



**From Academics, Arts & Athletics...
BOUSD Students Excel**





Dr. Brad Mason
Superintendent

Growth of Brea Brings Expansion Need of BOUSD Campuses

In anticipation of six housing developments constructed over the next 10 years in the City of Brea, the Brea Olinda Unified School District is in the process of doing an analysis of its facilities. It is estimated that the new housing communities will bring in approximately 680 students. Combine that with the fact BOUSD was just one of two Orange County school districts that had an increased growth rate prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is an imminent need for expanding our campuses to accommodate the projected enrollment.

Looking ahead, and with continued collaboration with the City of Brea, we are investigating ways to build out our schools to fit the needs of the forecasted student population. At the June 14, 2021, and October 14, 2021, Board of Education Study Sessions, recommendations of potential solutions were presented to the Board Trustees to obtain their recommendations. One immediate way we are accommodating the situation is with the addition of three portables at Laurel Elementary Magnet School and one at Falcon Academy of Science & Technology for the 2022-23 school year. We are also addressing other ways to assist with our anticipated need for classroom capacity expansion.

It is definitely exciting times in Brea, but with the growth lies obstacles we need to overcome. We want the community to know that BOUSD will be ready when our new families arrive in this wonderful city!

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Kay Coop
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Thanksgiving will soon be here and I am thankful for family, good health, our dedicated educators and you — our loyal readers.

We have included student book reviews on pages 9 - 11 to help with your child's book choices. If your



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child would like to be a student columnist reviewing favorite books, please email me for guidelines and deadlines.

Our next issue is March 16, 2022. Until then be well and Happy New Year!



Arovista *Elementary School (K-6)*

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**Dr. Deborah
Martinez**
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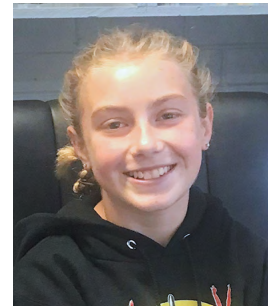
Student Council Elections Held

Arovista Allstars have demonstrated perseverance, resiliency and commitment to their learning throughout this unprecedented time. Their emerging scholarly leadership is illustrated in their ability to pivot, adapt, and positively engage in various learning environments within all the core subject areas and extracurricular activities. Allstars' leadership skills are fostered schoolwide with the Character

Counts program, in which essential character traits lessons such as care, fairness, respect, responsibility, trustworthiness and citizenship are reinforced.

One example of student leadership can be found in the Student Council. Student Council is composed of about 20 fifth- and sixth-graders who regularly meet with our Student Council Advisor, Yvonne Noffal. The purpose of the student council is to give students an opportunity to develop leadership by organizing and carrying out school activities and service projects. In addition to planning events that contribute to school spirit and community welfare, the student council is the voice of the student body. They help share student ideas, interests and concerns with the schoolwide community.

Recently, the Student Council held elections. We are looking forward to seeing our Allstars continue to develop their leadership skills as they continue to thrive academically and socially.



Brea *Junior High School (7-8)*

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**Dr. Kelly
Kennedy**
Principal

Global IT Academy is Here at BJH

The Global Information Technology Academy (GITA), a long standing flagship program at Brea Olinda High School, has now opened its doors at Brea Junior High School.

The Global I.T. Academy fosters an environment that both empowers and challenges

students to apply their critical thinking and problem solving skills to solve real world technology issues. Students can complete the first year of the program beginning in 8th grade, and we have seventeen students in the Year 1 Cohort here at BJH. In this class, students build upon the coding skills they learned in their advanced computer science elective course and

continue to use C# in Visual Studio to work on projects like website development, mailing label programming, BMI calculators, and test score calculating programs. This opportunity to take GITA 1 course in 8th grade prepares our students for amazing careers in their future!



Brea Canyon *High School* (9-12)

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**Dr. Kristin
Risberg**
Principal

Brea Canyon Honors Hispanic Heritage Month

Brea Canyon High School kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month back on Wednesday, September 15th! In the morning students were greeted with pan dulce, hot chocolate, and Mexican candies. At lunch, chips, salsa, and chicharrones were served, while a local mariachi band serenaded all Brea Canyon Coyotes. Students and staff were able to

request, and dance to, some of their favorite songs. It was a day filled with pride, as Brea Canyon's school culture and climate were at an all-time high. Most recently, BCHS students have created an Ofrenda - an altar to remember and honor past loved ones, in the school's foyer. Brea Canyon students and staff have been adding pictures of special people from their lives, flowers, and candles to the Ofrenda every day. It has been amazing to see the Ofrenda grow. Brea Canyon coyotes are coming together to celebrate and share such beautiful culture on our campus!



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

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Lana Merha
Principal

Country Hills Hosts Successful Fundraiser

The students at Country Hills Elementary had a ROARing good time at this year's annual PTA Jog-A-Thon on Friday, October 15. Cougars were cheered on from the sidelines with pom poms and cowbells as they ran laps to raise money to support the instructional

and enrichment programs at Country Hills. Roary, our school mascot, made a special appearance to show his school spirit and showcase his dance moves while "DJ Merha" worked her magic with the music. We are so proud of our students for their outstanding participation in this exciting school-wide event. A special thank you to our PTA Jog-A-Thon committee, parent volunteers, teachers, and community members for making our biggest fundraiser of the year a HUGE success!



Brea Olinda High School (9-12)

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Dr. Joshua Porter
Principal

BOHS Accreditation Process; Football Coach Retires

Brea Olinda High School is currently going through an accreditation process referred to as WASC (Western Accreditation of Schools and Colleges). The process starts as a self-study conducted by certificated and classified staff members

at the school site, where staff have the chance to collaborate and review data on student success. The five areas of focus are Organization, Curriculum, Learning & Teaching, Assessment & Accountability, School Culture and Support for Student Personal, Social-Emotional, and Academic Growth. BOHS will engage with our community throughout this process, gathering feedback in these five focus areas over the next few months.

BOHS would also like to recognize Coach Robb Perrance, head football coach

and physical education teacher. Coach Perrance has been an educator at Brea Olinda High School for over 40 years and will be retiring at the end of this school year. To honor his role as head football coach, the community, family and friends met him on the field at the end of the last home game to thank him for his dedication to our community.



Brea Online Academy (TK-6)

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Dr. Kristin Risberg
Principal

Brea Online Academy Welcomes New Teachers

Brea Online Academy is filled with joy to welcome three new staff members to the BOA Team! Brea Online Academy faculty includes: Emily Reed (TK and Kindergarten), Tara Doan (1st Grade), Keri Cox (2nd Grade), Traci Bretz (3rd

Grade), Michelle Barnes (4th Grade), Kris Germann (5th Grade), and Shirley Lee (6th Grade). New staff members were assisted by our fabulous staff of teachers earlier this month. Now the Brea Online Academy is excited to offer enrichment and intervention opportunities within our



school day! Brea Online Academy students have already started to join their classmates in after-school activities, such as book clubs, play dates at the park, and physical fitness activities. Our

full faculty of six teachers is excited to work together to continue to provide opportunities for students that are in an alternative classroom setting both academically and social-emotionally. This is going to be a great year full of opportunity, learning, and family!

Falcon Academy of Science & Technology (K-6)

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Karen VanDine
Principal

Falcons S.O.A.R!

Our first SOAR assembly was held in person on October 29. It was so exciting to get the entire school together again for our traditional assemblies. The Falcon Student Council runs our SOAR assemblies and they planned lots of fun for the students. Our student council was spot on with their Halloween jokes. Students competed with each other making the best mummy out of their teachers. Of course, a SOAR assembly is not a SOAR assembly without some funny relay races. Our student choir, led by Mr. Pipes, entertained the crowd with their first performance. They were great. Students were also honored for being chosen as the SOAR students of the month. It is a great honor to be chosen by their teachers. We are proud of our Falcons!



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

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Lauren Tovar
Principal

Celebrating PBIS Platinum

The 2020-2021 school year was a time that required pivoting and creativity in order to support our students. Social emotional wellbeing and behavioral support have always been a priority for Laurel, but the 2020-2021 school year required us to rethink our processes and creatively find a way to implement our supports while students were in distance learning, hybrid and in-person models. Our staff worked incredibly hard to adapt our current program to meet the increasing needs of our students. It is with great pleasure that we celebrate our 2021 PBIS Platinum recognition for these efforts. Our staff implemented digital rewards systems, daily morning meetings, monthly themes, and monthly recognition activities. This year we have focused on refining our processes as we see an increase in student need. We have opened the year providing a PBIS program that is an integration of our pre-COVID practices and new practices learned during the last school year. We look forward to continued success for our students.



Mariposa *Elementary School (K-6)*

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Rick Torres
Principal

Mariposa Showcases New STEAM Lab

Mariposa's long-awaited STEAM Lab has opened its door to Monarchs to stretch their imaginations and problem solve with classmates. Students have been engaged with biweekly challenges pushing their minds to create tools from repurposed items. Maker-space

lessons are created by BOUSD TOSA Kim Thorsen and Principal Torres with the intent of making learning meaningful, exciting, and fun. Students are always supported in connecting their challenges to real-world occupations, and scientific concepts. Recently, Monarchs learned about how friction, potential energy, and gravity all contribute to chutes used in factories. Then students were tasked with creating their own, reducing friction using foil-lined paper towel rolls. Future

challenges will include coding, robotics, and stop motion film production. None of this could occur without the support of generous donations from the Mariposa PTA, Brea Education Foundation, and the Brea Rotary Club, just to name a few.



Olinda *Elementary School (K-6)*

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Dr. Preetom Bhattacharya
Principal

Celebrating Little 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 (pictured), 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 TK/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!



Jenna's Review



Jenna C.

The Soccer Journey

Title: *Breakaway*

Author: Alex Morgan

Do you like playing soccer? Do you enjoy watching soccer games on your TV or in a stadium? If you do, you've probably heard of Alex Morgan.



She is a professional soccer player. You might have seen her from the Olympics or the World Cup, well she wrote a book talking about her journey in soccer. She talks about tournaments she's been to, the World Cup, Olympics, and etc. My favorite story in this book is about her early stage on how she started soccer, who supported her, and how she got on such big teams. She also talks about how she handles losses, injuries, and negative thoughts. This book gives so much inspiration. She also tells you how to keep on practicing and how positive thinking can get you further. I definitely recommend this book to people who have a goal and want to reach it.

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

Kailani's Review



Kailani T.

Lovable Shih-Tzu, Yum-Yum

Say Good-Bye by Laurie

Halse Anderson is book 5 of 17 in the Vet Volunteers series. It is about Yum-Yum, a small Shih-Tzu therapy dog. Yum-Yum visits children with cancer at the hospital to cheer them up with his cuteness

and tricks. Kids LOVE him. Unfortunately, Yum-Yum is also found to have cancer. Jane (Yum-Yum's owner) and Zoe (Jane's friend, a volunteer at the animal clinic) try their best to help him get better. Can Yum-Yum make it through?

This book is very heartwarming. It is full of suspense with excitement and sadness. Reading it makes me happy and sad at the same time. I have been asking my parents for a puppy for a few years. This story makes me understand that having a puppy won't just be cute and fun. If the puppy gets very sick, I may have to make hard decisions. I highly recommend this book for anyone who loves animals.

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.



David's Review



David H.

One Big Puzzle

Title: *Holes*

Author: Louis Sachar

Holes is about a kid named Stanley who gets sent to a camp as punishment where he and other kids have to dig holes in the ground each day, looking for something for the

camp warden. What I liked about this book is that it's really 3 stories in 1. There are a bunch of "holes" in each story and the stories are like puzzle pieces that, when combined, make up one big fun story with bits of humor splashed throughout it. This is a "Mom, I know it's bedtime but can I please read the next chapter?" type of book. I absolutely loved this book and you will too!



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.

Daniel's Review



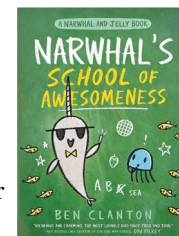
Daniel H.

Wafflematics

Title: *Narwhal's School of Awesomeness* (A Narwhal and Jelly Book #6)

Author: Ben Clanton

Narwhal the narwhal and Jelly the jellyfish see a school of fish and decide to join them on their way to school. When they all get to school, they find out that school is cancelled because Mr. Blowfish the teacher has a cold. Narwhal and Jelly come to the rescue and become substitute teachers for the day. Narwhal uses his favorite food of all time, waffles, to teach the fish Wafflematics, which is waffles + math! I loved this book because it is silly, cute, and doesn't have anything scary in it, just like all of the other books in this series. Read this book and you will love Narwhal and Jelly like I do!



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.

Sean's Book Review



Sean

The Tomb of a Dead Emperor

The Tyrant's Tomb is the fourth book in Rick Riordan's series, Trials of Apollo. Apollo (aka Lester Papadopoulos) was banished from Mount Olympus (home of the Greek Gods) by the



almighty Zeus. During his exile, he experienced many adventures and losses. Meg, his 12 year-old gifted assistant, travels with him to a Roman demi-god camp, where they are greeted by lots of old war friends. Apollo has a vision and tells the camp to prepare for a gruesome war caused by two evil Roman emperors, both with whom Apollo had treacherously fought recently. He then needs to go on a dangerous journey investigating a Roman ghost tomb for crucial information. The vivid details of the battle preparation and fighting scenes are riveting. Overall, this book is a solid 5/5 and I hope you eventually read this amazing series!

Sean is a 6th grader who enjoys playing basketball and volleyball. He loves to teach his dog, Chewie, tricks and taking him on walks. His favorite subjects at school are math and PE. The best thing about quarantine was spending time with his family in nature.

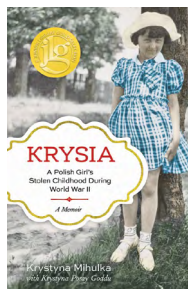
Tegan's Book Review



Tegan

Forced to Grow Up

Kryisia by Krystyna Mihulka tells the true story of a 9-year-old Jewish girl's experiences during the distressing World War II, where her family is captured and forced to leave their comfortable



home in Lwów, Poland and must survive in a foreign prison camp in Kazakhstan, Russia. With her tranquil childhood torn apart, Kryisia lives through one of the darkest times in history, witnessing death and seeing victims suffer from starvation and sicknesses. Amidst depressing days with little food, Kryisia finds hope through letters from her father in hiding and a snowstorm that blocks Russian soldiers from irritating her family. This personal narrative appeals to readers who sympathize with struggles, are interested in history, and believe that goodness will prevail.

I give this book 4.7 out of 5 stars.

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

Katie's Review



Katie C.

City Life vs The Wild

Title: *Brian's Return*
Author: Gary Paulson

If you've ever read the book *Hatchet*, you know the story of Brian and how he was stranded after a dangerous and tragic plane crash. After he survives, the plot ends



and readers are left wanting more. *Brian's Return* is the sequel to this book, and portrays the difficulty Brian has in adjusting to his new life, free of wild animals and the dangers of living in solidarity in nature. As "safe" as his new life may seem, Brian is struggling immensely with living a so-called "normal" life. Therefore, he meets a psychologist named Caleb. Speaking with Caleb helps Brian work through the trauma he has faced and also to make a decision on what to do now. Will he finally be able to accept a calmer environment? Or will he still miss the woods, deep down in his heart? If you want to find out what Brian chooses to do, you should read *Brian's Return*.

Katie is a senior in high school. She likes reading and writing. She loves to read to younger kids. She provides book reviews to kids who want to find more good books.

Taegyong's Book Review



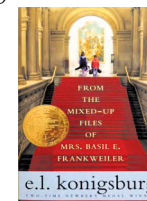
Taegyong K.

Hideout at the Museum

Title: *The Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*

Author: E. L. Konigsburg

What do you think that the museum is for? There is a girl who thinks a museum is good for hiding. Claudia Kincaid has complaints about



her responsibilities at home and the things that make her uncomfortable. She decides to run away from home and makes a plan to go to the Metropolitan Museum of art in New York to hide so that nobody can find her. She leaves home and takes one of her brothers, Jamie, because he has some money that she needs to go there. Finally, Claudia and Jamie enter the museum and find a place to hide. Now, they start their adventure at the museum.

Can they keep hiding at the museum? Or will they get caught by the guards? What will happen to them at the museum? This book will lead you into the mysteries and adventures. Let's dive into it.

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

Tyson's Book Review



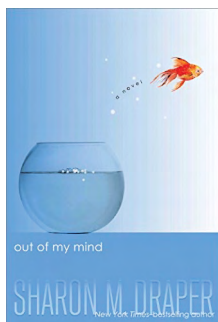
Tyson

Be Yourself

Imagine being a kid who cannot move, talk, or write. Wouldn't that be a hard, sad, and crazy life? *Well, Out Of My Mind* by Sharon Draper, is a book about a girl who has to live

like that every day, and her name is Melody Brooks. She's really smart, but there is one thing that prevents her from sharing it with the world. That is her cerebral palsy. This disease makes her unable to share her feelings, which makes Melody stuck in her head and drives her nuts! She has to go to school, perform in front of people, and even go through some tragedies. There are people and things that try to prevent her from achieving her goals, but will they stop her? Journey through this amazing book and you will see Melody push through her hard, but entertaining life and sometimes, she goes a little out of her mind!

Tyson is a 7th grader who enjoys playing basketball, skateboarding, and video games. His favorite subjects at school are math and PE. The best thing about quarantine was having extra time to play with his dog and meeting new neighborhood friends!



Yoona's Review



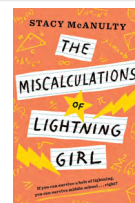
Yoona C.

The Math Girl

Title: *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl*

Author: Stacy McAnulty

The main character's name is Lucy. Lucy was struck by lightning. She loves math, and is actually a genius with math! Lucy most of all loves pi. If she doesn't sit, stand 3 times pi appears and keeps going in her head. Lucy is homeschooled and lives with her Grandmother. She is ready to go to college, but her grandmother insists and forces her to go to middle school for at least 1 year. Her grandmother says to make 1 friend, join one activity, and read one book. Later on, the school has a project where you have to help places, or people in need. Lucy and her friends plan to help a dog shelter. She later finds a dog named Cutie Pi and instantly falls in love. Lucy's Grandmother soon finds a school that is good for her intelligence, but she's not sure if she wants to go...Does Lucy decide to leave the school and friends? I like this book because there are a lot of changes in this book, which makes it more interesting.



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

CAMPING—Word Search Contest

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

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

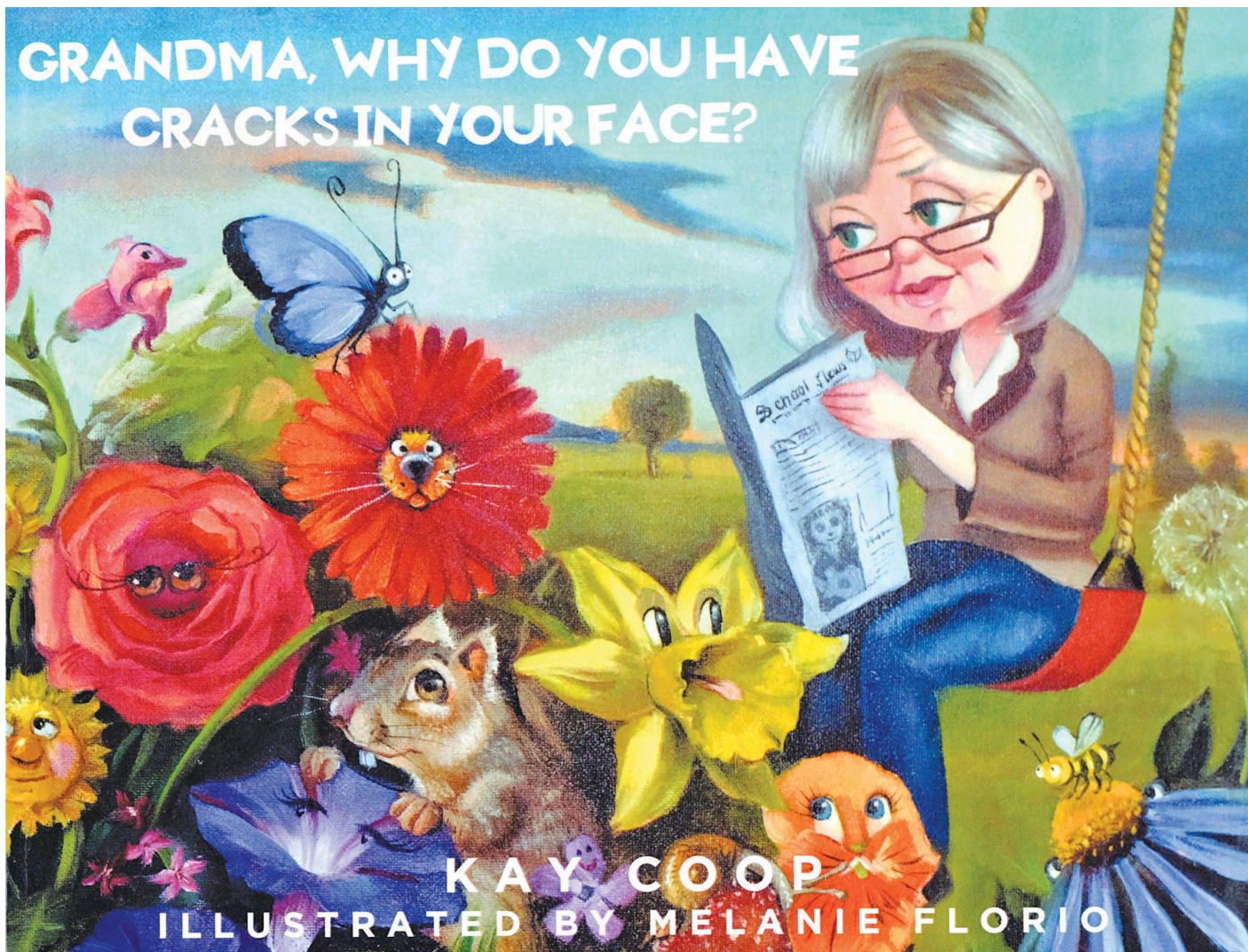
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