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We are pleased to be publishing the first issue of *School News* covering the Garvey School District. Our next issues this school year will be February 5 and May 6.

Superintendent Anita Chu begins this issue with her positive message

of the District's vision for students.

For this first issue we asked the principals to introduce themselves. In future issues they will include information about their schools, classroom programs and activities.

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas
from the *School News* staff!



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Anita Chu
Superintendent

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! It is with much excitement that I welcome you to a new year of learning and growing as we continue our journey to greatness.

Leadership Development

Leadership development remains the heart of the District's vision. Garvey School District is committed to nurturing and growing leaders who are academically competent and morally driven to advance the global society in the 21st century.

Pathways

To realize this vision for all students, each so uniquely gifted, we are devoted to building and strengthening critical academic, social-emotional, technological, and multicultural pathways. Academically, Garvey continues to provide an invigorating learning environment in all disciplines to foster the development of 21st century competencies of all students. As a commitment to whole-child education, the districtwide "Leader in Me" (7 Habits) program helps to build an asset-rich culture that recognizes everyone as a leader and commits to furthering the growth of each leader-in-training. In addition, the ever-expanding STEM initiative, with the support of the districtwide computer science immersion programs and cutting-edge Maker Space facilities, is transforming all TK-8 schools into future-ready learning centers. Lastly, the newly launched specially-designed Dual Language+ Programs, offering exciting multi-language learning opportunities at three schools, help achieve the District vision of multilingual and multicultural proficiency for our global leaders. Together, these pathways enable our student leaders to reach their educational, career, and life goals.

Garvey Needs YOU!

The task is too important and too challenging to be taken alone. Garvey continues to count on the partnerships with parents and the community to optimize impactful synergy to achieve our vision. A variety of parent participation and educational opportunities are provided to engage and empower our parents as meaningful partners in education. Partnerships with community and education agencies, including institutes of higher education, are explored and expanded to bring in additional fiscal and personnel resources and to connect classroom learning with real-world applications.

With a compelling shared vision, innovative programs, and extensive partnerships, Garvey continues to thrive as a future-ready learning academy, creating opportunities every day to grow global leaders to lead today and to build tomorrow.

Please visit our schools and website at www.gesd.us to learn more about our programs and partnership opportunities.

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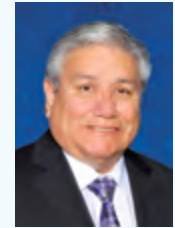
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Sandra Gonzalez
Director

Greetings! My name is Sandra Gonzalez, and I have the honor of serving as the Director of Child Development for the Garvey School District.

With over 15 years of experience in the field of early childhood education, this is my 3rd year at the Garvey School District. I am extremely fortunate to serve in this capacity in working with a great team to serve the community's youngest. I strongly believe that quality early learning instruction pave the way for a bright start and lasting success. At the Child Development Office, we work collaboratively with parents and the community to establish a strong educational foundation in the lives of young children by providing enriching, exciting, and engaging school readiness services that instill a love for learning.

I look forward to continuing to partner with parents and the community in providing a continuity of services for children age's birth to five.

Arlene Bitely *Elementary School*

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Rudolph Torres
Principal

My name is Rudy Torres, the proud Principal of Bitely Elementary School and Duff Language Magnet Academy. I bring to our community 14 years of administrative leadership, a passion for education, and an advocacy for our families working towards providing a just, equitable, and inclusive education for all our students.

I began my journey in education at Mount San Antonio College as a first-generation college student and went on to

Duff *Language Magnet Academy*

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complete my Bachelor of Arts and two Master of Arts at Cal Poly Pomona in History, Political Science and Administrative Leadership. I am currently a Doctoral student at Cal State Fullerton with an emphasis on Organizational Leadership. As a life-long learner, I thoroughly understand the opportunities that education can afford students to ensure that they are ready for college, career, and service in their community. Our instructional initiatives this year will focus on the development of student agency, leadership and the purposeful integration of technology.

Dewey Avenue *Elementary School*

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Lindsey Roach
Principal

Hi! My name is Lindsey Roach. This is my third year as Principal at Dewey Ave. Elementary School. I joined the Garvey School District in 2017 with thirteen years of education experience. I have worked as a 1:1 aide, assistant teacher, SPED High School teacher, Elementary teacher and Assistant Principal!

I decided I wanted to work in the field of education when I was seven years old. Though my reasons changed over the

years, my number one reason was my love of learning. I think schools make a difference in the lives of everyone! That's why this year, the theme at Dewey is "Make a Difference."

At Dewey, we believe that everyone can make a difference. The parents, teachers, staff, and students at Dewey all work together to make a difference. How can you make a difference?

I am looking forward to another great year, in which everyone knows they are making a difference- not only for others but for themselves!!

Ralph Waldo Emerson *Elementary School*

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Ethan Stocks
Principal

My name is Ethan Stocks. I am the principal of Emerson Elementary School. Prior to my arrival at Emerson, I worked as a high school English and Theater teacher, high school assistant principal, and district office administrator. I hold degrees from the University of California, Los Angeles; University College London; and San Jose State University. I am passionate about literature, film, and music. In my spare time, I enjoy reading books and writing songs.

I believe every student is entitled to an excellent education. I am committed to developing students' knowledge, skills, and behaviors in a safe, supportive school environment. In collaboration with Emerson teachers and staff, I aspire to deliver relevant, engaging curriculum and instruction while building strong relationships with all students and their families. I expect every student to leave Emerson prepared for middle school, high school, college, and beyond.

Richard Garvey *Intermediate School*

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David Alarcon
Principal

Hello, my name is David Alarcon and I'm the principal of Garvey Intermediate School. I grew up in Rosemead and it is a pleasure to serve the community in which I grew up. I have been principal at Garvey Intermediate School for the last two years, however, I've made a home in the Garvey School District for over 19 years.

I am proud to lead such an excellent teaching staff that creates a welcoming,

supportive environment for all students to excel. We provide numerous after school enrichment and competitive programs such as Associated Student Body, Science Club, Music Club, Drama Club, Cooking Club, History Day, Math Field Day, and our new competitive Robotics Club.

At Garvey Intermediate, we try to build relationships with all of our students. We help support students so that they can learn in a safe environment through our PBIS and Safe School Ambassadors programs.

Mustang Pride!

Hillcrest *Elementary School*

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Dr. Rosa Guerra
Principal

Hi! My name is Dr. Rosa Guerra. I am excited to begin my second year as principal of Hillcrest Elementary School. This is my 14th year as an elementary school administrator. I have experience as a substitute teacher in all grades K-12, and taught 3rd and 5th grades in Rialto.

I have also taught Masters in Education students at Point Loma of the Nazarene University. I hold a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Azusa Pacific University. I am looking forward to continuing to work with my outstanding school staff who share in my commitment to make a difference in the lives of the students we serve.

Monterey Vista *Elementary School*

901 E. Graves Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91755 • 626/307-3300 • mvista.garvey.k12.ca.us



Hing Chow
Principal

Hello, my name is Hing K. Chow and I have the pleasure of being the principal of Monterey Vista since 2003 (my 17th year). Prior to this, I've have served as an Administrator at the district office, Assistant Principal and Math Teacher at Temple Intermediate in the Garvey School District where I had been since 1994.

Monterey Vista Elementary School is an amazing place with 556 students that have received numerous accolades such as

six Title I Academic Achievement Awards, two California Distinguished School Awards and one National Blue Ribbon School Award. These recognitions were all a result of the hard work and dedication of our teachers, support staff, and parents. Our teachers at the school ensure all students receive a quality education that focuses on common core standards which include academic rigor and high expectation along with leadership and collaboration that prepare students for the work force of the 21st century.

We are looking forward to a productive school year together at Monterey Vista!

Eldridge Rice *Elementary School*

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Christina Hiraes
Principal

My name is Christina Hiraes. I was named the Principal of Eldridge Rice Elementary School six years ago and have been working in education for over 23 years. I believe in this increasingly complex world, education is one of the most important acquisitions of life and the greater value of increased knowledge is the opportunity it affords us to be of greater influence for good in the world.

Rice celebrated our year-long partnership with ISS Above where students can have access to the International Space Station. We are proud to be named Magnitude.io's pilot school in all of Los Angeles County. Our collaboration kickoff event had educators from all over Los Angeles. Students and parents were able to launch our very own PICO-HAB Solar Powered Balloon that reached the Atlantic in three days! We are also excited to have our very own Exolab where students will be able to create their own project-based learning experiences. GO ROCKETS!

George I. Sanchez *Elementary School*

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Gabriela Benitez
Principal

Hello! My name is Gabriela Benitez and I am the proud principal of Sanchez Elementary and all its little Eagles!

Although Sanchez has been my home for the past six years, I have over 20 years of educational experience. I hold a B.A. in Communications and a Teaching Credential from Cal State LA. After teaching for LAUSD at the elementary and high school level for 10 years, I received a fellowship

to National Urban Fellows in New York where I earned a Master's degree in Public Administration. I then interned for Chicago Public Schools, under former U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan. I eventually returned back to Los Angeles to pursue my M.A. in Education and Administrative Credential under the Principal Leadership Institute at UCLA.

I am extremely proud of the community we have grown together at Sanchez and the student leaders we consistently grow because OH THE PLACES THEY'LL GO!

Roger W. Temple *Intermediate School*

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Dr. Robert Boyd III
Principal

Hello, I am Dr. Robert J. Boyd III. Welcome to Temple Intermediate School - Home of the Knights! I am proud to begin my fourth year as principal here. I am a native of Los Angeles, CA, husband and father of five children. I began my professional experience in education as a high school English teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District, where I later served as a high school Dean of Students, high school Athletic Director

and middle school Assistant Principal. I also served in the United States Navy for 10 years.

I am a firm believer in "balance" being the culture of our school, where hard work, discipline, fun and laughter all play major roles in the development of the whole child. There is a proper time and place for each. I also emphasize the importance of students becoming "self-advocates"- meaning they learn to speak for themselves and make their own arguments in an intelligent, respectful and convincing manner.

Frances Willard *Elementary School*

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Jeff Maljian
Principal

I have been working in public education for the past 14 years. In Pasadena Unified, I began as a 1st grade teacher for four years, became a Districtwide K/1 Early Intervention teacher for six years, then moved into an Academic Coach position for two years. This is my second year as Principal at Willard Elementary.

My greatest joy in education is seeing the students discover their gifts and abilities academically and personally. I look at all my

students like they are my own and you'll often hear me refer to them as "my kiddos". My favorite time of my day is being in the classrooms; looking, listening and discovering what students are learning. I am a team player and value working alongside my amazing teachers in educating our students.

I believe that we can prepare all our students to be leaders and world changers by helping them realize that they are unique, special, valued and gifted. I truly consider it a privilege to work with students and teachers every day.

Research: What Parents Need to Know About Kids, Media, and Body Image



How kids think, feel, and act about their bodies is a critical piece of their self-esteem and overall healthy development. Common Sense Media's new research report, Children, Teens, Media, and Body Image, examines the role of traditional and digital media in the development of children's and teens' body image. This review of existing research reveals some

surprising trends -- such as that half of 6- to 8-year-old girls feel their ideal body size is thinner than their current one -- but it also shows evidence that parents play a huge part in shaping how kids relate to their bodies. Some key findings:

- Many kids are dissatisfied with their bodies, and society's body appearance ideals are highly unrealistic.
- Body-image concerns start early; even preschoolers learn that society judges people by how they look.

- Parents' attitudes toward their own bodies are a big influence on how kids feel about their bodies.
- Unrealistic, sexualized, and stereotypical images and messages about bodies and gender are rampant in the media kids consume.
- Teens feel pressure to look good and cool online but also feel that social media helps their friendships and connections with like-minded peers.
- Although young girls are most susceptible, boys have issues with body image too.

Our report uncovers large gaps in research on body image and media. Several groups -- young children, boys, kids of color, LGBTQ youth -- are not well-studied, and research on online, digital media has yet to keep pace with the explosion in their use by kids and teens

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