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## Welcome Back to School



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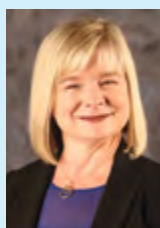
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## Welcome to the 2019-20 School Year



**Dr. Brad Mason**  
Superintendent

It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome you back for another incredible school year here in BOUSD! There is much to celebrate as we embark on an exciting new school year.

Our theme for the 2019-20 school year is "Making the Day for ALL students." We are committed to improving the educational experience for all students in the areas of academics, behavioral support and addressing the social-emotional needs of our students.

There are many things we are doing to address these areas of need throughout our preschool-12th grade student population.

As a district, we recently added the following programs and resources to demonstrate our commitment to these areas:

- Providing the PSAT for every student in grades 8, 10 and 11 free of charge, during the school day, as well as targeted preparation to improve their scores year after year.
- Offering summer school to allow students to make up coursework and get back on track for graduation and college eligibility.
- Hiring Reading Specialists to serve all six of our elementary schools.
- Providing 1:1 technology in grades 3-6 at all of our elementary schools to provide better access to curriculum enriching materials that have accompanied our most recent textbook adoptions in Math and English Language Arts. Science curriculum is currently being piloted and will have an abundance of web-based curricular enhancements as well.
- Providing professional development for our staff in Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) and Emotional Intelligence to equip them to work effectively with students who are struggling.

We understand the challenges our students face in today's ever-changing, social-media-centric society and, with financial help from the Brea Education Foundation, have invested in Project Kinship at the elementary, junior high and high school level. Our partnership with Project Kinship will help us ensure our most at-risk students receive the social-emotional, mental health, attendance and academic support necessary to remain healthy and to maximize their educational experience.

Lastly, school facility needs and upgrades will continue to be an area of focus throughout the district as we consider our next steps forward in prioritizing and funding our needs. Last year, we completed our District Facilities Master Plan and invite you to please take a look at the facility needs that were identified in the plan at your school site(s). Stay tuned for more information on our facility plans.

Please accept my personal invitation to attend our school and district-wide events. We have so many wonderful things to celebrate in our district, so please be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for frequent posts and updates. We welcome and appreciate your input as part of our BOUSD family and look forward to an exciting and successful 2019-20 school year!

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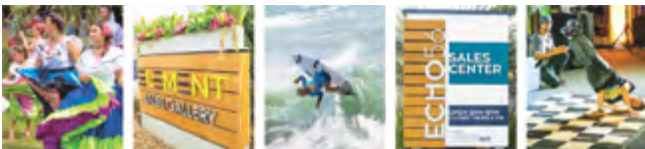
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Founder/Publisher



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Welcome back to a new school year. We are pleased to have converted this publication to a glossy cover booklet.

On page 3 Dr. Mason brings you up to date with the new programs added and the focus for this school year. Each of the principals share their

excitement for the new school year. It is a great time to be a student in the BOUSD.

Thank you for your kind remarks when you email your contest entries. Remember the word search contests are open to all ages. (see page 10)

Our next issue is November 6.



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## Is it Just A Stomachache or Something More?



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All children at some point experience stomachaches, but recurring stomachaches or ones accompanied by other symptoms may be a sign of something more serious.

Abdominal pain can be caused by a variety of gastrointestinal conditions including inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). IBD is a term used to describe two conditions: Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

Ulcerative colitis can cause inflammation and sores along the lining of the large intestine and rectum. While Crohn's disease can affect the entire gastrointestinal tract including mouth, stomach, small and large intestine. Inflammation from Crohn's may often spread deep into adjacent organs.

- Nearly 25% of the estimated 1.6 million Americans who suffer from IBD are diagnosed by age 20 and up to 1 in 10 are diagnosed before age 10. Symptoms of IBD include:

- Unexplained weight loss
- Abdominal pain and cramping
- Diarrhea
- Blood in your stool
- Fever and fatigue

There is no known cure for IBD. However, there are a great number of treatments and with proper guidance, IBD can be put into remission - allowing patients to grow and thrive without experiencing symptoms.

### Identifying a More Serious Problem

Stomachaches will usually go away with time. However, if your child experiences frequent or persistent abdominal pain, diarrhea, bloody stool or weight loss then talk to your child's pediatrician about a consultation with a pediatric gastroenterologist, like the ones at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach.

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## Arovista Elementary (K-6)

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**Karen VanDine**  
Principal

### Dual Immersion Program

Arovista launched BOUSD's first Dual Immersion Kindergarten class this year. We hired a fantastic bilingual teacher, Nancy Gonzalez, to teach our kindergarteners and they have had a fantastic start. Students will learn all academic content such as math, writing,

and reading in Spanish this year. These students will have so many advantages as they progress in life. The benefits of this program is bilingualism and biliteracy, increased cognitive competencies and academic achievement and a greater understanding of multiculturalism. In kindergarten and first grade, students will spend 90% of the day learning in Spanish with 10% of the day exposed to English. As the students age up in the program, the percent of the day learning in Spanish gradually decreases until the students reach upper grades where the mix of

Spanish and English instruction levels to 50% in each language. We have an exciting year ahead of us!



## Brea Junior High School (7-8)

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**Kelly Kennedy**  
Principal

### Bobcat P.R.I.D.E.

Brea Junior High Bobcats are a compassionate and courageous community of learners who commit to excellence in academics, citizenship, and personal P.R.I.D.E.

We were honored this

year by the California PBIS Coalition with a "Platinum" recognition, which is the highest recognition that can be awarded to a school. This year, we continue to strengthen the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support Program (PBIS), which sets clear school-wide expectations for students and staff creating a positive and safe school culture for everyone. Our Bobcat P.R.I.D.E. stands for P - Positive Attitudes, R - Respect, I - Integrity, D - Determination and E - Excellence. During the first two weeks of school, students and staff participated in fun activities, watched



inspiring videos, and had meaningful conversations about what P.R.I.D.E. means to us as a community of learners. Bobcat P.R.I.D.E. is going strong here at BJH!



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

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**Kristin Risberg**  
*Principal*

### A Community of Support

Every student schedule has been crafted to fit their individual academic goals tailoring their coursework to the credits they need specifically. The teachers are working hard

to meet the rigorous academic standards as well as the social-emotional needs of our students, as we

are dedicated to helping students develop and be prepared for life after high school. We recognize the best determinant for successful students is the efficacy of the teachers and we are proud to boast that our teachers are EQ, Zones of Regulation, Restorative Practices, and MTSS trained. In our classrooms, students are advocating for themselves and self-regulating using these strategies. Teachers are delivering lessons and assignments in

circles and that has been instrumental in developing our supportive culture. Every day, our work at BCHS is guided by our priority to provide emotional, physical and academic support in every setting in which students learn, communicate, and socialize.



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

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**Trish Walsh**  
*Principal*

### Cougars Growing Habits of Mind

This year, we are cultivating our habits of mind - learning more about practices that can help us be successful in school and in life. Positive habits of mind combined with growth mindset and ROAR behavior (Respect, Ownership, Achievement, Responsibility) are a focus in every classroom along with our curricular studies in language arts,

mathematics, social studies, science and more! Our PTA is growing, too, with the annual membership drive to increase family involvement and new Fun Run fundraiser this fall to increase support for enriching activities for our students.

Country Hills Cougars are starting the school year with a ROAR! The academic, behavioral and social-emotional growth opportunities available to all students and the caring, dedicated staff are what make our school special. I will miss this most special place as I move to the Orange County Department of Education. Country Hills will remain a special place in my heart, and I will cherish the memories from our past five years together.





## Brea Olinda High School (9-12)

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**Dr. Ixchel Sanchez**  
Principal

### Off to an Amazing Start

The second week at Brea Olinda High School was filled with fun, excitement, and students exhibiting WILD behavior. Our seniors had a blast participating in Beach Ball Thursday led by Mr. Schaadt and Mr. Maeda. Which led into our Harry Potter Themed Rally on Friday, our ASB

worked extremely hard to put on a phenomenal rally for everyone to enjoy! Later that night our football team beat Sonora High School with a score of 21-6! Our den was WILD and supported our football team until it was time to head off to our Hello Dance! It was an AMAZING second week of school! In addition, We are all very much looking forward to Back to School Night this Thursday, 9/5/19 from 6:00-8:00pm. We plan to showcase some of our students

astounding talents at the parent meeting in the gym from 6:00-6:20pm. Our parents will then be released to meet their extraordinary teachers for the remainder of the evening. BOHS is excited to showcase all the astounding things we have to offer our students. Go Wildcats!



## Fanning Academy of Science & Technology

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**Theresa Stevens**  
Principal

### Flexible Seating

“Every student can learn, not just in the same day or in the same way”

Times and needs of students have changed from traditional rows of desks in

a classroom to options with flexible seating. At Fanning Elementary we are working on providing different

classroom environments conducive to open collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking. Our previous computer lab now called Innovation Lab has been remodeled and repurposed as a space where there are endless uses. Having an open classroom structure called PODS differentiates Fanning from other elementary schools and supports a variety of learning styles. If student motivation and higher engagement is truly the desired end game, we must adapt right along with our students

in our classrooms which is why we have added standing desks in each classroom from TK-6th grade. The real world outside of our classroom is a dynamic, and ever-changing world and this is one way we can prepare them for what's to come.





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

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**Dr. Mike Trimmell**  
Principal

## Platinum Award Badge

Things could not have started better at Laurel Elementary School of Innovation and Career Exploration. The first week of school was amazing! Students and teachers alike were excited to begin the new school year. In every classroom, teachers spent time getting to know their students. This year, our theme is taken from the Orange County Department of Education MTSS focus of, Know their face, their name, and their story.

At Laurel Magnet School, we care deeply about the social emotional as well as the academic well-being of every child. As proof of this commitment, the California PBIS Coalition awarded Laurel with the highest honor possible in the first week of September, 2019. The California PBIS Coalition honors schools that are implementing PBIS with fidelity to support students on a daily basis. They award schools based on their level of implementation from bronze to platinum, platinum being the highest honor. This award is due to the hard work and dedication of many individuals. Congratulations, Laurel Magnet School, on a job well done!



## Mariposa *Elementary (K-6)*

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**Rick Torres**  
Principal

## Student-Teacher Relationships

Mariposa is taking student-teacher relationships to a new level with the implementation of Restorative Practices. Children are gaining conflict resolution strategies, confidence, and the assurance of safety, contributing to the peace of mind to focus on learning. Mr. Torres recently facilitated a Restorative Conference, allowing students harboring animosity over a conflict from last year to achieve closure. In the

same way, a pair of students had physically confronted one another. With Restorative Questioning, the offended student was able to express how he was harmed, and how he'd like it to be resolved. The offender realized their mistake, was remorseful, and then had the opportunity to make amends. Teachers are exploring these strategies and have experienced positive outcomes with their students in these early days of school. One such teacher is Mrs. Romero, who holds circles Mondays and Fridays for community building, goal setting, and reflection on the week.



## Olinda Elementary (K-6)

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**Dr. Preetom  
Bhattacharya**  
*Principal*

### Multipurpose Room

At Olinda Elementary School, children receive a tremendous academic program in addition to fantastic opportunities with physical education and the arts. As the weeks unfold, the dedicated work our team does to educate the whole child — their intellectual curiosities, their creative endeavors, and their physical well-being — begins to bear fruit. And now we have a new space to do

this work in; Olinda has recently opened a state-of-the-art multipurpose room! The MPR provides additional space for our community to create amazing learning experiences for children. In addition to a large open space and stage, the MPR includes a separate learning space, a food service kitchen and serving line, storage rooms, and restrooms. The building has already hosted the BOUSD Gate Passion Project Showcase, Movie Night, Book Fair, assemblies, teacher professional development and student presentations. We can't wait to think of new ways to use it moving forward!



## Things in the Sky—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.

Entries must be received by October 15, 2019

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A woman with long brown hair, wearing a light blue and white wetsuit, is kneeling on a blue surfboard. She is looking towards the right, smiling slightly. The background is a sunset over the ocean, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a warm orange and yellow glow. The text "LIVE YOUR HEALTHIEST LIFE" is arched over the top of the image in a blue, sans-serif font.

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