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Preschool Program

HSD Preschools and SBUCDC offers early childhood educational programs for children who are three and four-years old. Families must meet State income and need eligibility requirements.

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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Programa de Preescolar

Los Preescolares de HSD y SBUCDC ofrecen Programas educativos de primera infancia para niños de tres y cuatro años de edad. Las familias deben cumplir con los ingresos del Estado y con los requisitos de elegibilidad necesarios.

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Julio - Junio

Nutrition and Wellness

At our preschools, we focus on shaping the overall development of each child. We take a look at students' learning, social development, as well as their nutrition and wellness. We encourage our preschool staff to embrace their roles as guiding lights for preschoolers and families by teaching ways to incorporate healthy food and exercise every day. We hope you will play a role in reinforcing these themes at home because as parents, you are your child's first and most important teacher in life.

Nutrición y Bienestar

En nuestros preescolares, nos enfocamos en formar el desarrollo completo de cada niño. Observamos el aprendizaje de los estudiantes, el desarrollo social, así como su nutrición y bienestar. Animamos a nuestro personal del preescolar a adoptar su papel de guía de luz para niños en edad preescolar y las familias mediante la enseñanza de formas de incorporar alimentos saludables y hacer ejercicio todos los días. Esperamos que usted juegue un papel en reforzar estos aspectos en casa, porque como padre, usted es el primer maestro y el más importante en la vida de su hijo.

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Happy New Year!

New years always bring hope and a renewed focus on goals and aspirations. This is our 7th year publishing the excellence from the Hawthorne School District. They have so much good news to share that this seemed like the perfect time to convert this publication to glossy cover booklet format. We hope you like the new look!

On the following page you will read about the National Honor earned by HMSA. Congratulations!

In this issue you will read about Koala-ty News, Bud Carson champions, Hawthorne Math and

Science Academy cross-country teams, art in the classrooms, student council, promoting positive behavior, and so much more. There is so much more going on in the classrooms than just the 3R's (if you are old enough to relate to that reference).

I am often asked for back issues of *School News*. I do not keep hard copies in our office; however, I am happy to email a digital copy upon request. Also, all of our issues are posted on our web site in their entirety www.schoolnewsrollcall.com.

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HMSA Earns National Award

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HMSA Principal, Esau Berumen; U.S. Department of Education Director, Aba Kumi; Superintendent, Dr. Helen Morgan; HMSA Teacher, Megan Enger receive the National Blue Ribbon Award in Washington, D.C.

U.S. Secretary of Education, John B. King, Jr., designated Hawthorne Math and Science Academy (HMSA) as a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School.

El Secretario de Educación de los Estados Unidos, John B. King, Jr. Designó a la Academia de Matemáticas y Ciencias de Hawthorne (HMSA) como una Escuela Nacional de Listón Azul 2016.

HMSA is one of four California high schools that received this honor, and is one among 279 public and 50 private schools named across the nation. HMSA is also one of a select few that can boast being a two-time recipient of this prestigious award. Previously, HMSA was recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2010.

HMSA es una de cuatro preparatorias de California que recibieron este honor, y es una entre 279 públicas y 50 escuelas privadas nombradas a través de la nación. HMSA es también una de las pocas seleccionadas que puede enorgullecerse de ser dos veces ganadora de este prestigioso premio. Anteriormente HMSA fue reconocida como una Escuela Nacional de Listón Azul 2010.

Schools are nominated for the award by the state department of education, and then complete a comprehensive application about school practices. HMSA was recognized as being “Exemplary High Performing” among the top schools in a state.

Las escuelas son nominadas para el premio por el Departamento de Educación del Estado, y entonces llenan una solicitud exhaustiva acerca de las prácticas escolares, HMSA fue reconocida como escuela “Ejemplar de Alto Rendimiento” entre las mejores escuelas de un estado.

HMSA was honored at a two-day awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. to celebrate this great achievement.

La escuela HMSA fue honrada en una ceremonia de premios de dos días en la ciudad de Washington D.C. para celebrar este gran logro.

Congratulations to the staff, students, and HMSA families for this well-deserved honor!

¡Felicidades al personal, estudiantes y familias de HMSA por este logro bien merecido!

Bud Carson *Middle School*

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Mark Silva
Principal

BCMS Champions!

At Bud Carson Middle School, we know how important it is for students to have a variety of extracurricular activities at school. Students who have fun at school are happier and more successful. We provide a full slate of academic classes and sports

to participate in after school. We are proud to announce that our Huskies recently completed an undefeated football season and were crowned Centinela Valley Middle School League Champions! Coaches Carlos Howe and Manny Meza did a phenomenal job of keeping our team successful in and out of the classroom. Our team proved that hard work and discipline pay off. Following the lead of our football team, our boys cross country team captured the league title the very next day. Cross country was led by coaches Nicole Shintani and Chris Tregarthen. We can't wait for basketball and soccer!



Eucalyptus *Elementary*

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Mike Goldstein
Principal

Koala-ty News

By Fifth-Grade Students
Sierra Anderson and Mathew Rodriguez

We're excited to announce that we've brought back Koala-ty News, and it's better than ever! This year, it's a whole new group of reporters using their brains to create something awesome! Mrs. Castellanos is the teacher in charge of the operation, along with 12 other fifth-grade students.

We began our "technology quest" on October 7, 2016, and have loved it ever since. It is hard work, but at the same time, lots of fun. It helps us to be more comfortable when talking to people and expressing ourselves.

In the Koala-ty News, we learn to use Google Docs and write like a pro. Two to three students work on one of eight articles each month. The staff and students of Eucalyptus really enjoy the articles we create. Fifth-grade student Annette Gonzalez said, "I read your article. It was really cool!" Ms. Fiorante, fifth-grade teacher, also commented:



Mrs. Castellano's and her Koala-ty News team.

"It was absolutely fantastic!" Everyone at Eucalyptus knows that Koala-ty News rocks!



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Esau Berumen
Principal

Another Winning Season

*By Danny Highducheck,
Head Coach – Cross Country*

The 2016–2017 Hawthorne Math and Science Academy (HMSA) cross country teams accomplished something never done before. The boys team dominated the Coastal League and won the championship for the third year in a row. In addition to participating in the Southern Section Division 5 preliminary competitions, the boys advanced for the first time in school history to the Southern Section

finals. They were one of the top 24 Division 5 team in Southern California. Unfortunately, their run ended there, just one step short of the state championships.

Also impressive, the girls cross country team qualified for the Southern Section preliminary competitions for the first time. The girls ran a fantastic race in the league championships and were only three places short of qualifying for the Southern Section finals.

HMSA is proud of our student-athletes, who practiced three hours daily and went home to put in as much time with homework and studying.



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Hawthorne *Middle School*

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Rudy Salas
Principal

Season of Giving

Hawthorne Middle School believes that our students need to be active members of their community. What better way to begin the season of giving than by giving to others who are less fortunate than we are. That is exactly what the generous and caring students at Hawthorne Middle School have done again this year.

In October, students collected over five hundred pairs of socks that were donated to St. Margaret's Center in Inglewood. In November, students collected a variety of nonperishable food items to support the Presidents' Council Holiday Baskets and the HOPE is HELPING Foundation in Hawthorne. In December, students participated in a national department store's Make-A-Wish Believe Campaign and The Miller Children's Hospital toy drive. The students and staff at Hawthorne Middle School are always willing to help individuals less fortunate than we are.

On behalf of the Hawthorne Middle School staff and students, we wish you a happy and prosperous New Year!



Jefferson *Elementary*

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Wendy Ostensen
Principal

Art in the Classroom

December 9 marked the launch of a new program at Jefferson Middle School. Art in the Classroom is taught by arts docents, a newly formed group of parent volunteers dedicated to the advancement of arts education.

Our docents were trained by South Bay Regional Arts Coordinator Helene Trudeau to deliver lessons inspired by literature that address key curriculum standards. Kindergarten students will create masks inspired by the book *Commotion in the Ocean*. To create their masks, students need to understand the basic art concepts of lines and shapes, which are also key mathematical concepts in kindergarten. We are confident that this activity will help students develop academically, creatively, and socially.



Jefferson Arts Docents are preparing for their first lesson.

Hawthorne School District is committed to providing holistic education for every child, and the arts are an integral part of this endeavor. We are grateful to our arts docents for giving our students opportunities to be engaged in the arts!

Kornblum *Elementary*

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LaTima Jones
Principal

Student Council

*By Andrea Nunn,
Intervention
Teacher*

Last spring, Kornblum Elementary School held its first student council election to elect third- through fifth-grade student representatives for the 2016–2017 school year. On the day of the election, second-through fourth-grade students stepped up to the polling booth to cast their vote for two representatives to represent each grade level. The students were very excited to receive their “I Voted” stickers to wear proudly. Winning candidates names were announced at the school spirit assembly, and winners were given special certificates.

This school year, student council has supported Red Ribbon Week and the Thanksgiving food drive. Upcoming



events include the first afterschool Valentine’s Day dance. Each Monday, members participate in morning announcements, where they lead a school-wide Pledge of Allegiance and remind students of the Cardinal Rules. Students are eager to make contributions that help to make our school community a great place to be.

Go, Cardinals!

Prairie Vista *Middle School*

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Patricia Ray
Principal

We Go Green!

By Megan Kull, Sixth-Grade Teacher

Here at Prairie Vista Middle School, we are empowering our students to be environmental heroes! Students are participating in Grades of Green’s Trash-Free Lunch Challenge. In this program, over 40 students have volunteered to manage and direct their own program to help reduce our school’s landfill needs and teach others about ecofriendly living.

These students work with teachers and staff members to help coordinate all aspects of the program. Each lunch period, volunteers help their fellow students to separate landfill items from recyclable items. Before starting the challenge, we filled 24 trash bags every day, and all of those bags went to the landfill. Now, we are only using four trash bags per day!

It is great to see our students coming together to make a positive change for our school and the environment. PVMS makes a difference, and so can you!



Prairie Vista *South Campus*

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Marisa Stewart
Assistant Principal

STOP It!

At Prairie Vista South, we support all the school sites to STOP poor behavior. Prairie

Vista South houses the district's STOP Program. STOP stands for "Short Term Opportunity Program." The purpose of the program is to allow students an opportunity to correct behaviors that they have exhibited at their school site. STOP is a step before formal suspension. We have two STOP classes. The elementary class is taught by Ms. Cunningham, and the middle school class is taught by Ms. McKee.



Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Belknap, Mr. McLurkin and Ms. McKee.

them to achieve success throughout their lives. The STOP program provides interventions to support students as they learn and develop these skills.

To further support the school sites, PV South also houses two other discipline-based programs, Opportunity and Alternative Ed. The opportunity class is for students who need a 30-day placement off their campus. This class is taught by Mr. Belknap. Alternative Ed is a program taught by Mr. McLurkin and is a 45-day-plus placement. Both of these programs focus on correcting student behavior in a disciplined environment.

The Hawthorne School District is committed to teaching students appropriate behavior that will allow

Ramona *Elementary*

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Michael Collins
Principal

Family Art Night

On November 17, Ramona hosted its Family Art Night with Art to Grow On, an art-enrichment company. This fun and interactive workshop allowed students and families to use their creativity and imagination

to produce beautiful works of art.

There were over 200 students and parents who attended the creative workshop designed to expose our families to the visual arts in a positive and engaging environment. The families were provided with a variety of art stations to create projects, paintings, and architectural structures. The stations were informally guided by our Art to Grow On teaching artists. These artists also work at Ramona to provide in-class art projects for the TK through fifth grades as part of our Visual and Performing Arts Enrichment Program.



This fun and interactive workshop allowed our students and families to use their creativity and imagination. It was great to see our parents and students working together to make such beautiful works of art.

Washington *Elementary*

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Maritza Cruz-Brown
Principal

Family Art Night at Washington

Washington School hosted Family Art Night with Art to Grow On, a mobile Art Enrichment Company. There were approximately 100 parents and students who attended this amazing workshop. Families were provided with a variety of art stations in which they had the option of painting, building architectural structures, and creating cards. The stations were facilitated by the teaching artists and Washington volunteers.

The teaching artists are currently working with our Washington students in second and third grade. Students have the opportunity to participate in an art lesson and create a finished product that reflects what was learned. Starting in January our fourth and fifth grade students will also have the opportunity to participate in the art lessons.

Our Washington families enjoyed Family Art Night and an incredible night was had by all our Wildcats.



York *Elementary*

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Jennifer Beekman
Principal

Student Leadership Council Voting Day

Fourth and fifth graders at York, under the direction of Mrs. Henry, participated in campaign and ballot elections on voting day to determine our student leaders. Students created campaign posters and speeches prior to the student body elections informing their peers of their intentions of run for

office. Students were super excited about our election! York's Student Leadership Council elections have been completed and the winners are: President - Jose H, Vice President - Naomi H, Treasurer - Abel C, Secretary - Stephanie B and Historian - Haily L. Congratulations to each of you and our other student elected classroom representatives, as well.

Elected students will meet during lunch to discuss schoolwide concerns, develop projects to assist

with our campus climate, spirit and help to establish new traditions at York. All students participating have agreed to maintain exceptional behavior and academic. They are all role models for our entire campus and demonstrate the expected positive behaviors!



Zela Davis *Elementary*

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Kathy Carbajal
Principal

An Election Lesson

*By Yamira Currie,
Fifth-Grade Teacher*

On Tuesday, November 8, Mrs. Currie's fifth-grade students held an election for class president. The students simulated the electoral process and learned

the importance of being involved and informed voters.

The class had four candidates, and each one prepared a speech. These were followed by a class discussion that described each candidate's strengths. After the discussion, the students were ready to cast their vote. They went to the check-in area, voted at one of the polling booths, and placed their ballot in the ballot box. After the students voted they received an "I Voted, Too!" sticker, which provided them with a sense of ownership.



Mrs. Currie's class not only learned how much each vote matters, but they are now excited to take part in future elections once they are old enough to do so.

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Congratulations to our last winner!

Derek Abel



Courtney's Book Review

Sand Dollar Summer

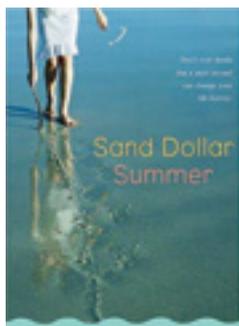


Courtney M.

The book *Sand Dollar Summer* by Kimberly K. Jones is about a mom and her two kids Lise and Free. After Annalise dropped the kids off at school she went to go get groceries,

but on the way home someone slammed into Annalise and she had many broken bones. But once she gets a little better they go to Fiddle Beach, Maine. As they passed all the great beach houses they continued on for at least another mile. They found a tiny shack and it was old, stinky, and basically going to fall down if you touched it. Meanwhile Annalise said let's go get in the water but Lise was terrified because she has never been in the ocean.

If you want to find out what happens next check out the book. I would rate this book with a 4 a good read.



Courtney likes to play Softball, Football, and ride her bike. She also draws, sews and sings on the worship team at her church. She will rate the books 1 to 5 with 5 being the highest.

Marissa's Movie Mentions

Dr. Strange Will Give You An Energy Shot!



Marissa Aldegarie

Doctor Strange, rated PG-13, pushes the Marvel cinematic universe in a bold direction. It's filled with energy moving from one plot to the other with no time to waste. The visuals are electrifying and eye popping, somethings we've never seen before in super hero adaptation recently. A doctor named Steven Strange, played by Benedict Cumberbatch, is a rich neurosurgeon but when he got in a big accident his hands



would not recover. Using his hands was his life because he was a neurosurgeon and that was his way of making money. He was told from a source that a certain person was capable

of making his hands fully move again. He went in search of this person and became a superhero that saves the world. I would rate this movie a 5 out of 5 because it has an amazing story line. I highly recommend you watch this movie and stay to the very end of all of the credits! You won't be disappointed!

Marissa is a 7th grader who loves to watch movies, especially action films. She would love to be an actress or news anchor woman in the future. She rates movies on a scale of 1-5, with 5 being the highest.

Alana's Book Review

SWAY



Alana F.

Cass Nordenhauer is a young girl whose ultimate dream is to be a volunteer for the Southern Mobile Aid Response Team alongside her mom, Toodi. So when Toodi finally returns home from a rescue mission, Cass is ecstatic to see her again. But after a confusing conversation with Cass' dad, Toodi drives away in tears and Cass' dream is seemingly squashed. Afterwards, Cass' dad decides that he and Cass should go on an adventure together, and the pair hit the road to explore the countryside. Along the way, Cass' dad introduces her to Sway, a seemingly magical power which can change the way that one thinks in a matter of seconds. With the power of Sway, can Cass find a way for her family to be reunited, or will any memories of a stable life be forever lost to the wind?

I enjoyed this book immensely and would give it five out of five stars because I really appreciate how countless youth nowadays could relate to Cass and her home situation.

Alana is a student columnist. When she doesn't have a book in her hands, she enjoys playing video games and writing fiction. She rates books on a scale of 1-5 with 5 being the highest.



Michael's Book Review

A Hilarious Book



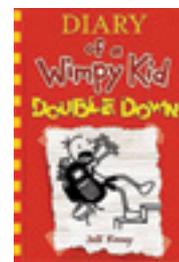
Michael H.

Greg's imagination is at it again. He talks about how he feels like his life is being filmed and people are watching his every move. He also talks about how his family is secretly a bunch of robots, and worries that what his mom said about his nana watching over him since she died is literally true. His mom thinks video games and TV are turning his brain into mush. She tells him to explore his "creative side."

This is all happening near Halloween and Greg feels like frights are coming his way from every direction. He joins the band. That would make his mom happy and he would be invited to the Halloween party. Going to the party he freaks out when he realizes his mom isn't just dropping him off she plans on staying. Will she embarrass Greg and ruin his whole plan?

I give this book 5 stars although it didn't have a main story line it was hilarious and can't wait to read the next one.

Michael H. is a 4th grade student. Besides his love for reading, he also enjoys Karate, playing guitar and sharing new adventures with his mom. He will rate the books 1 to 5 stars with 5 being the highest.





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Share certificates are a great way to save. With higher dividend rates than our regular savings account, and terms that fit your needs.

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FULL TUMMY, HAPPY KID!

¡ESTÓMAGO LLENO, NIÑO FELIZ!

TO OUR KIDS' WELL-BEING | PARA EL BIENESTAR DE NUESTROS NIÑOS

We love seeing our kids happy, satisfied and healthy! As part of our District Wellness Policy, we promote healthy eating and physical activity for our students. We also want each pupil to have at least 20 minutes of "sit and eat" time at lunch.

¡Nos encanta ver a nuestros niños felices, satisfechos y saludables! Como parte de nuestra Política de Bienestar del Distrito, promovemos alimentación saludable y actividades físicas con nuestros estudiantes. También queremos que cada alumno tenga al menos 20 minutos para "sentarse y comer" en el tiempo de almuerzo.

"Sit and Eat" Time

20
mins

Tiempo para "Sentarse y Comer"

GET INVOLVED!

Give us a little more insight and help us meet your children's needs by joining us on this wellness venture.

Parents who want to be actively involved in the District's Wellness Program are invited to a meeting on:

Keep Our Kids Healthy! Work With Us!
District's Wellness Program Meeting

1/24/2017, 3:30PM

District Office: 14120 Hawthorne Blvd

¡PARTÍCIPE!

Denos un poco más de información y ayúdenos a satisfacer las necesidades de sus hijos, participando con nosotros en el programa de bienestar. Los padres que

gusten participar en el programa del Bienestar del Distrito están invitados:

