness bookmarks and hid them in their favorite library books. Our student council planned a Kindness Bingo Challenge for all classes to play, using daily kindness challenges. We also participated in the Pennies for Patients program, which was a great way for Fanning students to help others in the community.

Falcons take pride in treating each other with respect and doing good things for others every day!



Olinda *Elementary (K-6)*

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Robert Rendon
Principal

Annual Read Around

Olinda Elementary School recently completed participation in the 2017–2018 Olinda School PTO Read Around. This year's theme was “Oh, the Places You'll Go!” and students in all grade levels participated with great enthusiasm.

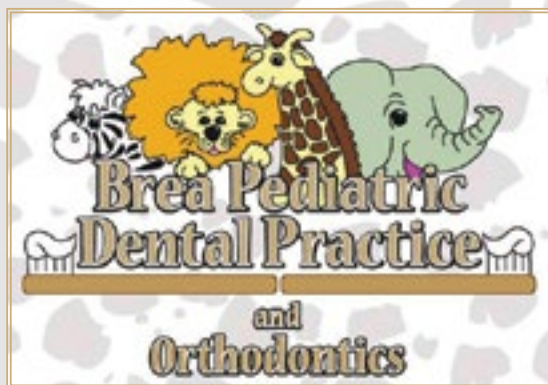
Our school's Read Around is the major fund-raiser for our school's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Each day had a different theme; Neon Colors Day and Crazy Socks Day were very popular with our students. On Friday, students wore red, white, and blue to continue our tradition of showing our school spirit on Fridays. Another popular dress-up day was Cat in the Hat Day, when students were allowed to wear crazy hats. On the final Friday, the whole school wore pajamas and participated in 45 minutes of Drop Everything and Read on the playground.

We also invited community readers to read to classes throughout the two-week activity. Special guest readers included Superintendent Dr. Mason and former Olinda School principal Mrs. Kelly Kennedy. The most active readers will be eligible to participate in reward activities, which may include participating in a special assembly, attending a field trip to a trampoline park, or enjoying a visit to our pop-up candy store.

This was a very successful fund-raiser as well as an amazing two weeks of fun activities for all. Thanks to our school's fabulous PTO for planning this wonderful event!

School staff was treated to a tour of our new multi-purpose room, which is still under construction. We are looking forward to seeing the final results this summer. We are looking forward to having a meeting place for student activities and assemblies. We are also excited about our new outdoor amphitheater, which is pictured below.

As you can see, great things are happening at Olinda School, the home of the Eagles!



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Jerry Halpin
Principal

WILD! (and AVID!)

Brea Olinda High School (BOHS) recently completed a successful first semester of the school year and is rolling on through the rest of the year. We have had a tremendous start with a couple of programs that we would like to highlight.

BOHS students and staff have been getting WILD! this entire year as part of our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) initiative in the BOUSD. WILD! stands for Working with purpose, Initiating positive change, Leading by example and Demonstrating personal responsibility. Students and staff have

been recognized for participating and supporting these efforts, and the BOHS business community has responded with many financial incentives to support the program. The campus's already fantastic-feeling tone has only improved with this program, and disciplinary interactions with students are down over 30 percent. The program has been a resounding success.

BOHS started the AVID program this year for both ninth- and 10th-grade students and will be expanding to 11th grade in the fall. AVID is a college-readiness program open to all students, but it works to support students who might be the first ones in their families with designs on attending college. Students are provided a number of tools to assist them in this quest, including study skills, in-class tutoring, college-visitation field trips, and guest speakers. This program is a small but mighty one!

BOHS is expecting great things for the spring semester!

Laurel Elementary *Magnet School of Innovation and Career Exploration*

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Heather Bojorquez
Principal

Taking Learning to New Heights!

As Brea's only magnet school with a strong emphasis on innovation and career exploration, we are committed to providing innovative STE(A)M-based learning experiences for our Laurel Leopards.

This year we are thrilled to have expanded our relationships to include a school-wide partnership with the Discovery Cube of Orange County. This innovative collaboration offers some unique opportunities for our students and staff members. Teachers and staff recently received 10 hours of professional development on the Next Generation Science Standards. Many Laurel parents of

early learners also participated in the monthly literacy and STE(A)M training called "Bright Futures/Futuros Radiantes."



Laurel Family STE(A)M Nights Engage the Community

Every Laurel TK to sixth-grade student participated in a field trip to The Cube, a hands-on STEM-based lesson in every classroom, and grade-level STE(A)M assemblies. We also hosted a Family Astronomy Night and a Family Engineering Night in collaboration with The Cube's education department. This amazing partnership supports our goal that Laurel Leopards will "Innovate, Create, and Explore!"

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Pennies for Patients
Mariposa Student Council, along with the entire school, participated in a special two-week-long event in February to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The Pennies for Patients

fund-raiser inspired many students and their relatives to donate with the hope of helping local cancer patients beat their disease while also raising funds needed to support blood-cancer research.

Special collection boxes and heart-adorned buckets were placed in each classroom. Mariposa Monarchs were excited to fill them with cash in the form of coins and bills as they competed against one another. The primary and upper-grade classes with the highest student average earned a pizza party sponsored by the Sherman Family.

Mariposa's families collected close to \$4,500 for this honorable charity. It was amazing to see the caring generosity of our community to assist others in need. Once again, Monarchs #choosekind, our focus for the 2017-18 school year. Thank you!



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