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## HSD Bond Projects Included Upgraded Playgrounds



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**Every child deserves a chance to succeed!  
¡Cada niño merece la oportunidad de triunfar!**

### **Preschool Program**

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

### **Programa de Preescolar**

Las Escuelas Preescolares de HSD ofrecen programas educativos de primera infancia para niños de tres y cuatro años de edad. Las familias deben cumplir con los requisitos de ingresos del Estado.



# **Hawthorne School District Preschool**



### **The Benefits of Preschool**

The most important years of a child's development is in the first five years of life. Children who receive a high-quality educational experience, in their early years, develop the skills necessary to succeed in life.

Children who are involved in preschool:

- Develop pre-reading, early writing, and math skills
- Enhance critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Develop emotional behaviors and social skills

### **Los Beneficios de la Educación Preescolar**

Los primeros cinco años de vida son los más importantes en el desarrollo del niño. Los niños que reciben una experiencia educativa de alta calidad, en sus primeros años, desarrollan las habilidades necesarias para triunfar en la vida.

Los niños que participan en la educación preescolar:

- Desarrollan habilidades en matemáticas, escritura y lectura temprana.
- Mejoran el pensamiento crítico y habilidades en resolución de problemas.
- Desarrollan habilidades sociales y comportamiento emocional.



**HSD Preschool**

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## Measure HSD Dollars Making a Difference

In 2018 the voters in the Hawthorne School District approved Measure HSD, a bond for school improvements. In the last several months we have seen our schools benefit from the work we have been able to complete utilizing these bond dollars.

We have been able to replace our aging air conditioning units. Our schools have new flooring. Some schools are getting some much needed window replacements and paint throughout the school. We have upgraded our play areas for students. We are beginning to see some smaller improvements including new curtains on our stages across the district, and we will soon see new marquees at all of our sites.

We are proud of the work that goes on in our schools. It is important to be proud of our facilities also. We have staff who work hard to keep our schools in great condition, but it is important to complete the big jobs too. Measure HSD has allowed us to do that so our schools can look good on the outside and be wonderful environments for our students on the inside.

Thank you to the Hawthorne residents who made this work possible!



**Dr. Helen E. Morgan**  
*Superintendent*

## Medida HSD de Bonos Haciendo Diferencia

En 2018 los votantes del Distrito Escolar de Hawthorne aprobaron la Medida HSD, un bono para mejorar las escuelas. En los últimos meses hemos visto a nuestras escuelas beneficiarse del trabajo que hemos podido completar utilizando estos dólares del bono.

Hemos podido reemplazar nuestras viejas unidades de aire acondicionado. Nuestras escuelas tienen pisos nuevos. Algunas escuelas están recibiendo algunos reemplazos necesarios como nuevas ventanas y pintura en toda la escuela. Hemos mejorado nuestras áreas de juego para los alumnos. Estamos viendo pequeñas mejoras, incluyendo nuevas cortinas en nuestros escenarios en todo el distrito, y pronto veremos nuevas marquesinas (anuncios electrónicos) en todos nuestros sitios escolares.

Estamos orgullosos del trabajo que se realiza en nuestras escuelas. También es importante estar orgullosos de nuestras instalaciones. Contamos con personal que trabaja duro para mantener nuestras escuelas en buenas condiciones, pero también es importante completar los grandes trabajos. La medida HSD nos ha permitido hacer eso para que nuestras escuelas se vean bien por fuera y sean ambientes maravillosos para nuestros alumnos por dentro.

¡Gracias a los residentes de Hawthorne que hicieron posible este trabajo!







**Kay Coop**  
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Dr. Morgan begins this issue on page 3 with an update on the school improvements.

You will read in this issue about the Kindness Club and Anti-Bullying program, the A.L.L. program and much more...

We have included student book reviews on pages 12-15 and the word search contest on page 11.

Our next issue is January 19, 2022. Until then, Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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# Virtual Wellness Committee Meeting

## Reunión Virtual del Comité de Bienestar

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Estamos buscando padres que deseen unirse a nuestro Comité de Bienestar y que estén dispuestos a asistir y servir como enlace en las Reuniones del Consejo del Plantel Educativo.

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**LaTima Jones**  
*Principal*

### **KINDbassadors and KINDelegates**

*By Erin Hart, School Counselor*

Bud Carson Middle School is proud to launch a new school program inspired by the Kindness Club. BCMS Kindbassadors meet monthly with me to plan schoolwide programs and

projects that support “HusKindness”—that’s Huskies being

kind! The KINDbassador program serves as a great leadership opportunity, supports student involvement, and facilitates positive peer interactions.

Students were asked to apply and share about qualities, skills and experiences that would support their selection as a grade-level representative. We had more than 60 students apply for the 18 KINDbassaador positions—that’s six for each grade level.

In October, the selected students had a welcome orientation and celebration. Thus far, students have started a KINDbassador Community Service project and have worked to plan, promote, and lead lunchtime activities for Red Ribbon Week.

As a second tier of support to the KINDbassador movement at Bud

Carson, each KINDbassador was provided the opportunity to select a KINDelegate to assist them. In addition to the monthly meetings, there is a KINDbassador Google Classroom for the students to connect, plan, and coordinate our kindness activities and assist with our Bud Carson KINDsplosion!



**KINDbassador Community Service project – creating sweet messages to give to clothing recipients.**

## Hawthorne *Math & Science Academy*

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**Esau Berumen**  
*Principal*

### **College Application Season begins at HMSA!**

HMSA has officially begun its college admission season for our Class of 2022. All seniors will be applying to at least one California State University, whose application window opened on October 1, 2021 and ends on November 30, 2021. The HMSA counseling department has been visiting classrooms to help students through the application

process. On November 1, 2021, seniors will begin their University of California and private college applications. Students and their families will also participate in

workshops about how to complete the FAFSA. Based on student exit surveys and college acceptance letter verification, 99% of the Class of 2021 planned on continuing their education the Fall after graduation, 69% planned on attending a 4 year university and 30% planned on attending a community college. According to the most recent California Department of Education’s College Going Report, HMSA’s College Going Rate for the Class of 2018 was 89.2%, while LA County’s rate was 61.9%, and the Class of 2017 was 92.2%, while LA County’s rate was 64.8% (<https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>). The data continues to show that HMSA is preparing its students for college success.



# Eucalyptus *Elementary*

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**Mike Goldstein**  
*Principal*

## Olweus Anti-Bullying Kick-Off

Eucalyptus kicked off our anti-bullying program this year on Friday, October 29th with HERO Day (Helping Everyone Respect Others) by dressing like superheroes to, “Have the power to say NO to bullying.” The district has implemented the Olweus Anti-Bullying Program to teach our students, staff, and parents about bullying and how to put a stop to it.

The definition of bullying, according to our program, is “when someone repeatedly and on purpose says or does mean or hurtful things to another person who has a hard time defending himself or herself.” Faculty members, including teachers, custodians, our security officer, counselor, psychologist, and dean, were all trained to teach our staff and students how to respond to bullying.

One key element of our Olweus anti-bullying program is the weekly class meetings held by all grade levels. These meetings help to reduce existing bullying problems, prevent the development of bullying problems, and achieve better peer relations among our students here at school.

We recently mounted the anti-bullying rules on a mural along with a dedication to “Officer Chris” Mclellan, our former security officer whose passion was to protect our students and staff.



# Hawthorne *Middle School*

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**Akila Jones**  
*Principal*

## The A.L.L. Program is Back at HMS!

The A.L.L. Program would like to welcome students to the 2021-2022 academic school year! The A.L.L. Program is a free after school program offered districtwide. HMS' Site Program Leader, Jazmin

Reymundo has this to say about the program. “I’m pleased to be back in person and spending time with each of your students! I’m excited to let you know we have new staff along with many new students joining the program this year! We are currently offering four student clubs that students get to choose from: Art, Theater, Soccer and Basketball. We are doing everything we can to ensure students and staff are safe since

we are still in a pandemic. If you are interested in having your student enrolled in the afterschool program or have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly. Jazmin Reymundo (424) 245-9009. I’m here for you and your student.





## Jefferson *Elementary*

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**Josh Godin**  
*Principal*

### Fall Sports are Back

It's that time of the year again, fall sports are back and Jefferson is getting students excited about soccer by teaming up with a local company and LAFC. Thanks to the great partnerships, every student at Jefferson was able to get a free backpack! Not only did students get a free backpack, but inside the backpack was a gold soccer ball, a journal, and a pencil bag with other school related items in it. Most students at Jefferson love soccer and this was another way to get more students interested in soccer. The representatives from LAFC did an amazing job of interacting with our students and getting our students to have a great experience meeting people from a professional soccer team. Students have been wearing their backpacks with pride ever since. Now, more students have been talking about being able to play soccer at home because they have a ball!



## Kornblum *Elementary*

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**Marisa Stewart**  
*Principal*

### Being Booly Free!

Kornblum was proud to celebrate Anti-Booolying Week! This event was our kickoff to our Olweus Bullying Prevention Program.

Our week began with all of the site staff wearing their "Be a Buddy, Not A Bully" bright-orange T-shirts. Each day of the week, the students watched a video with a pro-kindness or anti bullying message and participated in an activity related to that message. The culmination of the week was

our Harvest Costume Parade and our special Boooly-Free Recess with themed carnival-type games that were also focused on our anti bullying themes.

Students created chains with positive messages that linked them to all the other positive thoughts and promises from the rest of the students in the school. Uniting our messages in a physical way is a visual reminder of what all Kornblum Cardinals will do to keep Kornblum kind. Students were able to take a picture of being the *i* in *kind*, and all students stated why they are "bully proof."

These activities and lessons are the building blocks to support our bully-free school site for the entire school year!





## Prairie Vista *Middle School*

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**Wendy Ostensen**  
*Principal*

### New Panthers at PVMS

Sandra MacKellar, the new assistant principal has been with the district for nine years. She has taught at the elementary and middle school

levels. She is a great addition to our administrative team!



**Sandra MacKellar**

We welcome the Independent Study teachers. Tammy Brenner has worked for HSD for 20 years. Her favorite college football team is Notre Dame. Maria Mendoza has been working with students for 19 years.

Elizabeth Suarez teaches 7th/8th science. She has worked in education for over 10 years and is happy to be able to give back to the community she grew up in!

Susan Matlack teaches 8th grade algebra/math. This is her third year of teaching but first year at PVMS. She loves golfing, playing tennis, and cooking!

Patti Manu teaches 6th grade ELA/SS. She taught in Bakersfield for 15 years. Gardening and reading are her hobbies. A big welcome to all our new Panthers!



**Tammy Brenner**



**Maria Mendoza**



**Elizabeth Suarez**



**Susan Matlack**



**Patti Manu**

## Ramona *Elementary*

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**Dr. Patricia Ray**  
*Principal*

### Top-Ranked School!

Congratulations, Ramona teachers, students, staff and families! *U.S. News & World Report* recently published their first-ever rankings of public elementary schools, and the news is good for Ramona: we placed among the top 30% of elementary schools in the state of California, making it a U.S. News Best Elementary School!

This ranking is based on our 2019 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) scores. We scored better than the state

average in both language arts and mathematics. While our students have not taken this assessment in the past two years, the systems that helped us achieve this success remain in place.

Teachers collaborate with their colleagues to analyze data and plan lessons that will meet the needs of our students. The dedication and hard work of our teachers, families and students that brought about those above-average test scores in 2019 will help us meet this new challenge brought on by the pandemic.

I am proud to be a Ram, and I hope you are, too!

## Washington Elementary

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**Maritza Cruz-Brown**  
Principal

### Newest Wildcats!

Washington School has welcomed some new faculty members to the Wildcat Team. From left to right we have Ms. Selsor, Mrs. Hofland, Ms. Sidney, and Ms. Cologne.

Ms. Selsor is our new school counselor.

She is a team player and collaborates well with all staff, parents,

and students. Mrs. Hofland is our new SDC Moderate/Severe primary teacher. She is very enthusiastic and is currently working alongside Mrs. Martinez's class and getting to know the students. Ms. Sidney enjoys working with her fourth-grade students. She is a self-starter and is currently going to school to further grow professionally. Ms. Cologne

also enjoys working with her fourth-grade students. She has worked in the district for six years at various schools.

The Washington Wildcat Team is excited to welcome our new staff members and we are looking forward to an amazing academic school year. They are ready for a great year!!!



**Ms. Selsor, Mrs. Hofland, Ms. Sidney, and Ms. Cologne**

## York Elementary

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**John Paterson**  
Principal

### York Welcomes Two New Special Education Teachers

Allison Twaddle received her BA in Psychology and Political Science from UCSB. After as an instructional aide, she discovered her passion for working with children who learn differently. She earned her Teaching Credential and Master's Degree in Special Education from Notre Dame

de Namur University. She taught special education for 4 years in the San Francisco Bay Area, before moving to Southern California to be closer to family. Ms. Twaddle enjoys making art, watching football, playing a variety of instruments, and ninja warrior training!

Brenda Flores, was inspired by her teachers growing up, in nearby Compton, to make a positive impact in lives of children. She worked as a SpEd instructional assistant and quickly knew that specialized instruction was her calling.

She earned her BA from University at Cal State Long Beach where she also received her Educational Specialist Credential in Moderate/Severe Disabilities. Ms. Flores is truly excited to see her students learn and grow.



**Ms. Allison Twaddle**



**Ms. Brenda Flores**



# Zela Davis *Elementary*

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**Matt Rohrer**  
*Principal*

## Getting Back on Track

Zela Davis is working hard to return students to our normal routines and procedures. The pandemic has had a severe impact on both families

and our school. Restrictions have been in place to promote safety and slow the spread of COVID-19. As we move forward, we have begun to reassess some of these restrictions and safely restore some of our previous routines and procedures.

Zela Davis has begun serving lunch in the cafeteria to third-grade students. Students are lining up outside, sanitizing hands, and moving through the



cafeteria to pick up their lunch. Once students have their lunch, they are seated safely outside. We will continue to expand the lunch service to grades four and five in the near future.

Additionally, Zela Davis has been able to introduce play equipment during recess. Individual classes are assigned specific play areas. Each play area is monitored by a playground supervisor and has a specific game or theme. Students use equipment from their assigned zone only. All play equipment is sanitized at the end of each recess period. Activities include tetherball, volleyball, soccer, basketball, dodgeball, board games, and a reading area.

Our students are very excited to engage in these fun activities! We look forward to continuing to expand the activities as it becomes safer to do so, and COVID-19 safety protocols are modified.

## Novelist –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 Hawthorne in the subject line.

**Entries must be received by December 15, 2021**

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift card to Barnes & Noble.

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## 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.

## Jenna's Review



Jenna C.

### The Soccer Journey

Title: *Breakaway*

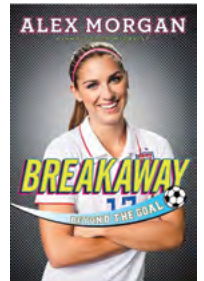
Author: Alex Morgan

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.





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## Taegyong's Book Review



### Hideout at the Museum

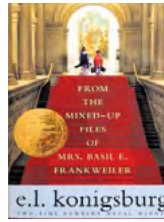
Title: *The Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*

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.

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

## Katie's Review



### City Life vs The Wild

Title: *Brian's Return*

Author: Gary Paulsen

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 C.

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.

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## Tegan's Book Review



### 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.





## Tyson's Book Review



Tyson

### Monsters aren't real...are they?

Percy Jackson's *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan is a page turning book with tons of actions on mythological monsters and gods of Mount Olympus. It's also the start to the Percy Jackson series and what a



start it is! I've read this book before and I just had to read it again to say how much I recommend this to all tween readers. Most people have heard of the series but if you haven't, Percy Jackson is the main character who has trouble with school and is about to be kicked out. He also has dyslexia, or trouble with reading. As you go deeper into the story, things will happen that you would have never thought of, and it makes you wonder if it all is even real. Percy Jackson, *The Lightning Thief*, is a must read and Percy Jackson is waiting to start his adventure with you!

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 take care and play with Chewie, his dog.

## 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.

## Yoona's Review



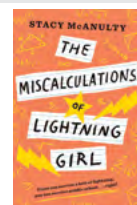
Yoona C.

### 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.



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